

## SEPTEMBER 4, 2011

### Mass Intentions:

#### Sunday, September 11-

9:15 a.m.-Adolph & Justina  
Matusek

#### Sunday, September 18-

9:15 a.m.-Living & Deceased  
Members of the Joe &  
Cecilia Fikac Family

#### Sunday, September 25-

9:15 a.m.-Mass of Thanksgiving  
Stanley & Betty Bujnoch  
On their 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary

#### Sunday, October 2-

9:15 a.m.-Albert & Annie Smolik

#### First Friday, October 7-

7:00 p.m.-Joe & Lydia Kostelnik  
Patricia Steffek

### Rosary Leaders:

Sept. 11-Dorothy Schneider  
Sept. 18-Sandy Konvicka  
Sept. 25-Ruth Rouse  
Oct. 2-Janie Fikac  
Oct. 7-Angela Hermes

### Lectors:

Sept. 11-Anthony Matula  
Sept. 18-Maria Hermes  
Sept. 25-Dedie Dobbs  
Oct. 2-Daniel J. Matula

### Cantors:

Sept. 11-Ruth Rouse  
Sept. 18-Pat Mladenka  
Sept. 25-Richard Rouse  
Oct. 2-Lucille Klekar

### Altar Servers:

Sept. 11-Samuel & Simon Machicek  
Joshua Bludau & Eric Klekar  
Sept. 18-Adam & Ryan Hermes, Kasey  
Hairell & Kaitlyn Rother  
Sept. 25-Michael Perdziak, Jacob  
Janak, Ross & Clay Rother  
Oct. 2-Luke Scherer, John & Derek  
Konvicka & Alexius Mizera

### Extraordinary Ministers:

Sept. 11-Tony & Joyce Bludau  
& Evelyn Konvicka  
Sept. 18-Billy & Bev Hrcir &  
Janice Rother  
Sept. 25-Patrick Pesek, Mary Urbish  
& Trina Sommerlatte  
Oct. 2-Leon & Nancy Etzler &  
Vivian Mozisek

### Offertory Gift Bearers:

Sept. 11-M/M Mark Mitchon & Family  
Sept. 18-M/M John Mixon & Family  
Sept. 25-M/M Anthony Mizera & Fam.  
Oct. 2-Miranda Moses & Daughters

### Church Ushers:

Sept. 11-Roman Henke, Robert Pustka  
Charles Grafe & Gilbert  
Urbish  
Sept. 18-Leon Matula, Al Svetlik,  
Francis Klekar & Sidney  
Jasek  
Sept. 25-Eugene Gillar, Robert  
Sciba, Bernard Patek &  
Richard Sommerlatte  
Oct. 2-Alois Bujnoch, Gilbert  
Mozisek, Scott Blaschke &  
Marvin Bujnoch

### Church Cleaners:

Sept. 10-Bernice Schulte &  
Marzeline Patek  
Sept. 17-Rosalie Tobola, Glenda  
Tobola & Angeline Ulcak  
Sept. 24-Helen (Dornak) Janak,  
Gussie Kelnar & Helen Janak  
Oct. 1-Charlene Klekar, Janice  
Rother & Sue Cinadr

### Mass Attendance:

Aug. 7—270      Aug. 14—260  
Aug. 15-105      Aug. 21—250  
Aug. 28—240

### Our Gift to God

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Aug. 7-	\$203.75	\$600.00
Aug. 14-	\$178.55	\$448.00
Aug. 15-	\$126.00	\$ 81.00
Aug. 21-	\$193.14	\$644.00
Aug. 28-	\$177.00	\$425.00

Children's Collection: \$51.00

Building Repair Fund: \$795.00

## From the Desk of Father John

Our CCD Program here at St. Mary's has begun. I thank the following who have volunteered to lead our program as Catechists.

