

### Please Pray For:



Ed & Margarite Woods, Hugh Hoganson, Eunice Tevlin, Rita Merchant, Anna La-Voie, Mark Olson, Wendell & Jeanne Anne Werner, Mary Ann Newville, Oliver Diaz, Dianna Kramer, Courtney Creath, Mary Nelson, Britt Dwyer, Sue Beckham, Sharon Bjork, Tim Henson, Deacon Tom & Susan Altenhofen, Diane Watkins, Noel Smith, Ron Caputo, Jeannie Dolley, Jody Rannow, Jim Brennan, Michael J. Kello, Paulette Kalo, Leslie Burbank, Lisa Cissna, Lauren Saak, John & Melissa Cochran, Julie and John Rollin

**For the Repose of the Souls of:** Keith Bowers, Beth Lints, John Rickaby; John "Kenney" Newville, Rose Marie Epple, Katherine Stark, Rose Arnhold, Margaret Hagle, Maria Pushpam, Larry LaVoie, Laura Escobar, Linda Renth, Cardinal Angelo Amato, Victor Cianci, Erik Larsen, Gerard Gibson, Pat Beckham, James Watkins, Cliff Rannow.

Please respect their privacy.

### Knights of Columbus , Council 15773



There will be a meeting for Council this week on **Tuesday, August 19th, Rosary will be at 5:30 PM and the Meeting afterwards at 6 PM.** Come join us and see the good things our Council at St. Mary's does. All Catholic men are welcome.

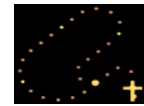
**I have come to set earth on fire.**

**Jesus,  
with you is  
never "maybe" or "not today."  
There is only "always love"  
without limit.  
A burning bush of  
love that you  
came to share  
with us.**

**Mass Intentions** are a very powerful way to **offer prayers for someone, especially for loved ones who have died.** We, here on earth, are the **ONLY** ones who can pray for the souls of the departed. If you would like to have a Mass Intention said, just come to the office Tu.—Fri. 9:30-3, and we'll help you choose a Mass.



### Come And Honor Our Mother



We would like to invite and encourage all parishioners to join in praying the Rosary to our Blessed Mother **every weekend before Mass:** on **Saturday at 5pm**, and on **Sunday at 10:30am.** Pray for our church, our world, and our own personal intentions. Come pray with us!

**The Parish Feast** to be celebrated on **August 31st after the 11 AM Mass** and the **Dedication of the Monument** will again be a potluck. We will have our parishioners bring side dishes as follows:  
**A—H** Hot side dish  
**I—P** Dessert  
**Q—Z** Cold side dish  
**See you all there!!!**



### August 9-10, 2025

Regular Collection: \$2,834.00  
Maintenance: \$ 155.00

*Thank you for your Generosity*

### St. Vincent de Paul Society Needs YOU!!!!



**Yes, YOU, we need you!!!** We are a small Conference and we simply **NEED more Volunteers!!!** This past month in **July**, our small Conference here at St. Mary's assisted a total of **32 good people in need and purchased \$2,585.70** worth of much needed furniture, appliances, goods, utility bills, etc. in their time of need. All **NEW Volunteers** will only be asked to help **3 hours a month!** PLEASE answer God's Call to help your neighbor in need! Please call Britt Dwyer at 314-750-0697 so I can explain to you how Rewarding and EASY this Ministry is to do!!! As always, **THANK YOU** for your donations and prayers! May God bless you with His deepest Peace, Amen!

**Thank you to everyone who have continued to contribute to the weekly offertory!**



### A Message from Your Pastor:

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,



The Peace and Love of Christ be with you all.

I recall the words of the preacher Fr. Anthony, who began his annual retreat with the following words in 1981. He addressed the participants of the retreat saying "the world is sick and so are we". He was saying that we are spiritually sick and in need of purification. The Gospel reading of Lk 12: 49, "I have come to set the earth on fire..". With this saying Jesus called everyone to purify his or her own life. The situation in families, and in society at the time of Jesus was deeply affected with various ailments. One of the root causes was the lack of love. Thus, Jesus instructed His disciples and His listeners to practice true love in their lives. That was the fire that he was probably talking about, which some did not understand at all. We have been entrusted in a symbolic way with the fire on the day of our Baptism. The fire / light of Christ has been set in our hearts. We have been told to keep it burning brightly. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are entrusted once again with the gift (fire). This gift is to quench our spiritual thirst. It is to keep us on the right path. It guides us in the correct direction. It helps us to keep away all that is contrary to catholic living. May the spirit of the Lord purify our lives and make us His true disciples.

God bless you,

Fr. Amir



**Join us in the Parish Hall after Sunday mass for donuts. Below are the groups who will be serving:**

8/17 St. Vincent de Paul  
8/24 Women's Guild  
8/31 Dedication & Parish Feast



### Upcoming Events:

Tues., Aug. 19: **KofC Rosary** 5:30PM **Meeting** 6 PM  
Fri., Aug. 22: **Liturgical Leaders** 11 AM  
Tues., Aug. 26: **Pastoral Council**, 5 PM  
Sun., Aug. 31: **Parish Feast/Dedication of Monument for the Unborn**, 11 AM

### LET'S DO LUNCH PARENT TO PARENT:



The Pregnancy and Parenting Center (PPC) will be hosting its next Parent Lunch Group on **Tuesday, August 19th, from 12 noon to 1:00pm** at the PPC, 475 Laurel Street in Florence. If you are a parent looking to meet, share, and grow with other parents, this is the place for you. Lunch will be provided, and childcare is available for 0-5-year-old children. **Please RSVP** 541-999-2427 (call or text) or email: [hopeppc541@gmail.com](mailto:hopeppc541@gmail.com).



There is a **2nd Collection, today** for **St. Vincent de Paul**. Thank you for your generosity!!

**Do you want Sacraments for yourself or your children?  
Would you like to join the Catholic Church, or at least inquire about it?**



**There are Sign-up sheets in the Vestibule for Religious Education, the Sacraments and for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation).**



### JUST A REMINDER!!!

If you, or someone you know is in need of an **Anointing or Holy Communion**, **please call the office directly**, and we will have Father come for an Anointing and Communion, or one of our registered Homebound Extraordinary Ministers for Homebound Communion. **The phone number is 541-997-2312.**

"Without burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases."  
—St. Rose of Lima



