



# Saint Mary

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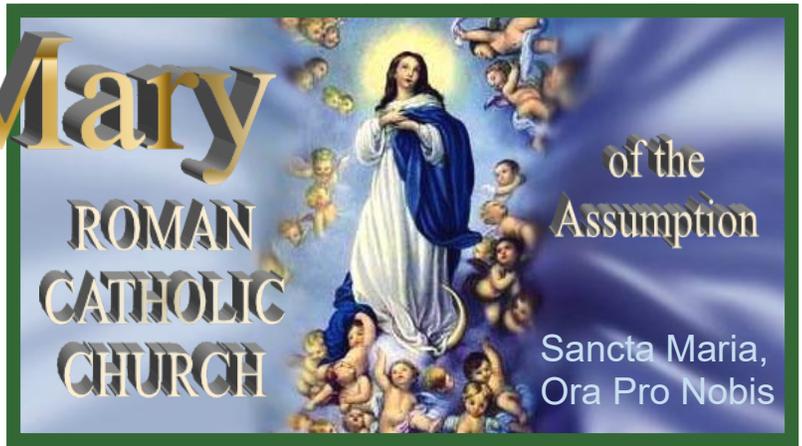
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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • JULY 2, 2017

## “It’s Complete Surrender” DEACON DENNIS WALTERS

**How** do I become a disciple worthy of Jesus? His answer: by loving nothing and no one more than Him. It’s a very high standard of worthiness, but only under it is everything in our lives in its proper place. Jesus speaks of family relationships, but His standard applies to many things: reputation, career, money, time, even sports. Let me tell you the story of someone who put a sport he loved under Jesus’ standard.

His name was Eric Henry Liddell, a devout Scots Presbyterian, member of a missionary family, and a nationally known rugby player and sprinter. If you’re familiar with the movie Chariots of Fire, you know who I’m talking about. He was ridiculed for his awkward style of running — head thrown back, mouth open, arms flailing — but it worked for him. Once, when it seemed that Liddell was lagging in a race, one spectator remarked that it looked like he would lose; to which another commented, “Is head’s nae’ back yet.” And sure enough, at the right time, Liddell’s head tilted back, his mouth opened, his stride grew longer, and he shot ahead of the pack. The incident in the movie where he tripped over another runner and fell, then got up and overtook the others to win the

race, is true — and it nearly killed him. Eric was unbeatable in 100- and 200-meter races, and in 1923 set a record in the 100-meter sprint that wouldn’t be broken until 1946. He was a determined competitor, the fastest runner in Scotland, but, as one of his teachers remarked, “entirely without vanity” for it.

Eric lived according to Jesus’ standard of discipleship. To him, running was a way of glorifying God; he praised God for making him fast. But there were limits. He would compete fiercely from Monday to Saturday, but Sunday belonged to God. The movie says that Eric learned on his way to the Paris Olympics that he was scheduled to run on a Sunday, and he refused. Actually, he found that out some months earlier, and began training for the 400-meter race, scheduled for a weekday. Still, the Olympic Committee pressured him to run his Sunday heats; his absolute refusal made international headlines. At the Paris Olympics, during the Sunday heats he should have run, Eric was in church, preaching.

But he would have to run those 400 meters. His qualifying time was acceptable, but not stellar. Just before

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### Vacation Bible School



### FaithFest 2017



St. Mary’s joined Manchester area churches for VBS hosted this year by Bethel Church **June 26th-29th** (right). Children were taken on an ‘Undersea Adventure’ to learn how much God loves them. Monica Kominars, her sister and daughter, Natasha, attended FaithFest at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt on **June 24th**. They had the opportunity to meet Chris August after his performance.

