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4th Degree meetings
4th Monday of month 7:30 pm
Rosary before meeting

St. Mary Church & Our Lady of the Woods Shrine



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Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Santiago M. Hoyumpa
Secretary: Jeanie Smith

Weekly Mass Schedule

See inside for possible changes

Sunday—9:00 am

Tues, Thurs, Fri—9:00 am

Wednesday—6:00 pm

Saturday—6:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration after Friday Mass

Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday: 8 am—3:30 pm

Sacraments

Preparation classes with Pastor

Marriage

6 months prior to setting date

Reconciliation By appointment or:

Wednesday: 5:00—5:15 pm

Saturday: 5:00—5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30—8:45 am

Bulletin Deadline:

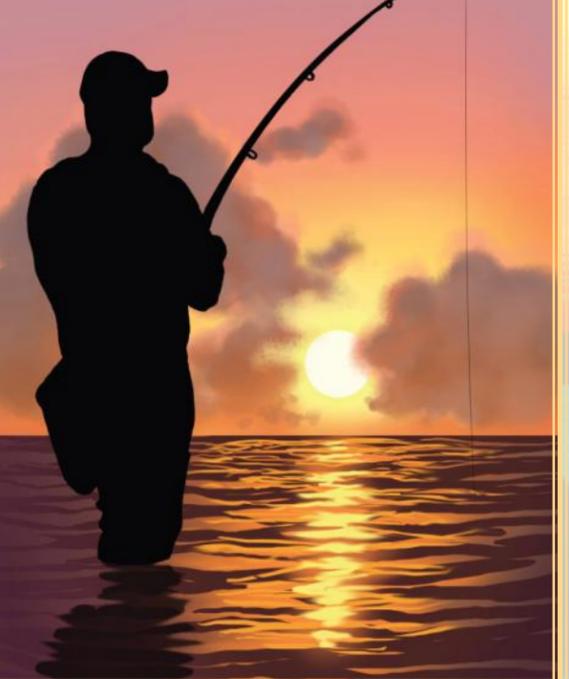
Monday

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2021

*We live by faith,
not by sight.*

2 Corinthians 5:7



Mass Schedule

Events & Opportunities

St. Mary Church & Community News

Tuesday—July 27

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

Family of Claude & Blanche Thorpe (Blanche Thorpe)

Wednesday —July 28

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass

+*Timothy LeBlanc (Joan & Skip Bohlinger)*

Thursday—July 29

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

Spiritual Revival in America

Friday —July 30

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

+*Skip Klauka (Dana & Sharon LeBlanc)*

Saturday—July 31

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass (outdoors, weather permitting)

Patrick Campbell (June Slusarski)

Sunday—August 1

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

+*Kathryn Downey (Paul & Dawn Downey)*

To St. Mary Parishioners: This past week was my last one here as your secretary. How does life get by us so quickly...here I am, actually retiring! I've spent 31 years total as a church secretary and 13 of those years have been here at St Mary. When I started in 2008, Sandra, the previous secretary, wasn't well enough to help me learn the ropes here, and I've always been grateful for Tena Troyer and Christie Valley who stepped in and helped me figure things out and organize. In fact, many of you were so helpful and encouraging those first weeks that I knew I was in the right place!

I'm taking lots of memories with me, and I have to share a couple of the fun ones with you. Where the secretary's office is now, used to be the priest's office. Shortly after I started, Father Ray had me move into 'his office' because he preferred the room in the back. Not long after the switch, a young couple came into the office, peeked in my door and said in great surprise, "Are you the new priest?!" Another time, there were several people talking in the office when a woman suddenly stormed in. She was all indignant about some situation, and she immediately started complaining (loudly!) to the man who was casually leaning on the front desk. He stood there calmly, letting her rant on (not that any of us could have got a word in edgewise) and when she paused for his reply, he said, "So why are you telling me? I'm just the bus driver." (A tour bus was here that day!) She must have thought he was the priest, and she quickly left! Her complaint was rather frivolous and hard to decipher, and we couldn't help laughing along with the poor bus driver.

I have loved working for the Lord all these years, and for this church. I will greatly miss talking with Fr. San... Richard's sense of humor... Skip's stories (even the Protestant jokes!) ... getting to read and print poems for June's cards...Tena's generosity with her time and help... doing the bulletin (the favorite part of my week)...and walking into the quiet peacefulness of the church. I think of, and still miss, so many who have gone Home to be with God. I'll miss many of you who call or come into the office and then chat for a bit. I am lucky to have something that is hard to say goodbye to.

Other, 'experienced' retirees have assured me that while retirement is an initial adjustment, it can also be a

We'd like to thank everyone who has been praying for our son, David. He still has a brain tumor and is doing as well as can be expected. Your continued prayers are appreciated. ~Jim & Nancy Lupo

CCW Craft Nite, each Monday from 6-8 pm in the parish hall. All ladies of the church are invited.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, July 27 at 6 pm

Stewardship Reflections: "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" John 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him.

