



Saint Mary of the Assumption
 West Point
 &
Saint Boniface
 Farmington



August 19, 2018
20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Weekend Mass Schedule
 Saturday 5:30 pm St. Mary's
 Sunday 8:00 am St. Mary's
 Sunday 5:30 pm 2nd & 4th St Mary's
 Sunday 10:30 am St. Boniface

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20th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me
 and I in him ... The one who feeds on me will have life
 because of me.” - Jn 6:56, 57b

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday (WP) 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

Confessions

Saturday (WP) 4:30-5:00 pm and as announced.

Baptisms /Weddings

Please fill out a form found on the Parish Website and call St. Mary's Parish Office at (319) 837-6808 to make an appt. with Father

Sick Calls: Contact the Parish Office if you or a family member are unable to attend Mass and receive the Sacraments due to illness or age. Please notify the Parish Office if you go into the hospital, we would like to visit you.

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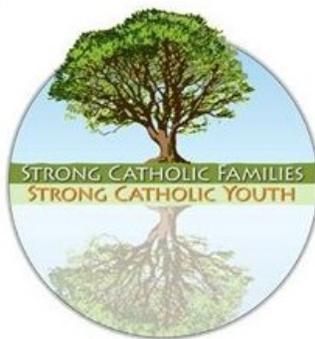
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- Aug 22 8:45am HTC Elem Mass
- Aug 25 SCF Scavenger Hunt and Movie Night
- Aug 29 St. Mary's Religious Ed Begins Mass @6:30pm class to follow
- Sept 5 St. Mary's Parish Council @ 6:00pm in the Gathering Space
- Sept 9 A Call to Holiness Event
- Sep 16 St. Boniface Fall Dinner
- Sept 22 SCF Hayride



Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth

St. Mary's Strong Catholic Families Committee would like to introduce SHUCK and BUTTERS. They are the mascots for Strong Catholic Families

(SCF), a group that is working to provide faith based family friendly activities.

SCF Upcoming events include: A Scavenger Hunt and Movie Night on Saturday, August 25th immediately following 5:30pm Mass. A Hayride & Cookout on Saturday, September 22nd following 5:30pm Mass.

For more information and reminders about SCF events you can Like the St. Mary's Strong Catholic Families Facebook Page.

Keep an eye out for Shuck and Butters throughout the area at family friendly events.



A Call to Holiness: Music and Reflection

Sunday, September 9th all are invited to attend A Call to Holiness, an evening of music and reflection on Pope Francis' letter "Rejoice and Be Glad," presented by Chuck and Alicia Brock.

The evening will begin with Mass at 5:30pm.

The event will begin at 6:30pm at St. Mary's.

As skilled speakers and musicians, Chuck and Alicia combine their passion for music and love of Christ to offer incredible Parish Missions. Through their experiences teaching, leading liturgical music, and working with youth, their events captivate people of all ages.

Pope Francis invites "all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord."



St. Mary's Saturday Afternoon Confession Time Change

Beginning Saturday, September 1st, **confessions will be held from 4:30pm to 5:00pm.**

We hope this will be more convenient for parishioners who plan to stay and attend 5:30pm Mass.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline
provides crisis intervention and referrals to local service providers.
Call 800-799-SAFE (7233) or 800-787-3224 (TTY).
For more information, go to www.thehotline.org.
Hotline Advocates are available to chat online,
Monday to Friday, 9AM-7PM CST.

WHEN I CALL FOR HELP: A PASTORAL RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

As pastors of the Catholic Church in the United States, we state as clearly and strongly as we can that violence against women, inside or outside the home, is *never* justified. Violence in any form"—physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal"—is sinful; often, it is a crime as well. We have called for a moral revolution to replace a culture of violence. We acknowledge that violence has many forms, many causes, and many victims—men as well as women.

The Catholic Church teaches that violence against another person in any form fails to treat that person as someone worthy of love. Instead, it treats the person as an object to be used. When violence occurs within a sacramental marriage, the abused spouse may question, "How do these violent acts relate to my promise to take my spouse for better or for worse?" The person being assaulted needs to know that acting to end the abuse does not violate the marriage promises. While violence can be directed towards men, it tends to harm women and children more.

