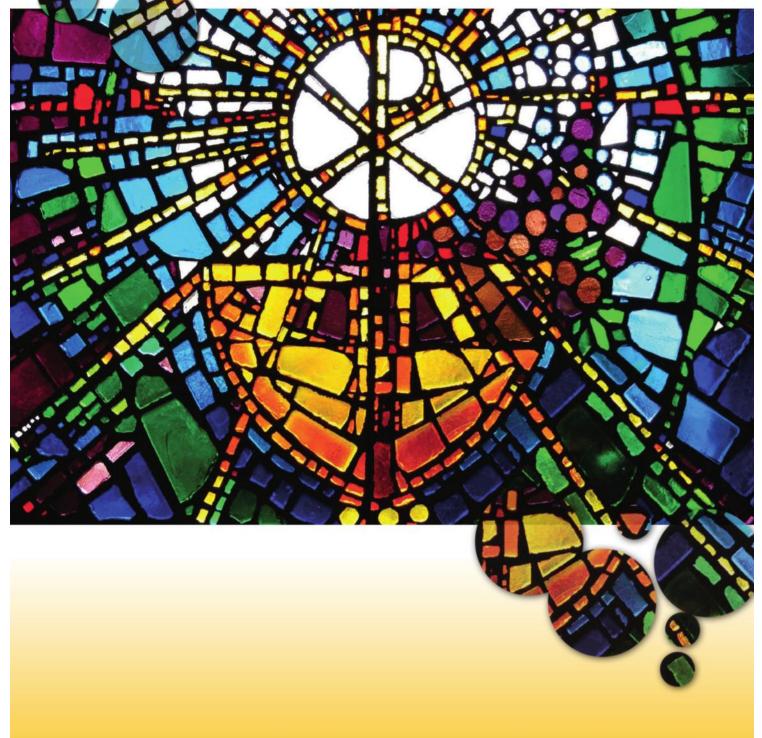
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BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin articles will need to be in the office (e-mail or written) no later than 11:00 am on Monday

parishoffice@stmarysgreensburg.com

After parish office hours the number for the emergency anointing of the sick or other urgent matters is (812) 663-8427.

Communion – Holy Communion is taken to the elderly and the sick regularly. Please let us know if you wish to receive. Weddings — Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

COMING UP THIS WEEK Sept 30-Oct 6

<u>30 MONDAY</u> Communion Service 7:15 am Seasons of Hope 6:30 pm Prayer Group 7:15 pm Choir practice 6:00 pm 1 TUESDAY Mass 5:30 pm Rosary for the Unborn - 11:30 am Mass Study 6:30 pm Pre-Baptism Class 7:00 pm register at Parish Office 2 WEDNESDAY Mass 8:15 am Religious Ed 6:30 pm 1st Reconciliation Meeting 6:30 pm TMIY 6:30 pm **3 THURSDAY** 2:30 pm Arbor Grove RCIA 6:30 pm 4 FRIDAY Mass 7:15 am - Feast of St Francis of Assisi Drive thru Pet Blessing 2:30 - 5:00 pm **5 SAT.** Mass 4:30pm – St Law Lad. Aux selling raffle tickets Reconciliation 3:30 pm Bible Study 9:00 am mtg rm 1



Melly Allgeier Charlotte Black Jerry Bower Mary Bruns Jennifer & Taylor Burt Duane Collins Paul Corya Linda Dashiell Joe Desra Meg Ferguson Vaugh Ambrose Fischer Dale Greiwe Jenny Hahn David Hartman Penny Hipskind Carroll Hoeing Jerry Hoeing Theresa Lane Tim McFarland Rosie Mistler Mary Ann Muckerheide

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the sick and suffering and their

David Osting Sara (Schwering) Pigmon **Richard Reed** Ed Rethlake Vince Rettig Desi Robbins Grethel Schoettmer Margaret Schoettmer Paul Schoettmer **Dennis Schwering** Tim Schwering Katherine Shaw Craig Simon Eric Simon Sam Simons Steve Smith Ruth Springmeyer Dale Veerkamp DJ Wall Ted Wissel Robert Witkemper



