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SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday | 4:30 PM Live & Streamed
Sunday | 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12:00 PM
Monday | 7:00 PM
Tuesday - Friday | 8:30 AM

PARISH CLERGY

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Reconciliation

Tuesday | 9:00 - 9:30 AM
Thursday | 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Location: In the church

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office or visit our website for forms.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office for a marriage packet and information.

Communion for the Sick

Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

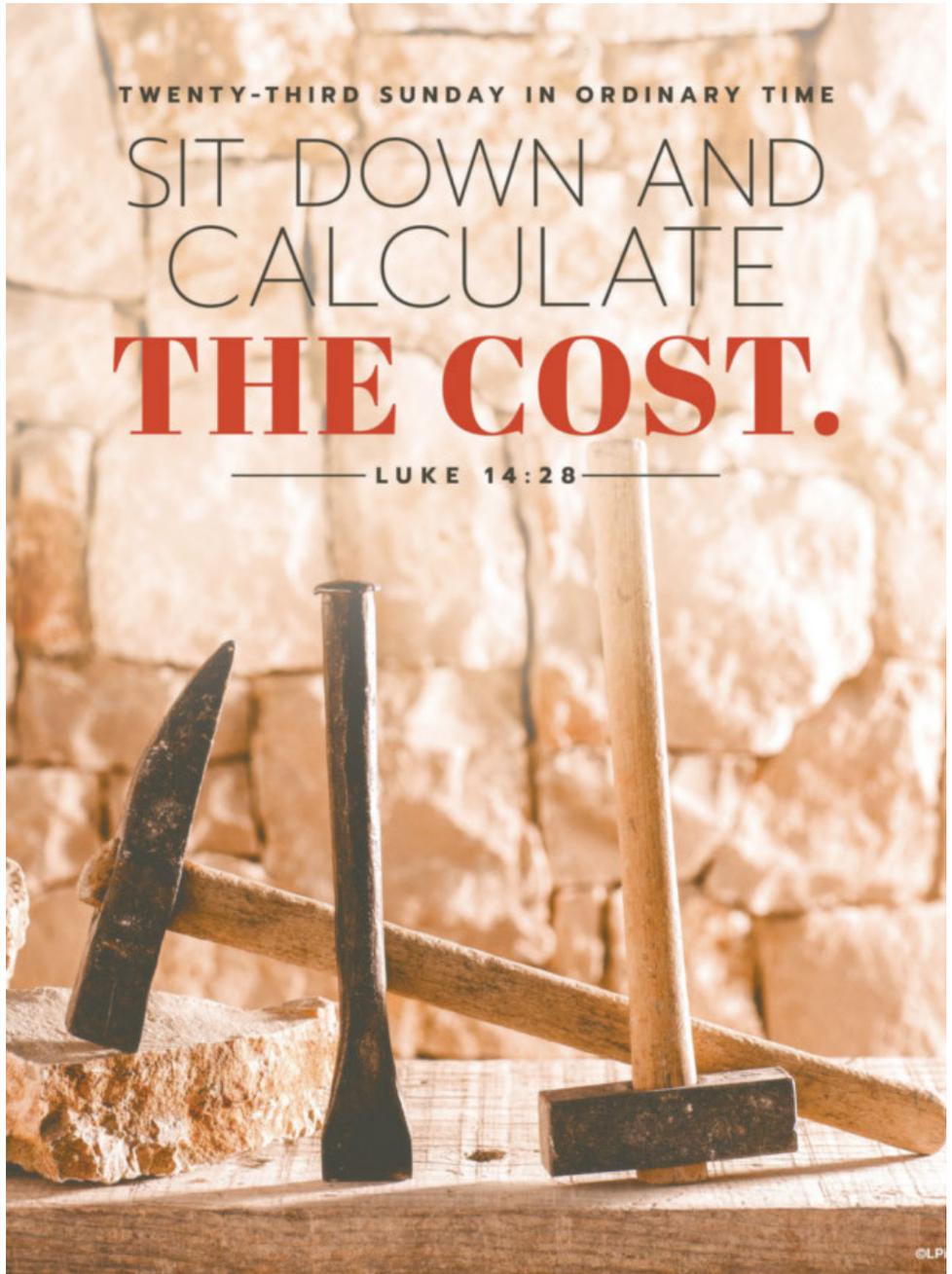
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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Fri | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ministry Office Hours

Elementary FF | Youth & Adult Ministry
Mon-Thurs | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 6, 2025

4:30 PM - † Danny Heffernan, Jr.

