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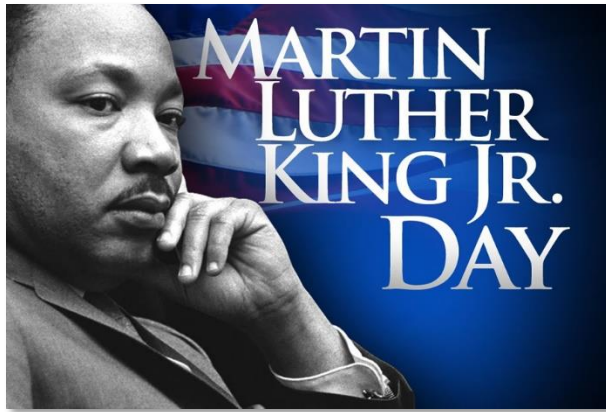
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Quotes from Martin Luther King Jr.



*“I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality.
That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil **triumphant**.”*

*“**Faith** is taking the first step even when you **don’t** see the whole **staircase**.”*

*“If you **can’t** fly then run, if you **can’t** run then walk, if you **can’t** walk then crawl,
but whatever you do you have to keep moving **forward**.”*

*“**Everybody** can be great because everybody can **serve**.”*

– Martin Luther King

It is perhaps the most telling measure of a man or woman that the mere mention of their name prompts all of us to pause and to ponder life’s meaning and our place in the universe.

Martin Luther King was such a man.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday January 17th

St. Anthony of Egypt

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

9:00 am Elizabeth Moore

Tuesday January 18th

7:00 am Anne Doty

12:00 pm Daniela Iuliano

Wednesday January 19th

7:00 am Kenneth R. Forrest

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Thursday January 20th

St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

7:00 am Intentions of Constance Betts

12:00 pm Pat Ruhl

Friday January 21st

St. Agnes

7:00 am Intentions of Laurie Ann Cornelio

12:00 pm Laurice Najjar

Saturday January 22nd

St. Vincent, Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Intentions of Murphy Family

4:30 pm Salvatore Catalano

Sunday January 23rd

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am St. Mary Parishioners

9:00 am Hope Hughes

10:30 am Elise Devlin

12:00 pm Henry Vossinkle

5:00 pm Victor Eugene Aufiero

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 17

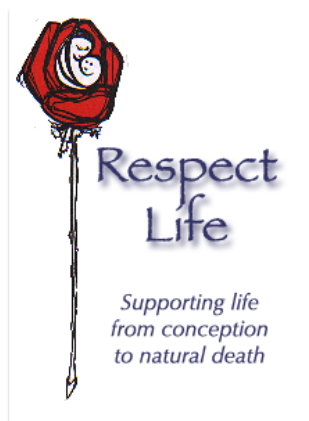
There will be one Mass at 9 AM in the Church and
NO Confessions

Prayers for the Sick



Go to www.smcr.org to make a prayer request
and to see those on the prayer list.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



**"The Historical Jesus" - Lecture with Msgr.
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Thursday, February 3

6:30 - Reception/7:30 - Lecture

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FAITH FORMATION CORNER

Month of Hope



January is a month of hope, as we embark on a new year with visions and refreshed resolve for improving ourselves and our world.

It is during this month that we also celebrate the birthday and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. — an icon of love, peace, and progressive action to achieve our nation's promise of equality and justice for all. A believer in redemptive love, he continues to be an inspiration and an example for those who seek to make positive change in the world, to address inequities, and to ensure human rights and dignity for others.

The following is a favorite sentiment Dr. King shared in his letter from the Birmingham Jail, where he was held following his arrest at a rally to end segregation at lunch counters: **"I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."**

Coming together in peace and with the intention for justice for all, the future will be bright. cmmb.org

Gratitude to God

Your thanksgiving opens up new treasure of graces (1489). Be grateful for the smallest of my graces, because your gratitude compels Me to grant you new graces (1701).



—Jesus' message
to Sister Faustina,
Diary of St.
Faustina



YOUTH & FAMILY



9th-12th graders—get yourself over to the Hall at St Mary's this Sunday night for a low-key youth gathering including pizza, games, prayer and discussion with Fr Brendan. Friends are welcome, Catholic or not. There's no fee, and no registration required. Learn more about why Church matters, what it is to be Catholic, and specifically in this 4 week series—**"Who is God?"**

****If you plan to attend, or would like to be put on the reminder list to stay in the loop about all things high school, email us at oyf@smcr.org****

Other gatherings this winter will be Jan 16th & 30th, Feb 20th ...and then every week starting in March!

Check your email box for the latest from the Youth & Family office.



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To register, for more information about SMS, or to set up a tour, please contact Anna O'Rourke at 203-438-7288 or visit www.smsridgefield.org.



PRAY TO OUR MOTHER

Whether we are a child asking for help in school or a sick or elderly person at the hour of our death, Mary hears our prayers, and intercedes for us.

BIRTHRIGHT: It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. We need volunteers! 1-800-550-4900. Training provided. Spanish helpul.