Please pray for all of our Armed Forces serving both abroad and in the U.S. especially for:

Chris Alden Adam Ahern, Rev. Mike Arnold Amanda Batten Stephen Berggren Dustin Blasengame Jeremy Bollig Kristopher Brewsaugh Steven Brown Ben Buening Joe Buening Tala Clark Curtis Collins Tommy Colson Patrick Cunningham Joe Davis Cameron DeWeese Tanner Derflinger Chris Eineman Trevor Gartenman Daniel Gibson Blake Gindling Shayne Greiwe Devin Hamilton Paul Hellmich Adam Herbert Paul Huber Terry Humpfort

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If you have a friend or loved one that you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office @ 812-663-8427 ext 200. 6 SUN Mass 8 & 10am St Law. Lad. Aux selling raffle tickets They will remain on the sick list for 4 weeks. Military lists remains until you ask us to take them off.

Attn: Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Ushers, Lectors, & Greeters

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St. Mary Church and School

Father John is pleased to announce that we are putting into place a new system that will make scheduling much easier for everyone! Using this online system you'll be able to specify exactly what times do and do not work well for you to serve. You'll also be able to check your schedule from anywhere and easily find a substitute when you can't make one of your scheduled dates.

If you have not received an email yet from me, please call the parish office at 812-663-8427 ext 200 or tkramer@stmarysgreensburg.com and leave a message with your email address.

*The bulletin and parish speaker will provide the schedule as usual for those who do not wish to use this new system or do not have computer/smartphone access. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Tina Kramer at 812 -663-8427 ext 200.

	Greeter	Eucharistic Minister	Usher	Server	Lector
Oct 1 Tues 5:30 PM				Carson Miller Nicholas Nobbe	
Oct 5 Sat 4:30 PM	Karen Dwiggins Regina Lowe	*Deb Greiwe - C-A & *Wash Vessels after Mass *Lisa Deck - C-D & *Wash Vessels after Mass Karen Dwiggins - C-B Sue Lebo - C-C Christina Lipps - C-E Chris McCleland - C-F Jayne McCleland - H-1 Barb Bohman - H-2 Father John Meyer - H-3 Kristen Douglas - H-4 <u>Sandy Meyer - H-5 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine</u> <u>Carl Stier - H-6 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine</u>	Paul Bruns Aaron Bruns- (sub request) Eric Capper Phil Nobbe Tim Stone Tanner Volz	Genevieve Smith Samantha Smith Chase Tekulve (sub request)	Linda Ricke
Oct 6 Sun 8:00 AM	Mona Hahn Pat Hahn Lore Oesterling Helen Wagener	*Sharon Crites - C-A & *Wash Vessels after Mass *Paulette Duerstock - C-D & *Wash Vessels after Mass Nancy Fogg - C-B Bernie Hagerty - C-C Janet Hagerty - C-E Dennis Hagerty - C-F Father John Meyer - H-1 Jeanie Hempstead - H-2 Carol Schwendenmann - H-3 Sheila Kirchhoff - H-4 <u>Scott Johnson - H-5 Sign In or Prepare (sub req.)</u> Laura Johnson - H-6 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine	Carl Buening Jeff Goodpaster Randy Hoeing David Nobbe Mark Ricke Roger Wenning	Mason Burkhart Eric Stuehrenberg Paul Stuehrenberg	Rick Nobbe
Oct 6 Sun 10:00 AM	Tom Ricke Rhonda Koors	*Lydia Abellada - C-A & *Wash Vessels after Mass *Pat Koors - C-D & *Wash Vessels after Mass LeaAnn Nobbe - C-B Dan Nobbe - C-C Emilie Pank - C-E Jane Burkert - C-F Carol Reed - H-1 Father John Meyer - H-2 Susie Colson - H-3 Priscilla Kramer - H-4 Lynne AmRhein - H-5 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine June Rigney - H-6 Sign In or Prepare Bread & Wine	Al Blankman Patrick Hash Charlie Kramer Chris Menkedick Bill Powers Rick Powers	Brady Mauer Brooke Mauer Samuel Tuchmann	Brent Muckerheide

