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## MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays & Saturdays: 6:30 am & 8:00 am

Saturdays: 5:15 pm (for Sunday Obligation)

Sundays: 6:30 am, 8:00 am\*, 9:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:15 pm

\*8:00 am on Facebook Live Daily

Rosary: 7:30 am daily in the Church

Day before Holy Day: 5:15 pm Holy Days: 6:30 am, 8:00 am 12:00 noon and 5:15 pm (if announced)

First Friday of the Month: 5:15 pm

#### CONFESSIONS

First Friday Of The Month: 4:00-5:00pm Saturday: 4:00-5:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm Sunday: 4:45-5:15pm AND BY APPOINTMENT

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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#### **BAPTISMS**

On Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

## MARRIAGES

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# St. Mary's Catholic Church

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## **JANUARY 8, 2023**

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

## Monday, January 9

6:30 am Jerry & Jackie Irvine† 8:00 am Joseph M & Mozelle Greenwell†

## Tuesday, January 10

6:30 am Anne Emmett† 8:00 am Robert Kulp†

## Wednesday, January 11

6:30 am Gage Huesgen† 8:00 am Stella Lyons†

Father Chris – The People of St. Mary's Parish

## **Thursday, January 12**

6:30 am Msgr. James Hearon† 8:00 am Int of Cecilia Stirton

## Friday, January 13

6:30 am Nancy Goen† 8:00 am D. Wayne Wagnon†

## Saturday, January 14

6:30 am

8:00 am Int of Mary Schlueter

5:15 pm Randy Hausmann†

## Sunday, January 15

6:30 am Janis LeSage Lee† 8:00 am Dr. Ed Cornell† 9:30 am Mary Lou Meyer† 11:00 am Richard Cox† 5:15 pm Charles Goen†

## **Reeducation for Peace**

Men must not be content simply to support the efforts of others in the walk for peace; they must also scrutinize their own attitudes. Statesmen, responsible as they are for the common good of their own nation and at the same time for the well-being of the whole world, are very much dependent on the opinions and convictions of the general public. Their efforts to secure peace are of no avail as long as men are divided or set against each other by feelings of hostility, contempt and distrust, by racial hatred or by inflexible ideologies. There is then a very great and urgent need to reeducate men and to provide fresh inspiration in the field of public opinion.

Those engaged in education, especially among young people, and those who influence public opinion, should consider it a very serious responsibility to work for the reeducation of mankind to a new attitude toward peace. We must all undergo a change of heart. We must look out on the whole world and see the tasks that we can all do together to promote the well-being of the family of man. We must not be misled by a false sense of hope. Unless antagonism and hatred are abandoned, unless binding and honest agreements are concluded, safeguarding universal peace in the future, mankind, already in grave peril, may well face in spite of its marvelous advance in knowledge that day of disaster when it knows no other peace than the awful peace of death.

In saying this, however, the Church of Christ, living as it does in the midst of these anxious times, continues unwaveringly in hope. Time and again, in season and out of season, it seeks to proclaim to our age the message of the Apostle: Now is the hour of God's favor, the hour for a change of heart; now is the day of salvation.

To build peace, the causes of human discord which feed the fires of war must first be eliminated and among these especially the violations of justice. Many of these causes are due to gross economic inequality and delay in providing necessary remedies. Others arise from a spirit of domination and from a contempt for others, and, among more fundamental causes, from human envy, distrust, pride and other forms of selfishness. Since man cannot bear so many violations of due order, the result is that, even where war does not rage, the world is constantly plagued by human conflict and acts of violence.

The same evils are also found in relations between nations. It is therefore absolutely necessary that international institutions should cooperate more effectively, more resolutely and with greater coordination of effort, in order to overcome or prevent these evils, and to check unbridled acts of violence. There must also be constant encouragement for the creation of organizations designed to promote peace.

From the pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world of the Second Vatican Council

Gaudium et spes, nn. 82 - 83

If you have submitted a name for prayers in the bulletin they will remain for one month. If you would like to ask the parish to continue praying, please let the parish office know by calling (618) 465-4284. Thank you for your prayers!

# Requests for Prayers

Please remember our brothers and sisters, who are in need of prayer.

