

Parish News

Here is your weekly update. There are also attachments for this week.

Starting July 15th there will be a new Mass schedule. This decision was made due to the current needs but also to allow for modifications due to illness of other pastors that would require coverage for Masses at their Parishes. The new Mass schedule is as follows

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4PM

Sunday: 8am and 11am



Parish Festival

Parish Festival is set for August 2-4

There will be the flea market for 3 days

As well as the basket raffle

Polish Kitchen -Sunday August 4th

Fried Dough, Outdoor grill and regular raffle

The garages will be open July 1 for your flea market treasure. The new garage area will be open Mon-Fri 8am-6pm and Saturday noon to 5pm

Call Chris 315 768 4803

Festival Basket Raffle

Get ready to showcase your creativity and generosity for the Parish upcoming Basket Raffle

Basket may be brought to the Parish Office starting Monday July 8th during business hours

Basket Guidelines

-Use your imagination to design a unique basket. – Attach a list of items contained in your basket- Do not include candy or perishable items due to the August heat – Do not include gift cards, tickets in your basket, please place them in an envelope and hand it to the Parish office staff. Use an envelope in your basket to include the business and value of the gift card, tickets

Stewardship-

Operating expenses for the Parish on a weekly basis are \$6,200.00 Collection.
Stewardship for June 23 Ordinary \$5549.00

Hope Appeal

2nd Collection at weekend Masses is for the Hope Appeal and will continue in order for the Parish to reach the 2024 Goal
Goal \$38,468.00 Received to date \$32,768.02

Parish Giving-

The Parish is pleased to introduce “Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer. It is convenient no more searching for a checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM. To excess simply Log on the parish website www.sacredheart-saintmary.org and click on the Parish Giving Log and follow the easy registration instructions. It is Secure.

Events at other Parishes in our area

Please remember we are all a Catholic Community and need to support each other.

Mt. Carmel-Blessed Sacrament_Utica

Annual Italian Festival July 19-21
Friday & Saturday 5pm to 10pm

Sunday 12 to 3pm
Great food, entertainment, games for kids, a flea market and pizza frita

Mary Mother Savior Parish

Save the Date-Annual Parish Bazaar
Labor Day Weekend
August 29th-30th

Totus Tuus

Mary Mother Savior Parish
July 21-26

Day Program 1st grade to 6th Grade

9am-3pm

Cost is \$45 per child

You can register on line@ [https://Totustuus-2024-marymotherofoursavior -
dayprogram.evenbrite.com](https://Totustuus-2024-marymotherofoursavior-dayprogram.evenbrite.com)

Evening Program

Sunday to Thursday 7pm-9pm

7th-12th Grade

Cost \$20 per teen

You can register on line@ [https://Totustuus-2024-marymotherofoursavior -
dayprogram.evenbrite.com](https://Totustuus-2024-marymotherofoursavior-dayprogram.evenbrite.com)

Theology Uncorked

Harts Hill Inn Whitesboro

6:15pm -8pm

Free event include talk, food and wine (1st glass free)

July 18th Speaker Fr. Mark Kaminiski on Supplicating Trust

Reservations required by July 15

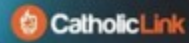
Call the Good New Center @715 735 -6210

Catholic Food for thought

Food
nourishes
the body...



...while love
nourishes
the soul.





Please remember that your child faith formation does not end with a year's program.
Share your faith with your children until the 2024-2025 year begins in September.
Attending Mass is a wonderful way to continue your family faith journey.

Remember God does not take a vacation.
The program for 2024-2-2025 has been completed and will be shown to Fr. Mark for approval.

There was no change in the time for the Pre-K to 6th Grade. The program will be focused on more family Catechesis.

7 & 8 Grade will held in the Parish

With the approval of Fr. Mark 9th & 10th Grade-Confirmation will be a block program offered thru the Greater Utica Area - Unlike last year where registration was on 1 form for all Parishes, this year, students will be required to sign up for 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation at the Parish.

The Faith Formation Program is looking for teachers assistants for the following grades, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and 1 anf for 7 & 8 Grade. If you wish to help share your faith with the children of the Parish, please give a call. Anyone who will help will require Virtus training.

Contact me if you are interested. Lynn 315 527 8399



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday @3:15PM prior to Mass

Saturday 4pm

Sunday's

7:30am 9AM and 11AM

Weekdays 12:15 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Friday.

There will no Mass on Thursday

Let's remember that as Catholics, the importance of attending Sunday Mass. At Mass we stand at mystically at the foot of the cross and witness for ourselves the same self-sacrifice of Jesus, in an unbloody manner. Mass is a celebration of this sacrifice. It is the active participation of all that come together in the place of worship.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ex2:2-5

Responsorial Psalms: Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 12:7-10

Gospel: Mk 6:1-6

While these are wonderful reflections, please remember that they are not to be a substitute for the wonderful sermons of Father or Deacon Kirk at Mass.

As always, I try to find wonderful reflections for this week's



Following A Hometown Boy: Reflections On Mark 6:1-6

BY ALYCE MCKENZIE

Picture Jesus' hometown family and friends squirming in their synagogue seats and craning their necks to see if he's coming up the center aisle as they wait for his arrival that day. The hometown boy is coming to bring the morning message. He's bringing his entourage with him. As his family and former neighbors sit waiting, I bet they were preparing to give him the benefit of the doubt. Perhaps they were saying to each other, "Even if he's not that good a speaker, we need to encourage him, because he's just getting started." His home townies don't know who they're waiting for. They think they're waiting for the boy who knows how to make the best shelves in town. They think they're waiting for the familiar sibling of James, Joses, Judas, Simon, and his sisters (unnamed!). They think they're waiting for the obedient son of Mary.