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:30 AM - Bob Ingersoll

10:15 AM - † Scott Bates

12:00 PM - People of the Parish

Monday, September 8, 2025

7:00 PM - † David Williams

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

8:30 AM - Melissa & Joe Gianella

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

8:30 AM - † Ed & Anna Marie

Meaney

Thursday, September 11, 2025

8:30 AM - † Luverda Jones

Friday, September 12, 2025

8:30 AM - † Mariano Magsino

Saturday, September 13, 2025

4:30 PM - † Rosemary Palma

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:30 AM - Bridget May

10:15 AM - † Wayne Romine

12:00 PM - Sue A. Maloney

† deceased

PARISH PRAYER LIST

• Joseph Stares, Carli Morgan, Teri Martin • Kyle Littrel, Jean Dupuis • • Sybil Deville, Ryan Lilly, Levi Lilly • Dennis Doherty, Joe Tannos, Wayne Langford, Elena Flores • Hannah Lilly • Travis Voigt, Grace Lofaro, Sandra McDermott, August Bishop, Elroy Bishop, Kaylee Klyng, Cindy Johnson, Shauna Billingsley • Kerr County • Mike Phares, Delorse Garcia • Ken Orlando, Becky Irwin, The Strebeck Family • John “Jake” William Fulkman IV, Tebertha Henderson, Lourilla Pettit, Cathy Erminger, Letha Frederick, Francis Bergsma, Amy Pruett, The Mizwa Family • Barbara Hart, Melanie Bobrowski • Bunny Farley, Mike Reznicek, Sherri Reznicek, Jimmy Sissom, Ethel Villagonzalo, Marlowe Villagonzalo, Liberty Pazo, Amanda Gregory •

PARISH CALENDAR

MON 8	Grace and Wellness	9:15 AM	Annunciation Hall
TUE 9	Adult Study: Catechism Grief Share Legion of Mary Belles of St. Mary	9:15-11:15 AM 5:00-7:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Matthew/Mark Ministry Building Gabriel Annunciation Hall
WED 10	Grace and Wellness Prayerfully Pieced Quilt Group OCIA-C: Year 2 Young Adult Couples: Men Women's Study: WWP	9:15 AM 11:30 AM-3:00 PM 5:45-7:00 PM 6:30-8:00 PM 7:00-8:30 PM	Annunciation Hall Luke/John School Library Ministry Building Matthew/Mark
THU 11	Women's Study: WWP Adult Study: Catechism	9:15-11:15 AM 7:00-8:30 PM	Matthew/Mark Matthew/Mark
FRI 12			
SAT 13	Legion of Mary—Jr. League	9:30 AM	Gabriel
SUN 14	Coffee & Donuts	After all Masses	Cargill Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30;

Ps 13:6abc;

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11;

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b;

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6;

Lk 6:27-38

Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14;

Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11;

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7;

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38;

Phil 2:6-11;

Jn 3:13-17

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers were
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SILENT PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request or would like to be a Prayer Warrior for the group, please call Gary at 281-332-1303.

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DSF 2025 DONATIONS

Parish Goal\$181,000
Donations.....\$131,526.91
Remaining Balance\$49,473.09
DSF Donors..... 296

ONLINE GIVING

We are thankful for any way you choose to support our parish. If online giving is your preference, both one-time and recurring options can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting www.saintmcc.org/give.



NO MONEY KEPT ON PREMISES

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

August 31, 2025

At the time of publication, these figures were not available. They will be provided in the coming weeks.

BULLETIN REQUESTS

Email bulletin@saintmcc.org with your request. Requests are due 10 days before the Sunday you would like to be included. Early deadlines apply near holidays, Advent and Lent. Contact the parish office if you have any questions.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELLES OF ST. MARY

It's that time of year, the coming of fall and fun! The Belle's first meeting is Tuesday, September 9. Please join us in Annunciation Hall.