## PARISH CALENDAR

## Mass Intentions, [Requested by], and Parish Activities

<b>SAT., JULY 1</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY/BVM/St. Junipero Serra</b>
Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/ Mt 8: 5-17	<b>8:30 am First Saturday Mass: INT: <i>Charlie Guard</i></b> [ <i>Lisa Chisnell</i> ] 3:30-4:30 pm Confession <b>5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †<i>Larry Becktel</i></b> [ <i>Jeff and Pam Wallace</i> ]
<b>SUN., JULY 2</b>	<b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>
2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16a/ Ps 89: 2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/ Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11/ Mt 10: 37-42	8:00-8:15 am Confession <b>8:30 am Mass: †<i>Christine Marie Hessling</i></b> [ <i>The Hessling Family</i> ] 10:00-10:15 am Confession <b>10:30 am Mass: <i>For the People</i></b>
<b>MON., JULY 3</b>	<b>ST. THOMAS, Apostle</b>
Eph 2: 19-22/ Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Jn 20: 24-29	<b>No Mass today in Manchester</b>
<b>TUES., JULY 4</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY/Independence Day</b>
Gn 19: 15-29/ Ps 26: 2-3, 9-10, 11-12/ Mt 8: 23-27	<b>8:30 am Mass: †<i>Richard Krzyzaniak</i></b> [ <i>Angelo and Mary Carpentino</i> ] Parish Office Closed for Independence Day
<b>WED., JULY 5</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY/Sts. Elizabeth of Portugal and Anthony Mary Zaccaria</b>
Gn 21: 5, 8-20a/ Ps 34: 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/ Mt 8: 28-34	<b>8:30 am Mass: INT: <i>Noreen Burnett</i></b> [ <i>Noreen Burnett</i> ]
<b>THUR., JULY 6</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY/St. Maria Goretti</b>
Gn 22: 1b-19/ Ps 115: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Mt 9: 1-8	<b>8:30 am Mass: †<i>Bernadette Delaney</i></b> [ <i>Noreen Burnett</i> ] 7:00 pm Alpha Course Training Session I—FFH
<b>FRI., JULY 7</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY</b>
Gn 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67/ Mt 9: 9-13	<b>8:30 am Mass: INT: <i>Anne Reddy</i></b> [ <i>Noreen Burnett</i> ] 7:00 pm Alpha Course Training Session II—FFH
<b>SAT., JULY 8</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY/BVM</b>
Gn 27: 1-5, 15-29/ Ps 135: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9: 14-17	3:30-4:30 pm Confession <b>5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †<i>William Boyd's 88th Birthday</i></b> [ <i>The Boyd Family</i> ]
<b>SUN., JULY 9</b>	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>
Zec 9: 9-10/ Ps 145: 1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/ Rom 8: 9, 11-13/ Mt 11: 25-30	8:00-8:15 am Confession <b>8:30 am Mass: <i>For the People</i></b> 10:00-10:15 am Confession <b>10:30 am Mass: †<i>Thomas and Shirley Sweeney</i></b> [ <i>Zofia Sibinski</i> ]

## AREA NEWS

**Check out Camp Sancta Maria** in Gaylord, MI. We are a Catholic camp that provides fun experiences in a technology-free zone while immersed in a faith-filled environment. We offer separate camping experiences for boys and girls that include daily Mass, horseback riding, swimming, archery, various sports, high and low ropes, campfires, crafts and more. For additional information, check us out at [www.CampSanctaMaria.org](http://www.CampSanctaMaria.org) or call (248) 822-8199.

**Western Days Ministries** at Sharon United Methodist Church **July 22nd 4:00-8:30 pm**. Western style fun for the whole family and a concert to boot.

the race, someone slipped him a piece of paper that read, "In the old book it says: 'He that honours Me I will honour,'" a reference to 2 Samuel 2:30. That was all the encouragement Eric needed. Ordinarily, runners in the 400 take it relatively easy the first half of the race, then sprint the last half. Because he had the outside lane, Eric couldn't see the other runners, so he treated the entire race as an all-out sprint. He won the race in 47.6 seconds, a record. When asked later how he did it, he said, "I run the first 200m as hard as I can. Then, for the second 200m, with God's help, I run harder."

