

# Parish News

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

The new Mass schedule starts this weekend. The new Mass schedule is as follows

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4PM  
Sunday: 8am and 11am

Good luck to all the runners in the Boilermakers tomorrow.



## **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-63pm 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 30 Ordinary \$5705.00

### **Hope Appeal**

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \$34,903.02

### **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 access simply Log on the parish website [www.sacredheart-saintmary.org](http://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 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

Totus Tuus  
Mary Mother Savior Parish  
July 21-26

Day Program 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> 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  
7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 (1<sup>st</sup> glass free)

July 18<sup>th</sup> Speaker Fr. Mark Kaminiski on Supplicating Trust

Reservations required by July 15

Call the Good New Center @715 735 -6210

### **St Pauls -Whitesboro**

Deacon Speakin

Evening with the Deacons on August 6<sup>th</sup>

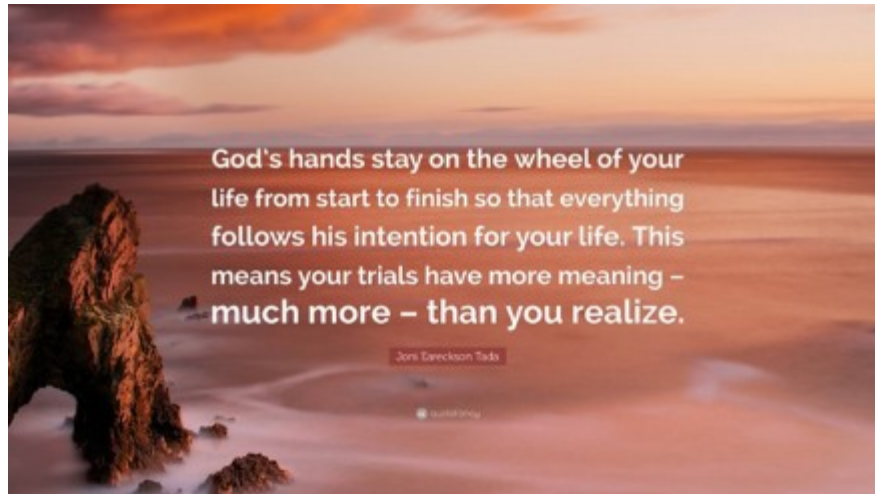
Hour of spiritual nourishment with Eucharist Adoration following

Tuesday -August @ 6:00pm

### **Historic Old St. John's -Utica**

Annual Sister Mary Theresa Charity Bazaar  
Saturday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 12Pm-6pm  
Sunday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm  
Ethnic Foods, Kids Games, Raffles, Crafts, Marketplace and more

### **Catholic Food for thought**



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 begin on September 22<sup>nd</sup>

There was no change in the time for the Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. It will be on Sundays from 9:50am to 10:50am with the families welcome to attend the 11am Mass. The program will be focused on more family Catechesis.

In order to properly order enough material for their program, I am taking early registration. The cost is the same as last year: \$25 for 1 child and \$45 for a family. If you wish to pre-register your family for the program, please contact me directly at 315-527-8399.

### **Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation**

Our Parish follows the Diocese of Syracuse for the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation which is the same as all Parishes in the Utica area. The Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation is a 2 year program in order to receive the sacraments. This is a requirement for both sacraments. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

There is a change for 7 & 8 Grade. This will be held at the same time as the Pre-K to 6 Grade program. Sunday from 9:50 to 10:50pm with the student welcome to attend the 11am Mass

With the approval of Fr. Mark 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation at the Parish.

The Faith Formation Program is looking for teachers assistants for the following grades, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and 1 and 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 Vigil Mass: 4PM

Sunday: 8am 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.

### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: AM 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalms: 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Gospel: Mk 6:7-13

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 Gospel reading. I let the Holy Spirit guide me.



I have a number of favorite Gospel readings and this is one of them. Are your families willing to accept Christ and travel with Him.

A reading from the gospel according to Mark 6:7-13

7 Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

8 He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick; no food, no sack, no money in their belts.

9 They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic.

10 He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave.

11 Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them."

12 So they went off and preached repentance.

13 The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Reflection: One plus one equals three

1. Jesus sends His apostles on a training mission, not as individuals but in pairs. Their task is not easy and it would be more difficult and lonelier to go alone most especially if the people are not hospitable. There is a saying that says two heads are better than one. Yet they are not really two people. It's actually two plus the Spirit of the Lord. During His ascension, he commanded them to go to the whole world and promised that He will be with them until the end of time. Whenever we do the work of God, let us always remember that His Spirit is with us.

