

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

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**²⁵ Man ate of the bread of the angels;
he sent them food in abundance. Ps. 78**

Sharing the Good News

Thoughts from the Vicar:

I am amazed, as we continue through this period of trials, at the number of “God Winks” we encounter. In his book, “When God Winks at You”, Squire Rushnell (sic) defines “God Winks” as “reassurances from your Creator that He is never too busy for any of His children.” In our family, we experienced a God Wink when our son’s girlfriend was sitting on a chair outside their home in Portland, Oregon, and got up to use the restroom. Seconds after she got up, a tree in the backyard fell on the chair. She could have been killed if not for the “God wink”. This Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. The above scripture from Psalm 78 is from this

Sunday’s appointed liturgy. And the Gospel for this Sunday? The Feeding of the 5,000.

In the sermon, we will find out that the Roman occupiers had little concern for the hungry masses in the Roman Empire. Jesus’ followers struggled for food on a daily basis, which makes the miracle of the fishes and the loaves even more meaningful, knowing that it showed the Jews that it was God’s will to feed the hungry and God’s promise that in the coming age there would be no more hunger. Working as God’s “hands” on earth, we can help to make His promise come to fruition.

FR. TOM'S SCHEDULE

Sunday

10:30 AM – Mass

Wednesday

Office hours 10 to 1 PM

1st Wednesday – 10 AM.

Church council mtg.

Thursday At his point, my schedule at South Park is in flux.

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Chatham, IL**

RIP, Maryanne Hubbert. Maryanne Hubbert, the mother of Debbie Brown, will be laid to rest this coming Tuesday, August 4, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. For the past two weeks, Debbie has been quarantining in Hamilton so that she can attend the burial. When she returns to Springfield next week, she will have to face another two weeks of quarantine. Please keep Debbie, her brother Steve, and their families in your prayers during their difficult time.

Continued schedule change: I am still not going to Holly Brook and South Park. My office hours at church have reverted to 10 AM to 1 PM on Wednesdays; I will still not be going to the church on Thursdays. However, I am available by appointment to anyone who needs to see me or to talk to me. My contact information is on the front page.

Outreach – This Sunday, August 2, is Food Pantry Sunday. We will be blessing our donations at Sunday's service before the food is delivered to the local food pantry. If you wish to make a donation, please contribute humbly and lovingly so we will have a good amount to donate this month.

Board Meeting: St. Mary's advisory board will meet this Wed., **August 5**, at 10 am in the Parish Center. Please note that, due to COVID-19 concerns, this meeting is open only to the three members of the advisory board.

Since the Bishop has asked that one person do all the readings each week, our **REVISED** schedule for the month of August will be:

August 2 – Diane

August 9 – Tressie

August 16 – David

August 23 – Sylvia

August 30 - Kathy

Important dates on our church calendar: We have a birthday coming on **August 22:** Elisabeth **In addition**, the second anniversary of our move to our current location is August 15, the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin. We will commemorate our anniversary at mass on **August 16.**

Holy Hub continues to be in operation on demand. Please let Fr. Tom know if there is anything you need, such as consecrated hosts.

Could you please check over the prayer list below and let Fr. Tom know if there is anyone who needs to be added (or removed)?

Parish Prayer List

For Foley our Archbishop, for Alberto, our Bishop, for Tom, our Priest, and for Deacon Tom

For those fighting cancer: Margie, Jody, David, Alan, Sherry and Penny

For those in need of uplifting prayer: Dr. Bill, Bruce, Bonnie, Jerry, Donna, Jonas, Zac, Reise, Allan, Kathy, Bishop Jack, Karl, Tabita, Jim, Melinda, Sara, Joan, Danielle, Debbie, and Kevin

For those in long term care: Grace, Carol, Marilyn, the residents at Holly Brook and South Park

For the Church's ministry in Nepal: Mahendra, Dipendra, Reshma, Tirtha, Purna, their families and Churches; the pastors, and the Transformation Spiritual Church

For the growth of St. Mary's Anglican Mission and St. Peter's Canton

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