A large, dark tree with golden-yellow leaves stands in a cemetery. Sunbeams stream through the branches, creating a hazy, ethereal atmosphere. In the background, a white fence and several tombstones are visible, including a prominent cross on the right. The bottom of the image features a textured, parchment-like background.

ALL SAINTS SOULS



Pondering Pro-Life

When we are advocates for pro life, there is a responsibility to defend all life, at all ages, in all situations, in all cultures. If the debate about pro-life begins and ends when thinking about babies in the womb, then we are missing a huge part of what pro-life means. How can we say that we are pro-life, but also pro-war or indifferent about war? Why have I become complicit and silent about war, "defense" and the macho mentality that our country puts so much of our taxes and resources into?

How has the Catholic Church and many Christian churches in America become so silent in the non-violent movement? We know what happens to many of our young men and women who we send into battle. We know what happens to our "enemy" when we attack...death, destruction, darkness, civilian casualties, mental breakdowns, PTSD, homelessness, personal hell. Freedom is what we say we are defending, but truly how free as an individual are you and me? If our government owns whether or not we are free, then there is a major issue. We, who are not in a state of internal peace, are not truly free. External situations do not own internal peace and freedom. If we cultivate a personal relationship with God, freedom is ours no matter what the external situation is. Ask a prisoner on a life sentence who has felt Gods forgiveness. Ask a family in a third world country who has seen that God provides out of seemingly nothing. Who are we trusting with and asking to protect our freedom? God or government?

We have amazing creativeness and we as people of faith have the Spirit of newness, of healing, of peace and of creativity. There has to be another way. Our model of non-violence is Jesus. He preached non-violence exponentially more than so many other issues that we are spending our time on. How much energy did Jesus spend talking about sexuality or whom a person can fall in love with? You may be surprised.

calendar

Please visit www.smchp.com for the most current info.

- Tuesday, November 1 All Saints Day**
No 7:30 am Mass
All School Mass, Church, 9 am
All Saints Day Mass, Church, 7pm
- Wednesday, November 2 All Souls Day**
 Mass, Church, 9 am
All Souls Day Mass, Church, 7 pm Reception following in Robisch Hall. Everyone welcome.
- Thursday, November 3**
 RCIA, Rectory, 7:00pm
- Saturday, November 5**
 Kindervelt, Robisch Hall, 10 am-3 pm
- Saturday/Sunday, November 5 & 6**
Grand Relighting Fellowship, Robisch Hall, after all masses
- Sunday, November 6**
PTO Sponsored Senior Bingo, Robisch Hall, 2-4 pm
Rosary-Seton Center 8:00pm



masses

Tuesday, November 1 All Saints Day

7:30 a.m. No 7:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. All School Mass-

9:00 a.m. Susan Reker-Geoppinger Family

6:45 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, November 2 All Souls Day

9:00 a.m. Jean Cooke-Twin Sister, Joan Lee

Thursday, November 3

7:30 a.m. Judy Fey-Jack & Joan Wenstrup

Friday, November 4

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

Saturday, November 5

9:00 a.m. Mickey Healy-Don Jones

4:00 p.m. Jack Shea-Family

Sunday, November 6

8:00a.m. For the People of the Parish

9:30a.m. M/M Prospero A. Care'-Care' Family

11:30a.m. Joe Ralph Sr.-Jim Ralph

servers

Saturday, November 5

9:00 a.m. Anna Mickol, Drew Mussman

4:00 p.m. Ayla Estes, Zoe Hoffman, Andrew Isbell

Sunday, November 6

8:00 a.m. Claire, Will & Caroline Earls

9:30 a.m. Aden & Kalyn Bergman, Emily Koslovsky

11:30 a.m. Maria Orzali, Annie Savage, Jack Sherlock

readings

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Nov. 6

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5

Luke 20:27-38

May He Rest in Peace

Robert B. Ott

Collection Sunday, October 23..... \$17,894.00

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Questions contact Jeff Rinear at 321-1207 ext. 5502.



From the desk of Fr. Ken

On the weekend Masses of November 5 & 6 we will be having a grand-unveiling of our new lights - in Church. What has been turned on these past few weeks is not at total capacity. After each mass there will be fellowship in the undercroft.

Also, on November 8th is Election Day—and if one hasn't voted yet, please do so. The nice thing about our country is that regardless of who wins there will not on November 9 be men with machine guns or in tanks on Erie Avenue.