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September 29, 2019

Our Sunday Collections

09/01/2019

Description	Amount
Weekend Contributions	\$30,659.50
Capital Improvement Fund	\$451.00
Assumption	\$30.00
Church Bus	\$5.00
Clarity	\$25.00
Outreach	\$85.00
Total Sunday Collections	\$31,275.50

Thank you for your generous contributions. This week our actual collections after adjusting for special collections were \$(11,540.07) compared to our budget of \$42,199.57.

"AS STEWARDS, WE RESPECT, HONOR, AND PROTECT LIFE IN ALL TIMES, PLACES, AND CIRCUMSTANCES."

Stewardship - A Way of Life

September 29, 2019 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

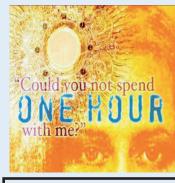
"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." (Luke 16:25-26)

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life. Chasm - a barrier that is impossible to cross, yet you can look and see what you are missing on the other side. Think about it.

~The Stewardship Commission

Thank You

This bulletin is furnished to the parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.



AVAILABLE HOURS: Wednesday at 1 am Wednesday at 2 am

Do you feel called to be a substitute adorer? We would love to have you! If interested, please contact Linda Ortman, 812- 614-4553 (cell)

KEY FOB FOR HANDICAP DOOR

If you are not using your key fob anymore, please return it back to the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday - October 7 7:15 am - Communion Service

Tuesday - October 8

5:30 pm - +Richard & Mildred Nobbe and Romilda Hoeing

Wednesday - October 9 7:15 am - +The living & deceased members of the Harry & Clara Scheele family

Thursday - October 10 - Heritage House 2:30 pm - +Lorina Krieger

Friday - October 11 - Crown Pointe 2:00 pm - + Rose Marie Nieman

Saturday & Sunday - October 12 & 13 4:30 pm - +Michael Gindling 8:00 am - +Isabella Schoettmer 10:00 am - +Alex Veerkamp

Thank You to all who made this years Jeep Run a success. Whether you donated, participated or served us in another way, because of you we raised just over \$10,000 again this year for the St. Mary Building Fund. I appreciate all of you for such a blessed day. Carol Koester, Jeep Run Coordinator





SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Knights Spell Bowl

The 2019 St. Mary's Spell Bowl team has been selected. These nine students will be practicing twice a week until November 21 in order to familiarize themselves with the 750 words on this year's list. The competition is on November 21 at South Decatur Jr./Sr. High School. Our team will compete against teams from North Decatur, South Decatur and Greensburg in the annual County Spell Bowl hosted by the Greensburg Kiwanis Club. We wish these fourth, fifth and sixth graders good luck in their studies. Team members include:

> Katelyn Aug Declan Bruns Jacob Duerstock Will Jones Ashley Kalinowski Carmin Ripperger Cecilia Scheidler Clare Scheidler Ethan Smith



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 30 5:30 volleyball @ South Decatur
- Oct. 1 6:00 volleyball @ St. Michael
- Oct. 1 5:30 soccer @ Greenfield
- Oct. 3 6:00 volleyball Home v. Jennings County
- Oct. 3 GFD Fire Safety Program for Grades K-2
- Oct. 5-13 Fall Break

Did you know?

