

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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Sacrament of Baptism – For Children to be Baptized, please call the Rectory to schedule a meeting.

Sacrament of Penance – Confessions : Tuesdays 5:45 pm – 6:15 pm, Saturdays 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm, or by appointment.

Marriage – Make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Pre-Cana instruction is necessary.

Anointing of the Sick – Please advise the parish office of the serious illness or hospitalization of a parishioner.

Communion for shut-ins – Please notify the Rectory if anyone is unable to attend Sunday Mass regularly.

New Parishioners – Register at the Rectory during normal office hours.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

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Our Vision and Mission

We the members of
St. Mary's Catholic Church,
in order to become the saints
God calls us to be:

- ◇ Welcome the wanderer to the Way
- ◇ Educate the seeker with the Truth
- ◇ Worship the beauty of Christ's Life

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SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Pastor's Corner

And they brought Him all who were sick.

I won't try to give chapter and verse for this passage. We know it too well from too many sections of the Gospel. There is no way to count the number of people that Jesus touched and healed in his public ministry.



That work continues to this day. At all three Masses this Lord's Day, we are offering the Anointing of the Sick. We do so asking the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God as the Church honors her apparition on Lourdes. (Each February 11 we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes as that was the day of the first of Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette in France in 1858.) Since then countless healings have taken place in Lourdes—I think I may be telling you about one of them during my homily.

By the time many of you read this, we will have had our Trivia night at St. Mary's. Thanks so much to Russ and Patty Biczko and Amanda Conklin for their work in putting it together.

Did you know that there is a former slave buried in the crypt of St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC? Pierre Toussaint was buried there in 1996 when he was declared venerable (one of the steps on the road to canonization). Toussaint was a Haitian-American hairdresser for the rich and famous women of NY, but he and his wife lived lives of radical generosity and faith in the first half of the 19th century. February is Black History month and a great time to learn about him and many others. See our FORMED page for details.

Have a blessed week.

- Father Bryan Stitt

The Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Can you help our Newman Ministry?

Our Newman Ministry now has an online registry with a list of various items that would help our Campus Ministry efforts by providing fun activities and faith based resources for our college students. You can find this registry by going to <https://www.myregistry.com/find-a-registry.aspx?lang=en> and searching "Potsdam/Canton Campus Ministry" or by going to our Campus Ministry Facebook pages: "Saint Mary's Campus Ministry" and "Canton Campus Ministry". To those who have already made donations, thank you for your generosity!



Mass for the Sick

Every year, on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Church celebrates the World Day of the Sick. In conjunction with this Universal celebration, we will be offering the anointing of the Sick at this weekend's Masses. The Anointing of the Sick will be offered to



**HEALING
MASS**

- those who are dangerously ill through sickness or old age
- a sick person...before surgery whenever the surgery is necessitated by a dangerous illness
- elderly people...if they are weak, though not dangerously ill
- sick children...sufficiently mature to be comforted by the sacrament

Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the LORD. (James 5:14)

Rediscover the Saints:

St. Ignatius

Born: 1491- Died:1556

Feast Day: July 31

Patron of: Soldiers, Spiritual Retreats, Jesuits, Basque region of Spain



St. Ignatius was born into a noble Spanish family. As a young man, he had a promising military career, but his life was dramatically changed after being hit in the legs by a cannonball. His recovery took many weeks. Ignatius asked for books to read, and the only books given to him were of faith. The lives of the saints and the life of Christ particularly spoke to Ignatius, and he decided to abandon his worldly ambitions.

He chose to undergo a time of severe penance, poverty and humiliation. Through his sufferings and trials, he formulated the fundamentals of what would be later known as his "Spiritual Exercises." These spiritual exercises are rooted in a 33 day silent retreat reflection upon the life of our Lord found in scripture.

Ignatius was compelled to further his education. His wisdom and virtue attracted followers, and the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) began to take shape. He co-founded the Society of Jesus with his close friends and companions including St. Francis Xavier, the patron saint of the missions. They were able to be ordained as priests and took the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience as well as service to the pope.

The Society of Jesus, with St. Ignatius' leadership, flourished as they founded schools, sent out missionaries, and countered the heresies of Protestantism.

Reflection Questions from *Rediscover the Saints*

- Are you an emotionally intelligent person?
- Do you notice when someone is happier or sadder than usual?
- Have you ever experienced contagious holiness?

Mass Attendance
February 4th & 5th

	2022	2023
5:00 pm Saturday	58	57
9:00 am Sunday	n/a	123
5:00 pm Sunday	33	n/a
Total	n/a	n/a



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
for the greater glory of God

If you desire to have the Vigil Lamp lit for a loved one or for your intention, please contact the Rectory.

The Importance of Being Earnest

Come watch fellow community members perform this classic production, written by Oscar Wilde! It's the story of two bachelors, who create alter egos named Ernest to escape their tiresome lives. They attempt to win the hearts of two women who, conveniently, claim to only love men called Ernest. The play will be at 7:00pm on February 17th & 18th . Tickets are \$10 each.

... and the importance of keeping tidy!

When leaving at the end of Mass, please take your bulletin and worship aid with you or return them to one of the entrances of the church. This helps us to keep the church clean and to have materials ready for parishioners who will be attending the other Lord's Day Masses. Thank you!

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Friday, March 17th

St. Mary's Parish Center Gym
4:30 pm until the food runs out

More info coming soon!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Bring Us Your Palms!

