16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them."
Matthew 13:29

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We Warmly Welcome Into The Church, Scott Davis!

Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist & Confirmation
Saturday, June 20, 2020, 5pm Mass
Confirmation Saint: *St. Paul the Apostle*

Dear St. Mary Parish,

My name is Scott Davis and I'm proud to be a new member of our Church! I received the sacraments of initiation on June 20, after many years of contemplating becoming Catholic. I'm thrilled to officially join after attending mass with my family for so long.

My wife and I live in Marshall with our four wonderful, faith-filled daughters. We moved to Marshall from Plymouth, MI, in 2002, but then moved to Indiana in 2009 and Iowa in 2011 for career opportunities. We then moved back to Marshall in 2013 and have been here since, with Marshall now our "home".

Joining the church has been an incredible journey with the RCIA class and the parish member support being highlights. It's been a blessing to have such a strong showing of support from our parish. I was truly impressed with how many people attend RCIA who are not converting. More than half of the RCIA attendees are already active members, who are there to strengthen their own spirituality and give visible support to the RCIA students.

The mass on June 20 was different and special, all at the same time. Being the first in-person mass we've attended since the pandemic started made for a unique, but admittedly intimate setting with a nice turnout considering the current protocols. The special part, however, was the amazing opportunity to join the Catholic Church on Father's Day weekend with my close family there for support. Fr. Craig and Carol went to great lengths to make the ceremony beautiful and memorable. I am so proud to be a new member and can't wait to continue my journey as a Catholic.

I would like to thank Matt Rodgers for being my sponsor. He offered support, knowledge and encouragement through the entire process of RCIA right through the baptism. I appreciate his willingness, along with the entire Rodgers family, to be there for me through this time.

And of course, special thanks to my wife and daughters for their tremendous inspiration and unwavering support. After 22 years of marriage I finally found my religious path and am so thankful to now be part of our family's spirituality.

God bless,
Scott Davis

We Warmly Welcome Into The Church, Kayla Walton 5-31-20!

Confirmation Saint: *St. Gertrude of NIvelles*

Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist & Confirmation
Sunday, May 31, 2020, 11am Mass

My name is Kayla Walton. My fiancé, Mike Gesch, and I are new to the Marshall area and to the parish. Mike and I are getting married this August and we are excited to begin our new life here. I am originally from Indiana and moved to Michigan 8 years ago to pursue a career as a Scientist in Microbiology. I currently work as a Scientist in Animal Health.

My faith has been a journey through my whole life. I was raised with God and Jesus being center to our family, but church was not mandatory. I started dating Mike about three years ago and saw how important his faith was to him and wanted to share in this journey. After Mike and I got engaged, I started deeply considering what it would mean for me, him, and our future family to live putting God first in our lives.

The RCIA was a great experience over the past year. It was wonderful getting to know others who were on the same path and learning from them. Fr. Craig facilitated very thoughtful discussions and has helped to increase my knowledge of the Bible and Christianity. Even after the pandemic began, Fr. Craig kept in contact with us on a weekly basis, making sure we were hanging in there with all of the uncertainty. Coming into the church ended up not being the traditional celebration, but it was a beautiful rite to be baptized and confirmed on Pentecost Sunday.

Kayla Walton

We Warmly Welcome Into The Church, James & Evelyn Baker 6-6-20!

Confirmation Saints: *St. James & St. Agatha*

Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist & Confirmation
Saturday, June 6, 2020, 5pm Mass

Evelyn and I would like to thank everyone for the *warm* welcome into the Church! I was born and raised in Arkansas, and Evelyn was born here in Michigan. We met in 1982 at school when she and her parents moved to Arkansas. We were married in 1985 and have two beautiful daughters, a handsome son, and four beautiful granddaughters. We moved to Marshall a couple years ago to be closer to Millissa and Matthew, our daughter and son-in-law. Before we moved here, we would visit St. Mary's during Christmas and Easter with our kids. When we moved here, we started going to this church more and more. We loved the friendly group of people that attend this church. Then we were invited to attend the R.C.I.A. classes and we learned about the Catholic Faith. We decided to join the Church and we were baptized, confirmed, and received the Holy Eucharist June 6th, 2020 at the 5pm Sunday Vigil Mass.

Evelyn has been going to rosaries with Missy and has enjoyed it a lot and she was welcomed there with them. Father Craig has been very inspiring to both of us and we are glad we had the chance to be “under his wings” during the process.

James and Evelyn Baker

St. Mary Intentions for Public Masses

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday, July 18 - The Vigil Mass
5:00 pm ✞Allen & Marge Bassage (Kathy Bassage)

Sunday, July 19
9:00 am* ✞Wayne C. Lusk & Alda Jean Lusk, Anniversary (Fr. Craig Lusk)
11:00 am For the People of St. Mary Parish

Tuesday, July 21 - *Opt.* - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church
4:00 pm ✞Rosemary Thomas (Ron & Rose Harvey)

Friday, July 24 - *Opt.* - St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
7:30 am ✞Bill Bramble (St. Mary Friends)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday, July 25 - The Vigil Mass
5:00 pm For the People of St. Mary Parish

Sunday, July 26
9:00 am* ✞Nancy Harvey (Ron & Rose Harvey)
11:00 am ✞Don Taylor (Jeanette Flynn)

***LIVE STREAM MASS ON FACEBOOK: ST. MARY MARSHALL**

St. John Intentions for Public Masses

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday, July 18 - The Vigil Mass
4:00 pm ✞Sam & Adelle Vafiadis (Bernard & Katie Konkle)

Sunday, July 19
9:00 am* For the People of St. John Parish

Thursday, July 23 - *Opt.* - St. Bridget, Religious
12:00 pm ✞John Monk (Linda & Melissa Monk)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Saturday, July 25 - The Vigil Mass
4:00 pm For the People of St. John Parish

Sunday, July 26
9:00 am* ✞Shirley Wood (Bernard & Katie Konkle)

***LIVE STREAM MASS ON FACEBOOK: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH ALBION, MI**

Please note: All other scheduled Mass intentions will be honored by Fr. Craig or Fr. Joe in the private celebration of the Mass.