The Student Council has already begun to make an impact on this school year. They have implemented a new idea in which each student gets to choose a small gift from a grab bag in the office when it is his/her birthday. We already announced birthdays with the morning announcements but this is a new step in making every child have a special birthday. 1331 E Hunter Robbins Way, Greensburg, IN - (812) 663-8427

St. Mary's Adult & Youth Faith Formation

"Promoting Faith Formation in the Community"

September 28/29 2019

Faith Formation Calendar

Sept. 30—Seasons of Hope, 6:30 pm

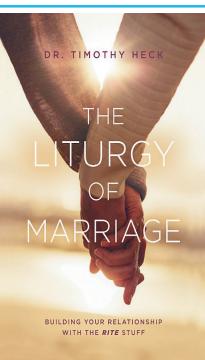
October 1—Study of the Mass, 6:30 pm

October 2—Religion Classes, grades P/K—12, 6:30 pm

November 2-Married Couples program and dinner!

November 2, 2019 Following 5:30 pm Mass

Married Couples – join us for a dinner and presentation by Dr. and Margie Heck teaching the Christian faith to help couples experience anew the dream that brought them together



October "

Register by October 19, 812-663-8427, ext. 204, or anavarra@stmarysgreensburg.com, or https://form.jotform.com/92615136286157

Christ Have Mercy Retreat

February 8-9, 2019 Adults, ages 18 and older Reflection on mercy in our homes, parish, and community. https://form.jotform.com/92535202825151

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is an ageappropriate Liturgy of the Word to be offered soon** for <u>ages 5</u> <u>through 8 (who have not</u> received and are not



currently preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist) at the 10:00am Mass*. No pre-registration is necessary. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend. Just before the Liturgy of the Word begins for the assembly, these children are invited to go with the weekly leaders from the church. During this special time, the volunteer teacher leads the children through prayers, songs and readings that are simplified for children.

The children learn about the same Scripture readings as the rest of the assembly. They are taught a main message of the readings and are encouraged to share that message with their parents after Mass. Children return to the church before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Volunteers are needed to teach the lessons each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. This is a great opportunity for adults and jr high school/high school youth to help these eager youngsters learn the Word of the Lord.

At this same Mass time a nursery will be offered for children, ages infant through age 4. Volunteers are needed to provide childcare to these younger children during the full Mass.

For more information or to get involved, contact Anita Navarra.

Email: anavarra@stmarysgreensburg.com Parish office: 812-663-8427, ext. 204

*There is possibility of offering these ministries during other Mass times in the future depending on need.

**A start date for the 10 am Mass will be announced once we have volunteers ready to begin.

Registration

--St. Mary's Holiday Shopping Expo will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2019 in the hallways, cafeteria, and gymnasium at St. Mary's School.

--The sale will start at 8:00am and end at 2pm. You may start setting up at 6:00am and

must have all items removed by 3:00pm. **New this year: Set-up on Friday evening 5-7 pm for a \$5 feel**

--You may send pictures of items to helidayexpe@stmarysgreensburg.com. Pictures may be posted on the St. Mary's Heliday Shopping Expo Facebook page, the school and parish pages, and Decatur County and surrounding area garage/yard sale Facebook pages to promote

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What is included?

Approximately 12x12 foot indoor space (or equivalent area)

 Sale advertising including the Greensburg Daily News events, WTRE community calendar, Facebook, local businesses, local church bulletins, etc.

A concession stand will be open for breakfast and lunch. Students will be available to take orders and deliver food to your booth throughout the day.

Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Church or St. Mary's School

By signing below, you agree to the following:

1. Register and participate in the sale.

 Send payment for your space and any "extras" within 10 days of registering. Checks may be made payable to St. Mary's School. REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED. YOUR SPACE MAY NOT BE HELD IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN 10 DAYS.
Communication regarding the event will be sent via email. Please be sure to check spam and other folders for communications from

holidayexpo@stmarysgreensburg.com

4. Set up your booth on Friday 11/8 from 5-7 pm (for a \$5 fee) or Saturday 11/9 from 6-8 am.

5. Remove all remaining items (wanted or unwanted) by 3:00 pm.

6. Direct sales companies are welcome. (Ex.: Mary Kay, Avon, 31, Tupperware, Pampered Chef, etc.). PLEASE NOTE: Two booths per company will be permitted. The booths will be spaced so they are not in close proximity to one another. If this poses an issue for you due to company rules, please indicate this on the back of your registration form. Vendors will be registered in the order they are received.

