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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Marriages – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

Hospitalized Parishioners – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

Mass Intentions:

6/18/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Donald Ruder (Hoffman Family)
6/23/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Mary Jo Murphy
6/25/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Pat & Alice Masching (Ruth Schott)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Rectory.
Suggested Donation is \$10.

Remember in Prayer our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

Liturgical Schedule for Lectors/Servers

6/18/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Bridget/Servers—Miles, Jackson, Elsie
6/25/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Melinda/Servers—Mike, Matt

Holy Father's Intention for the month of June:

General Intention: That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.



Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 531.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Father Stan was ordained into the priesthood 38 years ago on Saturday, June 18th. Thank you, Father Stanley for having a heart like Jesus, Willing, Obedient and Faithful! You are appreciated by your St. Mary's Parish Family. CONGRATULATIONS!! May God continue to keep you in the palm of His hand.

The Rectory will be closed on Tuesday, June 21st and Wednesday, June 22nd.

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers, Step-Fathers & Grandfathers!

This weekend there will be a special collection to care for our infirmed and retired priests. The money raised from this collection will go to the fund which provides long term care for our priests who need assisted living or skilled nursing care. This collection should not be confused with the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which is taken in December and assists religious men and women who belong to religious orders. Thank you for your generous support of the Father's Day Collection for our aged and infirm diocesan priests.

Father's Day, June 19, is surely a good day to re-examine our attitude to our fathers. St. Paul proclaims that man is the "image and glory of God". For it is the reflection of the fatherhood of God which gives man his greatest dignity. Both with God and in God a father who shares the divine mystery of creative power. It is easy to take fathers for granted, just as it becomes very easy to take God the Father for granted. It is easy to overlook their importance in the life we live, just as it is easy to overlook the prime importance of God the Father in our daily scheme of living. It is easy to regard them as constant providers and ignore the fact that some consciousness of their generosity ought to arouse the love within us and provoke a gratitude at least as constant as their goodness, just as we take the fact of God the Father for granted in our daily lives. It is easy to overlook the reverence that is due them by the very fact of their paternity just as it is easy to overlook the reverence to God the Father. By the same token it becomes very simply to shed the docility that is due every father based upon his primacy in the family, just as it is simple to refuse an acceptance of the will of God the Father.

Next week, our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of June 18/19, 2016

In today's Gospel Jesus tells his disciples that if they wish to follow him they must deny themselves and take up his cross daily. In Jesus' time the cross was not something nice or cool that one could hang on the wall or around one's neck. It was an instrument of torture and execution. His point: We are to lay down our lives and let him take control. Good stewards hand over their lives to Jesus no matter the cost. They realize that all they take with them into the next life is their relationship with Christ Jesus. What are we pursuing? A life that tries to bring fulfillment to ourselves or a life that brings us closer to Jesus?

No Jesus-No Peace "Know Jesus—Know Peace"



But who do you say I am? This is perhaps a hard question. But it is the one that matters. With Peter (and the disciples), each of us wants to say: "You are the Messiah, the Christ of God!" We do say it because we are here, because we are Christian. We thirst for him. But does not this Jubilee Year of Mercy shed renewed light on this answer and this name? Who is this Christ in this year? How has this Christ shown and done mercy work? And how do I make his biblical acting a pattern for my own life?

- Because Jesus is the Christ, how will I deny myself this day?
- Because Jesus is the Christ, what cross will I pick up?
- Because Jesus is the Christ, how will I help others follow him?