6:30 PM - Fellowship and Food

7:00 PM - Meeting

Annual dues: \$15 (Please bring your checkbook.)

We look forward to seeing you all! Please invite your friends. Everyone is welcome!

SECOND COLLECTION



We will have a second collection next weekend for our school. We thank you in advance for your generosity as we support our school and their mission to develop the whole child's spiritual, moral, and intellectual growth and well-being in a Catholic

environment. For more information, visit their website at www.stmarylc.org.

RESPECT LIFE

Please note the date change on our upcoming Adoration for Life. We hope you will join us on Monday, September 22, following the 7 PM daily Mass.



MASS INTENTIONS

We are now scheduling Masses for the fourth quarter of 2025 (October, November, December). You may request two Mass Intentions per household. One of those days can be a weekend Mass and the other a daily Mass. All requests must be made in person at the parish office.

ACTS RETREATS



Welcome back to the men who have been on retreat this weekend! We have been praying for you and will continue to pray that the Holy Spirit works in and through you. Women, it's your turn now!

Retreat registration forms are located in the parish office, the vestibule of the church, and on our parish website by scanning the QR Code or visiting www.saintmcc.org/future-acts-retreat.

Mail or drop off completed forms to the parish office or email them to the director.



Questions? Contact Michelle, the 2025 Women's ACTS Retreat Director.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPECT LIFE DAY OF SERVICE



Join us to build 15 twin beds for vulnerable children sleeping on the floor in our area. This rewarding service project will be done in conjunction with *Sleep In Heavenly Peace*. No experience needed.

Saturday, September 27
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
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WE WILL ALSO HAVE AN IN PERSON SIGN-UP AFTER ALL MASSES IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

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GAME DAY
DETAILS TO COME!

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Donation drop-off weekends

Sept. 6/7: Auction Items

Sept. 20/21: 2 liter bottles of soda

Oct. 4/5: Bottled Water

Oct. 4/5: Name brand canned soda

Oct. 11/12: Cakes and Plants

Volunteer sign-ups are open. See the graphic on this page for information!

DONATION DROP-OFF

THIS WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 6&7
AFTER ALL MASSES

LIVE & SILENT
AUCTION
ITEMS!

Donations also accepted in the parish office during regular business hours.



ALTAR FLOWERS



Do you have a special occasion coming up? Is there a loved one that you would like to honor?

The large display of flowers behind the presider chairs honors something or someone special each week!

The cost is only \$50 and the flowers remain all week. Contact the parish office for details at 281-332-3031.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please Pray for the NEW Cohort of OCIA
Catechumens, Candidates, and Adult
Confirmation Candidates:

*Heavenly Father, we lift up to you all those
who are seeking to know you, and to
deepen their relationship with you through
the Sacraments given to us by Your Son.
Continue to call them by name and give
us, the Parish of St. Mary of the
Expectation, the grace to journey
alongside them with great love and care.
All Glory to our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

CURRENT & UPCOMING OFFERINGS

Registration and further details on our events and studies are available on our parish website by scanning the QR code or visiting: www.saintmcc.org/adult.



Grief Support

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you as you grieve a loved one.



TUESDAY EVENINGS
5:00 - 6:30 PM
August 26—November 18

THE BRIDGE (21-30 yr old) Young Adult Hangout

To Request to join the GroupMe Scan below or go to:
groupme.com/join_group/95987004/2CLq3wLH

Scan QR Code to sign up for the GroupMe for updates and more events (Sports, Dinners, Games, etc.)

Catechism Class for Adults is Finally Here!
Presented by: Ascension Press

Late Registration Available

Have you ever wished you would have learned more as a youth about our Catholic Faith? If so, you're not alone, and now is your opportunity to dive in by joining us for a journey beginning this September. This is a 2-Semester Course that will be offered with your choice of a Tuesday Morning or Thursday Evening session.

Late Registration is Open
saintmcc.org/tuesday-thursday-study

LATE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

walking with purpose

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WWP BIBLE STUDIES COMBINE PERSONAL STUDY WITH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION, LINKING OUR EVERYDAY CHALLENGES TO SOLUTIONS GIVEN THROUGH SCRIPTURE.

