

Parish Council Notes

The parish is doing well financially.
Religious Ed and Faith Formation are moving forward.
The Cemetery Committee is trying to determine who is where in the cemetery. Your help will be needed soon.
We are looking at how we can implement social/service opportunities for the parish safely.
We will soon have a big screen tv in Galvin Hall and a security system for the outside of our buildings.

Maintenance

We are trying to get a Maintenance Committee together. There are a lot of things we need to do around here and all help is appreciated. Please let Tom McKinney, Bob Curley, or Barb know if you are interested in helping.

Parish Roster Being Updated

If you haven't updated your parish records, please return them as soon as possible.



COVID UPDATE:

The bishops of Indiana have extended the dispensation from mass attendance to November 1.

In keeping with the governor's upcoming mandates, **we will be requiring all who attend mass from now on to wear face covering** such as a mask, scarf or face shield. While this is uncomfortable, it is necessary to protect ourselves and our neighbors. Masks are available at the church entrance. Children under the age of 8 are exempt from this. Thank you for understanding and complying with this mandate.

Those who have difficulty wearing face coverings, are encouraged to continue to view mass on TV or the internet.

Thanks to all who contributed sanitizing wipes!

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September 13 2020
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Mission: St. Mary's Village Church is a Roman Catholic Community united through our common bonds of worship, faith formation, community building, outreach to others and responsible stewardship of resources. Together, we work to build up the Body of Christ by giving witness to the gospel message of Jesus.

Parish Life Coordinator
Sacramental Minister
Coordinator of Religious Education

Barbara Black
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Sacramental Life

Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation 1st Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

We welcome new members. To enroll call the Parish Office or contact Barb Black: barblack5@yahoo.com, barb@shjth.org or 812-240-8092.

Today's Readings: Sir 27:30-28;:7 Rom 14:9-7; Mt 18:20-35
 Responsorial Psalm 103: **The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

A Message from Barb:

Forgiveness is the theme of this week's readings. Forgiveness is a tricky thing. It's something we often want from others for our own faults, but is another thing when we are the ones who are asked to give it. It doesn't make sense, but we like to hold on to the feeling that we have been wronged. We want the offender to be hurt by our unforgiving attitude as much as they have hurt us by their transgression.

Why should we forgive? Forgiveness is really a bit selfish. When we forgive, we let go of the offense. If the person who hurt us repents, we can renew our relationship. If not, we know that we have done our part. Forgiveness is as much for ourselves as it is for others.

Some think that by forgiving we are saying, "that's ok" to whatever happened. What we are really saying is "I love you enough to give you another chance." That's what God tells us every time we sin.

Mass Intentions:

For:	By:
Sept. 13 Rosemary Joy	The Kelley Family
Sept. 20 Carolyn Marrs	Jim & Flo Callahan

If you wish to have a mass said, the suggested stipend is \$10.00. We are now scheduling masses for the first half of 2021.

Prayers Please for:

Louise Arnold, Ruth Thralls, Bill Marrs Dick Stultz, Dan Kane.
 If you have specific people you would like to have on the parish prayer list, please contact Barb.

Memorial for Sr. Joan

It was decided to construct a memorial bench for Sr. Joan across from the one for Fr. Bernie. The cost is \$1500. If you would like to donate, please be sure to mark checks or envelopes with cash "for Sr. Joan".

Finance Report

Aug. 30, 2020	Budgeted	Actual	Additional Donations	
Sunday Collections	\$2096	\$1865		
Galvin Fund Donations	\$96	\$340	Sr. Joan's Bench	\$235
Cemetery	\$334	\$0		

Sept. 13 second collection will be for the Catholic University of America.

Faith Formation News

Religious Education classes begin today!

Just a reminder....



Classes will social distance by using all available space (classrooms, basement of Galvin Hall and outside (weather permitting)

All children age 8 and over will need to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible. Because of limited space and the difficulty of social distancing with preschoolers there will not be a preschool class this year.

Each classroom will have hand sanitizer and will be disinfected before class. There will be no snacks during class time. In the event that classes need to be canceled materials and resources will be provided digitally, mailed home or be available for pick up after Mass.

Registration is \$30 per child with a cap of \$60 per family.



Join us in Galvin Hall on Thursday evenings at 6:30 to view and discuss The Chosen. There are 8 sessions each about an hour long beginning September 17th.

If you have any questions or concerns about any Faith formation programs, please contact Jamie 812-208-6157 or jrichey75@gmail.com