

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 5th, 2009

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
In Ordinary Time

### Pastoral Council

Pat Mitchell, Chair  
Jim Cauley  
John Burch  
Joan Holig  
Jeanette Crowley, Sec.  
Lizzie Mitchell

### Finance Council

Kim Bethhauser-Chair  
Mary Puetz, Secretary  
Jeri Smith  
Karen Patton  
Penny Arens

July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	8AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	8AM	Joe Parchem +
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	8AM	Sam Lupo +
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	8AM	Florence Drea +
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	8AM	Sam Lupo +
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	8 AM	Joe Parchem +
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	8 PM	Bud Nate +
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	9 AM	Joe Parchem +

\*Sanctuary Lamp – For Eileen Roth's recovery by Elizabeth Hall

\*\*Remember to stop at the Rectory to schedule masses for your loved ones.\*\*

**Remember to pick up your new ministry sheet for July in the back of the church.**

**Looking Ahead: This year, CCD classes will be held on Wednesday Evenings.**

**Maintenance Committee Meeting – Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M.**

**Finance Committee Meeting- Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 P.M.**

**Parish Council Meeting- Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.**

Thank you to the following people for working on the step project last Saturday: Tony Oldigs, Dan Patton, Dennis Franek, Dick Domke, Shorty Senzig, Jim, Pat & Pete Cauley, Pat Mitchell, Jerry Ryczek & Jeff Scully. Also thank you for all the special equipment that was furnished and the extra trips made to get it. Fr. Valentine

### Sodality Bake Sale Today

Before & after Mass. All proceeds will go to help with the Step Repair Project. Please be generous and buy the delicious baked goods.

Donations are needed to repair the front steps of the Church, which as you can see are crumbling in many areas. The materials will cost roughly \$ 2,100.00. The labor will be donated by several men of the Parish. Total donations to date; \$1,998.00. Total expense for supplies to date \$731.15. Please help with a financial donation if you can.

Donations of vase bouquets or potted flowers for the church are always welcome. We are also accepting donations of potted annual flowers for the outdoor flower beds. Petunias, Impatiens, Marigolds etc. would be a lovely addition of color until the Perennials start blooming.

Families or groups of parishioners are still needed to sign up for one day of the year to clean the church. Cleaning can be done on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays. If each family could donate one cleaning, you would be obligated less than once per year. Please sign up to volunteer so we don't have to hire a cleaning person.

Stewardship	
Adult Env.	\$1,285.00
Student Env.	8.00
Offertory	256.50
Votives	70.50
Step Project	160.00
Holy Day	10.00
Utilities	
Total	\$1,790.00

Confessions: Sat. 7:15PM & Sun. 8:15AM

Adoration: 7AM before Saturday Mass, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday all day  
Rosary: Monday – Saturday 7:30 AM before Mass  
Office Hours: 8:30AM-12:30 PM Monday-Friday

### Long Live America!

Today, the whole nation is in celebration. We celebrate our independence, the freedom that we enjoy as the people of America. If we want to know the real value of our freedom, we have just to observe what is happening in the countries around the world. The people of America enjoy the maximum of in the whole world. There are people who still remain as slaves to their landlords. There are people in the world who are not allowed to express their views, values or faith in public. There are people in the world who are still considered untouchable because of their birth in a particular caste. The people of America are blessed with the freedom that makes life profoundly humane and dignified. My wishes and prayers go out to all Americans on this great day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The readings of today help us to nourish the freedom of our country in the light of God's design for us. In the first reading, it is said that "Spirit" entered into the Prophet Ezekiel. This means a special power coming from God enabled him to both hear the word of God and communicate it to others. It allowed Ezekiel to exercise his freedom constructively for the welfare of the people. He communicated a hard prophetic message of God to the people without fear. He revealed the upcoming destruction of the nation due to the "rebellious" nature of the people against God.

In the second reading Paul reveals his own disability in the body, not as sickness, but as a reality that shapes his own freedom to the service of God. He accepts his disability in his body in faith and confirms the fact of God's power in his weakness. Paul, as a prophet, reveals the word of God that comes to him amidst his suffering: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness". In the gospel, we read about the rejection experienced by Jesus in his own town. Jesus is not heard by his own people. They found him to be too much for them. The reason for this reaction against Jesus is obvious. Jesus touches the very core of their mistake, the misuse of their human freedom. He asks them to act according to the prompts of the Holy Spirit that are given to them in their conscience.

The prophetic words of the Bible today question the very freedom that we enjoy today. For us, it means the ability to do whatever we want-right or wrong-no matter if it offends God and hurts our neighbors. For God, it means an energy that comes from the spirit of God. It enables us to serve the people of our country in promoting justice, peace and love. Offering ourselves for the welfare of the country in the fashion of Christ is the demand of our freedom.

Fr. G. Valentine Joseph

I would like to continue visiting the homes of all parishioners in the month of July. I want to get to know you better and provide a blessing for your homes. Please call me soon and set up a visit. Fr. Valentine

**Upcoming Parish Event!** St. Mary's parish council has decided that St. Mary's will be holding a parish wide garage sale and brat sale on Sat. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> in the church parking lot. The proceeds will be put towards our heating and utility bills for the fall and winter months. In the meantime start sorting and set aside all good used items and clothing for our garage sale. Please not junk. Anything remaining after the sale will be given to St. Vincent de Paul. We will need volunteers to help out with this fundraiser. More information will follow in upcoming bulletins regarding time, drop off date for items, who to contact for volunteering and any other important information. Jeanette Crowley, Parish Council Secretary.

### Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>, 8 PM

Lectors: Barb Rogge  
Servers: Anthony Bermeo, Nicholas Dziewior  
Ushers: Dennis Franek, Merlin Marshall,  
Jim McGowan

Gift Bearers: Dan Patton Family

### Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM

Lectors: Mary Johnson, Beverly Tourangeau  
Servers: Peter & Pat Cauley  
Ushers: Tony Oldigs, John Burch, Jim Cauley  
Gift Bearers: Pat & Sue Mitchell

**EMC: Body of Christ:** Carol Cauley

**Blood of Christ:** Jeanette Conway  
Beverly Tourangeau