

Please Pray For:



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

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, James P. Gebel

Please respect their privacy.

WE'RE HAVING A CLEAN UP DAY!!!



We will be **cleaning up the Church** in the anticipation of the arrival of the Bishop for our **Parish Feast and Dedication of the Monument for the Unborn**. We need "all hands on deck"!! **Please volunteer for one or both of these days: 10 AM Start time: Monday, Aug. 25th and/or Thursday, Aug. 28th**
Cleaning (Outside) Entrance
Cleaning Inside the Church
Both Halls
Both Sets of Bathrooms
Breezeway
Please come help in any way that you are able.
More hands make easier work!

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).

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends us day after day."

—St. Gianna Molla

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 16-17, 2025

Regular Collection: \$2,112.00
The Assumption: \$ 551.00

Thank you for your Generosity

St. Mary, Our Lady of the Dunes, Knights of Columbus

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus, registered as a non-profit for the bottle and can recycling, are using the **BLUE** bags, available in the breezeway for you to take. **The Knights have a person stationed at the breezeway door if you would like them to take the bags out of your car before Masses.** Just pull up, and they will take it from you, starting at **5:00 on Saturday, or 10:30 on Sundays. Please, just bottles and cans with a Recycle Value, no wine bottles, gallon jugs or tin cans.** As always, we thank you very much for your donations and support.

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,



Praise the Lord.

Jesus invites us to enter through the narrow path. There are two paths that are before us. The choice given to us is to choose between the narrow and the wide path. There is no third alternative path proposed to us. What are these two paths: wide and narrow? The wide one is comprised of selfishness, pride, jealousy, and arrogance. We can summarize the path with one phrase, "the path of destruction," which is leading us to commit sin. The narrow path is righteousness, justice, mercy, truth, love, unity, peace and forgiveness. This is the path Jesus is speaking about in today's Gospel. This path offers everyone who walks through it to follow the obedience of Jesus' teachings. Those who travel through the narrow path will experience joy. They will surely enter into eternal life. On this path we are not left alone on our journey. Our Lord Jesus Christ is walking with us. His presence is forever for those who believe in Him. During this year of hope, let us seek God's blessings for everyone. May we remain in Him and continue our journey relying on Christ's divine presence.

God bless you,
Fr. Amir



The Knights Ladies are back at it again! They had a **"Jam Session"** last Monday to begin the annual Jam making that they will sell later on! This time it was **Strawberry-Jalapeno!** They'll soon be picking blackberries for more Jam making! They always have a great time making the jam and it's usually a very successful fund-raiser for them. Can't wait for that yummy Jam!!

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

8/24 Women's Guild
8/31 Dedication & Parish Feast
9/7 Knights of Columbus



Upcoming Events:

Tues., Aug. 26: **Pastoral Council**, 5 PM
Sun., Aug. 31: **Parish Feast/Dedication of Monument for the Unborn**, 11 AM

Jesus,
your gate is narrow yet
it opens easily and we can come through it.
There's a key that opens it
and everyone does have access to it.
It's the key of love.
It was given to us
when we were created:
Love God.
Love your neighbor.
That's the key that opens the narrow gate,
the one with the sign on it
that says
love.



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!

THE PATH: Have you been impacted by abortion loss? We invite you to our informal, walk-in support group **Wednesday, August 27th**, from 6-7pm. No registration required, welcoming women and men. We are a safe and confidential space for sharing, support, and encouragement. Pregnancy and Parenting Center, 475 Laurel Street, Florence, 541-999-2427, email: hopeppc541@gmail.com.



Please contact Fr. Amir 8 months in advance.