Fr. Ken Schief



All Souls Day Mass—November 2

You are invited to a special Mass on Wed., November 2nd, 7:00pm at St. Mary Church. We will be remembering those from our parish community who have passed from this earthly life to eternal life with God during this past year.

During the 7:00pm mass, the names of all parishioners who have died within the past twelve months, as recorded in our "Book of the Dead," will be read aloud. We hope you will join us for this special mass and remembrance.

Refreshments will follow mass in Robisch Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration

We will be offering Eucharistic Adoration again beginning in December. Adoration will be on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month starting after 7:30 a.m. Mass and concluding with Benediction at 6:15 p.m. We will continue to offer evening Mass on Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. Sign-ups will begin mid-November via—SignUp Genius, poster in the vestibule and simply call the parish office (321-1207). It would be great to have individuals and groups commit to a specific time to ensure there is always someone in church with the Blessed Sacrament.

Change—Christmas Eve Mass Times!

St. Mary will be offering 2 late afternoon Masses on **Christmas Eve at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** to better accommodate the large number of people who prefer this time of the day. We will still offer a **10:30 p.m. evening Mass** and have our normal Sunday Mass times on **Christmas Day** at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

WELCOME!

Are you new to our parish? Have you been attending Mass here but aren't registered? We invite all individuals to join our parish family, by registering on our parish website: www.smchp.com or call the Parish Office (321-1207) for a form to be sent in the mail.



SMS school news

FROM OUR SCHOOL OFFICE

This Monday, Halloween, St Mary students will celebrate in style! At 10:00am the student body will parade around the school and church grounds in costume. Please feel free to join in the fun from the sidelines or in costume! On Tuesday, we will celebrate All Saints Day at an All School Mass at 9:00am.

We are currently accepting registrations for the Kindergarten Class Fall 2017. Special tours and visits in the Kindergarten classrooms are being offered on Friday mornings. Call us at 321-0703 to arrange your visit. Be sure to check us out at www.smshp.com to learn more and to view photos of SMS Life.



The Gospel According to Matthew

Who was St. Matthew, and why did he write one of the four Gospels? What makes Matthew's account of the Gospel different from the other three writers? What are some of the main themes and stories that are in this Gospel?

To find out the answer to these and other questions about the Gospel according to Matthew, come to Robisch Hall on Sunday, November 13 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. (after the 11:30 Mass). The Sunday readings for this year will come mainly from the Gospel according to Matthew, so this will be a good opportunity to learn a little more about Matthew.

Ron Lamping, who studied Scripture and theology at Mt. St. Mary Seminary, and holds a Master's degree in Religious Education from Fordham University will be the speaker.

Formed

Next weekend, you will find in all pews an invitation to get to know FORMED, a collection of hundreds of Catholic resources, including video programs, movies, audios and e-books. St. Mary Hyde Park purchased a subscription to FORMED and all parishioners have the ability to access FORMED at no cost. Our parish code is 8861c3.

Help Save Lives

Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and babies

St. Mary Parish is participating in the *Cincinnati 40 Days for Life*. The vigil location is outside Planned Parenthood abortion center at 2314 Auburn Avenue, across the street from Christ Hospital. The Vigil Hours are 7AM-7 PM every day. **St. Mary Parish is committed to covering the hours of 3-6PM each Friday.** Volunteers are needed to pray at Planned Parenthood during those hours. Free parking is available on side streets or at Holy Name Church which is 3 blocks north on Auburn.

For more information, or to volunteer for 30 or 60 minutes of prayer, please contact Dianne da2ne@webtv.net or Bob bdonlan14@msn.com Donlan, 513-871-8851.

The Word in Your Heart

St. Mary's Evangelization Commission

Plan now to come to the introductory meeting for this new faith sharing and writing group, open to all ages from grade schoolers on up. No writing skill or experience required. Learn about scripture-based reflections, deepen your own connection with scriptures, and get in touch with your inner evangelist.

The meeting is **Wednesday, November 9, at 7pm, in Seton Center.** All are welcome. Please contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or janetrehling-buening@gmail.com for more information.

Give Thanks, By Giving Back

Here's a way to give thanks for the blessings in your life by helping the less fortunate. Volunteers from St. Mary's will be preparing & serving dinner for our neighbors in Madisonville on **Monday, November 14th at the Madisonville Education & Assistance Center.** Can you help by preparing an entrée, side dish or dessert? Working that Monday? No problem, food can be dropped off the day before. For more information, contact Terry Shea - 321-7928 or tshea1024@gmail.com.

Just a reminder from your friendly clip and save coordinator...

