

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior."* Luke 1:46-47

Dear St. Mary Parish Family,

I want to extend my deepest thanks to you, my parish family, for your prayers, support, well-wishes, and generous gifts on the occasion of my Priestly Ordination over a month ago.

Through the mercy and generosity of our Lord Jesus Christ I have been ordained to the Order of the Priesthood. Thank you for your presence at such a significant event in my life as well as the life of St. Mary Parish and our community.

I thank, above all, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for granting me this great gift of sharing in his ministerial Priesthood. I thank Mary, Mother of Priests, for her constant prayers and motherly protection.

I am especially thankful to my parents, Bruce and Sharon. I could never adequately express how much you have done for me. Your fidelity to each other and to the Church have given me a beautiful example to follow.



I am eternally grateful for your support and guidance. Thank you to my siblings and siblings-in-law, nieces and nephews, my Grandma Agatha, and my whole extended family and friends for your love, support, encouragement and constant assurance of prayers.

Thank you to you, my St. Mary Parish family & the Westphalia community, who have journeyed with me these last six years. You have played a vital role in my priestly formation. Growing up here and calling this place home has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. Your prayers, support, and encouragement these last six years have been unwavering and a constant source of consolation.

Thank you to Fr. Eric, Fr. Peter, Dcn. Chuck, and the entire parish office and school staff, teachers, and students. Well-done, Fr. Eric, on pulling off the surprises of my Ordination weekend!

Thank you to Brian Flynn, Sydni Smith, and the musicians for the music for the First Mass. You added greatly to the beauty of the Liturgy.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for your unwavering spiritual and financial support during my years of formation. Thank you, as well, for your presence at my First Mass.

Thank you to everyone who was present at the "Four Corners" to welcome me back to town following Ordination. Thank you to the Westphalia Firemen who escorted me back into town. Without doubt, that will remain one of the most special and unique experiences of my life. Thank you to all who were present at my First Mass and my reception Sunday morning. I know I wasn't able to talk to all of you, but I am grateful for your presence. Thank you for the many cards and gifts. Your generosity is overwhelming.

I am settling in to my new assignment at St. Mary Star of the Sea in Jackson. Feel free to come visit anytime! It is indeed among the most beautiful churches in our Diocese and beyond!

Pray for me, my dear family, that I will always proclaim the Truth and Love of our Lord Jesus with unwavering fidelity.

I will be offering a future Mass for you and your intentions.

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Tyler
frtylerarens@gmail.com





Week Liturgy Schedule

Monday, August 15th (St. Mary's) • The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

8:15 AM Living & deceased members of the Christian Mothers and Women's Guild
†Norm Spitzley, including living & deceased family members

Tuesday, August 16th (MHT)

8:15 AM †Chris Spitzley, including living & deceased family members
†Robert J. Hengesbach, 10 year anniversary

Wednesday, August 17th (MHT)

7:00 PM †Urban Luttig, including living & deceased family members

Thursday, August 18th (St. Mary's)

8:15 AM †Eleanor, Otto, & Tyler Schafer, including deceased family members

Friday, August 19th (St. Mary's)

8:15 AM †Arthur & Dorothy Fedewa, including deceased family members

Saturday, August 20th (St. Mary's) • St. Bernard

4:30 PM †Leon Keilen, including living & deceased family members
†Louis Hengesbach

Sunday, August 21st • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM (St. Mary's)

† Terry Wieber, including living & deceased family members

8:30 AM (MHT)

People of the Parish

10:00 AM (St. Mary's)

†Paul & Mary Jane Thelen, including Jean Kennicott

10:30 AM (MHT)

†Donald Schneider, including Alice, Ron, Tom and living & deceased members of the family

6:00 PM (MHT)

†Urban Luttig, including living & deceased family members

Prayer for the Assumption of Mary

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Friday Masses

Due to the high interest and robust attendance at First Friday Masses, we will offer a couple more Mass options. Prior to the summer, we had been offering a 6:15 AM Mass at St. Mary's. The 6:15 Mass will resume in September. On First Fridays when Most Holy Trinity has school, Mass will be offered at MHT at 8:15 AM. These Masses are in addition to the 8:15 AM Mass that will continue to be offered at St. Mary's. The First Friday devotion is a beautiful and powerful way of honoring and drawing graces from Jesus' Sacred Heart which burns with love for us and the whole world.