Prayer for Our Nation

Lord God, as the days become increasingly dark in our country, we pray You will be put in Your rightful position. Instruct us and give us discernment as we intercede. Lord, You know all that is hidden. You know the plans in men's hearts. We pray for defeat of those things that are being done that are against Your values Lord. We pray for the education system—that curriculum creating division among children, would not be allowed and our children would instead be taught unity and love for others. Lord, let our nation's leaders find wisdom, knowledge, and understanding through You and Godly people around them. Protect us from those within our own country that would seek our downfall.

May peace return to our nation.

In the Name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

wonderful new season in our life. I'm sure they're right. God planned these seasons of life and I know he has good things in store for each one. I'm happy that Maryanne Ladensack, who has filled in for me several times over the years, will be taking over. The office will be in good hands! I thank God for all the wonderful people I've known here and I pray that he'll continue to bless each and every one of you. Jeanie

Stewardship Report

Average Monthly Operating Budget:	\$ 16,000.00
Last Week's Tithes & Offerings:	\$ 1,852.00
Other Income (candles, rent, misc.)	\$ 470.00
July Income to Date:	\$ 15,182.00

Prayer List

Mary Macy, Sandi Carter, Larry Slasinski, Brian Lixey, Claire Stafford, Jeffery Jones, Rosemary Scott, Ken G., Cody Wood, Jerry Hawkins, Janet B. Ray Botkin, Karen Smith, Maryanne Ladensack, Kathy Cay, Kathy Downey, Joe & Carol Pillars, Jesse Joyce, Olivia Bazinski, Patrick Campbell, Jack Bailey, Bert & Jan Greer, Mary McGregor, Cheryl Klee, Robert Klee, Sheila Bishop, Luke Farhat, Joshua Shea, David Lupo

Pray for our Clergy & Religious

Sun: Rev. Bryan Medlin

Mon: Rev. Paul Megge

Tues: Rev. Eyob Merin

Wed: Rev. Ruben Munoz

Thurs: Rev. Robert Nalley

Fri: Rev. Brad Nursey

Sat: Rev. Gerald Okoli

SHRINE CORNER

The restoration received donations totaling \$5,594.00. \$249.00 from Gift Shop Visitors; \$975.00 from the Parish Family; \$4,370.00 for Adopt a Statue. The Restoration saving and checking account unofficially totals \$76,142.00.

This has been an interesting week at the Shrine. So many things happening so quickly. We received word that a FATIMA Group from Flint had recently visited the Shrine. After talking to Annette G. in the Gift Store thought they could help with a donation. Last Monday I called the gentleman at home and they are willing to ADOPT Our Lady of Mount Carmel. On Friday, Father San, received the check in the mail. The cost of this adoption was \$4,370.00. The group who made the adoption is the WORLD APOSTALATE OF FATIMA-BLUE ARMY, Flint/Owosso region. Having people operate the gift store seven days a week has given us so many opportunities that would have been missed. Not only this adoption, but the donations from visitors in the restoration jar in the Gift Store is outstanding. To all the volunteers who work the Gift Shop, THANK YOU!

I thought the following should be shared since so many people knew this gentleman and demonstrate how the Shrine touches so many people in a lot of different ways. A check accompanied this card that read: "To St. Mary's Parish. Per our father's request he wants to donate this to the Parish for up keep on the property and Shrine. If you don't know, dad passed away, December 24, 2020 at 11:40p.m. This was one of his requests in his will. He loved living up there and had many friends that he talked about all the time. From all the Family, Thank You for the memories." ~James E. Fath

Betty Stanchina has stepped forward and will take charge of the breakfast held today. Quiche, meat, fruits and drinks are on the menu. I hope you attend and the receipts will go to the Shrine Restoration. If you left and read this, you can turn around. Local restaurants have been packed every Sunday, so this will give them a helping hand. I have seen many people walk in a local restaurant and leave because of the wait time. The breakfast results and volunteers will be included in the next edition of this insert.

Feast of the Assumption Sunday, August 15. The Feast of the Assumption Mass will be at 11:00a.m. Reconciliation will occur at 8:30a.m.; the Rosary will be at 9:00a.m.; and the outdoor Stations of the Cross at 9:30a.m. Saturday night Mass will be outside at the usual time. Anne Galbraith will head the food for the event.

On July 27 the Pastoral Council will work out the final details. Jeanie Smith retired this past week and will be replaced by Maryanne Ladensack. Jeanie planned on retiring in May, but graciously decided to stay longer to help in the office for Father San. Thanks Jeanie. I had the opportunity to talk to Maryanne and she is doing good and the doctors told her she can go to work. Maryanne is looking forward to starting. The last few months have been tedious, but Maryanne has worked her way through it with great strength with all the prayers said on her behalf. We all know prayers are the best medicine.
God Bless, Jim L.

Seen on Signs:

- ◆ If you think education is costly, try ignorance!
- ◆ This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.
- ◆ Went to the Air & Space Museum, but there was nothing there.



For the bulletin online, go to the shrine website, olwshrine.org and click on "Our Parish", then "Home". You can also access it at: dioceseofgaylord.org, 'Find a Parish', then find us on the map or list—click on our website.