St. Mary will be collecting Box tops, Tyson's Project A+ labels, and Aunt Millie's bread labels through Mon., Nov. 28th, 2016. However, **I am encouraging everyone to turn in any Aunt Millie's bread labels to take advantage of a promotion they offer through October.** Also, please pay attention to grocery store receipt and bonus labels for boxtops. Some have an early expiration of 11/1/2016 and I will need to submit them before expiration. I will be emptying the submission box in the back of church on Monday. Please contact me if you have any questions -Lisa Koslovsky [321-7876](tel:321-7876) or lisakoslovsky@gmail.com.

Worship 101

We Belong to God

Baptism and the Forgiveness of Sin

Proof for the doctrine of original sin, someone once said, is as close as the sad stories in your daily newspaper. We do love in a broken world and in a fractured humanity marked by sin.

As innocent as newborns are, the, too, are affected by this fact. They are born into this sinful condition we call original sin and carry it within themselves. With time they grow up and add their personal sin to the original kind.

The first and fundamental liberation from sin comes to us in the sacrament of Baptism. This was the message of Saint Peter on the very first Pentecost. Those who heard him preach Christ risen from the dead asked him what they ought to do. Peter said, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (*Acts of the Apostles 2:38*).

Baptism joins us to Jesus Christ and makes us a part of the new creation. We become who God destined us to be: free and forgiven and belonging to him.

-RCL Benziger www.faithfirst.com

Prayer

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depths of our hearts.

--Saint Teresa of Kolkata

Prayer Request Hotline

The Prayer Request Hotline is in service. The number is **533-5500 ext. 5770**. For anyone who is in need of prayer, or if you know someone who is in need of prayer, call and leave your prayer request on the message system. If you'd like to be a prayer partner, please call Marlene Berning (321-7911).

Parishioners called to Military Service

If you know of a parishioner who is called into, or presently serving in, our country's military forces **please notify the parish secretary at (321-1207)**. We want to keep these men and women in our prayers. In serving honorably, they contribute to the good of the nation and the preservation of peace (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2310). Please keep the following in your prayers: **Craig Blessing, Josue Vazquez, Tony DeFilippo, Louis Hamilton, Jr., Kurt Kadon, Jake Keefe, Ewan MacDougall, Michael O'Connor, Andrew Quatkemeyer, Amy Rohs, Todd Seurkamp, Todd Smyth.**

military service

Prayer Before an Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
USCCB

November 1 - Solemnity of All Saints

The Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated on the first of November in honor of all the saints known or unknown. It is the day after the feast of "All Hallows" Evening (also known as Halloween). This solemnity comes from Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their death. --www.calendar-12.com

November 2 - All Souls Day

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The Church sets aside this day and month every year to pray for our faithful departed. Many visit the graves of their loved ones on this day. A family time on All Souls Day provides an opportunity to share sadness, memories, prayers, and family history together.

Prayer for All Souls Day

You are the glory of believers and the life of the just
Your Son redeemed us
by dying and rising to life again.
Since our departed brothers and sisters believed in the mystery of the resurrection let them share the joys and blessings of the life to come. --beliefnet.com

Jubilee Year of Mercy Awash in God's Mercy

Scripture: Book of Wisdom 11:22-12:

You have mercy on all because you love all things that are.

Reflection

"Our Jubilee Year of Mercy is coming to an end. But that does not mean our practice of mercy ends. What have we learned about what 'mercy' means? We must begin by considering the mercy of God. It is only because we are awash in God's mercy that we can even begin to be merciful ourselves.

"It is impossible to adequately describe the merciful love of God. Sunday's psalmist makes a good effort: 'The Lord is gracious and merciful slow to anger and abounding in mercy. The Lord is good to all, compassionate toward all his works' (Ps 145:8-9). We have heard that statement so often we may be numb to its power But what do these words mean? ...

"Today's reading from the *Book of Wisdom* (11:22-12:2) elaborates on God's mercy. This writer's insight may surprise us: God is merciful precisely because God is all powerful! Mercy is not weakness; it is strength. God is merciful because God can do all things. God is merciful because God loves all things. Our call is first of all to surrender to God's merciful love and then to imitate it in our relationship with each other. If God loves 'all things that are,' how can we aspire to less? ... We are surrounded and filled with God's love."

- Sr. Irene Nowell, OSB



St. Vincent DePaul Thanks You for Your Charity

The St. Mary conference of St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your donations, which enabled us to help AB, an 18-year old who recently left a homeless shelter to have her baby. She and her baby, who is 3 months old, now live in a one-room apartment.