Father Eric

St. Mary School News

St. Mary School Open House

Mark your calendars for the St. Mary School Open House scheduled for **Tuesday, August 16, from 4 PM to 6:30 PM**. All St. Mary School families and their children are encouraged to attend. You can meet your teacher, drop off your supplies, and enjoy a treat!

Also, tuition bills were sent home in May. Payment of fees, amount is listed on bottom right of tuition bill, and your signed agreement, must be returned by **August 16**.

You may mail your payment; St. Mary School, Box 270; put it in the collection marked "tuition"; or drop it in the new school drop box, located next to the main door (door #1).

School begins on Monday, August 22, at 7:55 AM.

Attention Community Members:

Due to the bus driver shortage, St. Mary school families will be driving their students to and from school every day. **This will impact all of the Westphalia community with drop off beginning at 7:25 AM and dismissal beginning at 3:05 PM.** The streets around the school will be congested during these times along with an increase of students crossing the roads. We ask everyone to slow down and seek alternate streets during these times. We ask for your prayers and patience as we navigate this transition.



Weekend Ministry Schedule

August 20th • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Mass

Rosary	Dave Wohlfert
Readers	Sheri Wohlfert, Glenn Simon
EMC	John L. Thelen, Dave & Sheri Wohlfert
Servers	Brandon Buskalic, Elijah Thelen
Ushers	Larry Hanses, Darron Birchmeier, Tory Schneider, Ryan Schneider

August 21st • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass

Rosary	Kevin Fox
Readers	Kevin Fox, Justin Voss
EMC	Andy Manning, Dean & Valerie Thelen
Servers	Trent Piggott, Will Pung
Ushers	Ted Platte, Stan Kolp, 2 Volunteers

10:00 AM Mass

Rosary	Joe Fedewa
Readers	Doug Huhn, Leanne O'Brien
EMC	Joe Fedewa, Dennis Fox, Leanne O'Brien
Servers	Reece Thelen, Nathan Weber
Ushers	David Thelen, Don English, Joe Heckman, 1 Volunteer



Next weekend, August 20th & 21st at all Masses, Rev. Lenin Raj will be speaking about the works and the needs of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum in India. Trivandrum has about 270,000 Catholics. 90% of the people are traditional fishermen who depend on fishing for their livelihood and 10% are farm workers who

are recent converts from low caste Hindus. Unemployment and poverty are most rampant in this community. The Archdiocese depends on outside assistance to support its clergy, seminarians, catechists and to continue its developmental programs. **However, during this pandemic lockdown the situation is very pitiful as the fishermen are restricted from fishing which is their livelihood. With income halted from fishing, the people are struggling to support themselves. Recent Cyclone "Tauktae" that swept through our coastal villages in May 2021 destroyed hundreds of homes. We are looking for emergency assistance for food, medicine, and housing. Won't you be as generous as you can in the second collection? Your sacrifice for the Missions is deeply appreciated.**



August 7, 2022 Amount Received:

Weekend Collection	\$17,134.00
Number of Envelopes	135
EFT & MARS total:	\$16,418.00
EFT & MARS Transactions	159
We Share total	\$5,790.00
We Share online Transactions	78

Weekly Amount Needed \$23,520.00

Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:

Sr. Myra Educ. Scholarship	\$172.00
ARK	\$75.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Mary's Parish

Monday 5:30 PM
Saturday 3:00 PM
Thursday before First Friday
2:00 PM

Most Holy Trinity

Wednesday 5:30 PM
Thursday 9:30 AM

Week at a Glance

Monday, August 15th

5:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)
5:30 PM	Reconciliation
6:00 PM	Holy Hour with Rosary (Until 7:00 PM)

Tuesday, August 16th

7:30 PM	AA (In Office Basement)
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Wednesday, August 17th

5:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)
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Thursday, August 18th

5:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)
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Friday, August 19th

9:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (Until 4 PM)
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Saturday, August 20th

8:15 AM	Marian Devotions
3:00 PM	Reconciliation



Since Jesus invited His followers to, "Come, follow me", the image of journey has been used to describe

Christian discipleship. For each of us faith is a journey marked with moments of conversion along the way...we move from unbelief to initial faith, from sin to repentance, from painful isolation to the joyful experience of a loving community, from fear to love.

In John's Gospel we read about the Samaritan Woman at the well. Jesus tells her "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." *John 4:13-14*

- Do you know someone who is "Thirsting for God?"
- Someone who is not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic?
- Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Communion? They may be thirsting too!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. **If interested please call Barb Spitzley during office hours at 989.587.4201 to set up an initial meeting.**

ST. MARY 5 MILE RUN, 5K RUN/WALK, KIDS RUN!

