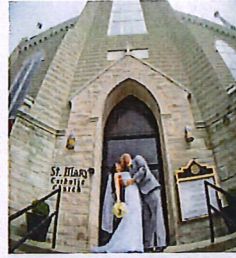


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October 2, 2022



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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9 am-Noon and 1-3 pm

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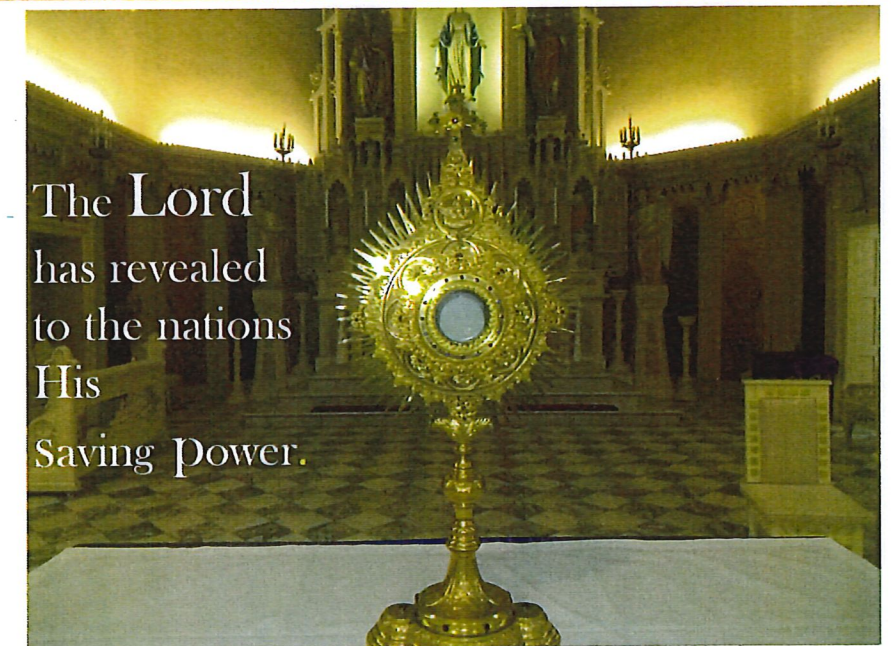
Sunday Mass 10:00 am; Confession 9:15-9:45 am

Sunday Mass 4:00 pm; Confession 3:15-3:45 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Adoration 11:00 am - Confession 11:30-11:55 am- Mass 12:05 pm



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Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation Please contact the Parish Office about sacramental preparation, to schedule a Baptism or info on sacrament schedules.

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Marriage Couples planning to marry need to contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to their anticipated wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick To arrange for receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

A diverse, welcoming and vibrant Catholic community committed to living out the Good News of Jesus Christ through word, sacrament and service.

This Week in the Parish

Sunday 10/2	Monday 10/3	Tuesday 10/4	Wednesday 10/5	Thursday 10/6	Friday 10/7	Saturday 10/8
Alms&Anointing Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10am Confirmation Meeting 11:15 am in Ministry Ctr. Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	St. Theodore Guerin Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm RCIA 6-7 pm Fall Festival	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Communion Service 12:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 5:00 pm meeting time changed Fall Festival	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3pm Basic Catholic Course 6:00-7:30 pm Ministry Ctr 3fl Choir 6:30-8pm Fall Festival	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Communion Service 12:05 pm Fall Festival	Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm Fall Festival	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm Fall Festival

