



# Saint Mary

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**WEEKEND MASSES:**

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



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time — September 23, 2018**

**“Do you know what it means to be Humble?” Fr. Bosco Padamattummal**

**M**ark’s Gospel Chapters 9 and 10 are on a series of lessons that the Lord taught His disciples. His public ministry in Galilee has ended and He is traveling down to Jerusalem. In the final months prior to His death, the focus of Mark is on His instruction to the Twelve in private. He continually repeats to them about His death and resurrection. Trying to prepare them for that coming event, there are things they need to know. All that He talks about in this passage is humility. I might call it, “The Virtue of Being Last.” I

am sure that title would seem offensive to the culture in which you and I live because everybody wants to be first, “number one.” Today when we look around, humility is not viewed as a virtue in our culture, and it wasn’t viewed as a virtue in ancient pagan culture either. They are times that people are dominated by self-esteem, dominated by pride. And so I say, if we put a big banner out in front of the church and said we’re going to have a conference on how to be last, I am sure nobody would show up.

But learning to be humble is essentially finding the foundation of sanctification because this is the very bottom line in what it means to be a Christian. As our Lord instructs His disciples and us what humility is by living it, He washed the disciple’s feet and then said, “Do this...” They needed that lesson because they were battling normal human pride. They needed it because they had a kind of messianic triumphalism, and they were expecting the Messiah to enter into His glory any time, any moment, and, of course, they were going to enter into His glory with Him. They were excited about the glory. They were excited about the exaltation. So their triumphalism needed to be knocked down a few notches and their normal human pride needed to be assaulted as well. Additionally, they had some terrible examples of what spirituality looks like. What they had grown up with was Judaism and the dominant features of Judaism were essentially spiritual pride, in every imaginable form, symbolically and practically. For example: when they went to give money in the temple they wanted to make sure everybody knew it, so they had a trumpeter blow a trumpet to call people’s attention to their giving. When they wanted to appear humbling themselves and fasting and praying, they threw ashes on their heads and sat in a public place. When they wanted people to know how diligent they were in prayer, they prayed out loud in public long prayers with endless repetition. These are the spiritual models the disciples had, so it had to be corrected. In fact, they were so caught up with pride that, as you just read, they argued all the time about which of them was the greatest. And every time the Lord talked about suffering and death and cross bearing and self-denial, they pushed it away.

So here comes the lesson on humility. He begins where He seems always to want to begin, with His own coming death and resurrection. This is the main thing they need to understand. So He says, “The Son of Man,” that great messianic title drawn



For five weeks, St. Mary’s collected school supplies for needy students at Riverside Intermediate School. Mark Ball presented Principal Gary Puhl with the items.



Sunday, September 16th the Youth Group served at 10:30 Mass as lectors, ushers and taking up the gifts.

## PARISH CALENDAR

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

<b>SAT., SEPT 22</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY/BVM</b>
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15 (448)	<b>No Confession</b> <b>No Vigil Mass</b> <b>Made for Happiness Assembly—Breslin Center Lansing</b>
<b>SUN., SEPT 23</b>	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>
Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37 (134) Pss I	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: <math>\text{†}</math> Joseph and <math>\text{†}</math> Helen Gernek</b> [Kathy and Martin Brogely] 12:00-1:30 pm First Holy Communion Class—PC
<b>MON., SEPT 24</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY</b>
Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18 (449)	<b>12:10 pm Mass: <math>\square</math> Nicholas Hnizdor, 22nd Anniversary</b> [Donna Hnizdor] 3:30 pm Religious Education—PC 7:00 pm Evangelization Team Meeting—FFH
<b>TUES., SEPT 25</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY</b>
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21 (450)	<b>8:30 am Mass: <i>INT: Graham Hawley</i></b> [Burnett Family]
<b>WED., SEPT 26</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY/Sts. Cosmas and Damian</b>
Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)	<b>8:30 am Mass: <i>INT: Burnett Family</i></b> [Burnett Family]
<b>THU., SEPT 27</b>	<b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL</b>
Ecc1 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9 (452)	<b>8:30 am Mass: <i>INT: Oscar Kwolek, His 3rd Birthday</i></b> [Bill and Sandi Kwolek]
<b>FRI., SEPT 28</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY/Sts. Wenceslaus, Lawrence Ruiz and Companions</b>
Ecc1 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22 (453)	<b>8:30 am Mass: <i>INT: Elise Kueffner</i></b> [St. Mary's Parishioners] 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal—Choir Loft
<b>SAT., SEPT 29</b>	<b>STS. MICHAEL, RAPHAEL AND GABRIEL</b>
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51 (647) Pss Prop	3:30-4:30 pm Confession <b>5:00 pm Vigil Mass: <math>\text{†}</math> Bernita Aiuto</b> [Dave Coval]
<b>SUN., SEPT 30</b>	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>
Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (137) Pss II	8:00-8:15 am Confession <b>8:30 am Mass: <math>\text{†}</math> Catherine Broderson</b> [Burnett Family] 10:00-10:15 am Confession <b>10:30 am Mass: <i>For the People</i></b>

