His enemy came & sowed weeds all through the wheat.

MATTHEW 13:25

St. Mary's Parish | Westphalia, Michigan Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 23, 2023



Liturgy Schedule

Monday, July 24th

8:15 AM †Gerald Thelen on his 94th Birthday,

including living & deceased family members

Tuesday, July 25th • St. James, Apostle

8:15 AM For Pope Francis

Wednesday, July 26th • Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 PM For Bishop Boyea

Thursday, July 27th

8:15 AM †Isidore & Marjorie Smith, including

deceased family members

Friday, July 28th

8:15 AM †David & Judy Bierstetel, including living

& deceased family members

Saturday, July 29th • Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

4:30 PM †Pat Martin Geller

Sunday, July 30th ◆ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM †Mike Jegla

6:00 PM In Thanksgiving



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week is in loving memory of Pete Pung

Pictorial Directory Update!

New dates added: August 30th & 31st September 5th-9th (full)

We would like to have all families represented so that our directory is up-to-date and complete!

The photographer will take pictures and you will view your proofs electronically immediately following your session. The whole process takes 45 minutes to an hour. Each family photographed receives a complimentary 8X10 portrait to be sent postage free to their home. Plus, you will receive a complimentary directory. There will be extra directories available to purchase, so keep checking back for more details!

To schedule your photography appointment:

- go to the Universal website, www.ucdir.com,
- click on the scheduling login box to the right of the page,
- enter mi1764 in the Church Code field,
- enter photos in the Church password field,
- follow the prompts to schedule your family's appt. time,
- if you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots, and
- if you would like the parish office to assist you please call or visit during business hours: 989-587-4201, Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM; Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.

***We still need volunteers to help on the days of photography. Your duties will simply be to help check in families when they come for their scheduled time. Please call the parish office to volunteer!

**Pictures will be taken in the Parish Hall

Week at a Glance

Monday, July 24th

5:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)

5:30 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Holy Hour with Rosary
7:00 PM FSU/Omega Project/ARK

Tuesday, July 25th

7:00 PM Lost Sheep Holy Hour 7:30 PM AA (Office Basement)

Wednesday, July 26th

5:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)

5:30 PM Reconciliation

Thursday, July 27th

5:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)

Friday, July 28th

9:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:00 PM)

Saturday, July 29th

8:15 AM Marian Devotions 3:00 PM Reconciliation



Weekend Ministry Schedule

July 29th • The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Mass

Rosary

Tim Hengesbach

Readers Carolyn Norton, Jim Thelen

EMC Ryan Hengesbach, Geri Hengesbach,

Bernice Thelen

Servers Ryan Schafer, Jackson Smith

Ushers Luke Pohl, Ryan Hengesbach, 2 volunteers

July 30th • The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass

Rosary Neal Miller

Readers Jordan Spitzley, Justin Voss

EMC Andy Manning, Karen Schafer, Jane Schmitt

Servers Ellie Keilen, Jenna Keilen

Ushers Tim Bengal, Joe Bengel, Darrell Hengesbach,

Bill Hengesbach

10:00 AM Mass

Rosary Joe Fedewa

Readers Tim J. Thelen, Ryan Pung

EMC Ron Arens, Joe Fedewa, Ryan Pung
Servers John Kowatch, Nathan Weber
Ushers Brett Thelen, Lee Schrauben,
Cameron Trierweiler, Jason Fox

6:00 PM Mass

Rosary Volunteer Needed

Readers Jon Thelen
EMC Jon Thelen

Servers Volunteers Needed Ushers Volunteers Needed

**We still need Rosary leaders, Altar Servers and Ushers for the 6:00 PM Mass. Please contact the parish office to

volunteer!

Cemetery Contributions

If you would like to contribute to St. Mary's Cemetery Fund by check, please make sure to write a separate check for this contribution. If you have any questions please contact the parish office. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

Weekly Contribution Totals

July 16, 2023

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Total Amount	Received	534.709.00

Weekend Collection Number of Envelopes	. ,
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Weekly Amount Needed \$25,000 Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:

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Peter's Pence	\$12.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$170.00
Cemetery	\$200.00

Baptism Preparations



Pick up your Baptism Packet at the Parish Office. Do not delay as some of these forms are time sensitive!

Next Baptism Class:
September 19
@ 7:00 PM in the school library.
Call the parish office to register
989-587-4201

Lost Sheep Holy Hour: Every Tuesday 7-8 PM

Come and join us as we pray for all those who have fallen away from their faith, that they may return to the Church with a renewed understanding of the love and mercy of God.

On August 19, 1917, at Fatima Mary told the children: "Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices on behalf of sinners, for many souls go to hell because there is no one to make sacrifices and to pray for them."