2. Jesus instructs His apostles to take nothing for the journey. His message was and still is trust. He is in effect telling them not to worry because all their needs will be provided. They should instead focus on their mission. God's provision is more than enough. Just like Saint Paul, they are to remember always that His grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9).

3. Jesus wants His apostles to wear sandals and not to bring with them a second tunic. This is simplicity at its best. His message is for them to serve as He has served – not attracting attention to themselves but to make people turn to God

Reflections:

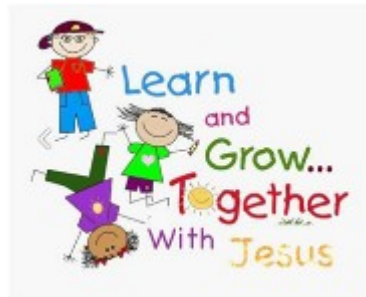
1. The message of the Lord is to travel light in the journey of life.
2. Wealth, desire for recognition, and personal pride can hinder our relationship with God and our ability to love and do good.
3. We are passing through this world for a short time, so we should make the most of it for ourselves and others.

4. St. Mark highlights how the apostles anointed the sick, which is the origin of the sacrament of anointing.
5. This sacrament demonstrates the Lord's power of building up, not tearing down

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 15<sup>th</sup>-Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



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

Theme

Telling others about Jesus

Object: A suitcase

Scripture

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. Mark 6:8-9 (NIV)

It's the time of year when many people are going on vacation. If you have ever gone on a trip, you know that it takes a lot of preparation to get ready to go. You may need to get someone to



bring in your newspaper and your mail while you are gone. If you have a dog or a cat, someone has to take care of your pet. Probably the most important thing you have to do when you go on a trip is pack your suitcase. I brought a suitcase today. Let's imagine that we are going on a trip and make a list of all of the things we will need to pack in our suitcase. Let's see, we will need socks, underwear, jeans, shirts, shorts, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, comb and brush, and a swimsuit and flip-flops for the beach. Have I forgotten anything? (Allow time for the children to add to the list.) Oh, I thought of something I forgot. My laptop! I can't go a week without checking my email or surfing the Internet!

When he was on the earth, Jesus traveled around from village to village teaching, healing people, and casting out demons. One day, he called his twelve disciples to him and said, "I want you to go out two by two. I am giving you all of the authority you need to cast out evil spirits."

That sounds like a pretty big task, doesn't it? That meant that they would have to travel from town to town just as Jesus had been doing. I imagine the disciples thought to themselves, "Wow! I had better go home and start packing!"

But then Jesus gave them further instructions. "Take nothing for your journey except a walking stick -- no food, no traveler's bag, and no money. You can wear sandals, but no extra clothing."

No food, no money, no extra clothes -- how could the disciples possibly make this journey? They found people who would welcome them and they stayed with them in their homes. These people fed them and gave them everything they needed for the journey. The Bible tells us that the disciples went out telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God. They also cast out many evil spirits and they healed many sick people. In other words, they did exactly what Jesus told them to do and he gave them the power to do it.

Jesus told you and me to go and make disciples. I wonder if sometimes we delay following his command because we think we aren't ready. If we would just go, like the Twelve did, he would give us the ability to share the Good News with others. What do you think? Let's go!

Father, we know that many people need to hear the Good News. Jesus has told us to go and make disciples. Help us to be willing to go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Weekly Prayer



From the Office of Adolescent Catechesis & Discipleship:

Young Adult Hike with Bishop Lucia (rescheduled)  
Saturday, July 27, 2024  
Green Lakes State Park, Fayetteville NY / St. Patrick, Chittenango, NY

\$25 per ticket (includes dinner, beverages, and dessert)

Young adults (ages 18-39) from across the Diocese of Syracuse are invited to join Bishop Douglas Lucia on the fourth annual summer hike! The hike will begin at Green Lakes State Park, Fayetteville, New York. Following the hike, we will have a vigil Mass at St. Patrick, Chittenango. The evening will conclude with dinner and drinks, catered by Dinosaur BBQ, and the opportunity to socialize.

### **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](mailto:mafisher@syrdio.org) for more information.

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