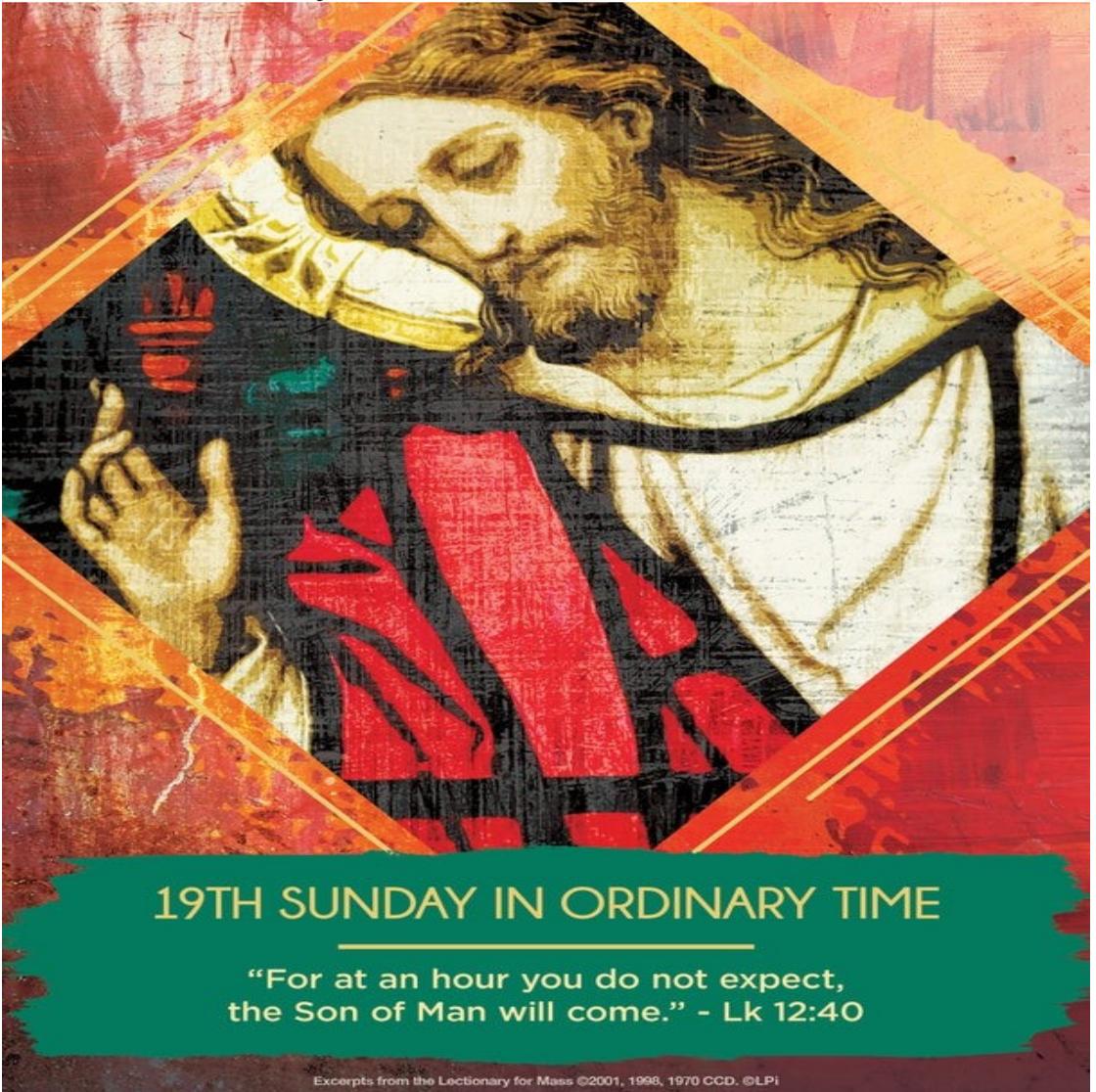




St. Mary's Catholic Church



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.” - Lk 12:40

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

8-10: Malta - 10:30 A.M: For all Parishioners

Saco— 8:30 A.M. : Poor souls in purgatory r/b Lana Fortin

Dodson— 12:30 P.M. : My family living & deceased r/b Darlene Cummings

8-11: Malta— 8:30 A. M. : No Mass

8-12: Malta - 8:30 A.M. : No Mass

8-13: Malta— 8:30 A.M. : No Mass

8-14: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: No Mass

8-15: Malta: - 6:30 P.M.: Word & Communion; Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day Of Obligation): My Family r/b Lana Fortin

8-16: Malta -5:00 P.M.: Lauren Howell r/b Julie & Gary Howell

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.

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Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

8-10: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalms 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

8-11: St. Clare, Virgin; Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27;

8-12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious; Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Deuteronomy 32:3-4, 7-9 and 12; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

8-13: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs; Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalms 66:1-3, 5 and 8, 16-17; Matthew 18:15-20

8-14: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr; Joshua 3:7-11, 13-17; Psalms 114:1-6; Matthew 18:21—19:1

8-15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Psalms 45:10-12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

8-16: St. Stephen of Hungary; Joshua 24:14-29; Psalms 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 11; Matthew 19:13-15

8-17: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalms 40:2-4, 18; Hebrew 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

Saturday Evening - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Saco— 12:30 p.m.