READINGS

Sunday — **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Monday — **Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr**
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday — **Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday — **Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene**
Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday — **Saint Bridget, Religious**
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday — **Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest**
Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday — **Feast of Saint James, Apostle**
2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

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Visit the NEW St. John Website: stjohn-church.org

Collaborative Financial Update & Prayer Lists

St. Mary Parish Stewardship
As of July 12, 2020

Budget year-to-date……$17,307.70
Collection year-to-date……..$17,197.00

St. John Parish Stewardship
As of July 12, 2020

Budget year-to-date……$9,038.00
Collection year-to-date……..$7,605.40

Military Prayer List

Please pray for family members of St. Mary/St. John parishioners who are currently serving in the military. **Please email all names for inclusion in this list to: stmarymarshall@aol.com.**

Cameron Cook, Matthew Fedewa, Brody Fitzgerald, David Haack, Blake Iobe, Jacob Konkol, David Mellino, Christian Sabados, Cody Sabados, Paul Shen, Rick Spells II, Christopher Staab, Jr.

@FrCraig

God of Consolation, We remember all those who have died this year. We ask for their joyful passage into your spacious heart. Grant them the grace of your eternal light and life. May your hope and peace fill the hearts of those who love them. *Amen.*

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sue Schnaitman and Bill Bramble who both recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may their souls rest in peace. Amen.

*Correction - Larry VanWormer passed away on July 2, 2020.

Please Pray For All Those Impacted By Coronavirus & Those Listed Below...

Barb Aaron
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Mike Atkins
Bill Bachmann
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Agnes Bramble
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Pauline Greer
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Steve Taylor
Rosanne Toney
Allen Topa
Georgia VanWormer
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Helen Welburn
Bernice Woods
Paul Woods
Frank Youmans
Fran Zimecki

St. John Return to Mass & Religious Education Updates

Dear St. John Parishioners,

We are now six weeks into "Level 1" of our gathering together as a church family to celebrate Mass at St John. So far things have gone very well: we have consistently had 40-50 people attending our Masses, and each week we see new faces (or new eyes above masks!) in the pews. In addition, virtually everyone has been patient and compliant with the requirements to wear masks, maintain social distancing, and follow all of the processes that have been put in place in our church during this time of pandemic.

Despite all of these precautions, each time we have come together for Mass during these past six weeks, I have felt a particular sense of joy during our celebration. It calls to mind the motto of our former Bishop James Murray, who passed away recently: Rejoice in the Lord Always (Phil: 4:4). And so as a church family, in the midst of COVID and uncertainty and our troubled nation, we rejoice.

This year was my first as the Director of Religious Education, and despite the abrupt ending, I really enjoyed the experience. This is due in large part to the dedication and commitment of the teachers in our program: Al Lake, Holly Zblewski, Marlo Kirby, Martha Kane, Ken Blight, Andy Zblewski, and our youth helpers Olivia Warneke and Sarah Fisher. Their love of the faith and desire to teach it to the young people of our parish are truly inspiring, and so I'm glad for this opportunity to recognize and thank them on behalf of our entire Parish.

The early end to our year also impacted our Confirmandi, who had been scheduled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 30. Bishop Bradley has postponed all Confirmations until the fall, but in the meantime, each of our candidates completed an online retreat program, and also wrote a letter to our Bishop requesting to be Confirmed. And so, please pray for: Jacob Fisher, Brianna Butler, Maria Stevens, Alex Miller, Michael Kipp, and Ellie Chamberlain as they wait patiently to be sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

It is still too early to know what our religious education program will look like in the fall, but I hope to be able to provide some details in mid-to-late August.

As you enjoy this beautiful Michigan summer, please continue to pray for our Parish community and for our troubled nation. For me, Psalm 90 has been especially meaningful, particularly these verses:

'Fill us at daybreak with your mercy, that all our days we shall sing for joy;
Make us glad as many days as you have humbled us, for as many years as we have seen trouble;
Show your deeds to your servants, your glory to their children;
May the favor of the Lord our God be ours.'

God Bless,
Deacon Ken Snyder

Attention Graduating High School Seniors

St. John's Church and the Altar and Rosary Society are pleased to be offering our Graduating High School Seniors **one Scholarship** this year to help with college expenses. The Scholarship will be for **$600.** To apply, please call the Church Office at 517-629-4532 Monday thru Thursday from 9am - 1pm, or Kathie Dekker at 517-629-6066 to request an application. The application will explain what is needed to be considered for this monetary offering. Please complete your application and return it to St. John's by August 9. The winner will be announced the latter part of August.

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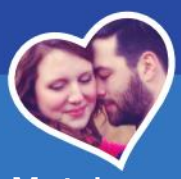

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