We focus here on violence against women, since 85 percent of the victims of reported cases of non-lethal domestic violence are women. Women's greatest risk of violence comes from intimate partners—a current or former husband or boyfriend.

Violence against women in the home has serious repercussions for children. Over 50 percent of men who abuse their wives also beat their children. Children who grow up in violent homes are more likely to develop alcohol and drug addictions and to become abusers themselves. The stage is set for a cycle of violence that may continue from generation to generation.

Domestic violence is any kind of behavior that a person uses to control an intimate partner through fear and intimidation. It includes physical, sexual, psychological, verbal, and economic abuse. Some examples of domestic abuse include battering, name-calling and insults, threats to kill or harm one's partner or children, destruction of property, marital rape, and forced sterilization or abortion.

Younger, unmarried women are at greatest risk for domestic violence. According to a U.S. government survey, 53 percent of victims were abused by a current or former girlfriend or boyfriend. One-third of all victims were abused by a spouse, while 14 percent said that the offender was an ex-spouse. Women ages 16 to 24 are nearly three times as vulnerable to attacks by intimate partners as those in other age groups; abuse victims between ages 35 and 49 run the highest risk of being killed.

Women in rural communities may find themselves with fewer resources. The isolation imposed by distance and lack of transportation can aggravate their situation. Isolation can also be a factor for women who do not work outside the home. They may have less access to financial resources and to information about domestic violence. Women with disabilities and elderly women are also particularly vulnerable to violence.

Domestic violence is often shrouded in silence. People outside the family hesitate to interfere, even when they suspect abuse is occurring. Many times even extended family denies that abuse exists, out of loyalty to the abuser and in order to protect the image of the family. Some people still argue—mistakenly—that intervention by outside sources endangers the sanctity of the home. Yet abuse and assault are no less serious when they occur within a family. Even when domestic violence is reported, sometimes there are failures to protect victims adequately or to punish perpetrators.

Scripture and Church Teachings

Religion can be either a resource or a roadblock for battered women. As a resource, it encourages women to resist mistreatment. As a roadblock, its misinterpretation can contribute to the victim's self-blame and suffering and to the abuser's rationalizations.

Abused women often say, "I can't leave this relationship. The Bible says it would be wrong." Abusive men often say, "The Bible says my wife should be submissive to me." They take the biblical text and distort it to support their right to batter.

As bishops, we condemn the use of the Bible to support abusive behavior in any form. A correct reading of Scripture leads people to an understanding of the equal dignity of men and women and to relationships based on mutuality and love. Beginning with Genesis, Scripture teaches that women and men are created in God's image. Jesus himself always respected the human dignity of women. Pope John Paul II reminds us that "Christ's way of acting, the Gospel of his words and deeds, is a consistent protest against whatever offends the dignity of women."

Men who abuse often use Ephesians 5:22, taken out of context, to justify their behavior, but the passage (v. 21-33) refers to the mutual submission of husband and wife out of love for Christ. Husbands should love their wives as they love their own body, as Christ loves the Church.

Men who batter also cite Scripture to insist that their victims forgive them (see, for example, Mt 6:9-15). A victim then feels guilty if she cannot do so. Forgiveness, however, does not mean forgetting the abuse or pretending that it did not happen. Neither is possible. Forgiveness is not permission to repeat the abuse. Rather, forgiveness means that the victim decides to let go of the experience and move on with greater insight and conviction not to tolerate abuse of any kind again.

An abused woman may see her suffering as just punishment for a past deed for which she feels guilty. She may try to explain suffering by saying that it is "God's will" or "part of God's plan for my life" or "God's way of teaching me a lesson." This image of a harsh, cruel God runs contrary to the biblical image of a kind, merciful, and loving God. Jesus went out of his way to help suffering women. Think of the woman with the hemorrhage (Mk 5:25-34) or the woman caught in adultery (Jn 8:1-11). God promises to be present to us in our suffering, even when it is unjust.

