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Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ February 9, 2025



The Word of the Laird



Today's three readings all have to do with being called to a vocation. The first reading from Isaiah is about his being called to deliver God's word to the people of his time.

The readings from first Corinthians is about Paul being especially called, even though he had persecuted Christians, to now deliver the Good News to non-Jews.

The Gospel reading has Jesus, after the miraculous harvest of fish, using a pun that the fishermen will now be fishers of men.

These three episodes of calling/vocation touch me very deeply. A calling/vocation is more than just a career choice. It ties in with what one believes originates in God's design for one's life and how that may best be fulfilled. When one discerns God's call, it will hopefully lead to peacefulness. In the instance of Paul, it was not without its challenges. But he always experienced God's strength and support even when there may have been difficulties.

May we align ourselves with the vocation to which God is calling us as well.

Thanks be to God.

Readings and Hymns

Readings867

Hymns:

St. Mary's:

Entrance	358
Offertory	555
Recessional	733

St. Matthew:

Please See Hymn Boards



Saturday, February 8

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—For the People of this Faith Community

Sunday, February 9—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's 8:30 am — Brent Coryer (Paul Pipitone)
 St. Matthew 10:30 am—Rick Nowakowski (Bob & Joan Ellison)

Monday, February 10

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Mary Villone (Ken Villone)

Tuesday, February 11

St. Mary's 9:00—Brent Coryer (Bob & Joan Madigan)

Wednesday—February 12

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Everyone suffering from anxiety, scrupulosity and other mental health issues (Alex Crilly)

Thursday—February 13

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Tom Young (Stephanie Seymour)

Saturday, February 15

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Hal Wagner (Ken Villone)

Sunday, February 16—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's 8:30 am — For the People of this Faith Community
 St. Matthew 10:30 am—Martha & Paul Pfuntner (Family)

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They left everything and followed him.
 - Lk 5:11



Church Chuckle

Latecomers are asked to wait until the service is over to be seated.

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 15 & 16

4:30 pm—Communion Ministers: J. Ellison, D. Winter; **Lector:** B. Woodruff; **Sacristan:** B. Woodruff

8:30 am—Altar Server: P. Stumpf, L. Norris; **Communion Ministers:** H. Hawes, D. Whitmore; **Lector:** B. Donohue; **Greeter/Ushers:** B&D Whitmore, C. Andres; **Sacristan:** H. Hawes; **Announcer:** D. Hawes; **Live Stream:** C. Andres

10:30 am—Altar Server: C. Coriddi; **Communion Ministers:** B. Gregory, J. Kahn; **Lector:** B. Gregory; **Sacristan:** B. Gregory

Attendance— 2/2/2025

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	98
St. Mary's—8:30 am	75
St. Matthew—10:30 am	141

In Memory of Loved Ones

Contact your Parish Office to remember a loved one. A donation of \$50/year is requested.

In Memory Of

Richard O'Connor	Dan & Shirley Mulvaney
Pat Conlon	Jay Nowakowski
Lucille DeClerck	Robert & Mary Oelwang
Jule DeClerck	Paul & Martha Pfuntner
Joseph & Betty Eberwein	Joe Rausch
Mary Iten	Patrick L Guenther
Leo Iten	Frank & Estelle Rodman
Paul Jones	Nan Ryan
Beverly Luther	John Scherberger
Ralph & Rocco Messura	Michelle Stefano
Betty West	Kathie Regelsberger
Leo & Mary Ann Morsch	Lois Cicero
Lenny & Marie Shumway	Debra Czudak
Linda Murphy	James Sheehan
Patrick Argentieri	Anita Stefano
Ofc. Anthony P. Mazurkiewicz	Joan Shattuck
Jean Marie Dellies	Betty Schrader
Joseph Carusotti	Leigh Ann Hockey
Kay C. Gordon	Larry & Eleanor Milligan
Thomas Linehan	Bill Boyea
Randy Smith	

Deceased Members of the following:

Chuck and Cathy Schwalenstocker Family
 Helinski and Ellison Families
 Giuliani Family
 Jones Family
 Muscato Family
 Enright & Yatteau Families
 Kurtz, Martin & O'Neil Families
 Kucich & Juriaco Families
 Quinn, Donato & Lewis Families
 Gilbert & Somers Families
 Paul & Martha Pfuntner
 Baier, Root and Shaw Families
 Mazurkiewicz and Rumfola Families
 Moeller & Fritzen Families
 Cicero and Lyeth Families
 Hockey and McGinnis Families
 Koch Family

Praying for Those Who Are Ill

Florence Ahl, Gary Anderson, Diane Backus, William Beeley, Katey Boldt-Norton, Teresa Burritt, Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Hazel Delaney, Crystal DeMay, Joseph Dispenza, Larry Ebersold, Dave Fulton, Mary Sarah Hanna, Joan Harvey, John Henry, Mary Ann Hipp, Debbie Holtz, Dan Jones, Peggy Knight, Jean Long, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Rose Mazurkiewicz, Steve Milligan, Nina Monteleone, Christina Palella, Mia Rafanelli, Ann Marie Redman, Kathy Reynolds, Mary Sheehan, Bill Sidlauskas, Alan Siracusa, Erin Siracusa, Kathleen Smith, Helen Stefano, Jim Stefano Sr., Kathy Stewart, Ed Wendelgass

Would You Help Us Out?

Please review the list. If you requested a name to be added and the person no longer needs to be on the list, let us know so we can take the name off to add others. **As a reminder**, we need the permission of an **immediate** family member or the person themselves to place a name on the prayer list.

This Week in Our Faith Community

Monday, February 10

Noon—Bulletin Articles due for 2/16

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, February 11

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

St. Mary's—11:30 am Rosary Group

Wednesday, February 12

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

St. Matthew—9:30—11:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

St. Matthew—12:30 pm Hearts & Hands

Thursday, February 13

Noon—Bulletin Articles due for 2/23

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

Friday, February 14

St. Mary's—10:00 am—Noon Clothing Closet Open

Saturday, February 15

St. Mary's—10:00 am—Noon Clothing Closet Open

St. Matthew—3:30—4:00 pm Reconciliation

St. Matthew—4:30 pm Mass

St. Matthew—4:30 pm Olive Wood Louie

Sunday, February 16

BOTH CHURCHES—Olive Wood Louie

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Matthew—10:30 am Folk Mass



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)

Psalm:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Therefore, whether it be I or they,
so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)

Gospel:

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching men."
When they brought their boats to the shore,
they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

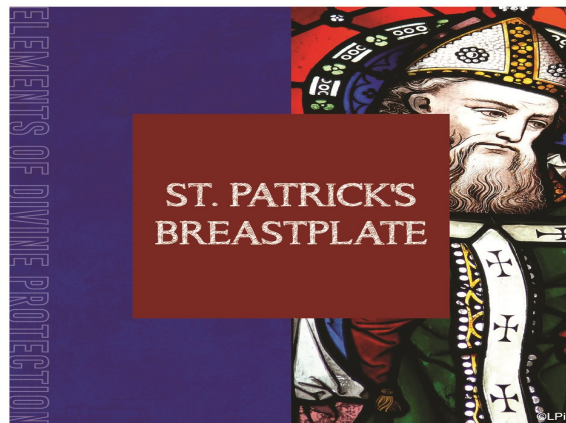
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"I am a sinful man," says Simon Peter as he falls to his knees before Jesus. He had doubted the Lord, had hesitated to follow his instructions. How often can the same be said of us? Remember that God knows the outcome. He knows our nets will be filled. Do not be afraid.

Observances for the week of February 9, 2025

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day
Monday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

Devotions, Explained!

St. Patrick's Breastplate is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. Its eleven sections call upon different elements of divine protection, beseeching Christ to surround the physical and spiritual reality of those who say it.

Prayer When Facing the Unknown

Dear Jesus,
When you call me to places
where I am unfamiliar, be with
me. When you invite me to a
mission I feel ill-equipped to
handle, give me your strength.
Help me to leave everything
and follow you.

Amen.

Our Sacramental Life Together:

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call either parish office for arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 pm at St. Matthew or call either parish office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Please notify either parish office six months in advance of desired date.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify either parish office if someone is sick at home, in a nursing facility or the hospital.

