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*Our mission is to
 involve ourselves in
 lay ministries, living
 and spreading the
 gospel message of
 justice and peace.*

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Voice of St. Mary



Hello,
Thank you all for the reception marking my 25 years as pastor. It has been a great 25!
Everyday, Jesus is born in the Bethlehems of our lives, lives overwhelmed by responsibilities and expectations. Sometimes Christ comes to us in poverty that we might know the riches of God; other times he comes in simplicity that we might realize the presence of God in all things; and at other times he comes quietly so that we might hear the music of God amid the clamor of our noisy world.
This Christmas, may the wellspring that is Christ bring new hope and joy into our Bethlehem frontiers; may the light that is Christ illuminate the darkness of our "mangers" with wisdom and peace in this season and in every season of the new year.
Please remember St. Mary in your Christmas giving. Would be nice to have a big Christmas collection and Capital Campaign the 5th Sunday, December 29th. ☺

P.S. Have a great Christmas!

Peace, Fr. George



FIRST COMMUNION

Dalton Apple
 Autumn Buehler
 Brody Clifford
 Colin Dobrynski
 Aubri Edwards
 Emma Heiligenstein
 Khloe Hilmes
 Alexa Kleiboeker
 Leah Kleiboeker
 Kody Koch
 Kamdyn Kohrman
 Evan Mahlandt
 Eleanor Marks
 Tyler Zieren

Olivia Bruck
 Jensen Brueggemann
 Jaren Diekemper
 Mayce Diekemper
 Andrew Guthrie
 Jacquelin Hempen
 Johnathon Jansen
 Addison Kampwerth
 Abigayle Kessler
 Hanna Leath
 Remington Linder
 Madison Nattier
 Olivia Rainey
 Wade Sabo
 Austin Schomaker
 Kaitlyn Steinkamp
 Madison VanAtter
 Stormy Zimmer



CONFIRMATION 2019

Calendar

- Sun Dec 15**—Christmas Cantata, 7:00 pm; St. Mary Church
- Tue Dec 24**—Christmas Eve Children's Mass, 4:00 pm
- Wed Dec 25**—Christmas Masses:
 Midnight Mass and 9:00 am
- Tue Dec 31**—Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary; 4:00 pm
- Wed Jan 1**—Solemnity of Mary; 9:00 am
- Wed Jan 8**—Faith Formation Sessions resume

Blessing of the Manger or Nativity Scene

God of every nation and people,
 from the very beginning of creation
 you have made manifest your love:
 when our need for a Savior was great
 you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
 To our lives he brings joy and peace,
 justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,
 bless all who look upon this manger;
 may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
 and raise our thoughts to him,
 who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
 and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. Amen.



*** You are invited join our parish for **BEST ADVENT EVER**, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you enjoy a few minutes of peace and prayer each day during the hectic holidays. To sign up, visit BestAdventEver.com ***