You may be expecting to read about a social disaster but you won't.

AB now has more than a year toward her degree at a local college; has a job; arranges her schedule tightly to manage her studies, her baby and her job; and chose her apartment location to be convenient to public transportation so she wouldn't need a car. She needed a month's rent to bridge her over until her student aid kicked in.

Through your donations, we were able to help this young mother stay on a positive track.

On behalf of AB, we thank you

The members of the St. Mary Conference of St. Vincent de Paul provide for the spiritual, emotional and material needs of struggling families in Walnut Hills and Hyde Park. If you are interested in getting involved or learning more about the St. Mary Conference of St. Vincent de Paul. Call Mike Linke at 513-304-3540 or email St.Mary.svdp@gmail.com

St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive is November 19 & 20th. Bundle Sunday, November 26 & 27. The SVDP Truck will be in the Parking lot that entire weekend, accepting your donations.

Young Adults

The young adult group is for anyone in their 20s/30s who are looking to grow in faith and friendship. We meet after the 6:45p.m. Mass on the first Tuesday of the month at Holy Grounds coffee house located in the red house just behind St. Mary church adjacent to the parking lot. Anyone who has questions and/or is interested may contact **Daron Monnin** at 937-361-6640 or email (daron.j.monnin@gmail.com) Like us on our facebook page **St. Mary Young Adult Ministry**.



November 10th
7:00-8:00 pm
In Church



An Hour of Witness and Wisdom

Come listen to a variety of personal witness from students and adults through spoken word, song, and time for a little silence. This is also an opportunity for unity and prayer for the future of our country after this election period. All ages, all people will find something to ponder.

Sponsored by the St. Mary Young Adult Group



St. Mary School Salutes Veterans

We invite St. Mary Parishioners and any family member or friend, who has served or is currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces to our....



Veterans' Day Assembly
Thursday, November 10, 2016
10:00 AM in the School Gym

Veterans will process into the assembly together.
Please gather in the gym foyer @9:45am.
?'S or RSVP to 321-0703 or bmock@smshp.com
(We welcome last minute attendees.)





Bringing Home the Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30, 2016

Be Generous With Mercy

By Janel Esker

I recently read an article about marriage that suggested, “Be first to say you’re sorry.” The article acknowledged that this can be quite difficult when you feel strongly that your spouse is wrong. But the article claims (and I’ve found this to be true) that saying you’re sorry defuses a fight remarkably quickly. It’s hard to continue battling when the other person has made the first move toward reconciliation. A similar dynamic exists between God and us. God needn’t apologize to us, but when we’re distanced from God because of our sin, he always makes the first

move in reconciliation. Before we even realize we’re disconnected from the Lord, he’s reaching out with healing mercy.

The story of Zacchaeus in today’s Gospel beautifully illustrates this truth. Zacchaeus, a sinner, wants to see Jesus, but he’s practically hidden in the tree. Jesus reaches out to him, inviting himself into Zacchaeus’ home and, ultimately, his life. Zacchaeus responds with repentance and reparations for his wrongs, and his life is transformed.

Why is God this generous with mercy? Today’s reading from Wisdom tells us, “For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made; for you would not fashion what you hate.” In shorthand, “God doesn’t make junk.” Each of us is beloved by God, no matter how sinful, broken, or distant we become. The spirit of God is still alive within us even when it seems like that light went out years ago. And that’s what God reaches out to in reconciliation.

No one is beyond the profound, powerful, all-encompassing love of our God. †

*“Each of us is beloved
by God, no matter
how sinful, broken, or
distant we become.”*

A Word From Pope Francis

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

— *Misericordiae Vultus*
Bull of Indiction of the
Extraordinary Jubilee
of Mercy, April 11, 2015



Sunday Readings

Wisdom 11:22—12:2

“But you spare all things,
because they are yours,
O Ruler and Lover of souls.”

2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

“We always pray for you,
that our God may make you
worthy of his calling.”

Luke 19:1–10

“Jesus said to him, ‘Today
salvation has come to this house
because this man too is a
descendant of Abraham.’”

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- How often do you extend forgiveness to those in your family? At work? Your community?
- How often do you seek forgiveness from others or from God through the sacrament of penance?