ST. MARY PARISH MEN'S MINISTRY

Are you looking to recapture the joy of our faith?

Community is so important, especially during these isolating times. Consider trying the St. Mary Men's Ministry, a group of joy-filled men who gather at 6:30AM every Saturday for breakfast and faith discussions about the everyday lives of men. Zoom is an option as well, although it's better in person! Experience a more rewarding prayer life and support of faith-filled brothers.

Why do we get up so early each Saturday? We enjoy each other's company and strongly benefit from the time together and time with God in prayer. Come and see how it can energize you for the week ahead. More info @ STMMM.ORG.



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Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been

struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you know of someone hurting, talk to our Stephen Ministry Leader, Jack Hughes – jack2cruise@gmail.com; he will connect you with one of our Stephen Ministry ministers who are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They help bring the healing power of Christ's love.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:00 AM, 4:30 PM Vigil Mass
(Church)

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, Noon, 5 PM
(Church)
10:30 AM
(Hall)

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 AM & Noon
Monday- Friday
Church

Holy Days of Obligation

Check website

*Easter and Christmas have special schedules

OTHER SACRAMENTS

Confessions

Monday - Friday
11:30 AM
Wednesday
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturday
3:00 - 4:00 PM
(Church)

Baptism

Celebrated each Sunday
(except holiday weekends)

New parents must attend a pre-baptism class. Call Parish office to schedule both

Marriage

Call Parish Office at least 9 months prior to wedding

Anointing of Sick

Call Parish Office to make arrangements

In case of serious illness or death in the family, call Parish Office immediately.

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Our Mission:

LIVE the gift of our faith, **ENRICH** our understanding of that gift, and **PRACTICE** our faith in compassionate service.

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Monday - Thursday 10 AM – 2 PM

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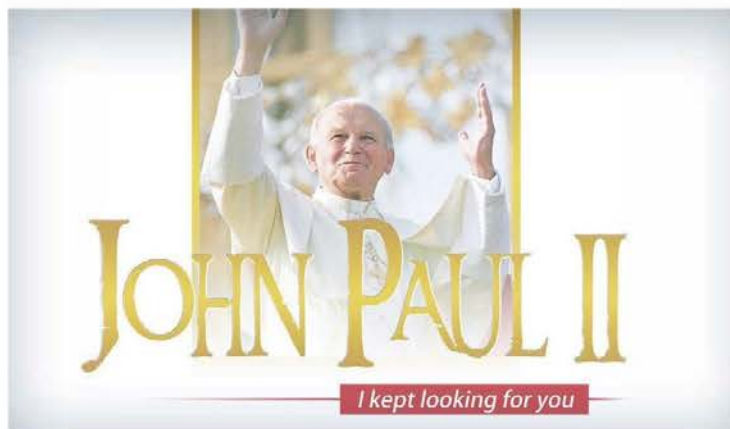
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JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



FORMED NOW! MISERY MEETS MERCY: SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

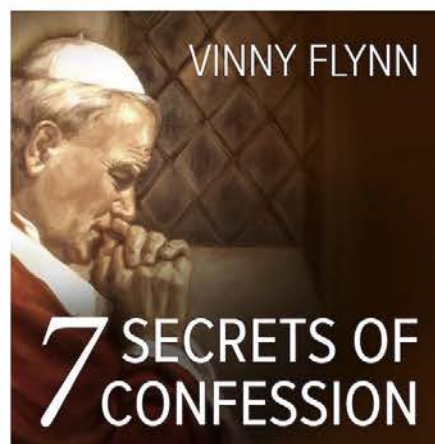
St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

LEARN

LISTEN

7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION BY VINNY FLYNN

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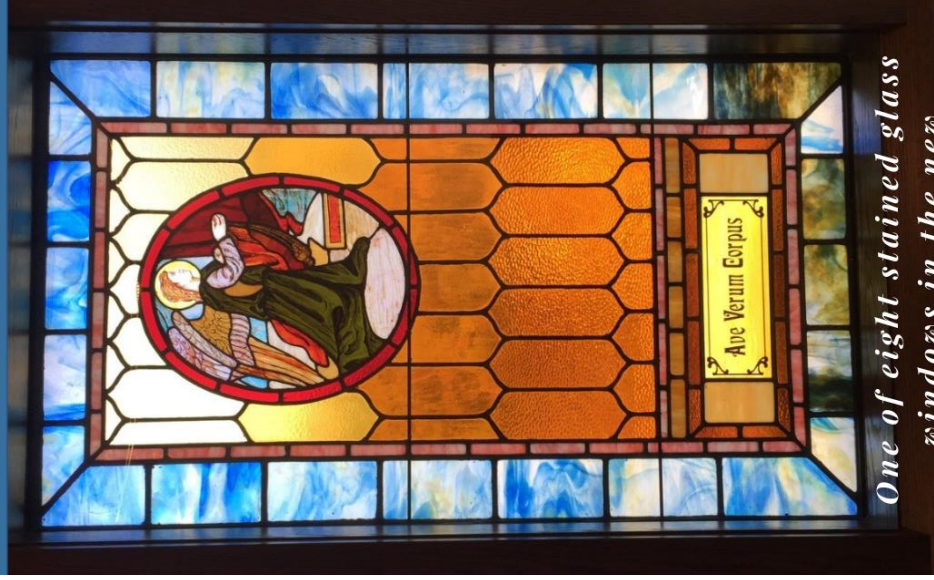
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7:00 - 9:30PM