Holy Orders:

If you're interested in serving the People of God as a priest, please visit ROCpriest.org.



We keep all those currently serving in our Military, as well as those who have previously served, in our prayers always.



St. Mary's Coffee Hour

Please join us today for coffee, tasty treats and fellowship immediately following Mass.



St. Mary's Rosary Group

Meets at Church the second Tuesday of every month at 11:30 am. (This week!)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please call St. Mary's Office for more information

Our Representatives

Trustees:

St. Mary's: Mike Dobbertin & Nancy Andres

St. Matthew: Lynn Maginn & Michael Dougherty

Pastoral Council:

St. Mary's:

Diane Hawes (Chair), John Lloyd, Ann Bauer, Pat McRae

St. Matthew:

John Quinliven, Judy Couture, Bruce Longo, Deborah Sykes, Ryan VanGelder, Pat Rodman, Tom Roule

Finance Council:

St. Mary's:

Diane O'Connor (Chair), Rus Healy, Jeanne Beno, Sharon Brown, Greg Missell, Peggy Kelly

St. Matthew

David VanLieshout (Chair), Sam West, Kathy Morsch, Scott Lazarony, Andy Cherre



SERVANTS OF GOD

Support Ministries

Many volunteers help to take care of the everyday work to support the staff and parishioners of our Faith Community. Maybe you are interested in joining one or more of these ministries!

- ✦ **Collection Counters** are trained to count the weekly collections and any special collections, and prepare necessary paperwork for the business manager, following guidelines of the Diocese.
- ✦ **St. Mary's Parish Life Team** plans and executes various activities open to our Faith Community, as well as some open to the larger community (monthly Spaghetti suppers and the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for example) all of which are wonderful community-building events.
- ✦ **Landscaping and Flowers Teams** assist in creating and caring for a beautiful environment with flowers and other plantings on the properties of both churches.
- ✦ **Monthly Coffee Hours** are held at both churches thanks to volunteers who prepare a welcoming space with beverages and a bite to eat after Sunday Mass once a month. These also are times to experience community.

*Please prayerfully consider reaching out to a ministry that you would like to find out more about by contacting the appropriate church office. **And thank you!***

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Jan 30/2025

Dear Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community:

Fr Laird & church staff extend a warm welcome to BETHLEHEM WOOD CARVING LOUIE on the weekend of Feb 15&16 for the mission of olive wood sale religious items from the holy land. These sales help and support the Catholic Christian to remain on their life and provide their home.

There are a lot of reasons to support this mission through the visit.

Your help ensures that the churches and holy sites remain places of Christian worship, without the indigenous Catholic presence in the Holy Land, these places would turn into museums.

They are our brothers and sister in Christ.

They are suffering and living conditions in the Holy Land are dire as a result of the border closures that restrict freedom of movement.

May we ask you again to support Louie & his mission?

Louie will share more information after each mass.

ALSO, you may reach Louie by his website.

<https://www.stmichaelolivewood.com/>



Scan this QR to reach our website.

Thinking about Spring Cleaning?



Before you get rid of your clutter, consider selling your unwanted items at our **2025 St. Mary's Junk in the Trunk sale!** This year the Junk in the Trunk sale will be held on **Saturday, July 12th**. The cost is still \$15/parking spot. We provide all the advertising, the shoppers and a safe place for you to sell your items. You set the prices; you keep the proceeds! Details for registration will come in April.

If you have items you would prefer to donate, rather than sell, please consider donating to St. Mary's tent, where all proceeds benefit St. Mary's Church. Items can be dropped off in early July (dates tbd) and items we can accept include, but are not limited to, jewelry, small furniture (such as tables, chairs, desks), children's toys (no plush unless new with tags), outdoor sporting goods, home décor, antiques/collectibles, canoes/kayaks, unwanted new gifts and outdoor lawn furniture/décor.

*Note: Due to limited space in St. Mary's tent, we will **not** be accepting the following items: Books, DVDs/VHS/CDs, large furniture (such as daybeds and sofas), kitchenware (such as dishes and glasses), tools and gas-powered items (such as lawnmowers). Any clothing/bedding and towels we encourage you to donate to our Seeds of Love Clothing Closet on Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to noon in our church hall throughout the year.*