Finally, we emphasize that no person is expected to stay in an abusive marriage. Some abused women believe that church teaching on the permanence of marriage requires them to stay in an abusive relationship. They may hesitate to seek a separation or divorce. They may fear that they cannot re-marry in the Church. Violence and abuse, not divorce, break up a marriage. We encourage abused persons who have divorced to investigate the possibility of seeking an annulment. An annulment, which determines that the marriage bond is not valid, can frequently open the door to healing.

- Taken from a statement by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

St. Mary Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday (WP) 5:30 pm
 Sunday (WP) 8:00 am, (FA) 10:30 am
 2nd & 4th (WP) 5:30 PM

Weekday

Tuesday (FA) 9:00 am
 Every Third Tuesday (FA) 7:00 pm
 Wednesday (WP) 8:45 am
 1st & 3rd Thursday (WPCC) 10:00 am
 Other Thursdays (WP) 7:30 am
 1st Friday (DNCC) 10:00 am, (WP) 5:30 pm
 Other Fridays (WP) 7:30 am

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 21	Parishioners
Wednesday, August 22	Abby Denning
Thursday, August 23	Richard Peitz
Friday, August 24	Barb Neuweg
Saturday, August 25	Ron Fullenkamp
Sunday, August 26	MaryJo Boeding Paishioners

The Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Boniface pray the rosary for world peace before Mass on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Mary's August 12

Adults	\$2,137.00
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Total	\$5,775.05
Envelopes	92

St Boniface

Adults	\$921.00
Offertory	Not available
Total	921.00
Envelopes	24

Readings for the Week

August 19, 2018

Sunday:	Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]/ Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/ Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/ Jn 1:45-51
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

St. Mary Liturgical Roles

Saturday, (August 25) at 5:30 pm

Lead Rosary Volunteer
 Ushers: John Lampe, Cody Hunold,
Mike & Diane Holtkamp
 Greeters: Mary Jane Montgomery, Myrna McVey
 Servers: Adam & Maria Rauenbuehler
 Lector: Kevin Overton
 Gift bearers: Ray & Carleen Krogmeier
 E. Ministers: Mike Schierbrock, Mary Overton,
Dorothy Fraise
 Bulletins: Melvin & Maureen Moeller,
Mike & Cathy Salata
 Scrip: Jan Holtkamp, Lynn Robu

Sunday, (August 26) at 8:00 am

Lead Rosary Leah Link
 Ushers: Marvin Menke, Carl Johnston, Mel Sanders,
Paul Walker
 Greeters: Sonny & Shirley Fraise
 Servers: Tate Green, Ward Fraise, Lauren Otte
 Lector: Betty Ellison
 Gift bearers: Tad Boeding Family
 E. Ministers: Linda Peitz, Sue Anderson, Emily Box
 Bulletins: Mel Sanders, Wes Schwanke,
Stan & Rita Pomberg
 Scrip: Dave & Vickie Kokjohn
 Counters: Ben & Leah Link, Jeanne Vantiger

St. Boniface Liturgical Roles

Sunday, (August 26) at 10:30 am

Greeters: Don & Karen Millmier
 Ushers: Craig Witting, Jeremy Wolken
 Servers: Oliver Tackett, Olivia Tennant
 Lector: Sam Wenke
 Gifts: Lisa & Jim Moore
 E. Ministers: Richard & Gloria Breckenridge
 Counters: Katie Burgess & Sarah Kruse

WHEN I CALL FOR HELP: PRAYER

One source of healing we have in our lives as Christians is prayer. Psalm 55 may be an especially apt prayer for women who are dealing with abusive situations. With all of you we pray these verses:

Listen, God, to my prayer; do not hide from my pleading; hear me and give answer.

If an enemy had reviled me, that I could bear; If my foe had viewed me with contempt, from that I could hide. But it was you, my other self, my comrade and friend, You, whose company I enjoyed, at whose side I walked in procession in the house of God.

But I will call upon God, and the Lord will save me. At dusk, dawn, and noon I will grieve and complain, and my prayer will be heard. (Ps 55:2-3, 13-15, 17-18)

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