



SAINT MARY PARISH

130 West Cedar St., Platteville, WI



SAINT AUGUSTINE University Parish

135 South Hickory St., Platteville, WI

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

St. Mary

Saturday, 4:00 PM - English
Sunday, 9 AM - English
12:00 Noon - Spanish

St. Augustine

Sunday, 8:00 AM - Traditional Latin Mass
10:30 AM - English
6:00 PM - English

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULES

Monday - Friday, 8:00am
Saturday, 8:00am (TLM)

Monday - Friday, 6:30am(TLM)

CONFESSION

Monday - Friday; 7:00-7:50am
Saturday 7:00-7:50am & 3-3:50pm;
Sunday 8-8:50am

Monday - Friday: 6-6:30am
Thursday: 5:00 - 6:00pm
Sunday: 7:15-8am, 5:15-6:00pm

ADORATION

Every Thursday, 8:30am - 7:30pm

Canceled until further notice

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020



SAINT MARY PARISH

Mass Intentions

Sunday July 12

9:00am † Loretta "Sis" Duggan
12:00pm For the People (Spanish)

Monday July 13

8:00am † Andrew & Margaret Christoph

Tuesday July 14

8:00am † Katherine Rosemeyer

Wednesday July 15

8:00am † Lorraine Hottenstein

Thursday July 16

8:00am Tom Wiker

Friday July 17

8:00am † Dr. Ervin Leuth

Saturday July 18

8:00am Connie Koeller (TLM)
4:00pm † Elmer & Rosemary Digman

Sunday July 19

9:00am Living & Deceased Members of the
Richard Byrnes Family
12:00pm For the People (Spanish)

St. Mary Parish Giving July 5

Weekly Envelopes	\$3740.00
Offertory	\$ 329.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds	\$ 900.00

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23 (or Matthew 13:1-9)

Bishop Hying's Video Message

Bishop Donald Hying is recording regular video messages called "A Moment with the Bishop." These short reflections are posted on the Diocesan YouTube channel and on www.saintmaryplatteville.com.

St. Mary Calendar

Mass Times are the following

Monday – Friday: 8am
Saturday: 8am (TLM) & 4pm (English)
Sunday: 9am (English) & 12 Noon (Spanish)

Confession Times

Monday – Friday: 7:00 - 7:50am
Saturday: 7:00 - 7:50am & 3:00 - 3:50pm
Sunday: 8:00 - 8:50 am

Wednesday, July 15

Boy's Group

Following the 8am Mass

Fr. John B. will play a sport with the boys at Legion Park followed by a spiritual talk.
(parents are welcome to stay)

Thursday, July 16

Confession - after 8:00am Mass for 30 Minutes

Adoration - after 8:00am Mass

Rosary & Benediction - 7:30pm

Friday, July 17

Platteville VFW - 110 East Mineral St.

Diane will Contact Volunteers

9:30am - 10:30am Distribution

Readings for the week of July 13-18, 2020

Monday:

Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:

Tuesday:

Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday:

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday:

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18,
19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday:

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd,
16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:

Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21

Pastoral Articles

Catechism of the Catholic Church

In the *Little Catechism on the Eucharist* we find the following story about St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274).

St. Thomas Aquinas is the Catholic Church's greatest theologian. He was very devoted to the Eucharist. In his times, in the 1200's, priests did not usually celebrate Mass every day. However, St. Thomas, when he was not prevented by some serious difficulty like an illness, used to celebrate Mass every day, and then, as an act of thanksgiving, he attended another Mass celebrated by one of his brothers in religion.

It is said that he was often moved to tears, and sometimes he could not go on celebrating Mass. One day, while celebrating Mass, he was so engrossed that some of those present approached him and tried to shake him out of his trance so he could finish his Mass. After Mass, they asked him what he had felt during those moments of intense prayer, but his only answer was: "I cannot talk about it." We know that the higher one's prayer is, the less possible it is to put it into words. There is a liturgical hymn, composed by St. Bernard, which speaks of this phenomenon: "The tongue cannot speak, the hand cannot write; only the one who has experienced it, knows what it is to love Jesus."

The great importance of the Eucharist in the life and thought of St. Thomas can be seen by the story of his last Communion. On that occasion the saint pronounced the following touching words, which reveal his inner striving and his passion as theologian and seeker: "I receive thee, price of my redemption, viaticum of my pilgrimage, for love of whom I have fasted, prayed, taught and labored. Never have I said a word against thee; if I have it was in ignorance and I do not persist in my ignorance. But if I have expressed myself badly regarding this sacrament or any other, I leave the correction of my work to the Holy Roman Church, and in that obedience I pass from this life."

We know that St. Thomas taught about all aspects of this sacrament extraordinarily well, because the Roman Catholic Church has made practically his entire Eucharistic doctrine her own. Many Councils have made use of his words to express Catholic doctrine and defend it against the errors of heretics.

St. Thomas is also known for having written the texts of the liturgical Office and the Mass of Corpus Christi. Very famous is the prayer he wrote as a thanksgiving after Holy Communion: "O sweetest Jesus, may your most sacred Body and Blood be sweetness and lightness to the soul, salvation and holiness against all temptations, joy and peace in every tribulation, light and strength in every word and action, and a sure help at the moment of death. Amen."