Eric Liddell also died according to Jesus' standard of discipleship. The year after his Olympic victories, Eric joined his family in China as a missionary. He continued to race occasionally (even beating other Olympians), but his heart was with missionary work. For eighteen years, he taught science and coached sports in both rich and poor areas; but in 1943 he was interred by the invading Japanese. In the internment camp, he taught school and organized sporting events for internees. Only once did he participate in a sporting event on a Sunday; to avoid a fight between two camp teams, he agreed to referee a game because both teams knew he'd be impartial.

Though exhausted and malnourished, he shared what food he got. When Winston Churchill arranged a prisoner exchange for his release, he gave his place to a pregnant woman. Eric died of inoperable brain cancer in February 1945. Once, when asked if he regretted giving up athletic fame for missionary work, he replied that his missionary life counted for more. His talent was God's. He said on his deathbed, "It's complete surrender."

Eric Liddell was someone who took Jesus' words seriously, and it's vital for us to do the same. To paraphrase Jesus slightly, "He who loves anyone or anything more than Me is not worthy of Me." That's a very high standard of worthiness, possible only with God's help.

Of course, reputations, careers, money, time, and even sports are important to us; doing them well for the glory of God can make us holy. But they have their place. A Christian who places these things above attending Sunday Mass is frankly engaged in idolatry, putting his salvation in jeopardy. But even one who keeps the Sabbath may still hold something or someone more dear than the Lord. When one with such an attachment prays, "Lord, I am not worthy," he may discover that Jesus agrees with him.

As you reflect on today's Gospel, ask yourself: To whom and to what am I most attached? How willing am I to surrender it to God? Or how afraid am I that if I do He will take it away from me? Can I honestly say that I love Jesus more than I love things important to me? As His disciple, how far from Jesus' standard of worthiness am I?

To Eric Liddell, his sport and his life were complete surrender. How is it with me? ✨

**ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION:**  
Right-to-Life MI Hotline  
1-800-57WOMAN  
Or visit [www.optionline.org](http://www.optionline.org)

**NEED HELP? PROJECT RACHEL**  
(post-abortion reconciliation and healing)  
Call the confidential phone line:  
517-993-0291 or email  
[nlc@resurrectionlansing.org](mailto:nlc@resurrectionlansing.org)

**NEED HELP? "AA" group**  
meets Friday & Sunday nights  
at 7:00 pm in the Emanuel  
church kitchen.

**NEED HELP? "COURAGE"** is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families and friends. Call 517-342-2596

## P A R I S H N E W S

*Parish Family Birthdays*

July 1..... Whitney O'Hotzke  
 July 2..... Eileen Doyle  
 July 2..... Sandra Timoszyk  
 July 3..... Peter Remski  
 July 6..... Frank Tomko  
 July 6..... Claudia Walz  
 July 7..... Mary Ann Barker  
 July 7..... William Boyd  
 July 8..... Ruth Burch

**First Friday**

Though this week includes First Friday, there WILL NOT be Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You are still welcomed to come and spend some quiet time before the altar.

**Correction in Schedule**

Next week on **Tuesday, July 4th**, there WILL BE Mass celebrated in Manchester. The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

**Ice Cream Social on the Horizon**

The 125th St. Mary Ice Cream Social is drawing closer each day! Team members will be available after each Mass to answer questions and to help you find the perfect way for you to help make the event a success. You have the opportunity to commit to a place in history by donating time or treasure to the Social. Use the specially created envelopes to indicate how you'd like to help. It will feel great to be a part of history!

**Friendly Reminder**

The Youth Group will continue to collect returnables throughout the summer. The barrel is in the basement entry.

**Alpha**

St. Mary's will offer a ten-week Alpha Course, starting on **Tuesday, September 12th**. The course will be held here at St. Mary's, and will run from 6:00-7:30 pm (dinner included). There will be opportunities to 'Come and See' in August so that you will know what this amazing course is all about.

