

St. Mary's Parish Family

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ALL ARE WELCOME HERE
 If you are alienated or upset,
 we welcome you lovingly.
 If you are in need of forgiveness,
 Jesus forgives you completely
 with unconditional love.
 If you have been hurt by the Church,
 we are truly sorry.
 If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace.
 If life has become burdensome,
 we are here to support you.
 We are happy you are here...
 and want you to stay.
 We would like to share our lives with you.

Mass Schedule and Intentions



Saturday, July 27

4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, July 28

8:00 AM Christine MacAuliffe (*Cathy Tierney*)

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Monday, July 29

12:00 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Tuesday, July 30

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, July 31

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, August 1

Friday, August 2

Saturday, August 3

4:30 PM Joseph Gaze (*The Family*)

Sunday, August 4

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

10:00 AM Tony & Maria Menendez-Aponte (*Friends*)

Schedule Around Campus...

Saturday, July 27

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, July 28

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Coffee Shoppe/GR

6:00 PM St. Mary's Volleyball Practice/Back Field

Monday, July 29

12:00 PM Mass/GR

7:00 PM C. St. Mary's Volleyball &
 R. St. Mary's Volleyball @
 St. Christopher's, Worcester

Tuesday, July 30

8:00 AM Mass/GR

10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

Wednesday, July 31

8:00 AM Mass/GR

7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

6:00 PM St. Mary's Volleyball Practice/Back Field

Thursday, August 1

Friday, August 2

Saturday, August 3

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, August 4

8:00 AM Mass/Church

Coffee Shoppe/GR

10:00 AM Mass/Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR

Baptism of Annika Elizabeth Robinson

Coffee Shoppe/GR

6:00 PM St. Mary's Volleyball Practice/Back Field



ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

At all masses, the invitation is extended to everyone that at the time of the Eucharist, all may come forward. Those who are not receiving, simply put your hands crossed over your chest and receive a blessing.



<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchJefferson>

To report abuse, please contact Judith Audette, Director of Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester at 508-929-4363

Pastoral Care Minister **NEEDED**

St. Mary's Jefferson is looking to hire a

Full Time Pastoral Care Minister

For more information email Fr. Tim Brewer at:

tbrewer@stmaryjeff.com



Partners in Charity 2024

Thanks to all our parishioner who have made their gift to the 2024 *Partner in Charity Appeal*. **St. Mary's Jefferson has received 175 donations from our wonderful families bringing us \$17,576.00 away from our goal of \$73,800!** If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a **commitment pledge envelope** located in the pews of the church. Or visit www.partners-charity.net to do it **securely online** and note your parish so that it is counted towards our target. You can even make your **gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576!** Partners in Charity is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 26 Charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed or circumstance, to find hope. **Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!**



The Medical Missionaries of Mary, an international congregation of Women Religious, will speak here at St. Mary's, on August 3-4, 2024, to invite you to support their missionary work.

Sister Kathie Shea, MMM will be telling you about their work in Africa and Latin America, bringing God's healing love to our wounded world.

The focus of their ministry is particularly to mothers and children and those on the margins of society. Working through community-based health care projects and clinics to tertiary level teaching hospitals they bring health care to those who would not otherwise have access to it.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Are You Ready for the Next Step?

Are you or someone you know:

- Interested in becoming a Catholic?
- Learning more about the Catholic way of life?
- Already baptized, but haven't received First Eucharist or Confirmation yet?

Already a Confirmed Catholic, but still seeking more in life? Journey with those becoming Catholic and learn more about your own faith. You won't be there to teach, but to learn with them as you continue your ongoing initiation as a disciple of Christ.

Come and join us! Open to all who are seeking to know Christ more fully in their life.

Contact Deacon John for more info: Cell/Texts: 508-958-0998; Email: deaconjohnladroga@gmail.com



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



2024-25 REL. ED. REGISTRATION- Please note that space is limited for MONDAY Elementary Grades. We still have space in all Tuesday Elementary Grades 1-5 at this time! Online registration now available at St. Mary's web-site (www.stmarysjeff.com)



At least 60 Teachers (Catechists) and Assistants are needed to share faith with our Grades 1 through 11 students and our little ones in Children's Liturgy of the Word. **THERE IS ALWAYS A MOST URGENT NEED FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS. OUR GRADES 6-8 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY FOR CHRIST AND ARE WAITING FOR FAITHFUL FOLKS TO MENTOR THEM!** Email today for more details on how you can share your faith to change lives. (No teaching experience needed.)
kograde1@msn.com or maryjaneciesluk@stmaryjeff.com



Catholic School Students Preparing to Receive Sacraments- Parochial School Children receive their Formal Religious Education as part of the school curriculum. However, Sacramental Preparation is the responsibility of the home parish. Catholic School children are welcomed into the parish program as they prepare for First Eucharist & First Reconciliation (Grade 2) and for the Sacrament of Confirmation (Grade 10).



Spectacular 3-day event!! Incredible Christian Music line-up August 16th through August 18th **The purpose of SoulFest is to celebrate God's love and encourage all who attend to live from the inside out as soul-connected, risk-taking believers in God's Love.** Enrich your soul this summer! Visit www.thesoulfest.com for details and ticket sales!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Soulfest recruits volunteers ages high school through adult to help with the event success. This is an incredible service opportunity for Confirmation Candidates!