Sacraments of Healing: Mind, Body, and Soul

By Rev. James Deiters

Jesus healed people physically, but also emotionally and spiritually. Ultimately, Jesus brought healing to the whole universe as he “reconciled the world to himself” (2 Corinthians 5:19) through his death and resurrection. Requests for healing often come when people have experienced their human limits for the first time or when they have been reminded of them in an unexpected way. When we are sick, in body or soul, we experience our powerlessness, our limits, and the stark reality of our human frailty.

In these realizations, we recognize our dependence on God’s healing power to redeem our brokenness. Belonging to a

faith community reminds us that we are not alone in our need. You will notice in the Scriptures that Jesus usually healed in a public setting. This gives us insight into his desire to let the whole community witness and share in the person’s healing and restoration to the body of Christ.

When the sacraments of reconciliation and anointing were revised in 1972 and 1973, the Church encouraged Catholics to receive these sacraments at least twice a year in a public celebration that demonstrated not only the consequences of sin and sickness on a whole community but also the power of healing. While an individual confession can be quite

meaningful when celebrated one-on-one with a priest on a Saturday afternoon, there is something very moving about the members of a parish admitting their brokenness together and expressing a need for God’s mercy.

While it is a grace to experience the healing that can happen inside a church building, the greater challenge is for healing to go beyond church doors. Christ calls each baptized person to extend and continue this healing ministry during our fragile time here on earth. The sacraments of reconciliation and anointing that flow from the Eucharist offer us powerful rituals and prayers to restore us to God’s grace and friendship so that we, too, may go forth from the Eucharist to live out Christ’s instruction, “Do this in memory of me.” It is in this way that we share in Christ’s healing ministry as we receive and live as the body of Christ. †

Source: *Liguorian*, January 2012

Not Forgiving Is Self-Destructive

Source: *Catholic Update*, April 2003

The decision to forgive, the decision to let go of the pain and hurt caused by another is similar to other decisions we make in life. The bigger the injury, the harder it is to decide to let go. The more serious the offense, the more time it takes to lay anger aside. We all know that it takes a certain amount of time to feel right about any important decision, but in all cases, forgiveness is the goal, because not forgiving is self-destructive.

One of the first steps in this process is acknowledging our pain and realizing forgiveness takes time. When I’m hurt, feelings of anger and resentment proportional to the

injury are natural. However, they are also a burden. That’s why finding a way through them is so important. Forgiving doesn’t mean forgetting. Forgetting, in certain cases, only enables the crime to be committed again. Remembering and forgiving is what gives us power over evil.

The decision to forgive does not mean we condone what has been done. Nor does it mean we demand an apology or that the person repents. Forgiveness is a personal decision. It doesn’t depend on anyone or anything else. All it asks is that, with God’s help, we lay aside the burden and pain while treating the offender with mercy. †



Lord, I am grateful for your tenderness and mercy. Help me to change my heart and show your love and compassion to all people.

—From *Grateful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary Time*,

Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 31–
November 5

Mon. Weekday:
Philippians 2:1–4 / Luke 14:12–14

Tue. All Saints’ Day: Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14 /
1 John 3:1–3 / Matthew 5:1–12a