**Twenty eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 2022**

First Reading 2Kgs 5:14-17
Second Reading 2 Tm 2:8-13
Gospel Lk 17:11-19

Mass Intentions

Sat 10/1	4:00 pm	Doris Bush
Sun. 10/2	10:00 am	Jack Dills
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the parish
Mon. 10/3	12:05 pm	David Baumgart
Tues. 10/4	12:05 pm	Communion Service
Thurs 10/6	12:05 pm	Communion Service
Fri. 10/7	12:05 pm	Nancy DeVoe
Sat. 10/8	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the parish
Sun. 10/9	10:00 am	Deceased Members of the Burek and Supinsky families
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 10/10	12:05 pm	Charles and Shirley Kaufman
Tues. 10/11	12:05 pm	In Memory of Sharon Hensley
Thurs. 10/13	12:05 pm	Shirley Schutte
Fri. 10/14	12:05 pm	Willa Lewis
Sat. 10/15	4:00 pm	Celebration of 1 yr wedding anniversary for Sue Dills and Jim Wall

MASS INTENTIONS... Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 ext 207 to schedule a Mass intention or you can fill out a Mass Intention envelope found in church and drop it in the stewardship basket.

PRAYER CHAIN... Contact Lee Griggs if you would like to join our parish Email Prayer Chain or if you have something or someone you would like us to pray for.

Welcome!

A warm welcome to new parishioners

If you are looking for a parish home we invite you to register in this parish. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family. Please contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 x207; lgriggs@evdio.org.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

There will be an ALMS COLLECTION this weekend at all Masses October 1st and 2nd for our parish outreach programs. Thank you for supporting those in need in our community. Alms are collected the first weekend of every month at all Masses.

Let us pray...

That as Christian Stewards our actions and words reflect our love for God every day.



LeeAnn and Mike, Carolyn Stagg, Nancy Burek, Jan Howell, Patti and Tom Harmon, Donny Claycomb, Ray and Rosie Bigge,

Sondra Bell, Sarah Seivers, Bill O'Nan, Sue Martin, Mary Eichenberger, Mike Purdy, Rosemary Toelle, Betty Feller, Anne Priestly

Pray for our loved ones in the Military... LT Jake Morris, 1st LT Danielle Morris, Andrew Hicks, William Russell, Reed Shanks; Air Force Special Agent, Lt. Noah Huelsing, 2nd Lt. Corey Cannon, Staff Sergeant Shaun Nelson, Nathan Ulrich; Marines

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Andrea Boyle, Missy Goebel, Renata Rafferty
10/2 Daniel Dixon Jr., Carley Kelley, Kim Kuehn
10/3 Deborah O'Nan
10/4 Jacky Schwartz
10/5 Francisco Noriega
10/6 Bert Edwards
10/7 Ian Collignon, Emma Majewski
10/8 Brandie Schaefer
10/10 Janet Schultheis
10/11 Tim Tretter

Happy Birthday to You!!!

**GOOD NEWS for STVdP Food Pantry
6th Annual Friday Knights Hunger Bowl Donations
Reach New Heights...**

The 6th Annual Friday KNIGHTS Hunger Bowl was played on Friday, September 9th at the Reitz Bowl culminated in a record-breaking year that raised nearly \$21,000 for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. The Friday Knights Hunger Bowl game features the Reitz Memorial Tigers and Mater Dei Wildcats football teams. Sister Donna Marie Herr, OSB SVDP Pantry Director appreciates all the monies from the supporters of Memorial and Mater Dei. The area Knights of Columbus council thank all the area Catholic schools, individuals and K of C councils that participated. This makes a total of over \$57,000 raised over the 6 years.

BASIC CATHOLIC COURSE... resumed Wednesday. The Fall sessions are held on the third floor of the Ministry Center at 6:00 pm. Contact Deacon Tom Kempf with any questions 812-204-4623 or tkempf@evdio.org. Other class dates in the Fall sessions are: Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26.

CREATION CARE

You have an opportunity to gather with and get to know others in our parish family by sharing prayer, conversation and inspiration concerning creation and its care. Our focus will be: recognizing God in creation, deepening a spirituality of creation, exploring ways we can nurture and care for our earth where we live, as well as, experiencing a life of relationship with ALL God's creation. Our current plan is to meet monthly on the 3rd Monday of the month. Our first gathering will be October 17 at 6pm. Location of the meetings will be in the Sts. Mary and John Parish Ministry Center on the 3rd floor. All are welcome.



