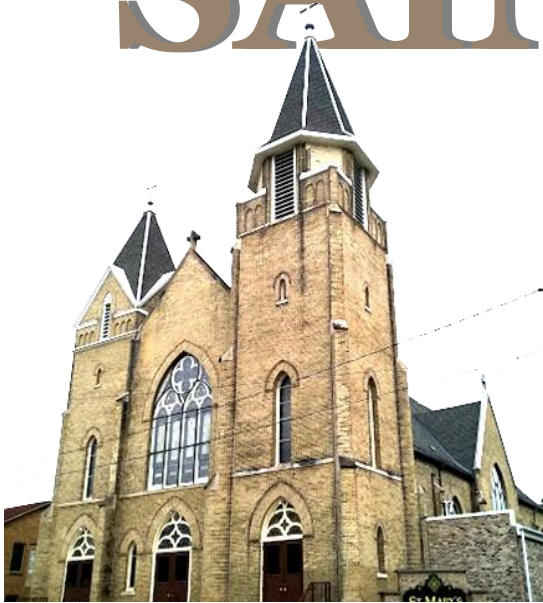


November 19, 2023 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Tue, 5:30 pm Wed, Thurs, & Fri, 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:25 am

Confessions

Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm
Also by appointment

Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm Sunday 8:35 am & 12:35 pm

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 21
5:30 pm † Elizabeth Hall
By: Cathy, Laury, & David Hall

Wednesday, November 22
8:30 am † Ralph Hamm
By: Family

Thursday, November 23
8:30 am Cassidy Crowley
By: Jim & Rochelle Crowley

Friday, November 24
8:30 am † Roseann Pecore
By: Dennis Pecore

Saturday, November 25
7:00 pm † Anna McGowan
By: Steve Doran

Sunday, November 26
9:00 am † Jan Pasciak
By: Jozefa Pasciak

1:00 pm Parishioner Mass



Upcoming Events

Christmas Brunch with Santa

December 3rd after 9 am Mass

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation
December 8th - 7:00 pm

Land of Peace

Selling religious articles from Holy Land after Masses
December 9th & 10th

Finance Council Meeting

December 12th - 6:30 pm

Advent Penance Service

with Adoration, Confessions, & Benediction
December 13th - 6:00-7:15 pm

Decorating the church for Christmas

December 21st - 6:30 pm



A Message from Fr. Cryton,

Called to be Responsible Stewards

The Parable of the Talents in the gospel for the **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A** emphasizes responsible stewardship of what we've been given. We are called to reflect how to use our gifts for a greater purpose. Hope the following lessons given by a priest in a homily will help you and me to be responsible stewards.

1. SUCCESS REQUIRES HARD WORK: St Benedict's motto: "ora et labora" (prayer and work or prayer and work go hand in hand) serves as the first lessons of today's Parable of Talents. Here, we are encouraged not to rely on inspiration alone, rather, perspiration (hard work) goes a long way to facilitate success. The grace of God remains dormant until it is activated by hard work; that is why the scripture says that, "faith requires works." (James 2:14). Many of us, like the grudging servant have buried our talents, abilities and spiritual gifts. So, as we await the return of our King, begin to rediscover our talents and use them to glorify God, serve the common good, and further God's kingdom. Biblical success is working diligently in the here and now using all the talents God has given us to produce the return expected by the Master.

2. YAHWEH JIREH (GOD'S PROVIDES ALL YOU NEED TO SUCCEED): Another most important lesson of today's Parable is that God always provides and gives us everything we need to do what he has called us to do. In reality, we might be tempted to feel sorry or pity for the servant who received only one talent; as per an EXEGETICAL analysis, one talent worths over a daily pay for 20 years: So, the grudging servant was given more than enough to meet the master's expectations. Even for people who think they live with disabilities and less privileged, there are abilities in disabilities.

3. WE ARE MERE CUSTODIANS OF GOD'S RESOURCES AND INVESTMENTS:

The Parable of the Talents teaches that we work for the Master, not our own selfish purposes. In the parable, the money that is given to the servants is not their own. The money they earn with the capital is not theirs to keep. The servants are only stewards of the master's investment, and it is the quality of their stewardship that the master seeks to measure. We should maximize the use of our talents not for our own selfish purposes, but to honor God. All those blessed with riches, political appointments and success in various aspects of life are mere servants who should look around and use these resources to build up the body of Christ, both in the church and our local communities.

