

Church of St. Mary

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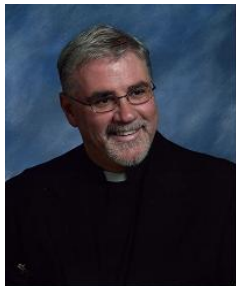
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May 13, 2012

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Fr. Steve
Binsfeld

Dear People of St. Mary's Parish....

If you have some good digital photographs of first communion, confirmation, your wedding taken in church, email a copy to me through the parish email at stmary@stmaryalexandria.org. We always need good photographs for a visual record of the life of our parish.

After the long flight home from Greece and Turkey the pilgrims are tired...but the tour was good. I will prepare a digital show for people to see if you would like. I always believe in sharing good news. This is especially made easy when I can make a DVD with good music and overwriting texts on the photos.

As we begin to approach the end of the school year, I say thank you to all the teachers and our principal in our school as well as all the schools in our city. They are entrusted with the learning of the children of our parish and city. None of us would not be where we are in life without good teachers. Thanks also to the support staff—secretaries, custodians, paras, the many volunteers. We all work together to help our children grow.

Blessings to you all....and may the risen Lord bless you all.

Fr. Steve

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Readings for the Week of May 13th

Monday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20

Weekly Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Server for Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs. – Joe Molloy

Monday	12:05 PM +Krista Stock
Tuesday	5:00 PM +Laudie Karsky
Wednesday	8:30 AM ++Nick & Stella Zurn
Thursday	7:00 AM +Darlene Ernst 1:00 PM @Nelson Gables + John Deissler
Friday	8:30 AM +Delora Meyer
Saturday	5:00 PM +Darlene Ernst
Sunday	8:00 AM For the Parish 10:00 AM +Dorothy Quist

Rosary is prayed 25 minutes before daily mass.

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 4 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (room behind presider's chair; also has a separate entry)

Celebration of Baptism: All parents must take the Baptism Preparation Course before their child's baptism. Sign up by calling the Parish Office. The next course will be offered on May 10th.

Baptism Dates: May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12. To schedule a baptism on one of these dates, please call the Parish Office.

Preparation for Marriage: Members of the parish (or children of members) must arrange for marriage at least 6 months in advance. Information can be received from the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: is held on the first Sunday of the month, immediately following the 8 AM Mass. Those who wish to be anointed are asked to come to the front of the church.

New members - to register please stop by our hospitality desk located in the Commons Area of the church or call the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 19th & 20th

5 PM MASS

Greeters Joan Collins, Greg & Tammy Huss, Barb Sparr

Lector 1 Doreen Bartos

Lector 2 Lyle Keller

Servers Josh Ballou, Noah Huss, Rachel Meyer

Extraordinary Ministers Team 3

Ushers Team 3 – Jim Lingor, Kathleen Lingor, Randy Meyer, Loren Lukes, Diane Lukes, Wayne Siffing, Curt Mateer, Shaun Mateer

8 AM MASS

Greeters Evelyn G. Roers, Fran Schultz, Tony & Mary Strasser

Lector 1 Dave Peterson

Lector 2 Bob Carter

Servers Joe Brown, Mitchel Floding, Tyler Floding

Extraordinary Ministers Team 7

Ushers Team 7 – Clarence Lange, Jeff Perreault, Bill Verschaetse, Shane Schmidt, Steve Schmidt, Dave Schmidt, Paul Miller, Tony Strasser

10 AM MASS

Greeters Rodney & Sue Borden, Nick & Katrina Brault

Lector 1 Greg Thompson

Lector 2 Joshua Waltzing

Servers Brady Sabolik, John Sabolik, Evan Schneiderhan

Extraordinary Ministers Team 11

Ushers Team 11 – Ron Hoffman, Bill O'Brien, Pat Bruggeman, Wayne DeCock, Brad Klinkner, Jim Kokett, Randy Kinney, Jeff Schnitzler

Drivers – May 20th

1816 Fillmore – Herb Steffl

Bethel Manor – Jerry Wright

Windmill Ponds – Randy Meyer

Nelson Gables – Don Thoennes

Hospital/Nursing Home – May 20th

Hospital – Bobbie Osterberg

Knute Nelson/Nelson Gables – Bill & Barb Flaig

Bethany – Mary Strasser

LECTORS, GREETERS AND SERVERS –

We will be working on the schedule for June, July & August so if you have any dates you are not available please call the Parish office with this information by MAY 18th.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM in the large conference room of the Parish office. Everyone is welcome!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - meets on Thursday mornings at 6:00 AM in the Commons Area of the church. Call Russ at 320-491-1853 or Jerry at 762-8267 for more information.

