



ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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June 30, 2024



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He took the child by the hand and said to her,
"Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say
to you, arise!" - Mk 5:41

Saturday, July 6

3:30 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance--church

MEMORIALS:

The Eucharistic Breads and the Sacramental Wine for the week of June 30 - July 6, 2024 have been donated in memory of Judi Lynch by her children and grandchildren.



Main altar arrangement for the week of June 30 - July 6, 2024 - has been donated in loving memory of Judi Lynch by her husband, Ben.

IN THE PEACE OF CHIRST:

Joyce Kenefick
Michael Vargo



Our weekly contributions for the week ending . Not available at this time.

ST. MARY OUR MOTHER PRESENTS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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JOURNEY THROUGH PARABLES

JULY 22ND - 25TH 2024

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🕒 9 AM - 12 PM

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Registration Deadline is July 10th.***

Adult volunteers are also needed to help make VBS a success. If you feel the call to serve the parish in this way, please reach out to Amanda Reeves or Lily Barr at the parish office. Volunteers are needed for:

- Music leader
 - Arts/Crafts Leader
 - Classroom Catechists (2)
 - High School Helpers
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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:

Thursday of this week we will commemorate the **248th anniversary** of the ratification of the **Declaration of Independence**, a day to thank God for our nation that began on July 4, 1776. Our nation has offered a quality of life unparalleled in history to so many people. It has brought freedoms unimagined by earlier generations. We know that, like every nation, we are not perfect and do not always live up to the ideals and principles of our founding forefathers. We have yet to fully enshrine in our culture and society a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all citizens, especially those most vulnerable among us - the sick, the fragile, the unborn, immigrants, and those who have special challenges of mind and body. In America, by working together, we can achieve these ideals. We are a nation of believers, dreamers, and builders, capable of so much good that makes life better for others.

“Freedom” is a word we like to use most frequently when we think of “America.” If we think freedom simply reflects the mentality that “I can do what I want, when I want,” we are greatly mistaken. Such an idea of freedom is selfishness under a more comfortable disguise. With our nation’s founding, and in our Christian tradition, freedom has a much different meaning. We are free as God created us to be free. Freedom is a gift given by God to every human being. Freedom is not something granted by any government. Freedom is the gift we recognize in each other as the capacity to reach our full potential, to develop our God given talents and abilities, a sharing in God’s own creative freedom! This freedom allows us to become the person God has created us to be - to bring beauty, life, and goodness to our shared existence and to the future of others.

Living in freedom in our modern day society is not easy. The modern day culture, driven by excessive materialism, attempts to “define” us only as “consumers.” Our culture wants us to believe that “something” we might “own” will be the source of happiness. Thus, modern day culture and society tells us what to wear, what to drive, what to eat, if we are truly “wise” and “in sync!” Our culture tells us to conform, or be thought of as rather “odd”. Society often discourages creative and independent thinking. Perhaps if we stepped back from the hectic pace of our lives, we might actually discover a better and happier way of life. There are so many aspects of life that can bring us happiness and a sense of peace without economic cost, such as friendships, conversations, sharing what we have, and simply enjoying the beauty of nature.

Please take some time this July 4th holiday to reflect upon your own experience of life and freedom. Take some time this week to thank God for our nation and the freedoms we share.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday, 6:45 A.M.	July 1, Weekday Intentions of the 6:45 a.m. Mass family
Tuesday, 6:45 A.M.	July 2, Weekday Deceased of the Pansero family - Ginny
Wednesday, 6:45 A.M.	July 3, St. Thomas, Apostle Faithful departed
Thursday, 6:45 A.M.	July 4, Weekday Pat and Jim Marks - Joe and Jane Gallagher
Friday, 6:45 A.M.	July 5, Weekday Bernie Matterazzo - Bob Kovarick
Saturday, 5:00 P.M.	July 6, Weekday Cerilo Sobremonte - Lapitan family
Sunday 8:30 A.M.	July 7, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bob Lantzy - Happy Wedding Anniversary - his family
	10:30 A.M. Linda Callahan - Barbara and Milt Simpson

Pastor's perspective continued:

This week is also a wonderful time to remember those who serve us in all areas of government - national, state, and local levels - as well as those who continue to serve us in the military and as police, firefighters, and first responders. These people work selflessly to protect the freedoms we enjoy in this country.

