

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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ST. MARY'S



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Join Us!

To become a parishioner, please
complete a Parish Registration form
at the entrance of the church.

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00pm, Sunday - 11:00am
Tuesday - Wednesday - 9:20am
Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest
Friday - 10:00am

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Sunday - 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9:00 - 10:00am

Confessions

Tuesday - Friday - 9:00am
Saturday - 3:30 - 4:30pm
8:30 - 8:50am @ OLOL
or by appointment

(Events celebrated at Our Lady of
Lourdes Parish are denoted by OLOL)

Baptisms

Please call 1 month in advance
Baptism Preparation Class every 2nd
Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Children's Liturgy

During Sunday masses
September thru May

Rosary

Weekdays before mass
Sunday 8:40am OLOL

Anointing of the Sick

Please call to request a visit, or in an
emergency ask hospital staff for
"Roman Catholic Priest on call"

Marriage

Please call 6 months in advance

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Process begins in September,
please call at any time

*******OUR MISSION*******

**Our Mission is to glorify God by fostering a belonging church
where all are loved and led into an authentic, life-changing
relationship with Jesus Christ.**



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Aug. 30 & Sept. 6, 2026
22nd & 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Where two or more gather in my Name, I am with them.

MASSES FOR THE TWO NEXT WEEKS

Tuesday 1st (Rosary at 9am)

9:20am + Scott McLeod – Ron & Yvette Beck

Wednesday 2nd

9:20am + August & + Pauline Bitzer – Margrit Schaum

Thursday 3rd @ Raincrest

10:00am Intentions of Raincrest Residents – St. Mary's Church

5:30-7:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 4th Rosary & Adoration@9am then Mass@

10:00am For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Saturday 5th

5:00pm + Scott McLeod – Jim & Sandra McKinnon and The Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday 6th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + Loretta & + Ernest Brunetta – Dawn Ash & Family

11:00am + Scott McLeod – Jeannie Bujold

Tuesday 8th (Rosary at 9am)

9:20am + Paul & + Maria Woertz – Margrit Schaum

Wednesday 9th

9:20am + Diane Lovisa – Danny, Anthony, Eugene & Michelene

Thursday 10th @ Raincrest

10:00am Intentions of Raincrest Volunteers – St. Mary's Church

Friday 11th Rosary & Adoration@9am then Mass@

10:00am + Beloved Deceased – The Bereavement Group

Saturday 12th

5:00pm + Larry Fontana – Josie Schill and + Wayne Armstrong – The Family

Sunday 13th (9am @ Our Lady of Lourdes)

9:00am + Greg Perreault – The Family

11:00am + Perpetua & + Rommel Blasé and The Intentions of All Parishioners

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Jeremiah 20.7-9)

2nd reading: (Romans 12.1-2)

Gospel: (Matthew 16.21-27)

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st reading: (Ezekiel 33.7-9)

2nd reading: (Romans 13.8-10)

Gospel: (Matthew 18.15-20)

Ministry Schedule

Aug. 29 – Anna/Gilles (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Aug. 30 – Michael/Miranda (Lectors), Greg (EMHC)

Sept. 5 – Rabi/Kim (Lectors), Lynn (EMHC)

Sept. 6 – Ingrid/Michael (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)



We will need some help with clean-up and dishes after this event. Please let the parish office know if you are able to help out. Thank you!



Please pick up a copy of the latest update on our 115th Parish Anniversary and information regarding the special Marian Grotto project. They are available in the lobby by the bulletins.

St. Mary's 115th Anniversary Potluck Celebration

Please join us on Sunday, September 13th following the 11am mass for a Parish Potluck to mark our first Parish Feast Day. The potluck is the first event of the Anniversary year and will 'Kick-off' our 115th celebrations. Let's come together as a parish family to commemorate this wonderful milestone with good food, fellowship, and gratitude for our parish community.

Please sign up on the list provided in the foyer to indicate what you will be bringing to share.

We look forward to celebrating with you.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

What's going on?!

Aug. 30 – Youth Group Leader/Parent training – after mass.

