

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."



Liturgy Schedule

Monday, September 4th

8:15 AM † Maynard Wirth

Tuesday, September 5th

8:15 AM † Frederick Augustine Tallmadge

Wednesday, September 6th

7:00 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 7th

8:15 AM † Stanley Wieber, including living & deceased

family members

Friday, September 8th • The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 AM † Dolores Thelen, Including living & deceased

family members

Saturday, September 9th • St. Peter Claver

1:00 PM Wedding Mass Jason Wood & Rebecca Martin

4:30 PM † Ronald Nurenberg, 1 year Anniversary

Sunday, September 10th • Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM †Beth Trierweiler, 1 year Anniversary

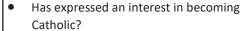
6:00 PM End to Abortion & Euthanasia



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week is in loving memory of Fred Martin

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...



- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. Sessions begin Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 PM in the parish office. For more information please contact Barb Spitzley at 989.587.4201.

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 19th
at 7:00 PM in the
school library. Call the
parish office to
register
989-587-4201.

Religious Education and Sunday School Registration are now Open

Registration for **The Well** (high school CCD classes), **7**th **and 8**th **grade religious education** and the **Mary Program** are now open, and forms can be picked up in the main entrance of the church. **Please return all registration forms to the parish office by Friday, September 15th**. Contact Austin Fox at <u>afox@stmarychurch.net</u> with any questions you may have.

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, October 8th, and registration forms are also available in the main entrance of the church. All Sunday School forms should be returned to the parish office no later than Friday, September 22nd. We are also in search of high school students to help out (community service hours would be given) – if you are interested in volunteering, please contact either Brooke Platte at 517-526-2324 or Paige Platte at 517-526-1293.

Week at a Glance

Monday, September 4th

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

5:30 PM NO Reconciliation
6:00 PM Holy Hour with Rosary

Tuesday, September 5th

7:00 PM Lost Sheep Holy Hour 7:00 PM KC Meeting/Clubroom 7:30 PM AA (Office Basement)

Wednesday, September 6th

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

5:30 PM Reconciliation

Thursday, September 7th

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

Friday, September 8th

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

Saturday, September 9th

8:15 AM Marian Devotions 3:00 PM Reconciliation

The weekend Mass on October 7th at 4:30 PM will be an interpreted Mass for the hearing impaired.

There will be <u>no</u> reconciliation on Monday, Labor Day, September 4th at 5:30 PM.

Weekly Contribution Totals

August 27, 2023

Total Amount Received.....\$14,683.15

 Weekend Collection
 \$10,840.00

 Number of Envelopes
 91

 Assumption
 \$30.00

 Number of Envelopes
 2

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 \$1,831.15

 Transactions
 35

 We Share
 \$2,012.00

 Transactions
 44

Weekly Amount Needed \$25,000.00

Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:

Sr. Myra Educ. Scholarship....... \$20.00



Weekend Ministry Schedule

September 9th ● The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30 PM Mass

Rosary Kurt Thelen

Readers Alice Bengel, Kurt Thelen

EMC Genny Bengel, Geri Hengesbach, Scott Thelen

Servers Brandon Theis, Franklin Smith
Ushers Kurt Bengel, Lee Klein, Ryan Thelen,

Brock Thelen

September 10th • The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass

Rosary Joe Bengel

Readers Russ Snitgen, Ann Lehman

EMC Eunice Arens, Tim Bengal, Shirley Manning

Servers Avery Fox, Emily Thelen

Ushers Neil Koenigsknecht, Andy Theis, Dale Schmitt,

Bill Keilen

10:00 AM Mass

Rosary Gary Schafer

Readers Tim J. Thelen, Gary Schafer

EMC Cindy Birchmeier, Luke Thelen, Paul Wohlfert

Servers Ilah Smith, Nathan Weber

Ushers Gene Pline, Brett Thelen, Lee Schrauben,

Jason Fox

6:00 PM Mass

Rosary Volunteer Needed
Readers Soraya Nowland
EMC Erin Smith (Tom)

Servers Graham Smith, Volunteer
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!

St. Mary School Job Opportunity

St. Mary School is accepting applications for a part-time secretary. For more information regarding this position please call the school principal. Interested candidates send resume and cover letter to principal@stmaryschool.us. Deadline for application submission is end of the day, Wednesday, September 6th.