Planning is underway for this year's St. Mary Parish Family Fest! Mark your calendars for September 22nd & 23rd. If you have ideas for $FAMILY\ FEST\ \ \text{Family Fest, would like to share feedback, or}$ want to be involved, please

contact familyfest@stmarychurch.net. Also check our FB page for updates - https://www.facebook.com/stmaryfamilyfest

~ 2023 Family Fest Committee

PLEASE NOTE:

The Craft Show will **not** be taking place at this year's St. Mary Parish Family Fest. A new date has not been set for the next craft show at this time. Information will be shared when it becomes available.

To the Moon and Back Ministry May Meeting

To the Moon and Back Ministry will be holding the next pregnancy and infant loss support group meeting on Wednesday, August 2nd at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the parish office basement. The meeting room entrance door is located in the back of the parish

To the Moon and Back Ministry offers compassionate, Christcentered support in both group and individual settings for anyone who has experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, infertility, failed adoption, or being childless not by choice. This ministry hopes to reach those grieving from a loss that is often not seen, recognized, or even known to others. We encourage couples to honor their dreams for children including children gone but never forgotten. Compassion begets compassion, and our goal is to ensure nobody feels alone in their grief for a loss so common yet so unspoken. The meetings are open to anyone from our community and the surrounding areas. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Trina Anderson or Dawn Cook at MoonAndBackMinistry@gmail.com. Also, please email us if you are interested in reaching out to us via Zoom or phone call, and we can schedule a time to talk. Visit the ministry's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ ToTheMoonAndBackMinistry.

We hold quarterly group meetings. The following are the remaining meeting dates for 2023: August 2nd and November 1st. Individual meetings can be scheduled upon request.

Mass Scheduling Guidelines:

- Please call the parish office (989)587-4201 or stop in during business hours. We do not schedule Masses through email or voicemail.
- We can schedule one year out from the date we are contacted. We do not go beyond a year so if someone passes away they have that date for their 1 year anniversary. At this time we are only able to schedule 1 Mass per intention a year.
- Those scheduling wedding anniversaries, 50, 55, 60, 65 years or more are encouraged to schedule their Mass as far ahead as possible and will not be held to the 1 year restriction.



Monday Memorial of Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

Ex 14:5-18;

Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Feast of Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15;

Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;

Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday Memorial of Sts Joachim & Anne

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15;

Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28;

Mt 13:1-9;

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Thursday

Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;

Mt 13:10-17

Friday Ex 20:1-17;

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;

Mt 13:18-23

Memorial of Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus Saturday

Ex 24:3-8:

Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12;

Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130;

Rom 8:28-30;

Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

Summer TAB Dates:

July 24th | August 7th, 21st

Orders can be placed in the collection basket or in the drop box at the parish office. Orders will be processed on Monday at 9:00 AM and can be picked up at the parish office on Friday of that week by 3:00 PM.

Prayer Corner

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



Brooke Badgero	Mary Hengesbach	Rachel Mauren	Ofelia Ramereiz	Gerry Smith
Gladys Bengel	Mark Hengesbach	Hunter Meyers	Jim Ricci	Mary Smith
Joe Bengel	Fr. Dennis Howard	Viola Meyers	Sharon Rock	Sandy C. Smith
Bill Bengel	Kevin Howard	Don Miller	Richard Ryals	Leroy Spitzley
Jillian Chapman	Michelle Huhn	Sharon Miller	Jess Sanchez	Ruth Spitzley
Helen Cook	Leone Hufnagel	Justin Norton	Adeline Schafer	Christian Teachworth
Bob Droste	Lisa Koenigsknecht	Rose Nurenberg	Aurelius Schafer	Dave Thelen
Marilyn Fandel	Rose Kolp	Tom Nurenberg	Stanley Schafer	Jason Thelen
Sister Joanne Fedewa	John Kowatch	Brad O'Dell	Steve Schmitz	Luke G. Thelen
Mabel Feldpausch	Jude Kramer	Gemma Paintner	Hilda Schmitz	Philip Thelen
Marie Feldpausch	Kendall Kramer	MaKenzie Patrick	Nancy Schueller	Suzanne Thelen
Sue Fox	Barb Kurkowski	Bev Platte	Nick Schrauben	Tom Thelen
Rachelle Gladding	Mary Lou Lehman	Mark Platte	Jeffrey Sillman	Dane Van Ells
Mary Theresa Gross	Dan Martin	Laura Pline	John Sillman	Sarah Weber
Lisa Grove	Ed Martin	Josie Pohl	Rosalie Simon	Tony Wirth
Pam Haan	Luke Martin	Mary Pohl	Jeanne Sleight	David Witgen
Ray Hart	Quincey Martin	Darin Pung	Brody Smith	
Colleen Heiden	Bill Mattila	Frank Rademacher	Carolee Smith	
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Healing Prayer Ministry

The healing prayer team will be available after the 10:00 AM Mass on the following dates: *August 13,* September 10, October 8, November 12, & December 10. If you would like to make an appointment, please call Vicki Noeker at 587-4211

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

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 11th to December 11th, from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Library, St. Mary, Westphalia (No meeting on November 20nd for Thanksgiving). The program fee is \$20 to cover the cost of the Personal Guide.