7. Handmade craft vendors and artisans as well as those selling baked goods are welcome to rent a booth space.

 The sale of fireworks, firearms, knives, alcohol, tobacco, regulated substances, recalled, unsafe and other offensive novelty items WILL NOT BE PERMITTED!

There will be no refunds, but you may assign someone else your space. Please contact us right away if you need to assign your space to someone else.
Photos of the sale may be taken and used at the discretion of the sponsor.

11. I understand that I am liable for all items that I sell, for safety of anyone helping with my sale, and for the personal protection of my money and belongings. I further understand that St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's School and any of their employees or volunteers are not responsible or liable for my items, money, or others helping with my sale.

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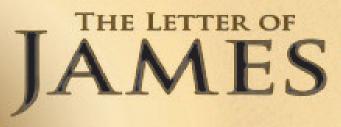
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early!

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They had been promised "joy!" They had been promised "a new life!" But they had problems... problems not unlike our own. Finally, Jesus' relative, James, came to speak to them.

And the drama began...

Sunday, September 29 6:00 pm St. Mary Parish

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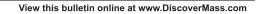
FRANK RUNYEON has started in over 1,000 television shows over the last 20 years... opposite Meg Ryan on AS THE WORLD TURNS, on SANTA BARBARA, FALCON CREST, GENERAL HOSPITAL, LA LAW and MELROSE PLACE. He is also an honors PEOPLE MAGAZINE graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University.

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JOIN US Saturday, October 12th at 12 p.m. St. Mary's previous church campus Hwy 421 Please come and help us celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

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St. Louis Super Sunday Bingo Sunday, October 27, 2019 17 E St Louis Pl, Batesville, IN

\$15,000 Total Pay Out **Cash Raffle, Door Prizes & Pull Tabs** Ticket Package: Play ALL DAY for \$45 Includes paper games, door prizes, raffle ticket and a meal! Doors open at 11am, Early Bird games begin at 1pm. Visit www.STLBingo.org to register online or Call

812-93-BINGO.

All proceeds benefit St. Louis School. (IGC Permits – 150992, 150993 & 150995)

RUMMAGE SALE

St. John Catholic Church

Osgood, IN

Thursday, Oct 3rd 8 am - 6 pm

Friday, Oct 4th 8 am - 6 pm

Saturday, Oct 5th 8 am - Noon

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MONDAY	Into The Mystery of Suffering & Healing	
September	Day of Reflection with Fr. Jeff Godecker on the topic	
30 10am-3pm	of suffering, healing, and harmony	
THURSDAY	Divine Wine & Art with Heart	
October	Hayley Mosson will prayerfully guide a creative and relaxing experi	
3 5:30-9pm	with wine and painting.	
FRIDAY-SUNDAY	Being & Belonging	
October	Retreat for Separated & Divorced Catholics presented by the Office of	
4-6	Marriage and Family Life, led by retreat team & Fr. Jim Farrell	
TUESDAY	Rise & Shrine	
October	Bus Trip Led by Fr. Jim Farrell. Journey with us as we spend the day at	
15 ^{8am-7pm}	The Shrine of Christ's Passion.	
FRIDAY-SUNDAY	Remind Me Who I Am	
October	Women's Weekend Retreat facilitated by Georgene Beiriger and Cher	
18 -20	McSweeney to remind you of your true identity as a Child of God.	
FRIDAY-SUNDAY	Peace in the Mourning	
October	3rd Annual Christ Focused Widow's Retreat for Women led by	
25 -27	Sr. Connie Kramer and Fr. Jim Farrell	
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Wrapped In Love St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry



Prayer Shawls are now available by the coat rack closest to the cafeteria.

September 29, 2019

These shawls are a gift and are created and meant to be kept by the recipient. There is no need to return the shawl.

> Know of our continued prayers for all of the recipients.

If you are interested in being a part of the prayer shawl ministry, please join us for our meetings on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:00 AM in Meeting Room 1.