New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Lee Jones, Adalyn McCollom, Ramona Kienenberger, Gloria Combs, Corky LaBrie, Kristi Shettle Peterson, Emily Robinson, Ramona Kienenberger, Brian Shevlin, Dianne Salsbery, Ann Enya, Darlene Kolczak, Bob Kaluza, Tammy Peterson, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Jim Robinson, David Williamson, Lee Stevens, Marie Phillips, Anita Green, Helen Mears, the poor souls in purgatory and for the comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

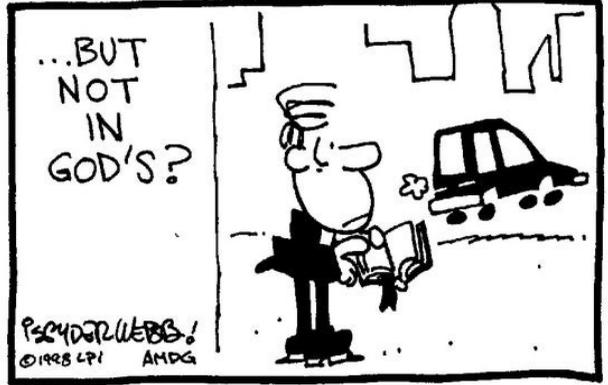
Announcements for August 10 , 2025

- Fr. Felix is on vacation will return by September 5th.
- A new fundraiser for St. Mary's has begun. It's a Monday Night Football Fundraiser. Contact Tom Golik, Lance Hould, Jeff Van Heel, or Brenda Rummel for Books. Check out the back page of the bulletin.
- This Friday, August 15th is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Deacon Tom will be holding a Celebration in Absence of a Priest (Word & Communion) at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's.
- The first evening of Religious Education will be Wednesday September 3rd. Watch for registration forms, schedules, and letters to arrive in the mail. There will also be some in the back of the church.
- There will be Mass at the Regular Times next weekend.

UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS – St. Mary's

DATE	Event/Details	Contact
August 4th— September 5th	Fr. Felix on Vacation, Contact Brenda Rummel or Deacon Tom for Funerals or Baptisms. They can be arranged.	Brenda Rummel
September 3rd	1s Religious Ed Class, Pizza and fun starting at 6:00 P.M.	Brenda Rummel
September 14th	Patron Saints Day Event	

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Catholic Q&A

Marian Feasts

Question:

Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

Answer:

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of “Our Lady of Mount Carmel” on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the “Seven Sorrows of Mary,” which is now cel-

ebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church’s calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary’s faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: “Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father” (Lumen Gentium, 65).

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Endowing the Future of Our Faith

“Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.” (Luke 12:34)

This powerful verse invites us to consider what we truly value—and where we place our heart. When you give to an endowment through the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana, you do more than make a gift—you plant a seed of faith that will grow for generations. Your treasure stays rooted in the Church, and your heart remains with those who will benefit from your generosity long after you’re gone. To learn how to leave a lasting legacy for our parish or another Catholic ministry you love, contact the Foundation at (406) 315-1765.



QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.
Reina del Cielo y la Tierra.

Gospel Meditation

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:32-48

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be” (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treas-

ure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can’t find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That’s why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.—

Father John Muir

The Assumption: A Sign of Hope

Is the resurrection a concept or reality? For many of us, the resurrection of the dead may be a stray idea recited in the Nicene Creed. Heaven we discuss. But resurrection? The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. The truth is, the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God’s original plan for things. It’s one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus’ second coming, our

bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary’s Assumption is the reminder. Today, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in — complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. Today and every day, let’s pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom.

Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

Please consider having Masses celebrated

for family and friends on special occasions and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.

Offering

Sacrificial Giving for 7-27-2025

Malta \$2,554.00

Dodson \$352.00

Saco \$461.00

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Meetings are generally the 3rd Thursday of the month. If interested in serving please contact a member of the finance council.

Please send bulletin announcements to brenda@SaintMarysMalta.org by Wednesday evening. Thanks!

(Practicing) Catholic

BENEATH THE SURFACE

Mini reflection: We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud. And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else.

Are You Talking To Me?

Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance in his keynote address during an evening revival session. The crowd received his message with great enthusiasm. Their applause and the cheers shook the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and, in her address, got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance — or, as she so beautifully put it, to embrace the hunger.

And in doing so, she called back to the previous night's thunderous approval of Fr. Mike's message.

“When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor's repentance,” she said. “He is not.”

In other words: he's talking about your repentance.

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And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else. You know...the others. The ones who need to hear it. The ones who aren't being vigilant.

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, “Is this parable [of the absent master] meant for us, or for everyone?” (Luke 12:41). And Jesus answers him with a question. In so many words, he says this: “Do you want it to be for you? Are you ready to hear it?”

Whoever we are. Wherever we're from. Whatever our life looks like. However we pray. He's talking to us.

Are we ready to hear him? LPi

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Everyday Stewardship

Caught in the Rising Action

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and en-

during.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

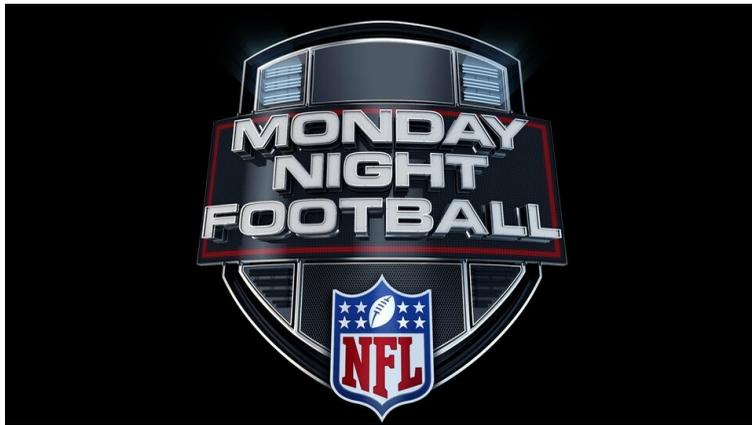
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The First Game is September 8th.

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