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Memorial Opportunities

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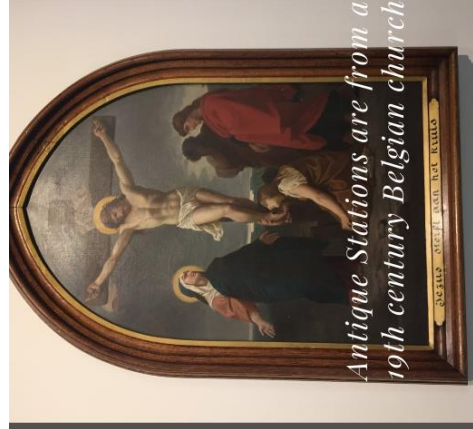
Consider the blessings in 40,000 Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, and Weddings. Clearly, the Lord has been worshipped and adored by many of his sons and daughters, and in Funeral Masses he has welcomed a vast number to their heavenly home.

One hundred and twenty-five years after being consecrated, it is time for us, the current members of St. Mary's, to more deeply take up the mantle of our Ridgefield ancestors in faith. They built the Church at a time when not completely welcome, yet they became a blessing for their families, parish, and town.

This brochure also offers a way, for those who can, to support their legacy by participating in our Memorials tribute.

Please spread the news of God's beautiful blessings at St. Mary's. Invite friends, families, and neighbors to experience His beauty in our Church. Most importantly, let us all show His beauty by our lives in Christ.

*Msgr. Kevin Royal
Pastor*



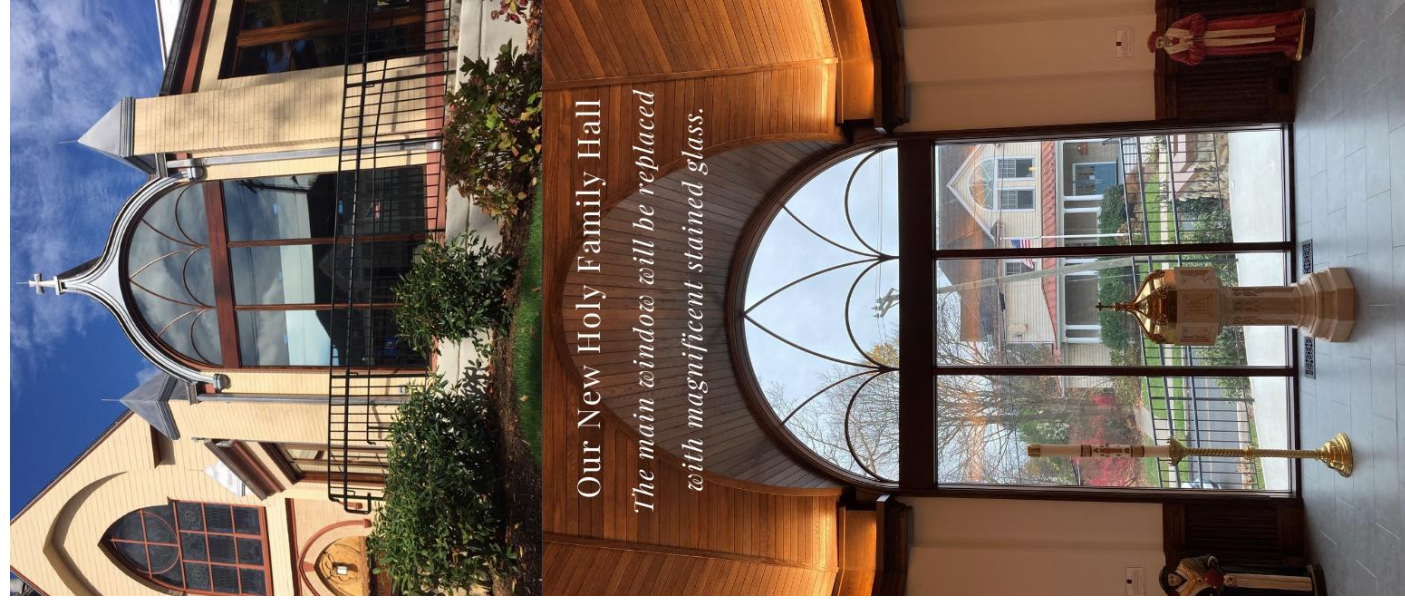
Antique Stations are from a 19th century Belgian church.

What is a Memorial?

A memorial provides an opportunity to perpetuate the memory or give special honor to a loved one in a way that both gives glory to God and helps our Parish. You may choose to dedicate a special item in memory of a deceased parent, child, or other special person. Or you may honor someone on a special occasion, such as a milestone birthday or wedding anniversary.



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