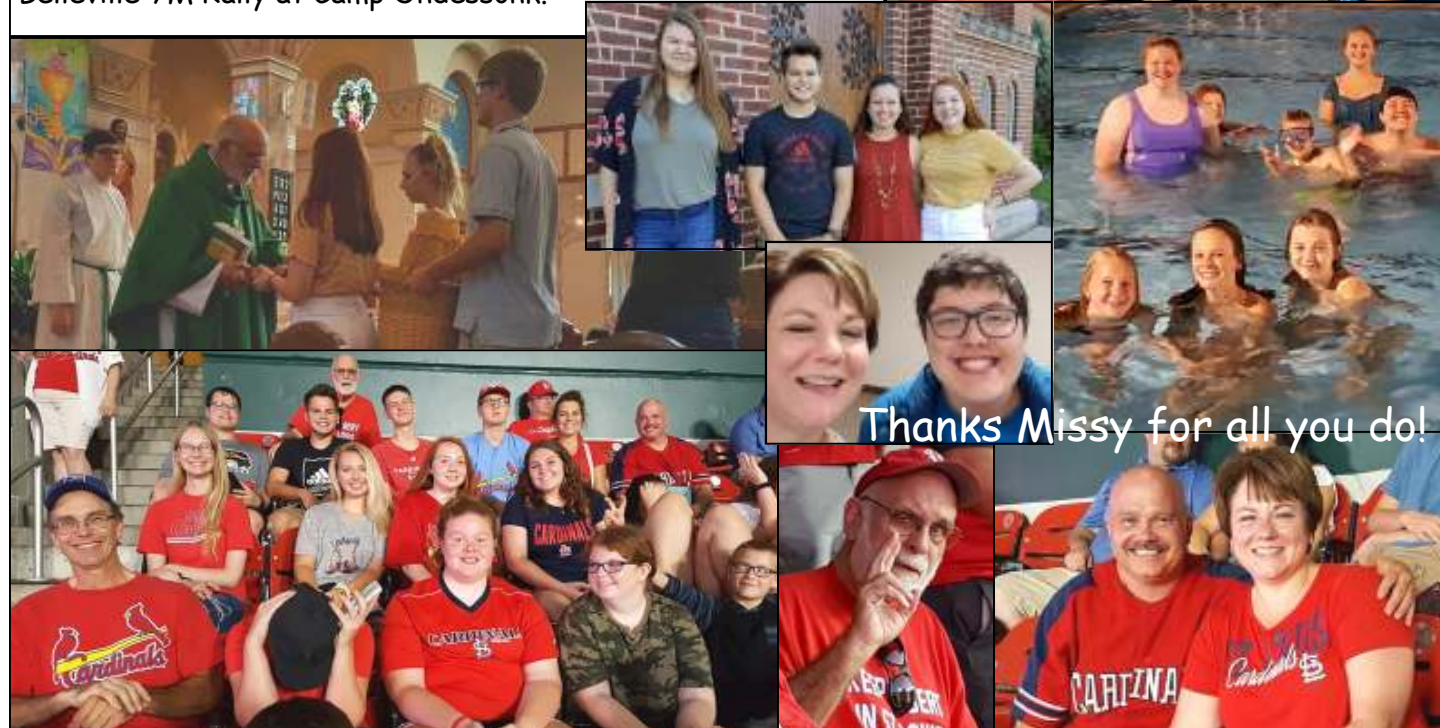
The Holy Eucharist is available to those who are homebound or unable to attend Mass. Please contact Fr. George or call the Parish Office at 594-2225.



Youth Ministry had a Summer and Fall filled with service and fellowship activities. We celebrated with a praise gathering at the 10:00 Mass on August 4. Members did an excellent job with the readings, singing, welcoming parish members, and presenting gifts. That evening, the teens had a back to school gathering at the city pool. We marked the end of summer by attending the Diocese of Belleville night at the Cardinals ballpark on August 9. To make the night even more exciting, Father George attended the game with us. The teens were thrilled to share an evening of baseball with him.

YM worked the KC breakfast on September 15, followed by serving our St. Mary's parish picnic later that Sunday afternoon. The teens cleared tables and served drinks at the K of C breakfast then hustled to the parish grounds to set up and attend the games at the picnic. They made the little ones happy at the picnic, especially when they won prizes.

Teens also worked at the Pork Chop dinner on October 5 that benefitted the Youth Ministry program. We are grateful for the support of Youth Ministry by the parish, families and the community for their generosity and hard work. Special thanks to Barb Crouse for organizing, and to the cooks, servers, ticket sellers, desert makers, clean up crew, etc. It takes many hands to make this a success! We are very grateful for the Pork Chop Dinner proceeds of \$3,175 proceeds. These funds will offset the costs for attending the Diocese of Belleville YM Rally at Camp Ondessonk.



On **March 14, 2020**, St. Mary's will once again host the Reverse Raffle at the K of C Hall in Carlyle. Proceeds from the raffle will go toward repairs to the Parish Center. These include repairs to the roof and to the parking area in the back. Tickets will be mailed out to all church families in January. One ticket admits one person into the hall for fried chicken, chips, a chance to visit with fellow parishioners, and a chance at \$2500! Cash bar will be available.

We are looking for donated items for a silent and an oral auction held during the evening. Useful items are tickets to sporting events, Muni Opera, the Fox or other entertainment venues. Merchants may want to give gift certificates. Boat trips on the lake, condo facilities, a camper for the weekend, limo service, quilts, craft items, or gift baskets are some other ideas. Anyone willing to donate items for the auctions is encouraged to call Nancy Nave at 420-7907.

We hope to see you all there!



Welcome to the Lord's Table!
Nicholas Urban and Jessica Birks
 They are joined by their respective sponsors, **Joe Wilkerson and Mary Hugo.**
Rite of Election - St. Peter Cathedral



Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming these new members to our St. Mary Parish Family:

- Kent & Jennifer Schuette
- Madison & Jordan
- James & Marcia Becker
- Brad & Sharon Hammer
- Brian & Tracey Hubbard
- Riley