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WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
7PM-8:30PM

OR

THURSDAY MORNINGS
9:15AM-11:00AM

BEGINNING SEPT 10TH
IN THE MINISTRY BUILDING

SCAN TO REGISTER

BOOK ORDERS CLOSED- SEE WEBSITE FOR LATE REGISTRATION

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YOUNG CHURCH MOVEMENT & FAITH FORMATION

HOT TAKE

What is your greatest accomplishment? Have you completed a marathon, won a championship for dance or another sport, earned a high class rank, or achieved something else? Whatever came to mind, I want you to think about what makes that accomplishment your greatest. No matter what the accomplishment was, I can pretty much guarantee it took a lot of hard work to achieve. It likely required lots of training, studying, or long hours at work to reach a goal and then you finally made it. How sweet of a feeling that must have been! I would also venture to say that none of you said your greatest accomplishment was receiving a participation trophy or getting a birthday card from a coworker. Why not? Because those things were easy. They were given to you with little or no effort. So what is my point? Most things in life that are worth doing involve hard work and difficulty. They are not always fun, but they are worth it. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us we cannot be true disciples (also known as good Catholics) if we do not "hate our father and mother." Whoa, that sounds really harsh. So what exactly does Jesus mean by this? Of course, Jesus, being a perfect man and a well educated Jew, would not be advocating for us to break the fourth commandment. Instead, Jesus is challenging us to love God first. That means nothing can come before our love for God. This includes our family, friends, job, sport, and everything else. Does your job cause you to sacrifice your faith? It might be time to look for a new job. Does your friend group constantly encourage you to sin? It might be time to find new friends. These changes might seem drastic and hard to do. Quitting a job or making new friends is not easy. But just like we said at the beginning, anything worth doing is not easy. So why would your faith be any different? God bless -David

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP 7	Mandatory Chosen Review Class for students being Confirmed in Sept. 2025	5:00 PM	Annunciation Hall
SEP 10	Confirmation rehearsal for sponsors & teens	7:00 PM	Church
SEP 11	Confirmation Mass	7:00 PM	Church
SEP 21	Chosen Life Teen Kickoff	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Annunciation Hall Annunciation Hall

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR EDGE, LIFE TEEN & CHOSEN. PLEASE USE THE QR CODE BELOW TO SIGN UP TO HELP MAKE OUR YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL!



Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, was canonized today by Pope Leo XIV. If you didn't know, we have a first class relic of him in the back of our church by the oils. St. Carlo Acutis, pray for us!

STAY CONNECTED



EDGE



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LIFE TEEN
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Pre-K Power: Rolling Into Writing!

Our Pre-K students are hard at work (and play!) building the foundation for a lifetime of learning. This week they practiced writing their names using Play-Doh!

This simple, hands-on activity strengthens fine motor skills, builds letter recognition, and makes learning FUN. In Pre-K, play really is the work of childhood—and every squish, roll, and shape gets them one step closer to confident writing. Pre-K is AWESOME for skill building, creativity, and growing a love of learning!





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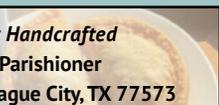


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DEATH: OCTOBER 12, 2006, IN MILAN, ITALY

BEATIFICATION: OCTOBER 10, 2020

ABOUT CARLO ACUTIS

- GREAT DEVOTION TO THE EUCHARIST
- PRAYED THE ROSARY DAILY
- LOVED VIDEO GAMES
- EXPERTISE IN COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND WEBSITE DESIGN
- USED HIS GIFTS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD
- CREATED A WEBSITE THAT DOCUMENTED EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES AND APPROVED MARIAN APPARITIONS
- KIND AND ENCOURAGING TO ALL
- ENCOURAGED OTHERS TO REMAIN UNIQUELY THEMSELVES
- BROUGHT HIS PARENTS AND COUNTLESS OTHERS BACK TO THE CHURCH
- DIED AT THE AGE OF 15 FROM LEUKEMIA



TO ALWAYS BE CLOSE TO JESUS, THAT'S MY LIFE PLAN.

- St. Carlo Acutis



We are blessed at St. Mary of the Expectation to have a first class relic of St. Carlo Acutis!