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from Daniel 7, “is to be delivered into the hands of men and they will kill Him. And when He has been killed, He will rise three days later.” Now the question is, who delivers Him over? Who does that? Who is responsible for that? Who is guilty of that? Well, we already know the answer to the question. Is it the scribes and chief priests that constitute the Sanhedrin, the ruling body of Judaism? Are they the ones that deliver Him over? Yes. Certainly they do. And according to Matthew 27:2, it was the Jewish leaders who delivered Him to Pilate. They are there and they’re part of that delivering up. But it isn’t just them, how about Judas? Yes, according to Matthew 26:24, “The Son of Man is to go just as it has been written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is delivered,” or betrayed is another way to translate that word, and that’s referring to Judas. Judas played a role in delivering Him up. And the Jewish leaders played a role in delivering Him up. How about Pilate? Pilate played a role. Matthew 27:26, Pilate delivered Him to be crucified to the executioners. But the real story is not understood until you read Acts 2:23 where Peter, on the day of Pentecost, says, “This man,” meaning Christ, “delivered by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God.”

And now let’s turn to the disciples, in verses 33 to 41, and look at the Lord’s lesson on humility. Verse 33, “They came to Capernaum,” “And when He was in the house, He began to question them, ‘What were you discussing?’” It was an embarrassing discussion. And our Lord exposes that. They didn’t want to admit what they were talking about. Jesus was talking about death and self-denial and taking up a cross and suffering and persecution but they’re still ambitious. They’re still self-seeking. But they still knew it was wrong. Jesus wanted to teach them that pride destroys unity. When Jesus asked, they kept silent. “They knew those kinds of attitudes were wrong. The Lord has just spoken about His own humiliation and all they can think about is their own exaltation. Pride belittles. It demeans. It pushes others down for the sake of self-elevation. This is absolutely destructive of unity. Pride also creates exclusivity. John said to Him, “Teacher, we saw someone...” let me stop right here. “Casting out demons in Your name and we tried to prevent him because he wasn’t following us.” Look, they were competitive with each other, trying to be the greatest, and they certainly didn’t want anybody else succeeding outside their group. Jesus said, “Don’t hinder him,” and, “no one is going to be performing a miracle in My name and soon after to speak evil of Me.”

But humility gains reward. “For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward.” We’re talking about what humility does because that’s the only way you can define it. It’s basically kind, it’s the simple act of sacrificial kindness to one who belongs to Christ that will result in what you will never achieve by elevating yourself. You won’t lose your reward, you’ll gain it. ☺



## Please Pray for:

Duane Beuerle	Ghyslaine Ramdé
Ruth Dahl	Rodrigue Ramdé
Rae Emmons	Clint Silveus
Rosemary Hamilton	Thomas Strong
Sally Irvin	Leonard VanBogelen
Thomas Kladzyk	Corey Wagner
Denise Kratz	Eddie Walz
Betsy Kripas	Cindy Willis
Jim Maisano	Denise Yekulis
	Mitchell Zink

## Repose of the Soul of:

+Maria Camilleri +Fr. Francis Mossholder

## NEED HELP?

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

“AA” group meets Fridays & Sundays at 7:00 pm - Emanuel Church kitchen.

“PROJECT RACHEL” (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the

confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email [nlc@resurrectionlansing.org](mailto:nlc@resurrectionlansing.org)

“**COURAGE**” is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction.

“**ENCOURAGE**” is a separate support group for the families and friends of “Courage” clients. Call 517-342-2596

P A R I S H N E W S

*Parish Family Birthdays*

Sept 26 ....Mike Bossory  
 Sept 27.....Laurie Sanders  
 Sept 28.....David Bonkowski  
 Sept 29 ....Lucia Wilson

**Altar Flowers**

for the week of  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD**  
 In Memory of my Deceased  
 Siblings †Willi, †Waltraud,  
 and †Klara  
 With Love Inge & Peter  
 Roncoli

*Sanctuary  
 Lamps*

are burning this week for:  
 1) †Michael Scully, 8th  
 Anniversary Remembrance  
 (Marge Scully and Family)

2) †Fr. Francis Mossholder  
 (St. Mary Parish)