4. YOU MUST RENDER ACCOUNT OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP: The grand summary of the Parable of the Talents is that we will be held accountable. Today, we learn about how we use our works, profession, vocation, career, talents, gifts and abilities; as ministers, politicians, musicians, traders, mechanic, etc, to fulfill our earthly callings. It is about whole-life stewardship. The unfaithful steward in this parable didn't so much waste the master's money – he wasted an opportunity. As a result, he was judged wicked and lazy. We are responsible for what we do for God with what we have been given, and one day we will be held responsible.


The Christmas Brunch will be on Sunday, December 3rd in the church basement following the 9am Mass. Everyone is welcome please try to join us! Santa will be making an appearance with goodies!! You will find the sign-up sheet in the back of church for food and attendance. If you have any questions, please call Linda Lochner at 847-867-4941.

Happy Birthday Deacon Tom!
His birthday was this past Wednesday, November 15th. Thanks for all that you do for St. Mary's!



St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Mary Jean Cauley, Chris DeLange, Fr. Clayton Elmhorst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Chuck Huber, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Noah, Mary Claire Marshall, Lizzie Mitchell, Pat Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Marie Senzig, Preston Shields, MV, those who are sick, unemployed, in need, & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, & anxieties; Families & Friends, please...



PRAY THE ROSARY!!!



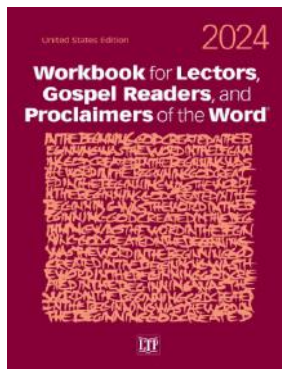
2023-2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal

If you missed the video shown at last weekend's Masses, you can view it here: <https://diolc.org/stewardship/>. Materials from the Diocese will be arriving in your mailboxes soon. Our goal is \$20,100. In order to keep our assessment and annual appeal requirements in check, we encourage all envelope holders to donate towards the appeal as St Mary's has to pay any amount not met by direct donations at the end of the appeal.

Attention Lectors!

Please pick up the new lector workbook in the sacristy.

THANK YOU for volunteering to proclaim God's word at Mass!



A picture from the All Souls Day Mass.

The pictures and candles are set up by the Divine Mercy image in church through the month of November.



There will be a basket in the back of church for the Thanksgiving day Mass for monetary donations for the food pantry. If donating by check, you can make it payable to St. Mary Parish and we will forward funds with one check. **THANK YOU!**

Please note there is no collection during Mass this day.

Did You Know/Tour of the Church By Deacon Tom

We have two Sacristies in our church. The word sacristy simply means a room in a Cristian church in which vestments and sacred objects used in the services are stored and in which the clergy and altar servers put on their robs.

When standing on church and looking at the altar the room on your right is where the sacred vessels are kept and the priest vests for Mass.

The room on your left is where the altar servers vest and the candles are kept. There is a narrow hall that connects the two sacristies.



Financial Stewardship

November 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2141.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$3.00
Offertory.....	\$475.75
Votive Candles.....	\$77.75
Total	\$2,697.50

(156 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....	\$56,614.91
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Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Goal: \$160,000.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$95,745.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 59.84%

Number of Donors: 36

Prayer Chain Assignments this Week:

November 20	Helga Kolb
November 21	Sally Konemann
November 22	Tony Koscal
November 23	Gloria Kramer
November 24	Natty Kranz

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, November 25, 7:00 pm

Lector.....	Paul Zajackowski
EMC.....	Mary Crowley
Servers.....	Stella Finucan
.....	Beckett Finucan
Ushers.....	Dennis Franek
.....	Jasan Franek
.....	Jim Arens
Gift Bearers.....	McGowan Family
Musician.....	Heidi Finucan

Sunday, November 26, 9:00 am

Lector.....	Sheri Guyse
EMC.....	Sheri Guyse
Servers.....	Karina Strzemecki
.....	Amanda Strzemecki
.....	Brian Fox
Ushers.....	Jim Cauley
.....	Craig Kobylski
.....	Connie Walsh
.....	Pat Cauley
Gift Bearers.....	Pete & Linda Lochner
Musician.....	Jade Pusel

Sunday, November 26, 1:00 pm

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to help feed the poor children of Casa Hogar in Peru, Project Milk provides whole milk powder to the orphanage and the surrounding community. Each year the Rural Life Committee seeks to raise enough money to ship 40,000 lbs. of milk powder at an approximate cost of \$80,000. One hundred percent of your monetary gift is used to feed these children and the poor. To give, visit frjoesguild.org/donate, and select "Project Milk" as your designation, or scan the QR code to the right.