NEXT EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE EXHIBIT

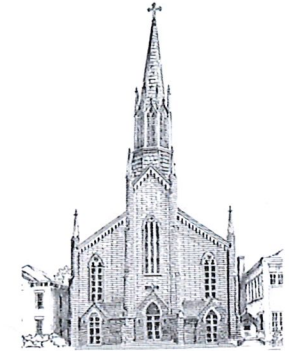
The next set of Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit panels (set#1) will be delivered to the parish on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 and displayed in church until Monday, October 10, 2022. The panels will be set up across from the Grotto for viewing.



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ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

ALL SOULS DAY MASS Please join us as we pray for all the faithful departed at our annual **All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance on Sunday, October 30, at 2 pm in the cemetery mausoleum chapel.** We especially invite the family and friends of those who have loved ones that were buried in the cemetery this past year. During the Mass, we will have a special remembrance of all those who have died this past year. Join us as we remember the gift these people have been in our lives.

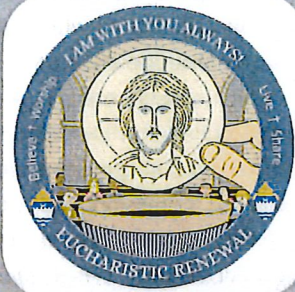
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Good Stewardship

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good Steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

Encountering the Eucharist

Believe ✠ Worship ✠ Live ✠ Share



The *Book of the Gospels* is a bound liturgical book containing all the Gospel Readings used during Sunday Mass and Solemnities for years A, B, and C. Because it's a liturgical book, it is considered sacred. Thus it is sometimes beautifully bound and decorated and always to be treated with reverence. The *Book of the Gospels* is ordinarily carried in procession by the deacon. However, in the absence of a deacon, the lector or reader assigned for the day may carry up this book and place it on the altar. The *Book of the Gospels* is put on the altar so that when the deacon or priest carries it to the ambo during the proclamation of the Gospel at Mass, there is a connection between the "table of the Word" at the Ambo and the "table of the altar." We are fed by both.

What We Believe...

The Angelic Presence During Mass

Perhaps you've seen the short film on the internet titled: *The Veil Removed*. It's a video that reveals the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints and mystics, revealed by scripture and in the *Catechism* of the Catholic Church. In case you are unfamiliar with this film, it begins in a typical large city and focuses on a particularly large Catholic Church. A young man of twenty-something seems to have wandered into the church from the street just as Mass has begun. We don't know anything about this young man; however, we have the impression that he's searching for something and has decided to come to church. The inside of the church is speckled with a few faithful, most of whom look as if they are in their sixties or seventies. There are not many participants in the big church. After the gospel has been read, we notice some light being reflected by the tiled floor. As a family is bringing up the gifts to the altar, suddenly we notice that a pair of angels are accompanying them. These angelic beings proceed to process themselves into the sanctuary and take their place. Meanwhile, at least a dozen other such angels are marching down the main aisle of the church and also enter the sanctuary to the wonder and amazement of the congregation. By the time of the consecration and elevation of the chalice, we see the cross with a still alive Christ hanging upon it and suspended over the altar surrounded by a myriad of angels and saints. The special effects used in this video and the quality of the cinematography are quite excellent. St. Augustine once said, "The angels surround and help the priest when he is celebrating Mass." Unfortunately, to our modern "sensibilities," such ideas might strike us as being overly pietistic at best and like superstitious nonsense at worst. It's too incredible, isn't it? Can we really believe that all the angels and saints are present there with us as we worship our Lord in the Holy Mass remaining unseen, and yet know they stand beside us uniting Heaven and Earth? And yet, this is what has been believed down through the centuries. If one pays close attention, the *Preface* of the Eucharistic Prayer attests to the presence of many angels. For example, "And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts ..." (Common Preface I). John Chrysostom also says, "For if the very air is filled with angels, how much more the Church! ...The angels exult, the Archangels rejoice, the Cherubim and Seraphim join us in the celebration of [the] feast..." To attend Mass for the angels is a great joy, as "Christ is the center of the angelic world. They are his angels" (CCC 331). They love God and will gladly pray for us at Mass anywhere in the world! The angelic world is mysterious, but we are encouraged to ask them for their intercession since they can help us to adore the Divine Majesty with devotion.