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd.

Help us create ashes by bringing us your old palms. We burn the blessed palms not only to make the ashes, but because burning and burying are the only appropriate means of disposing of blessed items. Please place them in the baskets at the doors of the church.



Campus Corner

The Chosen Update!

We have a new time and location for our viewing of **The Chosen** at SLU. We'll be meeting on Mondays in Room 010 in Carnegie Hall at 7:30pm. If there are any further changes to the location on campus, we will send out a notification. This viewing/discussion is open to anyone on campus, so feel free to invite along a friend or two!



Facebook: CantonCampusMinistry
Instagram: canton_newman

Soup Dinner for Last Saturday PM Mass

Join your friends and family of faith for a soup dinner on Saturday, February 18th. After Mass, you'll be welcomed into the recently refurbished chapel for a delicious soup supper. Seating is limited, so call Sarah at the parish office to reserve your spot today. 315--386-2543.



Reception for Masses with New Schedule

Join your new friends and family of faith after the Masses on Sunday February 26th (9AM and 5PM). Regulars at those Masses will be able to welcome the folks from the Saturday 5PM that have rolled over to a new time slot.

Parish and Finance Council Meetings

Want to know what's going on in the parish beyond what's in the bulletin and Flocknote? Join us this Monday (Feb 13) for the Parish Council Meeting and next Monday (the 21st) for the Finance Council Meeting. Both will meet in the conference room of the parish center, and both meetings start at 6:45. Want to catch up? Copies of the minutes for our meetings last fall are on the table at the back of church near the Sacred Heart statue.



Lost Key

Did you recently lose a house key? One has been found at St. Mary's. Please contact the office at (315)386-2543.



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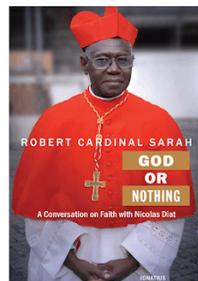
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Black Faith Matters documentary by Spirit Juice Studios

God or Nothing: A Conversion of Faith by Cardinal Sarah and Nicolas Diat

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint film directed by Giacomo Campiotti





Ministry Schedule

February 11th & February 12th

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Brenda Sanderson
	Greeters	Phil & Mary Shatraw
	Altar Servers	TBD
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Norma Jean Lapoint
	Greeters	Dan & Shelly Roiger
	Altar Servers	TBD

February 18th & February 19th

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Lisa Guccione
	Greeters	TBD
	Altar Servers	TBD
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Russ Backus
	Greeters	Kerisa Burns, Helen Dominy
	Altar Servers	TBD



PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us.

Katie Coakley Ba	Debbie Gainey	Brent Robert
Ilona Bailey	Joe Guarino	Judy Ruddy
Linda Barlow	Dick & Helen Hilts	William Sharp
Milton Bessette	Arleen Jordan	Renee Smith
Sam Bisonette	Carlos Law	Natalie teRiele
Camille Brown	Lori Law	Abuse Victims
Debbie Bullock	Leward Lucia	& their Families
Georgina Cranston	Mary Maroney	Victims of war
Phyllis Cunningham	Pamelia Neal	Victims of violence
David Datush	Nolan Joe Redmond	

Parish Support

Week of February 5th	2022	2023
Envelopes	\$5,407.00	\$4,375.00
On-Line Giving	\$731.00	\$1,641.00
Plate	\$115.00	\$352.13
Votive Candles	\$23.00	\$25.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00	\$5.00
Respect Life Collection	\$83.00	\$5.00
Winter Fuel	\$85.00	\$10.00
Total	\$6,449.00	\$6,413.13

If you haven't already, consider online giving.

With online giving you can:

- Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds
- Schedule and manage recurring donations
- Make one-time donations to special collections

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

**Saturday, February 11: Weekday/Our Lady of Lourdes/
World Day of the Sick**

3:45-4:45 pm Confession

Vigil, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:25 pm Rosary for Life

5:00 pm Mass Wayne White by Denny and Nancy Jones

Sunday, February 12: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass For all the People of the Parish

5:00 pm Mass Neil Sheridan by Lita Maroney

Monday, February 13: Weekday

8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

8:15 am Mass Barbara Brumpton by Mel and Paul Schrems

**Tuesday, February 14: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius,
Bishop**

8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

4:10-5:10 pm Holy Hour for Vocations with
Eucharistic Adoration

5:15 pm Mass Jim Barry by Lita Maroney

After Mass Confessions

Wednesday, February 15: Weekday

8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

8:15 am Mass Karen English by Jim & Sharon White

10:30 am Mass (Maplewood) not open to the public
Mary Ames by her estate

Thursday, February 16: Weekday

8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

5:15 pm Mass Dr. James Brown by Wendell and Mariana Brown

**Friday, February 17: Weekday/The Seven Holy Founders of
the Servite Order**

8:00 am Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

8:15 am Mass Tom Fayette by Ellie Beauvais

Saturday, February 18: Weekday

3:45-4:45 pm Confession

Vigil, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:25 pm Rosary for Life

Last 5:00 pm Mass Mick Harrington by Sheila Harrington

Sunday, February 19: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass Louise Shaw by Helen Dominy and family

5:00 pm Mass For all the People of the Parish

Readings for February 12th

Sir 15: 15-20
Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Cor 2: 6-10
Mt 5: 17- 37



Readings for February 19th

Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18
Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Cor 3: 16-23
Mt 5: 38-48

