

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 16, 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We are a caring community of faith formed by Word and Sacraments"

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Monday, No Mass
Tuesday, 8:00 am
Wednesday, 8:40 am
Adoration after Mass until 9:00 pm
Thursday, 8:00 am
Friday, 8:00 am

Rosary begins 25 minutes *prior to start*
of Sunday Masses.

RECONCILIATION

Friday after the morning Mass
Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm
Or by appointment



PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

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Sacramental Preparation

BAPTISM

Pre-Baptismal instructions are the first Sunday of the month at 7:00 pm with Mike & Jeannine Park at 428-5925. Baptism will be celebrated on the 1st Sunday or 3rd Saturday of each month. Call the Parish Office to set up a time.



MARRIAGE

The Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls requires a 6-month preparation period for the sacrament of marriage. Contact the pastor to make arrangements.





Dear Parish Family,

August 16, 2020

Jesus had a specific mission to accomplish during his earthly lifetime. He was to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies and lay the foundation for the universal sacrament of salvation, the Catholic Church. And he stayed focused on that mission. Jesus never traveled to exotic locations like Rome and Spain, never visited the intellectual powerhouses of Athens and Alexandria. Those countries and the rest of the world outside Palestine would receive God's truth and grace not from him directly, but later, through his body, the Church.

And yet, when the Canaanite woman approaches him and, by her faith, humility, and persistence, moves his heart, he changes his plans. In so doing, he gives us a brilliant glimpse into the reason behind everything he does: the salvation of souls. Jesus came "to undo the work of the devil" (1 John 3:8), which had brought the human family into its sinful, fallen state. As St Paul put it in his First Letter to Timothy, God wants "everyone to be saved and reach the full knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4). And as he puts it in today's Second Reading: "For God delivered all to disobedience," [in other words, he permitted sin and evil to spread throughout the entire human family], "that he might have mercy upon all.

This was one of the most revolutionary aspects of the Gospel. In Old Testament times, salvation from sin, both original and personal, had been reserved only to the Jews, only to the one Chosen People. But with the coming of Jesus, all peoples, all the Gentile nations are now invited to hope for eternal life in the household of God, the "house of prayer for all peoples" as Isaiah had prophesied in the First Reading. The fact that God wills everyone's salvation is the source of our life-mission. As the Catechism says, "At every time and in every place, God draws close to man" (CCC #1).

In other words, Providence is always at work trying to draw each person into his friendship, or to deepen that friendship where it already exists.

One of the most important ways God does that is through inviting us to be partners with his Providence, to take part in this saving mission. Just as we share and collaborate in the concerns and projects of our human friends, so too the mature Christian, because he loves Christ and is living the life of grace, accepts God's invitation to collaborate in building up Christ's Kingdom, in helping others discover and experience the Gospel, starting with family members, friends, and colleagues.

As Christians, this is our most important work, our life-mission, because as Christians, friendship with Christ is our most important relationship. Unfortunately, because the results of this activity - telling others about Christ, trying to build up the Church and Christianize culture - are not always immediate, we tend to push this responsibility to the back burner.

Today Jesus is asking us to bring it to the front and turn up the heat. Many of our neighbors are in desperate need of the mercy, truth, and grace of God - just like the little girl in today's Gospel. Our job is to connect those needy souls to Christ just as the Canaanite woman did, through our prayers, through our example of Christian living, and through our concrete actions. But first we have to reconnect ourselves to Christ - so let's pray from the heart during the rest of this holy Mass, and ask God to give us courage and a renewed awareness of our true life-mission.

Peace to you and yours, Fr. Stevens

WE REMEMBER: We pray for those recently deceased, especially for Robert Ollerich, Bjarne Tonneson and John Bover of our parish, Julie Packard, mother of Jeff Schwebach and Stanley Bunkers, brother of Jeff Bunkers, Sharon El-singer, Shirley Wolles and Sue Klein. May the Lord grant them eternal joy and peace.

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION AND FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP: St. Mary Parish is seeking a new Parish Director of Faith Formation and Family Discipleship. This position will oversee and coordinate our Faith Formation Program, and work to build a culture of Prayer, Discipleship, and Service at St. Mary Parish. This position will be full time, and will be directed by Fr. Stevens. If you, or someone you know is interested, please contact Fr. Stevens: frshanestevens@sfcatholic.org, for job description, requirements and details. Thank you!