Pastoral Council Column

The Spiritual Violence of Kindness

Last week I wrote that an act of simple human kindness "was the turning point of my conversion... even before Catholicism began to enter into my plans." How, you might ask, did one man's kindness prompt me to enter the Church? Many people are kind and often to people in great need. But unless I miss my guess, kindness itself rarely leads to conversion.

Yet the Holy Spirit knows exactly when and how to strike and where to cut, so perfectly does He know our hearts. Once severed from the lifelines that supported my egotism, my soul became docile. Along with the burn of shame for having treated a good and gentle soul with such disregard – a soul who possessed something more important than anything I had to offer, whom I disdained for his imagined inability to care for his fellow man (*bigoted, complacent, unimaginative... just say "Republican"*), came the dreadful realization that the stupid and selfish man I imagined him to be was, in fact, the bigot *me*.

Humility pays many debts. It is seeing things as they really are. Humility is "the mother of giants," says Chesterton. "One sees great things from the valley; only small things from the peak."

Truth – as yet without form or explanation – is what I saw. And once I realized that there were orders of value – virtues – about which I knew nothing, and how badly I had blundered, and how my most prized characteristics were but the pain-causing strivings of my ego, the desire to learn and to know truth was ignited.

Surely some time passed before the hopelessness of my situation became so firmly embedded in my mind that it pushed me to move beyond my no-longer comfortable zone, beyond the hopelessness of living in a world where morality was dictated by personal conviction and opinion.

The choice: Truth or nothing. Even in the face of that first wave of sexual scandals in the '90s, it seemed to me that the Catholic Church was the only place I would find solid rock on which to stand. And so I made an appointment and met with someone who, in time, would become my spiritual advisor.

Looking back, however, it is apparent that although the decision was affirmed in those meetings, it had already been made *in* me on that night in the pit of despair, where the Spirit shone the interrogation lamp on my soul and then handed me a golden thread of hope by which I might begin to climb out. After that, only the mind and will had to catch up with a heart already primed to desire something far greater than itself. And once caught up, I made my confession.

(Gregory Merrick chairs the St. Mary Pastoral Council. He can be reached at mgm@oldpowerhouse.com)

*Notes from
Fr. John's Homily*



Confession Times

Fr. John Del Priore is available for confession:

Monday - Friday

6:00 - 6:30am

Thursday

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Sunday

7:15 - 8:00am

9:15 - 10:15am

5:15 - 6:00pm

Mass Online Suggestions

<https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online>

<https://www.wordonfire.org>

Bishop Donald Hying

<https://madisondiocese.org>



Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 12

8:00am Robert & Linda Guddie (TLM)

10:30am Chris & Jane Rozof

6:00pm For the People

Monday, July 13

6:30am Roger & Linda Connely TLM)

Tuesday, July 14

6:30am Jeff & Kelly Beecher (TLM)

Wednesday, July 15

6:30am Family of Jackson Robbert (TLM)

Thursday, July 16

6:30am John & Kristine Kubasta (TLM)

Friday, July 17

6:30am Family of John Keen (TLM)

Sunday, July 19

8:00am David & Sherry Fettig (TLM)

10:30am Joe & Alice Oberbroeckling

6:00pm For the People

St. Augustine Parish Giving, July 5

Weekly Envelopes \$200.00

Offertory \$223.00

Money Counters

July 12: Mary Jo Hennessy & Priscilla Hahn

July 19: Ben Ballweg & Morris Schuaff

July 26: Beth Ballweg & Priscilla Han

August 2: Gina Pitz & Connie Moran

Donations

*There is a collection box located at the back of the church.

*EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)

*Donate online at

<https://madisondiocese.org/parishgive>

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Calling Priests Father

Question:

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

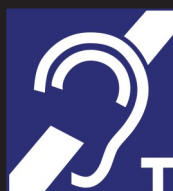
Answer:

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.



St. Mary's Sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop.

Have your hearing aid T-Coil activated or ask an usher how to use the Loop Listener.

Happy Birthday

Fr. John Del Priore!!

Fr. John celebrated his birthday on July 8.

Please be sure to wish him a

Happy "Belated" Birthday!

Wedding Anniversary Recognition

Due to COVID-19, the annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass and Reception cannot be held.

We still want to honor couples celebrating **25, 40, 50 or more years of marriage in 2020.**

In order to receive a certificate and a letter from Bishop Hying recognizing your milestone anniversary, please "register" online at madisondiocese.org/anniversary-celebration or contact Cindy at the parish office.



Join Pro-Life Wisconsin in the spiritual battle to end abortion in our great State! We have joined forces with the Ave Maris Stella Group to encourage the Catholic Bishops of Wisconsin to consecrate Wisconsin to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

www.ConsecrateWI.org

SIGN THE PETITION!



Food Pantry: July 17, 2020

Platteville VFW - 110 East Mineral Street

3rd Friday of each month

Diane will Contact Volunteers

9:30am - 10:30am Distribution

No Parking on 2nd Street or VFW lot

Stay in your vehicle and someone will come to give you a number.

Lighthouse Catholic Media

Take a look at our latest Books & CD's
Located at the back of the church.

Advertiser of the Week

BARD Materials

Please consider this business and thank them for their support.

Bulletin Deadline

Noon on Wednesday

Please email to

info@saintmaryplatteville.com