ST. MARY'S PRAYER LINK: If you have a prayer request, please send to Wosepkak@aol.com or phone Kelly Wosepka at 762-0303. You may also call Julie Desautels at 846-1842. All prayer requests will be kept confidential.

ADORATION, QUIET TIME SPENT WITH THE LORD. If you have questions, you can pick up a brochure in the chapel, contact Sue at 762-2053, or email tscamculloch@charter.net. Thank you and God bless.

PRAYER MEETINGS are held on Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 PM in the chapel and they are open to everyone. Divine Mercy Hour is on Mondays from 3-4 PM in the chapel. The rosary is prayed 25 minutes before Mass on Sunday's in the chapel. For more information call 762-8632.

DEVOTED is a group of adults – parents, singles, 20's, 30's, 40's, coming together for community, mission and discipleship. Devoted meets on Sundays at 7:15 PM. Men will meet one Sunday and women the next. Please call Katie at 762-8986 for location and with any questions.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

St. Mary's Moms are invited to study the scriptures for next Sunday at the Alexandria YMCA on Friday mornings following school mass (9:45-10:45 AM). Come for faith, fellowship and fun! *Child care is available – YMCA members are free and non-YMCA members are \$2/hour per child. Call Sue DelCastillo at 320-219-7075 with any questions.



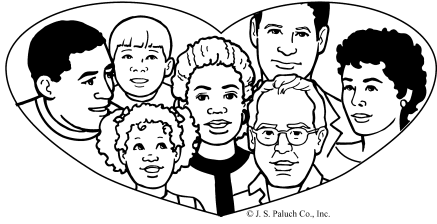
Corbie June child of Jason & Chelsey Nikkel
Paxton Luke child of Andrew & Nancy Rice
Alley Rae child of Luke & Michelle Wewley

PRAYER CORNER

If you or someone you know in our parish community is sick or ill or has a family member who could use our prayers, please call our Parish Nurse, Kathy Fischer, at 762-2320. Please remember the following people in your prayers: Marianne Steinbach, Carol Kalinowski, Clarence Lange, John Walz, Jack Arendt, Gertie Berg, Barb Lofquist, Robert Coates, Emily Kasper, Reenie Elkington, Peggy Blenkush, Bev Peterson, Jeri Escher and Donna Ewers.



COMMUNITY NEWS



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO will be held on Sunday, May 13th at 7 PM and on Wednesday, May 16th at 2 PM, at the KC Hall on 6th Ave E. & Nokomis. Team 14 Randy Meyer, Jeffrey Crosby, Ed Silver, Justin Dummer and Tom Ernst will be in charge.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA will be meeting on Thursday, May 17th at 7:00 PM in the Commons Area of the Church. Everyone is welcome.

ATTENTION LADIES:

You are invited to enrich your spirituality by attending a retreat hosted by Christine Luna Munger.

Discovering Movements in Relationships and Daily Life A Retreat in Ordinary Life

This group will gather on Tuesday, May 22nd and Wednesday, May 23rd from 6 to 9 pm at St. Mary's School. This will be followed by six weeks of online experience from Sunday, May 27th – Sunday July 8th. You must have access to a computer for these sessions.

Christine is currently pursuing doctoral studies in Practical Theology through St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida. She has completed her Master's degree in Christian Spirituality and Spiritual Direction at Creighton University in Omaha and her Bachelor's degree in Theology and Peace Studies at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph.

Christine is committed to companionship people in their spiritual journeys and eager to explore the ways in which we find God present and active in the midst of our daily lives.

Space is limited and will be reserved on a first-registered basis. To sign up, or for questions, e-mail lunamunger@gmail.com or call the Religious Ed. Office at 763-9202.

Love INC/Mercy Orphanages Garage Sale on May 19th from 7:00 am-3:00pm at the Runestone Community Center (RCC) in Alexandria! Save all of your **gently used** spring cleaning items (clothes, toys, books, tools, antiques, household items, furniture, etc.) and donate them to support Love INC and Mercy Orphanages! Drop off items at the RCC on May 17th from 1:00-7:00 p.m. and May 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call the Love INC office at 759-3022 or email at office@loveincdouglas.org if you are

interested in volunteering! For more information, please visit our website at www.loveincdouglas.org.

THANK YOU

A Special thank you to all those who contributed to the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fundraiser. Through your generosity we raised \$1815.35 which will go to Special Olympics for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

BLOOD DRIVE The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive on Mon., May 21 from 1:30 - 7:30 PM and on Tues., May 22 from 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM in the Great Hall. Please bring a photo ID. To schedule an appointment please call Janet at 763-3381.