As part of St. Mary Parish Family Fest 2022, we are pleased to welcome back the 5 Mile Run, 5K Run/Walk, and Kids Run on **Saturday, September 24th**. Registration is now open! Register online at:



<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Westphalia/StMaryFamilyFest>

Paper registration forms are available for download at this site or will be available in the back of church. Sponsors and Volunteers needed! If you are interested in volunteering, the volunteer list will be released soon. Please keep watch for the FamilyFest volunteer list coming out in the parish bulletin in the coming weeks. We will be accepting high school volunteers and will sign for community service hours. Volunteers, sponsors, or anyone with questions - please contact Darren & Becky Kramer at (517) 626-2098 or at stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support. See you at the starting line!

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 14, 2022

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18;
Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Monday Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Stephen of Hungary

Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,35c;
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3A, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
Mt 22:1-14

Friday Memorial of Saint John Eudes, Priest

Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2;
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Holy Hour for Life: Our next Holy Hour for Life is **Sunday, August 28th at 4:00 PM**. The next 2 scheduled dates are September 25th and October 23rd.

Baptism Preparations

When you are ready to announce your pregnancy to family and friends, please also include the parish office! We now have Baptism Packets for the expectant parents which explains everything you need to know about planning your child's



Baptism Day. This packet includes guidelines for choosing Godparents, class dates and all forms necessary to fulfill the Baptism requirements. Just contact the parish office (989.587.4201) to begin the process. As some of these forms are time sensitive, please don't delay in picking up your packet! **The next class is Tuesday, September 20th. Please call the parish office to register for the class.**

Lord Hear Our Prayer

For the Sick

This week we pray for the people who are on the list for our prayer network, those listed in our bulletin and those included in The Book of Intentions located near Our Lady of Westphalia.

If you would like your name or a loved one's name added to our bulletin for prayer please call the parish office at 989.587.4201



Maureen Arens	Kendall Kramer	Adeline Schafer
Brooke Badgero	Barb Kurkowski	Aurelius Schafer
Gladys Bengel	Kathleen LaVilette	Steve Schmitz
Joe Bengel	Mary Lou Lehman	Wilma Schmitz
Dave Bierstetel	Julianne Lenneman	Dan Schueller
Mary (Motz) Bradbury	Dan Martin	Nancy Schueller
Jillian Chapman	Ed Martin	Brittany Schwend & Twins
Helen Cook	John "Jack" Martin	Jeffrey Sillman
Denise Cushion	Luke Martin	John Sillman
Bob Droste	Quincey Martin	Rosalie Simon
Tom Fedewa	Bill Mattila	Jeanne Sleight
Sister Joanne Fedewa	Rachel Mauren	Brody Smith
Sue Fox	Hunter Meyers	Carolee Smith
John Garrison	Viola Meyers	Gerry Smith
Rachelle Gladding	Don Miller	Sandy C. Smith
Mary Theresa Gross	Sharon Miller	Leroy Spitzley
Lisa Grove	Justin Norton	Ruth Spitzley
Pam Haan	Ron Nurenberg	Christian Teachworth
Ray Hart	Rose Nurenberg	Dave Thelen
Ben & Colleen Heiden	Gemma Paintner	Jason Thelen
Mary Hengesbach	MaKenzie Patrick	Luke G. Thelen
Mark Hengesbach	Bev Platte	Mike Thelen
Fr. Dennis Howard	Mark Platte	Philip Thelen
Kevin Howard	Gene Pohl	Suzanne Thelen
Michelle Huhn	Josie Pohl	Tom Thelen
Leone Hufnagel	Mary Pohl	Dane Van Ells
Mike Jegla	Pete Pung	Michelle Walsh
Lee Kile	Frank Rademacher	Sarah Weber
Lisa Koenigsknecht	Ofelia Ramereiz	Tony Wirth
Rose Kolp	Jim Ricci	
John Kowatch	Sharon Rock	
Judy Kramer	Jess Sanchez	

Prayer Network members will pray for your intentions:

If you or a loved one are in need of prayer please call the prayer network: 587-4132 • 587-6624 • 517-285-3783 or email btrierweiler@gmail.com

Healing Prayer Ministry

The Healing Prayer Team is available for prayer on the following dates: **August 14th**, September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, and December 11th. If you would like to make an appointment outside of these dates please call Vicki Noeker at 587.4201



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week of August 7th was in loving memory of **Ed Wieber**

This week it is for the Sanctity of Marriage

Surviving Divorce Sessions

St. Mary's Parish is pleased to announce that we will be offering **Surviving Divorce** sessions which bring hope and healing to anyone who has experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce will help you work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce, gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences. The program will help you to navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help you to discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you, find answers to your questions, restore your hope, and begin authentic healing.