Wed. All Souls’ Day: Wisdom 3:1–9 /
Romans 5:5–11 or Romans 6:3–9 /
John 6:37–40

Thu. Weekday:
Philippians 3:3–8a / Luke 15:1–10

Fri. St. Charles Borromeo:
Philippians 3:17–4:1 / Luke 16:1–8

Sat. Weekday:
Philippians 4:10–19 / Luke 16:9–15

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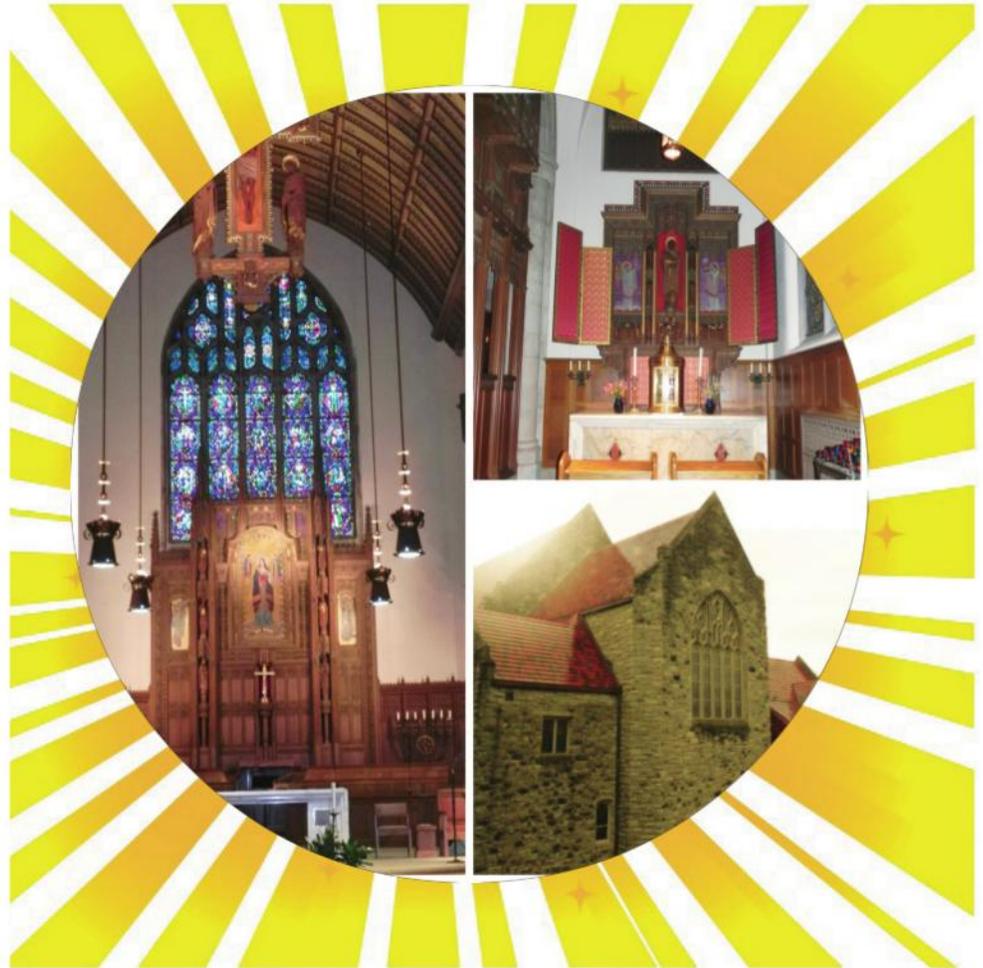
“Grand Relighting” Celebration

All Masses Weekend of

November 5 & 6

Matthew 5:14

BE THE LIGHT



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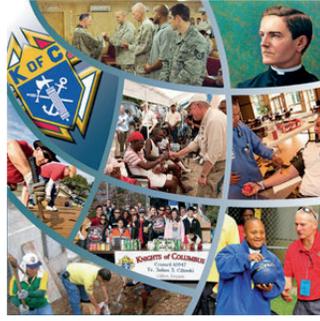
- ✓ New tile roof
- ✓ New and improved sound system
- ✓ New lighting to be completed by Nov 5&6

Join us at any (or all!) Masses the weekend of
November 5&6 and experience the
“Grand Relighting” Celebration.

Please come for Food & Fellowship in Robisch Hall after all Masses. 😊

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If you are interested in learning more about or joining our Salve Regina Council #14834 please contact Matt Gockerman at mgockerman@unlimitedsystems.com

What we provide

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- Support the parish with its needs
- Help meet the needs of those in the local community
- Support programs that benefit people with intellectual disabilities

SUPPORT

- A unique “band of brothers”
- Shared values and the support to live out our Catholic faith more fully
- The ability for our network to accomplish things together that we could not accomplish alone

Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Knights are men who get things done. We volunteer our time to serve our parishes and our communities. And by working together, we were able to donate more than \$1.4 billion and 664 million volunteer hours to worthy causes in the past decade.

Unity and Fraternity are the second and third principles of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus was founded so that men could work together to serve their parishes and communities, protect the well being of their Catholic families, and support each other in faith and in many other ways along life's journey. The Knights of Columbus offers its members the opportunity to grow in their faith through living the example of a charity that evangelizes and personifying what it means to be a Catholic gentleman through the practicing of good works.

The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight.

Weekly Marriage Tip

After the last child leaves home, Mom and Dad may wake up and wonder who they are looking at. Somewhere over the years, they've gotten so involved in their children's lives that they forgot about each other. Prepare for an empty nest by paying attention to your spouse today. Plan a date for this week. --
www.susanvogt.net

Weekly Parenting Pointer

"Families must do two things to survive -- protect themselves from what is most hurtful and connect with what is good outside the family. These tasks require time and energy, both of which are scarce commodities in an era when many parents work long hours at jobs." (*Mary Pipher, author*) Do you need to adjust your family balance? --www.susanvogt.net

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