THANK YOU Team 4 - Arlene Larson, for serving Orville Ruppert's funeral lunch, Team 8 - Gail Joerger, Julie Kirscht and Cecilia Courneya for serving Harvey Dahlheimer's funeral lunch and Team 6 - Jo Howe, Jeanne Sieve and Kris Juettner for serving Edna Doebber's funeral lunch.

STEWARDSHIP

SERVICE OVER SELF

Sharing Our Gifts

Musician, singer, songwriter, poet, painter, scientist, mathematician, athlete, peacemaker—the list goes on and on. Each of us has been gifted in some unique way and at the heart of stewardship is the belief that all of these gifts flow from God, the Source of all.

As Christian stewards we:

- Receive God's gifts gratefully,
- Cultivate them responsibly
- Share them lovingly in justice with others, and
- Return them with increase to the Lord.

The grateful return of time and talent to God in an ecclesial setting is accomplished through each individual's participation in the support of the Church's mission of proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying.

Being able to identify one's own gift is an essential step in the stewardship of talent. Some find it a bit uncomfortable at first; after all, haven't we been taught not to be boastful? But Jesus tells us that *"no one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to the entire house. In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good work and give glory to your Father in heaven.* (Matthew 5:15-16).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

email: stmreled@stmaryalexandria.org
Phone: 763-9202



ATTENTION CLASS of 2012 – SR. BRUNCH

The junior class is hosting a celebration on **June 3** after the 10:00 Mass. The invitations were mailed. PLEASE return your RSVP and send a wallet-sized photo to the religious education office this week. If you have any questions or if your senior did not receive an invitation, you may contact Rose Weisel at 762-7297.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!

St. Mary's Religious Education Staff would like to thank the wonderful teachers and other volunteers who helped out this past year with our Jr. and Sr. High program. It takes lots of people willing to dedicate their time to make these programs run smoothly.

Thank you to the teachers:

11th grade: Sue Brown, Mary Gorghuber, Tony Lussenhop, Tammy Huss, Russ Craigmile, and Sonya Skinner

10th grade: Janet Schiltgen, Joel Novak, Jim Joerger, Jan Finazzo, Doc DelCastillo, Melissa Knott

9th grade: Tami VanGaal, Brandon Montgomery, Jim Przybilla, and Joe Korkowski

8th grade: Kim Hilback, Francie Peterson, Reenie Elkington, and Julie Desautels

7th grade: Cinnamon Lancaster, Karen Grundei, Kim Wilmesmeier, Jenna Finley, Dianne Doyle, Kim Ziegler, Sara Essler, Lori Gruber, Rhonda Hackleman, and Bruce Becker

Thanks to the volunteers who helped with other ongoing activities like Social Nights, Interest Nights, or being a Hall Monitor, Office Help, or Substitute Teacher: Donna Ogaard, Linda Lorenz, Julie Shulstad, Amy Roers, Rodney Roers, Yvonne Kinney-Hockert, Sandy Mateer, Vivian Windhorst, Dawn Houska, Lisa Larson, Ruth Molloy, Jeanne Thompson, Becky Swanson, Kelly Wosepka, Mary Floding, Michelle Klinkner, Katie Gould, Renee Sanden, Molly Vanderwerf, Becky Zwilling, Kirsten Mimmerath, and Sara Slagle.

Thanks to all of you parents too. I know that this year was a transition year and I appreciate your patience and flexibility. Thank you to all of you who helped with the Seder Meal, chaperoning an event, sending treats, and making sure your child was here every week. You were all so wonderful to work with and your help was greatly appreciated! Gina Pohlen☺

St. Mary's VBS: SonRise National Park June 11-14, 2012 (9:00 – Noon) Ages: 3 Year Olds through 3rd Graders

VBS isn't just for kids. We need lots of helpers, from teens to grandparents. Help is needed with music, crafts, games, and teaching. If you can't help out during the week, perhaps you have a talent you could share (such as decorating or prep work). You can help us keep costs down by donating items such as water bottles, snacks, decorating, or craft materials. We also ask your help by including our program in your prayers--we can always feel that strong prayer support!

