

Twenty-Fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017

MASSES THIS WEEK:

Monday	Sept. 25th
8:05 a.m. -- +Guise Tran Dong Han	
Tuesday	Sept. 26th
5:15 p.m. – Brandon Perkins family	
Wednesday	Sept. 27th
8:05 a.m. -- +Joseph Tran Trong Tuyen	
Thursday	Sept. 28th
5:15 p.m. -- +Duane Ridder	
Friday	Sept. 29th
8:05 a.m. -- +Maria Nguyen Thi Hien & +Vincente Mai Loc	
Saturday	Sept. 30th
5:00 p.m. -- +Nicola Beard	
6:30 p.m. – People of St. Mary's Parish	
Sunday	October 1st
8:00 a.m. -- +Cletus Hammerschmidt	
9:30 a.m. -- +Thomaso Pham Quang & +Maria Pham Nhuong	
11:00 a.m. -- +Anne Nguyen Thi	

CONFESSIONS

Monday, September 25th at 8:30 am
Thursday, September 28th at 5:45 pm
Saturday, September 30th at 4:00 pm

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

Sunday, September 17 th :	\$15,229.00
September to date:	\$51,542.00
Needed weekly:	\$17,500.00
Needed for month:	\$78,833.00

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY for Cindy Curran, Dan Bachofer, Charlene Weigel, Carol Hays, Glenda Newell, Gerri Greene, all those who are disabled, in rest homes and hospitals, and service personnel serving overseas. (Names will be on this list for 1 month and then removed unless notified otherwise.)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday	September 24th
K of C Fundraiser Breakfast/9-11 am/Parish Hall C.Y.O./6:00-7:30 pm/Youth Center Confirmation Parent Meeting/7 pm/Parish Hall	
Monday	September 25th
Faithful Families/9 am/Meeting Room #1 Spiritual Reading Group/12 noon/St. Elizabeth's SMGS Council of Education/5:30 pm/Meeting Room "A" Adult Education/7 pm/Meeting Room #1	
Wednesday	September 27th
Silver Rose Mass/8:05 am/Church Healing Grief Support Group/3 pm/Meeting Room #2 P.R.E./6:45 pm-8:00 pm	
Thursday	September 28th
Bible Study/9 am/Meeting Room #1 Pilgrims on the Journey/1 pm/Meeting Room #1 Finance Council/7 pm/Meeting Room #1 Parish Choir Practice/7:45 pm/Church	
Sunday	October 1st
C.Y.O./6:00-7:30 pm	

Notes from the Pastor

As you heard in the homily this weekend, it is Stewardship Renewal Weekend. This is the case not only for our parish, but for many parishes around the diocese and in many other dioceses as well. The idea of stewardship has been embraced by many Catholic parishes and diocese. Both our current as well as our former bishop are advocates of such a way of life. The idea behind stewardship, as you know, is a way of giving thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us. He doesn't need our thanks, but in different places in Scripture, it seems he is gratified when we remember to give thanks. As many of you are parents, you do not need your children to show you gratitude for all that you have done for them, but it sure makes you proud and does your heart good, when they remember to give you a hug and say, "Thanks for all that you have done for me. I would not be the person I am today without your support." Our act of giving praise to God and assisting our fellow parishioners in doing so by sharing our talents and treasure with the parish is that same kind of statement to our God. It shows that we are not taking God's generosity to us for granted; His example has caused us to be a person who also gives in return.

Peace and Prayers, Fr. Kevin

PARISH NEWS

CYO will have a **BAKE SALE** on Sunday, October 1st from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm in the parish hall to raise funds for the CYO general fund. Please stop by and support us!

FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST: This Sunday, Sept. 24th the Knight of Columbus invite you to join them in the parish hall after the 8:00 and 9:30 am Masses for breakfast. Proceeds from this breakfast will be used to purchase boxes of coats which will be given to Catholic Charities for distribution to children for the coming winter.

CONFIRMATION MEETING for parents and 8th grade candidates will be Sunday, September 24th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Attendance at this session is very important; there will not be a make-up session. This is for families registered at St. Mary's Parish. For more information, contact Nancy at the parish office.

"PILGRIMS on the JOURNEY": Are you interested in reading and discussing books on spirituality by contemporary writers? You're invited to meet on Thursday, Sept. 28th at 1:00 pm in Meeting Room #1. "Pilgrims on the Journey" will select works by such writers as Fr. Richard Rohr, Sr. Joan Chittister, Sr. Joyce Rupp, and others, for monthly reading, discussion, and faith sharing. For more information, contact Karen Black at karenblk@swbell.net.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP WEISENBURGER

My dear brothers & sisters, you have already responded with exceptional generosity for the local victims of the hail storm in WaKeeney, as well as the terrible devastation that followed from Hurricane Harvey in Texas. As the same time, I'm sure we have all been moved by the catastrophic damage that resulted from Hurricane Irma, which hit the Caribbean and the southeastern United States. Hurricane Irma has been devastating, especially to many in parts of Florida and St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. Our brothers & sisters greatly need our help.

All dioceses in the U.S. will take up a collection for Hurricane Irma Relief on the weekend of October 1st. The funds collected will be used in the affected areas to support humanitarian aid, assistance with long-term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction, and for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in these areas.

This collection comes on the heels of the prior two emergency collections. Please know that your sacrificial gift will be a blessing for those who are greatly in need.

May God bless you abundantly,
Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger

SCHOOL NEWS

FAST CASH CALENDAR WINNERS:

Sunday, September 17 – Don Colborn

Tuesday, September 19 – David & Alice Fox

Thursday, September 21 – Gerard & Marsha Smith



NEED A REASON TO EAT OUT WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS?

Chick-fil-A is sponsoring a Spirit Night for St. Mary's School on

Tuesday, Sept. 26th from 5:00-7:00 pm. You can Dine-in or Drive-thru and St. Mary's will receive 15% of the price of your meal ticket if you mention St. Mary's School.

AROUND THE CITY & THE DIOCESE

LIFE CHAIN: Please help American defend human life.

Join Salinans for Life on Sunday, October 1st from 1:00-3:00 pm at the corner of 9th & Crawford Sts. For the 30th Annual National Life Chain to end abortion. Life Chain is an annual, peaceful, prayerful public witness of thousands of Americans standing in honor of the more than 60 million lives that have been lost to legalized abortion. Park in the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot and bring a lawn chair. Signs will be provided.



ST. ELIZABETH'S invites you to their FALL FESTIVAL

on Sunday, October 8th from 4:00-7:30 pm. A meal of pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, desserts, & drinks will be served. There Women's group will be selling homemade noodles, bierocks, and cinnamon rolls. There will be a raffle featuring a beef bundle pkg., an Amazon Echo, a fire pit, and a homemade quilt. There will be a silent auction for a large selection of theme baskets, a children's game area with prizes, Bingo, Country Store, and many other selections to tempt you!