They're prepared to excuse the shortcomings of someone safe and familiar who is from where they live and known by all of them.

In C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*, Aslan, the Lion King of Narnia, represents a Christ figure. Lucy, conversing with Mr. Beaver is curious about Aslan. She has never seen him, but has heard that he is "on the move," and anticipates meeting him. "Is he safe?" she asks.

"Who said anything about being safe?" said Mr. Beaver. "Course he's not safe, but he's good. He's the King I tell you."

Jesus is "on the move." And his hometown folks can't wait to see him. They want him to be both safe and good for their economy. The town sign maker is yawning; he stayed up

late last night finishing the banner that is now draped across the entry gate to town that says "Welcome to Nazareth, home of Jesus." The City Council members on the front row are all abuzz. They can't wait to show him the drawings for his Ministry Center to be built on some prime real estate just south of town. They've made him a website and set up a blog and a twitter account for him.

Now here he is striding down the aisle of the synagogue.

Mark, with his usual taciturnity, simply tells us that "he began to teach." Luke 4:16-30 gives us a much fuller account of what he said, why they responded as they did, and what they then tried to do. Luke has him reading from Isaiah 61:1-2, strongly implying a Messianic identity, and then offering a litany of non-Jews who had more faith than his hometown congregation. No surprise that this lovely homecoming ends not with a strawberry festival in the grove, but with a mass attempt to hurl the hometown boy off a cliff.

Mark's account intrigues me as a student of human motivation. His hometown folks are, I would suspect, willing to give him the benefit of the doubt as long as he doesn't say anything unexpected or challenging. They would not be inclined to doubt the source of his teachings if he had not made them feel uncomfortable. Their response to whatever it was he said reflects a combination of belief and incredulity. They seem to believe that what he said was of divine origin ("What is this wisdom that has been given to him?"), yet they are unable to believe that such a great gift would be given to someone they know and whose family they know.

Here are the kinds of thoughts that may have been going through their minds.

1. How dare he have something we don't?
2. How could something this powerful have grown up in our midst and we not know about it?
3. How dare God send such astounding teachings and do such deeds of power this close to home through someone we know?

All these guesses have a common focus on themselves. When we are focused on ourselves, on maintaining our superiority and control over our surroundings and others, we are not open to the truth God seeks to speak to us, sometimes through people we know and in places we thought we knew like the back of our hand.

I guess there is a reason that prophets are never honored in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own houses.

As a parent of young adults I try hard not to think of them as children. I still weigh in now and then with unsolicited and sometimes, solicited, advice. It is free at least. But I try to learn from them too. They have taught me a great deal already, and I have a feeling we're just getting started with the lessons!

As a teacher, I try hard not to think of those I've taught as my perpetual students. They move on and, while I'm happy to offer sermon feedback, encouragement, and resource advice when asked, I try to be open to learning from them as well.

I like to think that if I had been one of Jesus' hometown folks, I would have heard him gladly and changed my ways in any way he thought I should. But I guess I'll never know what I would have done then. The question is, what am I going to do now?

This week's Saints of the week:

The saints are models of human excellence, perfected by the life of Christ and the communication of his Spirit. They demonstrate in their lives how to really live and how to really die. They consistently point to the horizon of love which leads to the fulfillment of all human desire: eternal communion with the Holy Trinity.

July 11 Memorial of St Benedict, abbot



While there is no faith formation until September. Below are reflections for the children until they return to the program in fall.

Theme Jesus was not honored in his hometown

Object None

Scripture Mark 6:1-13

Jesus went to his hometown, Nazareth, and his disciples followed him. Then Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. The people started to talk among themselves. "How did he get this power and wisdom? Why can he do these miracles? Isn't he a carpenter's son? We know his brothers and sisters."

The people were angry and wouldn't listen to Jesus. Maybe they were jealous that someone they knew had power they didn't have. Sometimes your family and friends don't always think what you are doing is important or special. Jesus was surprised that they wouldn't listen to him. He couldn't do his miracles there and he sent his disciples out to share God's message in other places.

Sometimes people in a church are like the people in Jesus's hometown. We forget that God has all the power. We don't always trust God to guide us. We don't admit that we need healing and changes in the ways we have always done things. God wants us to stop worrying about our pride, forget old hurts and disagreements, and be open to new ideas. God can use the challenges a church may face to help us understand that we should rely on God's power and trust in his grace. When we trust in God's power, amazing things can happen and God can work through us to do things that none of us can do alone.

Let's pray: Dear God, please help remember that you have the power and grace to help us when we trust in your love and grace. Amen

Weekly Prayer





7)From the Office of Adolescent Catechesis & Discipleship:

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER PILGRIMAGE

August 10, 2024 - Niagara Falls, New York

Middle school youth are invited to visit Niagara Falls and the Fatima Shrine, ride the Maid of the Mist, and finish the day with Laser tag and pizza and wings at LASERTRON! This all-day event is open to youth entering grades 6 through 8. The cost of the trip is \$65 per participant and includes all activities, a t-shirt, and dinner.

[Click here to register your group!](#)

Contact Mary Angela Fisher at 315-470-1402 or mafisher@syrdio.org for more information.

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