The Ringering Family, The Grossheim Family, Mark Crammond & Family, Lucy Rose Lucas, Naomi Fader, Barb Cronn, Everett O'Connor, Jack Droste, Matthew Paulda, Mistina Holt, Mary Jenniches, Sean Michael Donahue, Veronica Murray, Keith Houghton, Debra Houghton, Phyllis Milford-Rill, Larry Greenwell, Emilee Tate, Pat Gorman, Liam Maher, G. Terry Westfall, Ellen Saville, Margarita Pulido, Bob Rill, Chris Henkhaus, Mike Mihalich, Martha Kraehmer, Michael Jennings, Jr., Francis Gonzales, Henry Leady, Stephen Turvey, Rollan "Jerry" Jouett, Samuel Madrey, Mary Ann Raymond, Denny Meehan, Sarah Huber, Joan Cox, Florence Sabaj, Bonnie Haegele, Carolyn Holt, Eric Holt, Jenny Breden, Barbara Hill, Jim Budde, Ron Eaton, Cindy Klunk, Catharine Williams, Jerome Carrigan, Donna Lavite, Toni Eichorn, Louis Ferraro, Nathan Robbins, Nicole Purcell, Jack Hartmann, Jerome Baumann, Mary Gillett, Douglas Richardson, Lexie Smith, Baby Kendall Madrey, Rhonda Clark, Richard Davis, Gerald Yungling, Jan Nolan, Jessica Boyd, Sara Ursprung, Mandy Buck O'Connor, Joe Mercurio, Steven G., Gary Harder, Angie Wiegand, Mark Riley, DeAnna Gleason, Mary Featherstone, Kelsey Thaxton, Stephen Adams, Kimmie Poisson, Anna Hartmann, Charlene Carpenter, Jeremy Madison, Michael McNamee, Sr., Bill Greenwell, Beckett Krieg, Tyler Hamby, Mary Buckley, Julie Henkhaus, Thelma Kochan, Bill Fitzgerald, Tom Barrett, Emert Wyss, Mary Wicklund, Pamela Kaizer, Constance Schulz, Darrell Griggs, Baby Charlotte Wenshinsky, Mike Hanahan, Lisa Scheldt, Roy Kubicek, Ron Ridder, Marge Ridder, Victor E., Barbara Hayes, Angel Brenner, Laura Harman, Sharon Bosoluke, Our Friend Mary, Kathleen Buckley, Steve Miller, Scott Manns, Joe Hansen, Brenda Vernatti, Nancy Malone, Megan Paulda, Donna Schrage, Bob Wilcox, Stephen Jouett, John & Kate Andre, Michael David Cope, Sharleen Bell, Tanner Akers, Amy Terhaar, Kathy McGuire, Patricia Saale, Baby Leo, Pam Bauer, Dolores Hill, Anthony Loscalzo, Steve Saale, Zach Teipe and Family, Tad Holt, Joseph Hansen Jr., Mary Beckmann, Elaine McRae, Nancy Erikson, Kathleen Anderson, Helen Beirmann, Mary Jo Buesteton, Debbie Jones, Bob Dixon, Kathy Budde, Mark Dehner, Sweet Lainey and her family, Taylor W., Joe Bayer, Sally Fosdick, Kenny Altenberger, Mary Wuellner, Christy Flanagan, Neal Manns, Bonnie Cleary, Erline Leady, Meredith Ragsdale, Maribeth Leigh, Donna Kahr, Sharon, Ava Crites, Nina Greenwell, Olga Kornyukhova, Rosemary Ruedin, Juanita & Henry Cruz, Margaret & Ray Clark, Carol Geisen, Josh Hedges, Grant Haegele, Michael Holt, Carlos Flores Ramirez, Dale Brown, Mackenzie Haegele, Brian Manns, Lisa Guccione, The Hughes Family, The Cervantes Family, Dan Hurley, Kay Barnett, Laura Wright, Kay Ansell

Holy Mary, help those in need, give strength to the weak, comfort the sorrowful, pray for God's people, assist the clergy, and intercede for religious. May all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection. Amen.

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

<u>Focus:</u> Nothing should keep us from bringing ourselves to Jesus

Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts and offer their lives to Him. The adoration of the Magi fulfils the oracle of Isaiah (first reading), prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy Clty following a brilliant light, bringing gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72) verses 10-11 picture the kings from foreign lands bringing gifts to pay homage to a just king in Israel. Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus (second reading), expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: the Gentiles are ...co-heirs...co-partners in the promise, in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."

# CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH PART ONE - THE PROFESSION OF FAITH SECTION TWO - THE CREEDS THE WORLD WAS CREATED FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

THE HOLY TRINITY IN THE TEACHING OF THE FAITH THE DIVINE WORKS AND THE TRINITARIAN MISSIONS

**310.** But why did God not create a world so perfect that no evil could exist in it? With infinite power God could always create something better.<sup>174</sup> But with infinite wisdom and goodness God freely willed to create a world "in a state of journeying" towards its ultimate perfection. In God's plan this process of becoming involves the appearance of certain beings and the disappearance of others, the existence of the more perfect alongside the less perfect, both constructive and destructive forces of nature. With physical good there exists also physical evil as long as creation has not reached perfection. <sup>175</sup>

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES



Jordan Cook, Kris Drake, Kyle Gray, Brian Gehm, Alaina Gehm, Johnny Braun, Grant Wanamaker, Trenton Brown, Michael Lucas, Drew Hargus, Steven Layne Blair, Jr., Joseph Brakeville, Keith Johnson, Joseph Buehlman, Teresa Buehlman, Austin Knebel, Megan Schuette, Daniel Chartrand, Morgun Yogore, William Kerr, Alex Geisen, Matthew Gonzales, Jacob Allen, Matt Jouett, Tamara Cardenas, Emily Keith, Lisa

Haegele, Kyle Ontis, Kaleb Denney, Caleb Rench, Danny Geringer, Samantha Gorman, Lane Oliver, Alexander Jaworski, Lance Perkey, Jonathan McCullough, Samantha Hoehn, Grace Gerhart, Trent Ward, Michael Cooke, Ed Maag, Luke Plunkett, Abby Linscott, Eddie Frieling, Avery Geisen, Ellanour Brass, Austen Goheen, Matthew Bazzell, J.C. Wuellner



# West in Peace



Your prayers are requested for the soul of

## **Everett Loy** (Father of Barbara Loy)

"May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."