Cindy Svetlik, Director

Kindergarten – Jessica Schumacher

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Rita Migl

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Janice Rother

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Mary Jo Bludau

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Shelly Rainosek

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Tamara Klekar

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jackie Mitchon

Jr. High – Sandy Konvicka

Jr. High – Vivian Mozisek

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – Cindy Svetlik

Confirmation – Ruthie Rouse

Substitutes – Kelly Hermes

Arleen Hermes

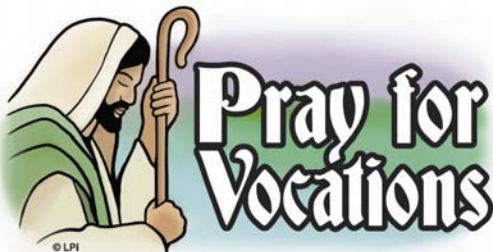
Marla Ferlet

Youth Mass Coordinator – Dedie Dobbs

Organist – Denise Drozd

**Great Catholic families give thanks.** In today's "grass is always greener" world, it is easy to look over the fence at our neighbors (or at our favorite television show where all of life's problems can be solved in 22 minutes) and long for what they have. But we have found that the key to a happy family is taking stock of what we have been given. It is important to remember (and to remind our children) that everything comes from God – our material goods, our friends and family, our gifts and talents. As American politician Frank A. Clark once said, "If a fellow isn't grateful for what he's got, he isn't likely to be grateful for what he's going to get." Great Catholic families celebrate their gifts, no matter how meager they may seem. That means giving thanks even in times of struggle, but especially being mindful (and grateful) when times are good.

**Faith Builder.** *Give your supper prayer a boost by pausing during grace and encouraging everyone to share something they are grateful for today.*



## Messages & Announcements

KJZT Society #53 of Wied will hold a quarterly meeting on Wed. Sept. 14, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m. @ Wied Hall.

The Wied KJT Society #43 will have a meeting on Oct. 23, 2011 at St. Mary's Hall @ 10:30 a.m. All members are asked to bring a basket lunch. Paper goods and drinks will be provided. This is a change of date from Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> as previously planned.

## CCD NEWS

Another CCD year has begun! If you have not yet registered your child, please do so as soon as possible by calling Cindy Svetlik, 798-4654.

All CCD registration forms were to be turned in Aug. 31st. If you have not yet turned them in, please send them with your child Sept. 7th. Your child cannot attend classes unless we have the papers on file.

Parents: PLEASE take the time to visit with your child's catechist. And also, remember to thank them. Without these wonderful volunteers we would not be able to have a religion program at St. Mary's!

## Memorials to St. Mary's Church

In Memory of Grace Rother

Peoples State Bank .....\$10.00

## Memorials to St. Mary's Cemetery

In Memory of Jerome Bujnoch, Grace Rother & Mildred Janak

Lawrence & Delores Grahmann....\$45.00

## Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus, Good and Gentle Shepherd, grant that the men and women from our community may have the grace and the courage to hear and answer Your call to the priesthood and religious life. Give them the wisdom to realize that life is a gift. Let them realize their life is part of Your plan. Call forth those You have chosen to spread the Gospel message, and help them to freely respond to a life of service in the Church. May the parents and families of our parish, support and encourage our young men and women to search for, follow and answer the call of God in their lives. Amen.

**Financial Report for July 2011**

**Income**

Sunday Collections.....	\$3,181.30
Children’s Collections.....	44.53
Bulletin Sponsor-Memory of G. Rother	40.00
Church & Hall Rental/Deposits.....	700.00
Memorials.....	<u>70.00</u>
Total Income for July.....	\$4,035.83

**Expenses**

Utilities.....	\$ 762.03
Health Insurance.....	849.50
Church Expenses.....	148.00
Priest Pension Plan.....	439.00
Salaries.....	675.00
Hall Expenses.....	413.87
Repair & Maintenance.....	<u>202.27</u>
Total Expenses for July.....	\$3,489.67

Balance from June.....	\$8,446.59
Income from July.....	<u>+4,035.83</u>
	\$12,482.42
Less Expenses.....	<u>-3,489.67</u>
Operating Balance.....	\$ 8,992.75



**PRAYER FOR RAIN** – Heavenly Father, we believe that it is You who created our world with all of its beauty and life. We believe that it is You who put into place the systems of nature that sustain, nurture and renew this work of Your hands. We believe that it is You who hears Your children when they call upon You. Hear, then this prayer which comes from a heart filled with confidence and trust. Grant to us and to all Who seek it, the gift of a bountiful rain. Water our lands so that they may once again spring to life and reflect the beauty of your creation. Fill our lakes and rivers with sufficient rain so that they may continue to provide life giving and refreshing water to all who depend upon it for their livelihood and well being. Please do not let many more days pass without sending us this most needed blessing of rain. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son,

who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

**THE FAITH CONNECTION: A Very Important Debt –**

Recently, *The Economist*, reported on an academic study conducted in England examining how character is formed. The study revealed that the most important influence on whether young people developed a healthy and wholesome character was their parents. If parents disciplined their children, held them accountable for their behavior, and practiced “tough love” with them, the children would grow up shaped by the values of the community. When children did not receive this parental guidance, they were much more likely to be shaped by the social norms of the changing culture.