KEEPING OUR PARISH FAMILY SAFE!

We are in the process of updating our parish Safe Environment records!

All parish volunteers are required to complete Safe Environment Forms as mandated by the Diocese of Worcester. Letters will be sent to those volunteers who need to complete or update any forms!

All forms can be found on the St. Mary's Parish website! (www.stmarysjeff.com)

Thank you in advance for assisting us in ensuring that we offer a safe place for all our parish family, especially our parish children, to learn and worship!

**Someone you know may be in an abusive relationship.
Abuse Hotline 508-755-9030**

JULY 28, 2024



St. Mary's Game Schedule
Competitive (C) and
Recreation (R)



| Date | Time | Location/Score | Opponent | Team |
|------|---------|--------------------------------|---------------|------|
| 7/1 | 6:15 PM | 0-3 St. Mary's | St. Peter (A) | C |
| 7/1 | 7:00 PM | Postponed | O.L.H | R |
| 7/8 | 6:15 PM | 1-2 O.L.L. | O.L.L. | R |
| 7/8 | 7:00 PM | 3-0 St. Mary's | Sacred Heart | C |
| 7/15 | 6:15 PM | 2-1 St. Mary's | St. Joseph's | C |
| 7/15 | 7:00 PM | 3-0 St. Mary's | St. Peter | R |
| 7/22 | 6:15 PM | 1-2 N.A.M | N.A.M | C |
| 7/22 | 7:00 PM | 1-2 St. John | St. John | R |
| 7/29 | 7:00 PM | St. Christopher's Worc. | Sacred Heart | C |
| 7/29 | 7:00 PM | St. Christopher's Worc. | O.L.H. | R |
| 8/5 | 6:15 PM | St. Christopher's Worc. | O.L.H. | R |
| 8/10 | 10:00 A | Tournament, St. Christopher | TBD | R |
| 8/11 | 1:30 PM | Tournament, St. Christopher | TBD | C |

Christmas in July

We are accepting donations of ALL School Supplies

Donations of Backpacks, pencils, notebooks, markers, folders, binders, crayons, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, tissues, wipes etc. are appreciated

All collections will be donated to students of local Worcester in need.

Questions: Call or text Patrice Gallagher at: 508-335-6795



Will You Share Your Gifts?

Each week we will showcase one of our many Ministries that you can use your gifts and talents to serve our parish. This week we highlight...

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered each Sunday during the 10AM Mass in the Parish Gathering Room. Adult and teen volunteers help our little ones ages 3 and up to have the opportunity to hear God's word and to pray for God's people at their own level.

Please Contact Mary Jane:
maryjaneCiesluk@stmaryjeff.com

JULY 28, 2024



The servant and the little boy in our readings today are excellent examples for us as Christian stewards. The servant gave the very best of what he had, and the boy gave all that he had, then God did the rest.

A key component of living as a good steward is constantly evaluating our lives, particularly our relationship with God to ensure we are not just scraping by but rather giving God our entire lives.

We should ask ourselves — ‘how am I giving God my time, using my talents, and sharing my treasures?’ We are called to give God adequate time each day. If we don’t plan for this time, likely, He won’t get any. We need to find what works best for us so that God can become a more significant part of our daily lives. We are also called to put our gifts and talents to good use too. The servant and the boy teach us that it is not up to us to decide how our gifts will affect others. God will do that. All we need to do is to give it well.

Lastly, the servant reminds us that we are called to give the first fruits of our treasures. It is easy to give something; it is difficult to give the finest gift. Giving our best requires us to reevaluate our priorities in life.

When we strive to live out our call as Christian stewards by entrusting all that we have been given to the One who graciously gave us these gifts, we will be blessed beyond measure. As we begin a new week, let us spend some time evaluating our relationship with God by asking, ‘what is my very best, and am I giving it to God?’

PARISH TITHE

Our Parish Tithe for the **Week of July 21st** will go to

“Julie Powers, Girls Division of Nativity School”

which opened this past week. Like the rest of Nativity School, it is tuition free.



We offer our
THANKS AND GRATITUDE to
The Sacristans,

who share their time to make sure all is orderly and ready in the sanctuary for the priest to celebrate Mass.

DID YOU KNOW....

Another interesting bit of history from this pastorate of Fr. Prendergast concerns the installation of electrical power in the church and rectory. It is quite probable that it was during Father Prendergast’s pastorate that electrical power was installed since electrical power did not come to Holden until 1912 and Father Lee was too ill to have had it installed during the last year he was in Holden. Before then acetylene gas and oil lamps were used to illuminate churches.

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2023-2024

Months of September - June

| | <u>June</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|
| Amount Collected..... | \$38,641 | \$480,391 |
| One Time Donations..... | \$0 | \$63,457 |
| Amount Needed..... | \$50,062 | \$517,561 |
| Surplus/< Deficit >..... | \$(11,421) | \$26,287 |

In an effort to make our reporting more accurate, the Finance Committee has decided to report our collection totals once a month. Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses. Thank You