**St. Mary Roman  
 Catholic Church  
 Stewardship**

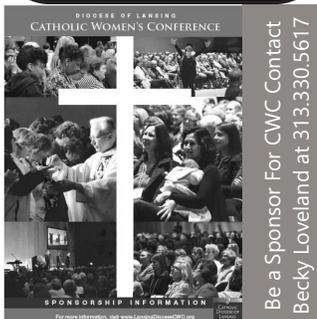
**WEEKLY COLLECTION  
 Sunday, September 9, 2018**

Sunday Envelopes .....\$3,904.00  
 Loose Cash & Checks .....\$236.00  
 Welcome Envelopes .....\$43.00  
 Coffee Hour .....\$41.00  
 eGiving .....\$55.00

Weekly toward budget.....\$3,904.00  
 Weekly goal.....\$5,300.00  
 Amt. **BELOW** goal.....\$1,396.00

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Building and Maintenance...\$85.00  
 Poor Box.....\$34.40  
 Votive Candles.....\$68.00



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**First Communion Meets**

First Reconciliation/First Communion class will meet today, **Sunday, September 23rd** 12:00-1:30pm at the Parish Center.

**October ~ The Month of the Rosary**

October is approaching and once again the Rosary will be said 30 minutes before each of the weekend Masses. Would you be willing to lead the recitation of the Rosary at one or more of the Masses? If so, please call Marja Warner at 428-9506.

**Amazing Greys Christmas Outing**

**Thursday, December 6th** has been confirmed to attend 'Gloria of Christmas' at North Ridge Church. Tickets for this event are \$20.00. We have reserved a 34 person bus for transportation at a cost of \$17.50/person if we fill all the seats. Seats are being offered to Amazing Greys members first. After **September 25th** the tickets will be made available to the Parish and friends. Please make your reservations **by September 30th**. Put your reservation and

money (\$37.50/person) in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

**Alpha Postponed**

Only a dozen people signed up to attend the Alpha Course scheduled to start on Sept 13th. Alpha is much more fun with a large group, so the parish will postpone the series until January. It might be possible to offer Alpha together with the other churches in Manchester. The Evangelization committee will keep you posted.

**Annual Advent Dinner**

'Amazing Greys' of St Mary's Parish would like to invite you to the annual Candle Light Advent Dinner December 2nd. The evening starts out with a social hour starting at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served at precisely 5:30pm and will include dessert. The evening will end with a variety of scriptural readings and songs. If you are interested in attending, please contact Connie Schaffer at 734-428-7271. Seating is limited so reserve early.

**AREA NEWS**

**Financial Peace University** is coming to St. Andrew the Apostle in Saline. Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 6:45-8:00pm beginning **September 24th**. For more information, go to the parish website at [www.standrewsaline.org/sign-up-adult-programs](http://www.standrewsaline.org/sign-up-adult-programs).

**Rooted in Love: Caring for Those who Care for Others** is offered at Weber Retreat & Conference Center from 6:00-9:00 pm Thursday, **September 27th** to show professionals and those who care for family members how they can practice the art of self-care in their busy lives. Cost is \$15, and registration is required. Call the Weber Center at 517-266-4000 to register.

**Deepen Your Relationship with Christ** Ladies are invited to St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt for our annual retreat **September 28th-30th**. The theme for this year's retreat is "From Chaos to Order: A Scriptural Guide to Building a Life Giving Community." Call 517-669-8321 for more info or to register. Suggested donation is \$175.

**Sidewalk Counseling Symposium** is planned for **September 29th** 9:30am-4:00pm at Christ the King, 4000 Ave Maria Dr., Ann Arbor MI 48103. Admission is free.

**"Surviving Divorce"** from Ascension Press will be offered at St. Andrew the Apostle in Saline on

Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm for this 12-week course starting **October 16th**. Cost is \$20. Contact Irene Myers 734-972-8049, Dave Miller 734-944-2101 or Nancy Carter 734-429-6114 to register.

**"St. Therese, the Little Flower: A Model of Faith, Prayer, and Daily Living for Our Times"** at St. Francis Retreat Center **October 10th**. Learn how to live life with purpose, love, and hope in our daily lives of work, family, and faith in God. Cost is \$65 and includes Mass and lunch. For info and registration call 517-669-8321.

**50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae Celebration** Bl. Pope Paul VI's landmark Encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, turned 50. This Encyclical shapes our understanding of how God created married love to be and how spouses can live out that intention. Join us **October 27th** for a celebration of this beautiful encyclical. We will explore the past, the present and the future of it with Dr. Janet Smith, panel discussions and more! Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Earl Boyea at 8am. Conference ends at 3:45pm. Early bird tickets start at \$15. Limited childcare provided. St. Patrick, 711 Rickett Rd, Brighton. Register at: [www.dioceseoflansing.org/events](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/events)

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