What this study also revealed was that many parents today, at least in England, were reluctant to provide the parenting that their children needed so badly. Too many parents, it seems, didn’t want to fulfill their parental obligations, preferring instead to be their children’s friends.

The National Study of Youth and Religion (conducted in the U.S.) offers us additional thought on this matter. According to Dr. Christian Smith, the head of this ongoing study, the role of the faith community is almost as important as the role of the parent. The more members of the Church who are engaged in the lives of young people, the more likely it is that these young people will develop a strong faith of their own.

All three Scripture readings from this Sunday emphasize the point that we have a responsibility to other members of the faith community. As the reading from Ezekiel says, we have an obligation to speak up as God’s witness so that others may hear and understand God’s message of salvation and choose whether to accept it.



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## Welcome, don't fear death

Death can be a fearful unknown but Christians know that it is a doorway that leads to something wonderful. Still, the idea of dying and being judged can produce anxiety in even the strongest Christian, but consider taking steps like these to stay out of trouble and reduce that anxiety.

**Pray daily.** Talking to God each day, reading Scripture, and spending time in prayer is the best way to nurture a personal relationship with him. When we know God intimately and personally, we trust him and know to rely on his justice.

**Go to Confession weekly.** The Precepts of the Catholic Church require Catholics to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation

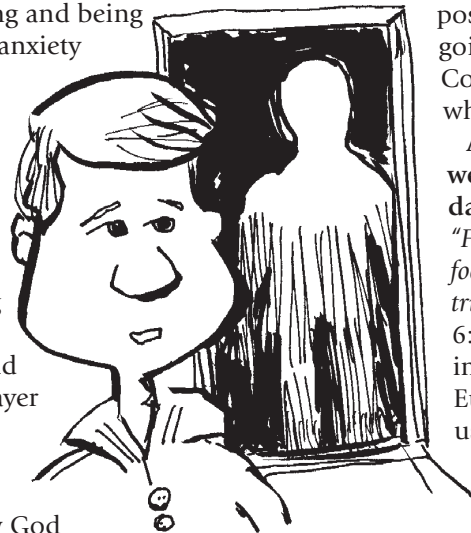
(Confession) at least once a year or when aware of serious sin. However, to stay as close to a state of grace as possible, consider going weekly.

Confess all sins of which you are aware.

**Attend Mass weekly or even daily, if possible.**

*"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink"* (John 6:55). Jesus initiated the Eucharist to fortify us against the temptations and sin of this world.

**Show love.** Do as Jesus asked to show love for others and care for the poor and needy. *"Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins"* (1 Peter 4:8).



### One Minute Meditations

#### Mysteries of faith

Legend says that St. Augustine was walking along a beach puzzling the mystery of the Holy Trinity when he spotted a boy filling a bucket from the ocean and emptying it into a hole. The boy said he was trying to fit the ocean into the hole. St. Augustine cried, "But you can never do that!" The boy replied, "And neither can you understand the Holy Trinity," and vanished.

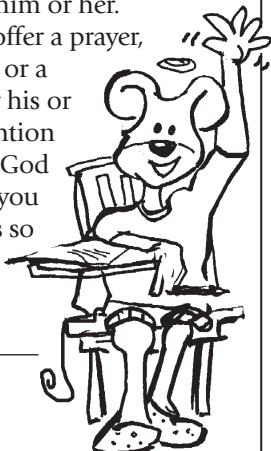
Some things we just have to take on faith.

#### Another reason to attend Sunday Mass

Masses have intentions for which the Mass is offered. By attending Mass, we help those people or causes - including the priest who offers the Mass.

#### Bless, don't curse

When you are angry at someone else, don't judge or criticize him or her. Instead offer a prayer, a Rosary or a Mass for his or her intention and ask God to bless you both. It's so much more effective.



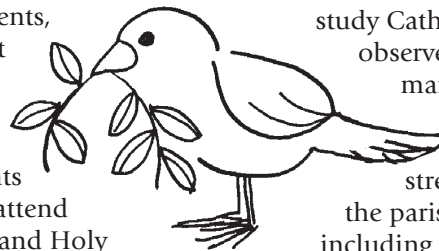
### Why Do Catholics Do That?