To register please go to https://goo.gl/forms/klTjVnkMxEv0mtAl3 or contact St. Mary's Parish at 989-587-4211 by September 8, 2023.

Christian Mothers & Women's Guild

Did you know that when a member of the Christian Mother's & Women's Guild passes away, one of the things we do for the deceased and their family is sit together and say the CMWG Prayer for a Deceased Christian Mother at the funeral? We would love to see the number of members attending funeral Masses grow! We sit together on the St. Joseph side, in the main aisle, just a few rows in front of the confessional. The prayers start 15 minutes before the funeral Mass. We look forward to seeing more members, good representation of our organization and the extra prayers! Please prayerfully consider joining us!

The family of Mike Thelen would like to thank Fr. Eric, Fr. Peter, Deacon Chuck, and Brian Flynn for the beautiful funeral Mass. Thank you to Alice Bengel, Chris Smith, Randy and Terri Bengel,

and all who contributed to the luncheon. Also, thank you to Lehman Funeral Home for their kindness and support during this difficult time.

Finally, thank you to everyone for the visits, cards, prayers, food, gifts, and flowers during Mike's long illness and after he passed away. We are truly blessed to have our families, neighbors, friends, and parish community in our lives.

In lieu of thank you cards, donations have been made to St Mary's Church and the American Red Cross.

Job Opportunity

St. Jude Catholic Community is hiring! They are looking for a Maintenance Worker, Part-Time Youth Minister and Early Childhood Coordinator. Visit: stjudedewitt.com/job-openings or call **517-648-8335** for more information.

Most Holy Trinity Parish Festival—Sunday, July 30th

Most Holy Trinity Parish of Fowler invites you to join our parade as part of our Parish Festival on **July 30th**. We are inviting businesses, organizations or even groups of family/ friends that wish to join the parade! **The parade starts at 11:30, and line up starts at 11:00 under the water tower in Fowler.** Please call or text Kristin Phillips at 517-256-0309 with any questions or to confirm your participation.

The 2023 MHT Parish 4-on-4 co-ed tournament with a competitive and recreational division will be **Saturday**, **July 29th**, behind the Waldron Middle School in Fowler. **The cost is \$80 per team**, with the first game starting at **8:00 AM**, but teams should arrive at least **15 - 30 minutes early for registration**. **The entry deadline is Wednesday**, **July 26th**. To enter your team, go to

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3nWXhumoc7ZdONR6MeNjH8z 8dh1dDambpKjHC_yKRVzapxw/viewform?usp=sf_link or contact Mike and Rebecca at feldpauschmr@hotmail.com.

Most Holy Trinity Festival 5K

And Kids Dash



Saturday, July 29 Fowler, MI

Event Begins: 7:30 AM

\$20 Entry Fee (includes t-shirt)

Great for seasoned runners, casual athletes, and families with strollers!

T-shirt guaranteed for those registering at least 3 weeks before the race. Race day registration will be available. Post race snacks, and awards will be given out immediately following the race.

 $Register\ by\ scanning\ the\ QR\ code\ or\ going\ to:\ https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Fowler/MostHolyTrinityFestival5K$

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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.



Prayer Volunteers Needed

Substitutes are needed to fill-in for prayer warriors at Planned Parenthood at 300 N. Clippert St., Frandor Shopping Center, Lansing. Would you be willing to pray for an hour so that there are always prayer warriors present during Planned Parenthood's hours of operation? There are many people who have committed to praying an hour once a week, but sometimes they need a break. It is important that people know that abortion is not their only option. Go to 40daysforlife.com/lansing or call Chris at (517) 528-8502 for more information.

Euchre Party to benefit the Cote Family

The Knights of Columbus Council 2168 is sponsoring a Euchre Party to benefit the Cote Family. Michael Cote passed away in March, leaving behind his wife & two children; both students at St. Patrick School. 100% of the proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards the tuition of the Cote children at St. Patrick School. Please help us to ease this burden during their time of need. Cost to play is \$40 per team; this will cover your entry fee and include snacks. Beverages will be available for purchase. Prizes will be given to the top 3 highest scores. Be sure to bring quarters in case you get set. The party will start at 7:00 PM on Friday, July 28th, at the Knights Hall in Portland; 690 Maynard Rd. If you are interested in attending, please email Grand Knights Brian Brown at gk2168@mikofc.org or Deputy Grand Knight Doug Smith at pd2168@mikofc.org.



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