"You are attended by thousands upon thousands and myriads upon myriads of Angels and Archangels, of Thrones and Dominions, of Principalities and Powers. Beside you stand the two august Seraphim ...They sing your holiness. With theirs, receive also our acclamation to your holiness."

from the Anaphora of Serapion, bishop of Thumis, in Lower Egypt circa 350 A.D.

Sharing Our Very Life: Preparing for the Mass

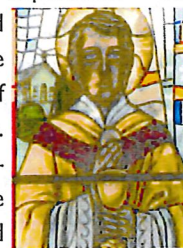
Once, St. Teresa was overwhelmed with God's goodness and asked Our Lord "How can I thank you?" Our Lord replied, "Attend one Mass." The Mass is more than a "church service" or an obligation to be checked off our "to do" list. The Mass is an encounter with Our Lord where we meet Him at the cross of Calvary. Therefore, we should prepare hearts intentionally. Lots of people probably feel that saying a simple prayer as they get settled in their pew is enough. Although such piety is praiseworthy, it would be more efficacious in merit to be even more intentional. For example, *go to Confession!* Even if you are not conscious of mortal sin, get into the habit of going regularly—why not monthly? The grace of the Sacrament of Confession helps to detach us from even the venial sins we commit. St. John Paul has said that without proper repentance, "partaking of the Eucharist would lack its full redeeming effectiveness" (*Redemptor Hominis*, 20). That's powerful! In order to receive holy communion, we should have the proper disposition—meaning that our mind is recollected and focused upon what we are doing at Mass. Here is a short prayer you could memorize and say right before receiving holy communion. It is taken from the prayer before Mass written by St. Ambrose:

"May your body and blood, which I intend to receive, although I am unworthy, be for me the remission of my sins, the washing away of my guilt, the end of my evil thoughts, and the rebirth of my better instincts. May it incite me to do the works pleasing to you and profitable to my health in body and soul and be a firm defense against the wiles of my enemies."

Life in the Eucharist: St. Peter Julian Eymard

Born in La Mure d'Isère in southeastern France, Peter Julian Eymard's [pronounced A-mard] faith journey drew him from being a priest in the Diocese of Grenoble in 1834, to joining the Marists in 1839, to founding the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in 1856. Father Eymard was especially effective at preaching Eucharistic devotions, very popular at the time. It was on one such

occasion, on Corpus Christi, May 25, 1845, that he had a powerful experience that would change the course of his life. While carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession at Saint Paul's Church in Lyons, he felt an



intense attraction to Christ in the Eucharist and resolved to "bring all the world to the knowledge and love of our Lord; to preach nothing but Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ Eucharistic." The life of this Apostle of the Eucharist has inspired people around the world to live a more dynamic and transformative Eucharistic life by uniting regular participation in the Mass.

Adoro te Devote: The Preface

The *Preface* is considered as a sort of introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer. The word is derived from the combination of two Latin words: *prae* and *fatío* words spoken beforehand or "before the act," and refers to the great works of the Eucharistic Prayer, center of the celebration of the Holy Mass. The *preface* begins just before the *Sanctus* (i.e. the Holy, holy) when the priest says, "The Lord be with you." The word "Eucharist" means, "act of thanksgiving", and this act of thanksgiving is clearly expressed in a special way in the *preface*. In Christ, the priest, in the holy name of the people, glorifies God the Father and gives Him thanks for the work of salvation or for one of these aspects in particular. "It is a poem, the cry of joy and recognition, the song of the world discovering its salvation, ...the certitude of faith making hope spring forth, as has to have been the prayer of Jesus on the night of Holy Thursday."