The Catholic Church has issued commandments, called Precepts, that act as the principal obligations of every Catholic.

These requirements direct Catholics to attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day, to receive Communion annually, to attend

### What are the Precepts of the Church?

Confession at least once annually, to study Catholic teaching, to observe the Church's marriage laws, to give children religious training, to strengthen and support the parish community, including parish priests and the Pope, to do penance and to join in the missionary spirit of the Church.



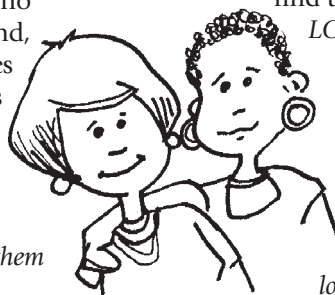


## What does it take to be a good friend?

It has been said that a good friend is someone who knows you well and likes you anyway. A good friend, however, is also a good person. The Church teaches that there are four virtues – called Cardinal Virtues – necessary in order to live a moral life. These virtues are necessary in order to be a good friend, too.

**Fairness.** Being fair means treating friends with respect. *“Do to others whatever you would have them do to you”* (Matthew 7:12).

**Wisdom.** When they disagree, friends work together to



find the right solution. *“Straight are the paths of the LORD, in them the just walk”* (Hosea 14:10).

**Courage.** Standing up for what is right is difficult, but standing up to a friend is harder still. *“Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong”* (1 Corinthians 16:13).

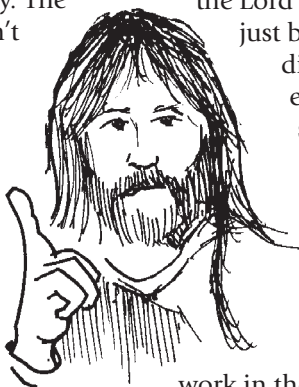
**Self-Control.** Greed and selfishness can destroy relationships. Self-control helps overcome these temptations. *“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous ... it does not seek its own interests”* (1 Corinthians 13:4-5).

### from Scripture

#### Matthew 21:28-32, How can I gain salvation?

Jesus tells of the man who sent two sons to the vineyard to work. The first said, “No,” but went anyway. The second said, “Yes,” but didn’t go. Jesus asked which son did as the father asked.

The father in the parable is God. The first son represents the Jewish religious leaders. They heard God but chose to follow rules rather than change their hearts. The second son represents the outcasts of society. They said no to God by their life styles, but then repented of their sins.



If I say, “Yes, God, I believe in you,” that’s not enough. If I presume that the Lord will take me into heaven just because I say that, I’ll be disappointed. Words are not enough. True obedience is shown through actions. When we realize we are in a state of sin, we have two options. We can say we’re sorry, or we can show we’re sorry.

How can we show God we repent? We can go to work in the vineyard, at least figuratively. Our work involves living as Jesus taught us.

### Q & A What happened to meatless Fridays?

In 1966, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) published Complementary Norms on Penance and Abstinence which released U.S. Catholics from a strict abstinence from meat on Fridays outside of Lent. But the bishops asked that Friday be a day of penance throughout the year.



“Friday should be in each week something of what Lent is in the entire year. For this reason we urge all to prepare for that weekly Easter that comes with each Sunday by freely making of every Friday a day of self-denial and mortification in prayerful remembrance of the passion of Jesus Christ.”

The bishops went on to say that, among these freely chosen penitential practices, “we give first place to abstinence from flesh meat. We do so in the hope that the Catholic community will ordinarily continue to abstain from meat by free choice as formerly we did in obedience to Church law.”

### Feasts & Celebrations

This month we honor Our Lady of Sorrows and celebrate her birthday (Sept. 8). Despite her own suffering, Mary always accepted the will of God. She is a model for faith and trust.

**Sept. 13 - St. John Chrysostom (407).** A powerful public speaker, he was a brutal critic of clergy who abused their office and royals who turned a blind eye to the suffering of the poor. He died in exile as a result.

**Sept. 27 - St. Vincent de Paul (1660).** St. Vincent de Paul, was devoted to the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick. He

founded several hospitals, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa.

**Sept. 29 - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, the Archangels.** Members of the third hierarchy of angels around the throne of God, archangels are entrusted with important missions to mankind such as St. Gabriel’s visit to the Blessed Mother to tell her she had been chosen as the mother of God.



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