OUTDOOR MASS & PICNIC

Our regular 10AM Mass on Sunday, August 23rd will be OUTDOORS at the Dell Rapids City Park Bandshell (east of Washington Ave. between 3rd St and City Park Ave). Prior to Mass, please bring a chair/picnic blanket and spread out north of the

Bandshell. Our annual Parish Picnic will follow, with pre-packaged boxed lunches and drinks provided for free! There will be no inflatables this year, so there will be plenty of room for us all to spread out. Please join us for worship, food, & fellowship!

In case of cancellation of picnic or inclement weather, 10AM Mass will be held at St Mary Church as usual.

Eucharistic Adoration

Come join us every Wednesday between 9am-9pm for weekly Adoration. If you like to sign up for a weekly time slot please contact Stephanie Wolles.

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now." -St. Teresa of Calcutta

PADRE'S

Padre's will be open every Wednesday going forward from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, on Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

- Rules: 1. No one with virus symptoms
2. Everyone entering must wear a mask, no exceptions.
3. Children may come in with an adult
4. Practice social distancing
5. Donations will be accepted only when open, please clean usable items.

Padre's 1/2 Price Sale on EVERYTHING

August 19, 20 & 22

Just for your INFO . . . By policy of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, priests and deacons will not request financial assistance for their personal needs (cash or gift cards) from you via text message or email. As many have posed as our clergy while trying to scam parishioners of funds, we urge individuals to first verify they know the sender before ever giving money. If you are in doubt, please call the parish's office.

"Bishop's Cup"

Benefiting Broom Tree Retreat & Conference Center

Plan now to join us on Monday, August 24 for this year's 26th *Bishop's Cup* golf tournament! This charity event for the benefit of Broom Tree Retreat and Conference Center is held on Sioux Falls' two premier golf courses: Minnehaha Country Club and The Country Club of Sioux Falls. Participants will have the opportunity to play in the Bishop's Scramble or the Bishop's Challenge with the overall low net in each category taking home the coveted crystal trophy for their parish. We sold out both courses 5 weeks early in both 2018 and 2019 so don't wait to register! Our website, www.ccfesd.org, has all the information you need, or call 605-988-3765.

INFO UPDATE ...

Respect for Life. . . "Women and babies are valuable, unique individual human beings who deserve the same right, protections, and support but abortion activists would give rights just to the mother while pro-life advocates work hard to ensure that both individuals are treated with the dignity and worth that they deserve." Micaiah Bilger, LifeNews.com 3/19/18.

HAPPY 93rd BIRTHDAY MAXINE BROWN

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY MELVIN PENNING

A record year of Cardinal football sweet corn sales is in the books. Thanks to all of you – pickers, Mike and Jeannine Park and Riley Park at T&C's, and consumers – we couldn't do it without you! See you next year. Dave and Sharon LeBrun and Dennis and Diane LeBrun

Scrip Business Spotlight Always Your Design

We would like to thank Always Your Design for their continued support of the St. Mary Scrip program! Always Your Design is a beautiful quilt shop and jewelry store located in downtown Dell Rapids and locally owned by sisters Diane Bunkers and Deb Mergen. Both our paper Scrip and Open Scrip certificates are accepted at their store and may be used on all regular priced merchandise and/or on the first \$1000 of jewelry purchases. Always Your Design generously gives back 5% on these purchases. Please continue to support this wonderful local business!

Scrip can be purchased in the church foyer after all weekend masses or at the parish office during regular business hours Monday through Friday. And remember, your purchases also earn credit as you designate on your order form.

Remaining Discontinued Scrip Cards

Cracker Barrel - \$10 cards (24), \$25 cards - (7)
Perkins - \$10 cards (17)
Qdoba - \$25 cards (7)

SAVE THE DATE - The Catholic Community Foundation is excited to announce that the "Taste the Goodness" event, benefitting the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, will take place on Saturday evening, August 29, 2020, outdoors in downtown Sioux Falls.

This may look and feel a little different from last year, due to social distancing guidelines, but all our guests can plan on a great evening of fellowship while safely tasting a wide variety of foods, craft beers, wines, coffees, and other beverages. Music will be provided, along with a great mobile bidding silent auction, as well as games and activities. This is a come-and-go event, so if you are unable to attend the entire evening, you are encouraged to join us when you can.

For on-going event updates or to purchase your ticket to Taste the Goodness, visit our website www.ccfesd.org or call 605-988-3765.

If you have not picked up your
First Communion or Confirmation pictures
yet, please do so at the Parish Office.