Sept. 1 – Finance Council Meeting – 11am

Sept. 2 – CWL General Meeting – 6:30pm (Rosary 6pm)

Sept. 3 – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – 5-7:30pm

Sept. 5/6 – Youth Group Registration (Grades 7-12) after the weekend masses

Sept. 8 – Bereavement Group Meeting – 1pm



All women of the parish are invited to join us for our first CWL General meeting of the season on **Wednesday, September 2nd at 6:30pm**. The Rosary for world peace will be prayed prior to the meeting beginning at 6pm for those who wish to participate. Come out to enjoy some faith, friendship and fun!



The Catholic Women's League 50/50 tickets are now available! CWL members are encouraged to pick up books of tickets to sell from the Raffle Convenor, Anita Artyszuk, after the weekend masses or at

the Parish Office. Tickets are \$2 each and each book has 10 tickets. The 2026 *maximum jackpot* is \$3500! The draw date is Sunday, November 15. All proceeds are donated to our community!

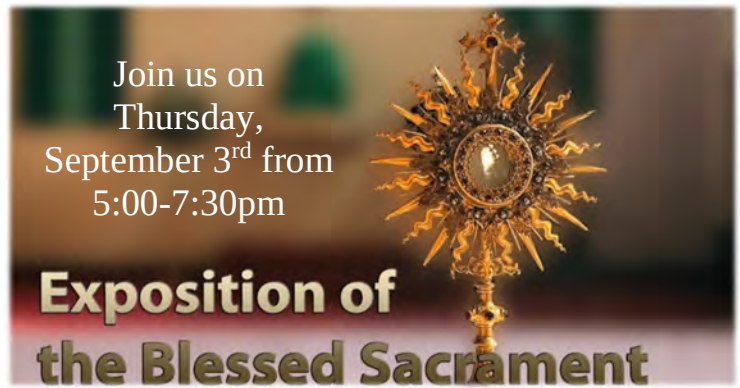


St. Mary's Youth Group for grades 7-12 will be starting this fall. We are planning a training session for leaders and interested parents after mass on Sunday, August 30th. **Registration will take place following the weekend masses on September 5 & 6.** You are also welcome to drop off your registration at the Parish Office. Please contact Kenny Desjardins at 807-276-4079 for more information.



Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme: **"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Isaiah 2:4)**

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good,
advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.
The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!



Please be aware that there have been some recent texts and emails sent out that appear to come from Father Kevin.

The scam is asking for you to do Father a favour and purchase gift cards. Father would never ask for donations by email or text. Do not respond or engage. See the bulletin board for details.



FORMED Aug. 30th – Cabrini - With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen. **Mother Teresa: No Greater Love** - Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. **Mother Teresa** - See Mother Teresa in the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone in this moving film. Sept. 6th - **What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity & the Rosary** - Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. **Mary of Nazareth** - What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life. **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. <http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>

Please pray for.....

ST. MARY'S - Shirley Fraser, Noella Hamilton, David Whalen, Frank Strain, Ewan MacKintosh, Dave Egan, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Linda Blanc, Lillian Bodnar, Sue Sivonen, Anna Busch, Lorraine Smith, Loretta Foran, Theresa Olson, Yves Aucoin, Joyce Gosselin, Isabella Keuler, Arlene Kolynchuk, Maria Langenfurth, Beatrice Lambert, Tate Foley, Leanne Crompton, Jerry Darvell, Mindy Wallace, Shirley Buttner, Susan Hunking, Amy LaFroy, Rita Moorhouse, Marco Grigio, Paul Noonan, Bernice Kempf, David Lovisa Sr., Frances Valera Bersamin, Rod Davis, Frank Ball, Pam Makarchuk, Jill Hebert, Dan Pierroz

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Dale Krueger, Roger Fillion, Laverne (Gabby) Caul, Marilyn Perreault, Heather Jeffers

Offertory Collection for Weekend of

Aug. 16, 2026: St. Mary's - \$2008.95
Sacred Heart - \$130.00
Our Lady of Lourdes - \$1235.35
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