Each 4th of July we have an opportunity to remember our history and to celebrate the lives we live as people of the United States. Have an enjoyable and safe July 4th holiday. May God, as God has done these past 248 years, continue to bless the United States of America!

Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

Fr L.

**FINDING A CHURCH ON VACATION:**

It's summer time! And many of us will be vacationing, and many will be hunting for a Catholic church to attend Mass. To locate a Catholic church anywhere, log on to www.TheCatholicDirectory.com.

NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SUMMER RETREATS:



July 14-19

Men and Women Retreat - 6-Day Silent Directed Retreat. Spiritual Directors assigned to each individual.

July 21-26

Men and Women Retreat - 'Prayer as Discernment' Deepening the Real Presence of our Trinitarian God with Fr. Gerry McKeon, S.J.

July 24

Men and Women Retreat - Following Jesus in a Polarized World, with Fr. Aaron Wessman, G.H.M. (Sponsored by DOR Social Ministry)

August 15

Men and Women Retreat - -Bread of Life - Discourse in John 6 and the Sacred Sacrament of the Eucharist.

August 23-25

Couples Retreat--Just As You Are.-Encountering God's Mercy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Fr. Phil Brockmyre, Deacon Gregory and Elena Kiley and Jodie Scordo.



Today is the Peter's Pence collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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GOSPEL MEDITATION FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 30TH:

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sin isn't given its due these days. Downplaying sin is dangerous. But there is another spiritual misstep in which we make too big a deal out of sin. It happens, for example, when we persistently wonder if our confessed sins are "really" forgiven, or suspiciously ponder what God "really" thinks about us, behind His merciful face. Or when someone returns to Church, and we question whether his or her conversion was genuine. Or when we commit some sin and put on a sad face for days, thinking, "Maybe my sins are too great for God to deal with." God save us from that attitude!

Well, He does just that this week, in raising Jairus' daughter. The dead twelve-year-old's house is filled with a spirit of excessive moaning and groaning, tumultuous weeping and wailing. They even laugh at Jesus in a mocking tone. It's shocking how *easy* it is for Him to raise the dead child. It is equivalent to gently waking a kid from a light nap. And then He sends her off to get some lunch. No big whoop. The overactive drama is actually part of the problem, and removing it is a key part of the miracle.

Friends, sin can and does kill, but Jesus is *always* ready and able to raise us back to life, often without much hulla-baloo. His ease of forgiving should never be a pretext for presumption, minimizing sin, or taking lightly the cost He pays for our sins on the cross. But for God's sake, we often need Jesus to put out the weepers and wailers. He's the Lord. And remember, the girl is not dead, she's just sleeping.

Father John Muir

THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE:

Next week we will take up the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the regions that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. You can find more information at www.uscb.org/ccee. If you prefer to donate online go to <https://uscb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-church-in-central-and-eastern-europe>.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Touch of Christ

For a long time, I didn't understand why the virtual Masses of the pandemic were so wearisome to me. Theoretically, shouldn't it be a tired mother's dream, fulfilling her Sunday obligation from the couch, not having to worry how much noise the kids are making?

But it wasn't. Seeing Mass without experiencing it left me hungry. It left me starving.

Then a wise priest explained it to me. "Watching virtual Mass is like taking a virtual shower," he said.

Grace might not be something we can see with our eyes, but it is very much something that is transmitted physically. Jesus has a human body for a reason. He needs to touch people.

We see that nowhere more clearly than in this Gospel. The crowds are pressing on Him, everyone trying to get close, everyone trying to share His space. The hemorrhaging woman claws her way through, desperate to make physical contact with Him, any part of Him, even His cloak. The synagogue official begs Jesus to come and "lay hands" on his daughter, knowing that this is the only way for her to survive. He doesn't ask for Jesus' good thoughts or approving gaze. He knows that isn't what he needs.

In the Gospels, Jesus saves people chiefly through His own touch because He wants to show us — you and me, sitting in the pews — something very important about how *we* are saved.

But where do you and I find the touch of Jesus Christ? Where do you and I find salvation?

It's in the water flowing over the infant's forehead. It's in the Host dissolving on our tongues. It's in the oil that is pressed to the skin of the confirmand, the dying man, and the brand-new priest. It's in the embrace of the newly married couple. It's in the extended hand of the priest as he says, "Your sins are forgiven."

It's still here, two thousand years later. It's still waiting for us to reach out and grasp it.

"If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." — Mark 5:28

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