The special vocation of marriage you have chosen gives you the privilege and responsibility of becoming parents and being generous in accepting new life from God. Therefore, we need to take the time to learn what God, in His wisdom, has provided a method of family planning that is moral and 98% effective. A Natural Family Planning class will be held on Sunday, Oct 6th, from 9 am to 12 Noon at St Louis Parish, Batesville, in the former Deanery Resource Center (Prickel Building) across the street from the Church. There is a \$40 fee for books and materials. For reservations call or text

(812) 212-4951 or (812) 212-2719.

Fear Factory, southeastern Indiana's award winning haunted house will be open every Friday and Saturday in October from 7 pm to 10 pm. Fear Factory promotes safe, drug free activities for our community. Details at <u>www.fearfactorybatesville.com</u>.



Decatur County Right to Life 32nd National Life Chain Sunday October 6th 2:00-3:00pm

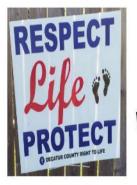
Signs will be provided. Please meet at Arbys, we'll line up down Lincoln Street towards the hospital. Parking available at Arbys, Stiers Heating and Cooling, Pleaks, Scripture & Greensburg Plaza Shopping Center (behind Dunkin)

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing in remembrance of 60 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children, hurts women and men, and that the Church supports the sancitiy of human life from the moment of conception

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to natural death.

In honor of October being Respect Life Month, Decatur County Right to Life has yard signs. If you are interested in having a sign in your yard



for the month of October please call or text Patricia Louagie 812-614-2528 Your willingness to display a sign in a simple way to show that many people are united in their belief in the sanctity of all human life. Your

participation would be greatly appreciated!

F Decatur County Right to Life

Decatur County Right to Life would like to Thank St. Marys and their parishioners, for the use of your small assembly room, and for all the generous donations for our bake sale. We are so blessed to have your support!





Respect Life Reflection

Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those

"Hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm." Hebrews 6:18-19

who are most vulnerable, rather than the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope. Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1817).

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (*Spe salvi* 31).

Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

Respect Life

We begin our celebration of Respect Life month. The Respect Life theme for this year is *"Christ our Hope in every season of Life."* All members of local organizations that support and

promote **<u>Respect for Life</u>** are:

Daughters of Isabella Alliance for the Mentally Ill Senior Catholics St. Lawrence Auxiliary Knights of Columbus Knights of St. John Youth Ministry Hospice Workers A.R.C. (Serving People with disabilities) New Directions The Decatur Co Free Health Clinic St. Mary Pro-Life Committee Decatur Co Right to Life Decatur Co Pregnancy Care Center (Clarity) Police & Fire Departments



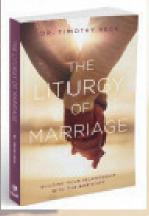
Baby Bottle Campaign begins for Clarity Pregnancy Center. Empty bottles can be picked up in the Gathering Area. Filled bottles can be returned back to the Gathering Area in the baskets.



Dr. Timothy Heck

The Liturgy of Marriage brings together the counseling experience of a seasoned marriage and family therapist with the teachings of the Christian faith to help couples experience anew the dream that brought them together and understand what can damage that dream. With powerful stories and practical exercises, readers can tailor the concepts into the fabric of their own unique relationship. Dr. Timothy Heck takes his readers on an inspiring liturgical journey that shines the beauty of the Catholic Mass directly onto the Sacrament of marriage. Discover in this book how to bring the faith home and enjoy all that marriage was meant to be as you build your relationship with the *Rite* stuff!

The Liturgy of Marriage BUILDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RITE STUFF



St. Mary Parish, Greensburg Saturday, November 2, 2019

6:00 pm, Large Assembly Room

Married couples are invited to a catered dinner and an inspiring talk by Dr. Timothy and Margie Heck.

Register by October 19, 2019 - \$20 per couple 812-663-6427, ext. 204° https://form.jotform.com/92615136286157

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