

St. Mary's Parish Family

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18th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

**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, August 2**

4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Sunday, August 3

8:00 AM Edward Powers (*Friends*)

10:00 AM Joan Sauriol (*Friends*)

Monday, August 4

12:00 PM Susan Cobb (*Donna & Rick Cobb*)

Tuesday, August 5

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Wednesday, August 6

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

Thursday, August 7**Friday, August 8****Saturday, August 9**

4:30 PM David Reponen (2nd Anniversary)
(His wife Pam and Daughter, Lisa)

Sunday, August 10

8:00 AM William O'Connor (*The Family*)

10:00 AM Constance Marr (5th Anniversary)
(*The Family*)

Are You Traveling This Summer?

Convenient, Automated Tithing for Your Busy Summer!

While summer travels may take you places, your tithe can still make it into the offertory basket thanks to the convenience of automatic recurring giving. Simply set up your donor account today at stmarysjefferson.com, and then don't worry about mailing in any weekly envelopes before packing your suitcase.



Tithe Today!

Schedule Around Campus...**Saturday, August 2**

3:30 - 4 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, August 3

8:00 AM Mass/Church
PB & J Making Mission
Coffee Shoppe/GR
10:00 AM Mass/Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word/GR
Baptism of Noah Morehouse
PB & J Making Mission
Coffee Shoppe/GR

Monday, August 4

12:00 PM Mass/GR

Tuesday, August 5

8:00 AM Mass/GR
10:00 AM Bible Study/GR

Wednesday, August 6

8:00 AM Mass/GR
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/GR

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Coffee Shoppe/GR
PB & J Making Mission/GR



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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life

Are you interested in deepening your prayer experience or finding a clearer sense of God's presence in your life? You may want to consider

"The Retreat in Daily Life".



A 30 week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, is being offered by a team of people experienced in Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises.

Starting on September 30, 2025, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include group sharing of weekly prayer, reflection/explanation on the upcoming week and meeting with your prayer companion. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester, adjacent to Clark University,

More information and an application form are available on the website:

www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com or contact the team by email at worcspex19@gmail.com.



Partners in Charity 2025 Appeal

SHARING THE GIFT OF HOPE

Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. To date

174 of our 1,450 Parish Families have responded, and have helped us reach 87% of our Goal!

However, we need the support of all members of St. Mary's Parish if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of **\$73,800**.

If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket.

We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! If you have not made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pew today, use the QR Code, or visit [www. Partners-charity.net](http://www.Partners-charity.net). Thank you!



Donate
Online



Peanut Butter & Jelly Mission

Peanut butter, jam, zip lock baggies~ Happily accepted!

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



2025-26 Religious Education Registration~

Please note that both Monday and Tuesday Elementary classes are filling up quickly!!!!!! Please get your registrations in!!! Online registration now available at St. Mary's website (www.stmarysjeff.com).



Have YOU heard the call?? 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. Email today for more details on how you can share your faith to change lives. **No teaching experience needed. A heart of love for Jesus is all that is required!** kogrady1@msn.com or maryjaneciesluk@stmarysjeff.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). Call the Rel. Ed. Office today for more information!

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus News



The Knights of Columbus is one of the nation's largest volunteer and charitable organizations. The St. Mary's - Frederick F. Davis Knights of Columbus Council is again sponsoring 'The Fill The Pantry Golf Scramble' with all proceeds going to Wachusett area food pantries. Tickets are also available to win a 7 day stay at an oceanfront condo in Hilton Head, SC.

Our Council supports the St. Mary's Parish community (serving parish breakfasts, preparing cookouts, delivering prepared meals to Mustard Seed, loading Thanksgiving food bags, Christmas Eve Mass traffic/parking lot control, etc.) as well as the surrounding community (Fill the Pantry Golf Outing, the winter 'Coats for Kids' Program, Wachusett area food pantries, etc.).

The Counsel just elected a new slate of officers. We are a vibrant and engaging organization, welcoming new members. If you are a Catholic gentleman, 18 years and older, we invite you to join us. For more information you can go online to www.kofc.org/join (we are Council #14298) or ask one of our Knights following Mass at the church.



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

AUGUST 3, 2025

St. Mary's DIRECTORY

We'd love to feature your family in the new directory!

This is a great way for families to put a name to a face, especially for new members, and makes for easier communication and outreach!

Want to Help?

We're forming a Directory Committee to assist with organizing and assembling the new Parish Directory. If you would like to join, please contact Sarah at the church office.

Want to Opt Out?

If you or your family do not wish to be included, please let the office know so we can respect your privacy.

Questions?

Reach out to Sarah at the office – she will be happy to help. Call 508-829-4508 or email Sbrodie@stmaryjeff.com



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



St. Mary's Game Schedule Competitive (A) & (B), and Recreation (R)



Date	Time	Location/Winner/Score	Opponent	Team
7/28	6:15 PM	ST.. MARY'S/ 3/0	St. Louis	C (B)
7/28	6:15 PM	ST. ROSE OF LIMA 0-	St. Mary's	R
7/28	7:00 PM	ST. MARY'S/3-0	St. John Paull II	C (A)
8/4	6:15 PM	St. Christopher, Court 1	Mount Carmel	C (B)
8/4	6:15 PM	St. Christopher, Court 2	St. John (A)	R
8/4	7:00 PM	St. Christopher, Court 1	St. Matthew	C (A)

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

— Mother Teresa

Why not stop by Coffee Shoppe for a just a few minutes after the 8AM Mass or 10AM Mass, have a donut and make a sandwich or two???? We will continue to make peanut butter and

jelly sandwiches through the summer, as long as we have hands and hearts to stop by to help!

AUGUST 3, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." (Luke 12:15) The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

PARISH TITHE

OUR PARISH TITHE FROM THE WEEK OF JULY 27TH

Will Go To The

Association of US Catholic Priests



We offer our
**THANKS AND GRATITUDE
TO OUR**

*All those who have taken part in our
Peanut Butter and Jelly Mission.*

Did You Know

The word "amen" is a declaration of affirmation, meaning "so be it", "truly", or "verily". It signifies agreement, confirmation, or a desire to see something come to pass, and is widely used in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic worship.

Our fiscal Year ends on August 31st. You may have noticed that our collections have been lower during the summer months. This is largely because our parishioners are away on vacation. Since our expenses remain constant, we are dependent upon your generosity all year long. We ask that you help us to end the years in good shape.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE
A DONATION USING
YOUR MOBILE PHONE VIA
THE ST. MARY'S WEBSITE?



♥ St Mary's Jefferson
The Place To Be!

STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH BUDGET 2024-2025 MONTHS FROM 9/1/24 - 8/31/2025 - END OF FISCAL YEAR

	JUNE	YEAR TO DATE
Amount Collected.....	\$53,632.00	\$495,591.00
One Time Donations.....	\$0.00	\$47,250.00
Amount Needed.....	\$58,108.00	\$535,240.00
Surplus/< Deficit >.....	\$ (4,476.00)	\$7,601.00

Bulletin finances reflect actual collections and expenses through the current year to date monthly period. Thank you.