Surviving Divorce will be held every Monday starting September 12th to December 12th from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Library at St. Mary, Westphalia (No meeting on November 21st for Thanksgiving). The program fee is \$20 to cover the cost of the Personal Guide. To register please go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/kITjVnkMxEvOmtAl3> or contact St. Mary's Parish at 989-587-4201 by September 2nd.

Thank You

I would like to thank our neighbors & First Responders for being there for me. You were all amazing & I am so thankful. Also to my family, friends & neighbors thank you for all the prayers, cards, food & gifts that were brought to us.

We are so blessed to be a part of this wonderful community.

Thanks again,
Linda & Dan Weber and family



Elvan Pohl will be celebrating his 90th birthday on August 17th! To help him celebrate please send cards to:

PO Box 299
Westphalia, MI 48894
Happy Birthday Elvan!

Summer TAB Dates

August 22nd

Orders can be placed in the collection basket or in the drop box at the parish office.

Orders will be processed on Monday at 9 AM and can be picked up on Friday of that week at Stef Pohl's house, 6085 Dexter Trail. Call/text her with any questions, 517-243-2695. Make sure your order form has a phone number to receive texts for order updates.

The Pewamo-Westphalia Track Team will be hosting a **Golf outing on Sunday, September 11 at Huckleberry Creek Golf course starting at 9:30 AM**. The cost is \$260/team. \$280 with Skins. Please contact Donna Wirth at 989-640-7160 to register.

Bus Trip to Shipshewana

The Westphalia Historical Society is sponsoring a trip to Shipshewana on **Tuesday, October 11th**. The tour includes round-trip motor coach transportation, lunch at the Blue Gate Restaurant, ticket to a production musical, time for shopping plus all taxes and tips. **Cost of the trip is \$100. Reservations and payment deadline is Friday, August 19th**. If you would like further information, please call Chris Piggott at 989-587-6558.

Payment along with names of attendees and an email address can be mailed to:
PO Box 163, Westphalia.

Bishop's Priesthood Discernment Dinner

Sunday, August 21st at 3 PM

Bethany House

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Incoming high school juniors and older who are open to God's call and want to learn more about discernment, seminary life, and the priesthood are invited to an afternoon of fellowship, Q & A with the Bishop and our seminarians, and a great meal!

It is a powerful experience for guests to be invited by and accompany their parish priest to this event. However, if the priests are not able to attend, sometimes deacons or male parish leaders also bring young men to this event.

More details and registration can be found at www.lansingpriest.org/dinner, or you can email me for more information: jwhitlock@dioceseoflansing.org

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Bulletin article information:
Please send your bulletin article as
an attachment to:

office@stmarychurch.net
by Monday morning - 9:00 AM.

PW Fooball softer salt sale

The PW Football team will be selling softer salt until August 19th. **Cost is \$10.00 for regular and \$10.00 for iron fighter (50-pound bags).** All salt is delivered right to your softer. **Delivery will be on Saturday, September 10th.** Contact any current PW football player if interested or Stef Pohl at 517-243-2695.


Westphalia Historical Society News

One of our chosen ancestors for our next Cemetery Walk is Leonard Thelen, star pitcher for some of the Westphalia baseball teams, including the Maple Corners Sod Busters. It has been said, that Leonard's fast ball made such a crack, when it hit the catcher's glove, it could be heard a half a block away. When Leonard was a farmhand he sometimes made up to 50 cents a day. Leonard will be portrayed by his grandson Ryan Eklund. Margaretha Naumes Huhn Kloeckner Koch (Cook) will be portrayed by her great granddaughter Laura Weiland Langdon. **The Cemetery Walk is Sunday, September 18th (rain date September 25th) at 2:00 PM.** Remember this is a free, family friendly, fun event. Expect to see cider and homemade cookies. See your family and friends there, and learn a little Westphalia history. Any questions call Margie Wirth 989 640 4437.

Our current Sports Exhibits, showcases many of our current and former athletes in the area. **We are open the first Sunday of the month, September 4th, 2022 1-4 PM and the third Wednesday, September 21st, 2022 5-8 PM.** You may be surprised at the friends and family you see!

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