**Witness to Hope**

Don't forget to make your pledges. You can drop it into the collection basket.

**Altar Flowers**

A sign-up sheet is available in the entryway of the Church for those interested in sponsoring flowers to be placed on the Altar. Fill out the form with your intention and place your check made out to "St. Mary Church" in the collection basket. The usual donation is \$30, your intention will also appear in the bulletin.

**Are You Cleaning House?**

Remember to save your unwanted items for the upcoming rummage sale. Volunteers will begin collecting donations for the sale beginning **July 29th**. More details will follow.



**St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**  
**Sunday, June 18, 2017**

*Report was unavailable at press time. See next week's bulletin for the reports for June 18th and 25th.*

**PRAY + FAST**

**TO END ABORTION**

#PraytoEndAbortion

**Prayer Tree**

Please Pray for:

Bernita Aiuto  
 Linda Dyer  
 Alexa Gordon  
 Robert Hightower  
 Betsy Kripas  
 Shirley Krzyzaniak  
 PJ, friend of Betty Cummings  
 Eddie Walz

**Repose of the Soul of:**

✠Gerald Damian  
 ✠Linda Schutz Hollerich



PROMISE TO PROTECT - PLEDGE TO HEAL

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church ... Please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every diocese in the United States now has a Victim Assistance Coordinator who is available to obtain support for your needs, to help make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative if you desire. The Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Lansing is:

Adrienne Rowland, LMSW, ACSW  
 1-888-508-0252  
 arowland@diocesefors Lansing.org



## MORE AREA NEWS

**The New Life Center** brings you HUSH, a film that tackles abortion, the most controversial issue of our time and reveals the untold, long-term health effects of this elective, medical procedure. **Friday, July 14, 2017 and Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 6 pm** in the Parish Hall, Resurrection Church, 127 Rumsey, Lansing, MI 48912. RSVP to [nlc@resurrectionlansing.org](mailto:nlc@resurrectionlansing.org) or call Cecilia at (517) 993-0291. Provide your name and phone contact information.

**"Mary: Blessed Are You Among Women"** retreat will be given **Tuesday, July 25th from 9:00am-3:30pm** at St. Francis Retreat Center by Tony Sperendi. Mary is truly THE Wonder Woman created by God with super-powers of grace and humility! We will unpack the Scriptures and her apparition at Fatima to understand the great role she plays in our lives and how much she loves us! All are welcome. Cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60 and over and includes breakfast snacks, lunch, Mass and materials. Bring your Bible.

**Receive God's Mercy and Healing**, available to women and men who have lost a child through abortion, by attending the upcoming Rachel's

Vineyard Weekend **August 11-13, 2017** in Lansing. For those interested in registering, visit our website at [newlifecenterlansing.org](http://newlifecenterlansing.org). Financial aid is available. Post-abortion recovery weekends and on-site counseling are a phone call away 888-456-HOPE (4673).

**100th Anniversary of The Apparitions of Fatima Pilgrimage October 10-20, 2017** Tour includes round trip airfare from Chicago, lodging, ground transportation, two daily meals, tour guide fees, entrance fees into all sites, along with tips, taxes, and gratuity. For more information please contact Erika Piotrowski at (231)720-8378 or email [erikap.euro@hotmail.com](mailto:erikap.euro@hotmail.com).

**Family Vocation Night at the Lugnuts!** At this event you will encounter many Catholics young & old, priests, Religious, families, friends~ come join us! Baseball, socialization, fireworks, food & drinks & more! **Friday, August 11th at 7pm**. Contact your local Knights of Columbus for tickets!

**Bishop's BBQ & Priesthood Discernment** - If you are a young man who would like to ask more questions about the priesthood to Bishop & Fr. John, join them on **Sunday, Aug 20, 2017 from 3-6pm** at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt.

For more news and events in area parishes, please visit our website: [stmarymanchester.org](http://stmarymanchester.org)