For more information, check out our webpage at <http://stmaryalexandria.org/> on ways you can help support our VBS program. Registration forms are available in the Commons Area of church or the Rel. Ed. office.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VBS

Brown paper grocery bags
Empty 2 liter bottles (or full)
Egg cartons
Small trinkets for prizes
Large stuffed forest animals
Old binoculars
Forest animal print fabric
Wicker baskets
4 x 6 or 3 x 5 picture frames (no glass)
Canteens
Ranger hats
King Crown (for display)
Back packs
Plastic horse shoes or throwing games
Bird feathers for a craft
Light-colored 6 x 6 inch tiles
Pine boughs & pine cones
Pool noodles
Old Christmas/pine trees – tree stumps or fake trees
Snacks for hungry teen helpers
Teddy Grahams
Hamburger or hot dog donations
Hamburger and hot dog buns
Ketchup and mustard
Juice



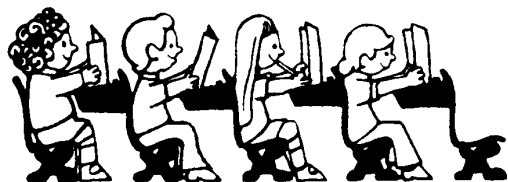
If you want something back, please CLEARLY LABEL it and we will be certain to return it to you. Call Julie at 846-1842 with any questions. Donations can be placed in the box in the Commons Area marked "VBS Donations", or brought to the Religious Ed. Office.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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Teams Are Needed!

**St. Mary's School Trust Fund
5TH Annual**

Scholarship Golf Tournament

"Because You Play...No Child Turned Away"

**Geneva Golf Club —
Wednesday, May 23, 2012**



Single
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to Geneva
Golf Club

50/50
Cash
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Games

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our
Sponsors!



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CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

MAY 2012

May 6 Paula Hurley, Alexandria \$35
 May 7 Tina Kukowski, Farmington MN \$20
 May 8 Claren Kane, Sauk Centre \$20
 May 9 John Leesch, Alexandria \$20
 May 10 Kathy Jacobson, Benson \$20
 May 11 Julie Jones, Sartell \$20
 May 12 Travis Torsoren, Alexandria \$20

St. Mary's School - Alexandria is now accepting the following applications for the 2012-2013 school year:

Third Grade Teacher - Current Minnesota licensure is required and a practicing Catholic is preferred.

Half-Time K-6 Spanish Teacher Interested candidate must have a current Minnesota K-6 teaching license.

Half-Time Music Teacher - Interested candidate must have a current Minnesota K-6 teaching license.

St. Mary's is a growing Catholic School that offers a competitive salary and benefits.

Please send cover letter, references, resume, and credentials by May 15th to:

**Troy Sladek, Principal
St. Mary's School
421 Hawthorne St.
Alexandria, MN 56308**

LITURGICAL & MUSICAL NOTES

Grammatically correct?

Some of the prayers at Mass sound grammatically incorrect to those who are expecting a verb that ends in "s." For example, the prayer for peace between the Lord's Prayer and the Lamb of God concludes with "Who live and reign for ever and ever." The collect for the Third Sunday of Advent begins, "O God, who see how your people faithfully await..." And the collect for Christmas Mass during the Night begins, "O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant..." Some people are asking if it should be "who lives and reigns," "who sees," and "who has made."

Well, no. The prayers are in the second person singular, not the third person singular. The first translation of the missal often began prayers with declarative clause, such as, "Father in heaven, the light of your truth bestows sight..." (alternative opening prayer for Ash Wednesday) and "Father of light, in you is found no shadow of change..." (alternative opening prayer for the Second Sunday of Lent.) But the revised prayers are usually not declarations of what God does, but invocations to God. They require a second person verb where people are accustomed to hearing one in the third.

You can catch the difference if you think about these two similar statements just before communion at every celebration of the Eucharist: "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us" and "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world." The first uses "take" because it is addressed to the Lamb of God, but the second requires "takes" because it is a statement about the Lamb. Although the verb forms in many revised prayers sound a bit unusual, they are grammatically correct.

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She is a **VALiant** woman; her roots are firmly planted. The kingdom is within; her heart, treasure-filled.
 She is a **JOYFUL** woman for whom laughter is no stranger: a song to sing, a smile to give, a hand clasp or embrace.
 She is a **STRONG** woman whose heart and arms withstand the pressures and the worries that each day unfolds.
 She is a **PATIENT** woman waiting through storm and night for new life, new growth, rich harvest.
 She is a **LOVING** woman, ever giving and forgiving, ever caring and concerned.
 She is a **SHARING** woman who with arms outstretched gives her gifts and treasures to those both near and far. Proverbs 31

VALiant - JOYFUL - STRONG - PATIENT - LOVING - SHARING
 Reading the definitions in the above scripture is a reminder of all the women in our lives who try to live these attributes as daily mantras. Women like you.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

FINANCIAL GIFTS

May 6th Financial Stewardship Collections for the Weekend of 05/06/12

	Actual	Budgeted
Sunday Envelope	\$27,785.50	\$26,923.08
Loose	\$ 2,216.24	\$ 4,000.00
Sunday Children	\$ 145.99	\$ 96.15

A more detailed monthly report may be reviewed at the Parish Office.

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