#### FORMED NEWS!

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## ST. MARY'S Adoration Chapel



## http://www.adorationpro.org/maryalton

## **Adorers Needed:**

Saturdays: 5:00pm, 6:00pm

## **Additional Adorers Needed:**

Tuesdays: 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm

Wednesdays: 5:00pm, 7:00pm Thursdays: 3:00pm, 4:00pm

Saturdays: 3:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm,

9:00pm

## **SUCCESS CARDS**

The St. Mary's 8th grade class is selling Success Cards. They are \$10 each and have some new businesses as well as some old favorites. You can purchase Success Cards from both school offices, the Parish Office, or from your favorite 8th grader. They are good all through 2023!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### SS. PETER & PAUL FUNDRAISER

The Alton Knights of Columbus Council 460 is hosting a fundraiser event to raise money for the Ss. Peter & Paul Church Capital Renovation Campaign. The Celebrity Dinner will feature Frank Cusumano, the Sports Director for KSDK and talk show host on KFNS. The dinner will be held on Friday. February 3, 2023 at the Best Western Premier Hotel in Alton. Doors open at 6:00pm/dinner begins at 7:00pm.

### Cost:

\$50 – Individual Tickets

\$500 - Silver Sponsor\*

\$1,000 – Gold Sponsor\*

Sponsorships include reserved seating and an invitation to meet Frank Cusumano prior to dinner.

To purchase tickets, please visit Eventbrite. com, scan the attached QR code or contact Jim Schwegel (618)406-0998/Stephen Pennell (618)791-8034/Larry Kulp (618)806-2588.

## **KNIGHTS NEWS!!**

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

The Alton Knights of Columbus and KLOU radio station, are hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 8th, at the Saints Peter & Paul Gym, 717 State Street, behind the Church, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please sign up or walk in, your donation will save lives in the Alton area. You can sign up at https://www.redcrossblood.org/.

## Venerable Bruno Lanteri



"The one who hopes for everything, obtains everything."

Learn more and request prayers online: www.omvusa.org/bruno-lanteri/





## PRAYER CORNER

## **Ephphatha**

The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May He soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.

Amen

## St. Mary's Chargers Club Trivia Night

When: Saturday, January 28, 2023 @ 7pm (Doors open at 6pm)

Where: St. Mary's Suddes Hall

Cost: \$200 per table (pay by Check or Online)

Who: All are invited

**Deadline to Register:** Registration Open until Sold Out

Register online at www.SMSTRIVIA23.givesmart.com OR bring a check payable to St. Mary's Charger Club to St. Mary's School or Parish Office. Indicate "Music Trivia" on the envelope with the name of your team captain, email and phone number.

Volunteers Needed Too: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EABAA29A7F85-stmarys1

## 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2023 Offering envelopes are here and ready for pick up! They are located in the basement of the Church across from the Mary Ann Room. Please be sure to pick up your box as soon as you can. If you are unable to make it down the stairs, please don't hesitate to ask a friend, one of our Ushers, one of our Oblates or another Parishioner. We would love to help!



Our home Mass initiative is developing wonderfully! We have celebrated several Masses in the "domestic church" and they are reverent and special Masses. We also have been scheduling them for the winter and we even have some requests for next year. If you are interested in a home Mass, please contact one of the priests here at St. Mary's and we will arrange it.

## IS GOD CALLING YOU??

We are in great need of Homebound and Nursing Home Eucharistic Ministers! We have many Parishioners that are unable to attend Mass and would love to receive the Eucharist, have someone pray with them and bring along a bulletin or prayer card. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, please contact the Parish Office (618)465-4284.





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## LITURGICAL ROLES

## **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:**

New schedules have gone out by email and through MSP.

If you are offline and need your schedule, contact the parish office. If you would like to discontinue or change ministries, also contact us and we will get you set up.

If you have lost access to your account, contact msp@stmarysalton.com for assistance.

## **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Servers and Lectors are welcome to resume all roles.

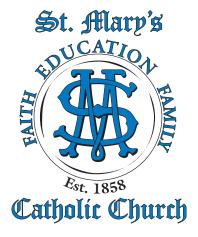
## LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE

https://www.facebook.com/stmarysalton No account or login is required to watch Mass at 8:00 am Daily

## **DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ENTRIES:**

On or before Tuesday at 3:30pm.

Please submit any bulletin requests (pending approval) to: trish@stmarysalton.com



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