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



| Linda Anderson | Ray Hart | Rachel Mauren | Ofelia Ramereiz | Mary Smith |
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| Joe Bengel | Mark Hengesbach | Don Miller | Jess Sanchez | Ruth Spitzley |
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| Brad Bierstetel | Kevin Howard | Justin Norton | Aurelius Schafer | Dave Thelen |
| Jillian Chapman | Michelle Huhn | Rose Nurenberg | Stanley Schafer | Delbert Thelen |
| Helen Cook | Leone Hufnagel | Tom Nurenberg | Steve Schmitz | Jason Thelen |
| Bob Droste | Lisa Koenigsknecht | Brad O'Dell | Hilda Schmitz | Luke G. Thelen |
| Marilyn Fandel | Rose Kolp | Gemma Paintner | Nancy Schueller | Philip Thelen |
| Sister Joanne Fedewa | Jude Kramer | MaKenzie Patrick | Nick Schrauben | Suzanne Thelen |
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| Rachelle Gladding | Ed Martin | Josie Pohl | Jeanne Sleight | Tony Wirth |
| Mary Theresa Gross | Luke Martin | Mary Pohl | Brody Smith | David Witgen |
| Lisa Grove | Quincey Martin | Darin Pung | Carolee Smith | |
| Pam Haan | Bill Mattila | Frank Rademacher | Gerry Smith | |

Healing Prayer Ministry

The healing prayer team will be available after the 10:00 AM Mass on the following dates:

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

Pictorial Directory Update: Last Chance for Pictures!

We have added the final following dates to get your pictures taken: November 14th-16th.

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,
- 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.

Knights of Columbus Family Picnic Sunday, September 10th from 12:00 - 5:00 PM at Droste Park. There will be a children's bounce house, penny scramble, volleyball and games. There will also be a 50/50 raffle along with food, refreshments and Bingo. Please

If you are a High School student in need of community service hours and would like to volunteer please call or text Mallory Huhn at 989-640-2454.

come join us for an afternoon of family fun!

Thank You As with many properties in our community the cemetery suffered some damage. We lost 3 trees and many other branches. We would like to

thanks these individuals that came to help make a big cleanup much easier. Steve Miller, Leroy Nurenberg, Jeff Cook, Larry Hanses and Trierweiler farms for use of their excavator.

Family Fest needs your support!

It's time to purchase Family Fest money raffle tickets and sign up to volunteer!

website. You can also purchase money raffle tickets via check or cash using the form that can be found in the back of the church. That form, along with payment, can be completed & returned to the parish office, who will enter the purchase online so that you are entered into the drawing. One Money Raffle ticket can be purchased for \$50, two for \$75 or three tickets for \$100. Each parish family is encouraged to purchase at least \$50 in raffle tickets in support of the festival, however, you can purchase as many tickets as you would like and are welcome to share the

FEST You can support the parish's festival AND enter to win money by purchasing tickets at



link outside of our parish community. There will be one **grand prize** winner of \$5,000, **2 prizes** of \$1,000, and **2 prizes** of \$500. The drawing will take place on **Saturday, September 23rd at approximately 8:30 PM**. You do not need to be present to win; winners will be contacted by September 26th. A credit card must be used to purchase the tickets through the OneCause website, however no fees will be added to your purchase. If you already have a OneCause account from a previous St. Mary Parish or School event, you can use that same login information.

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP—The event is not possible without volunteers so we need your help! Please go to https://tinyurl.com/volunteerFF2023 to sign up! If you have any questions, please contact familyfest@stmarychurch.net and we will help you through the process. Thank you in advance for your support!!

BAKE SALE — We will be having our bake sale **Saturday, September 23rd** from 11-4pm in the Parish Hall. If you would like to donate cookies, pies, bread or any other baked goods, there will be a sign up in the back of the church or you can email us at familyfest@stmarychurch.net. THANK YOU!

VOLLEYBALL—Sign up for this year's Family Fest Volleyball Tournament!

Saturday, September 23rd; Check in at 8:30 AM, start play at 9 AM at St. Mary's School Playground. Cost: \$80 per team (\$20 late fee if after 11:59 PM on Thursday, September 21st). Outdoor, grass, 4v4, Co-ed. T-shirts awarded for champ and runner-up for each division (competitive & recreational. Go to -- https://tinyurl.com/FamilyFestVolleyball2023 to sign up!

Men's Softball Tournament - Saturday, September 23rd at Droste Park. Cost is \$180. Contact Steve Eklund at 989-292-1176 to sign up! *3 game guarantee, ASA rules, 4 hour limit*

St. Mary 5 Mile Run, 5K Run/Walk, Kids Run

As part of St. Mary Parish Family Fest 2023, we are pleased to welcome back the 5 Mile Run, 5K Run/Walk, and Kids Run on **Saturday, September 23rd**. 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! 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!

The parish's festival will offer a variety of food options!

Friday evening, September 22nd

- * St. Mary's gravy burgers and Hot dogs (4:00 10:00 PM)
- * George's Concessions: French Fries (6:00 10:00 PM)

Saturday, September 23rd

- * Bake sale (11:00 AM 4:00 PM, parish hall)
- * Six Food Trucks

<u>11:00 - 6:</u>00 PM

- TIN CUP Cafe and Creamery: coffee, lattes, donuts & ice cream
- Shove It: Pizza
- Maria's Tacos: Mexican food
- George's Concessions: French Fries
- Kona Ice: shaved ice

12:00 - 10:00 PM

Simple Man BBQ

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM—4:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:00 PM

Rev. Fr. Eric Weber, Pastor father@stmarychurch.net

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Bulletin Article Submissions:

Please send your bulletin article as an attachment to:

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

St. Mary's Church Gift Shop

Open by appointment. Please call Cindy Miller 989.640.5533 or Cindy Fedewa 989.640.5332

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. Surviving Divorce will be held every Monday starting September 11th to December 11th, from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Office Library. There will not be a meeting on November 20th 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 8th.

2023 Westphalia Knights of Columbus Grillin' & Chillin' Barbecue "Throwdown"

This year's event will be held on **Saturday, September 9th at Droste Park at 12:00 PM**. The cost is \$15.00/person; Children 7-12 \$10.00; 6 and under are free 50/50 raffle; 7 for \$5.00 & 15 for \$10.00

Please contact any of the names listed with questions:

Brent Pohl (616)240-5129, Jack Smith (989)292-2320, Cliff Hengesbach (517)743-1178, Mitch Bierstetel (989)640-3249, Doug Nurenberg (517)930-2189, Lee Pung (989)640-0169, Brandy Pung (989)640-5595.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, September 11th....St. Mary Parish Hall....11:30 AM – 5:15 PM

Please join us for the September blood drive. To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code with your phone's camera, visit redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: Westphalia) or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Walk-in donors are also welcome if there are open slots.



Scripture Readings for the Week of September 3rd

Monday 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

Saturday Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10;

Mt 18:15-20

Westphalia Historical Society News:

St. Mary's Cemetery Walk is **Sunday, September 17th at 2:00 PM. Rain date is Sunday, September 24th at 2:00 PM**. One of our honorable descendants will be Robert Joseph Thelen, a 19-year old Vietnam veteran, who paid the ultimate price for fighting for his country. Glenn Fink will portray Robert Thelen. This event is a family friendly FREE event, although donations are happily accepted. Come and learn a little local history. Sweet cider and homemade cookies will be offered after the presentations. Hope to see you there. If you live in Westphalia, have a golf cart and would like to escort one, two or three people through the cemetery, or if you have questions, please call Margie Wirth 989-640-4437.

***Bus trip to Firekeepers Casino and Cornwell's Turkeyville for lunch and a show (Forever Plaid). The bus will leave Westphalia at 7:45 AM and return 5-5:30 PM. Cost is \$90 includes transportation, meal, show ticket and bus driver tip. The date is Wednesday, October 11th. Sponsored by Westphalia Historical Society. For reservations, contact Chris Piggott 989-587-6558.

Catholic Order of Forester Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 PM at Platte's Pizzeria Banquet Room. There will be food, raffles and games. Please come join the fun! So we can plan the food accordingly please call or text Dana Platte at 517-256-3443.



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