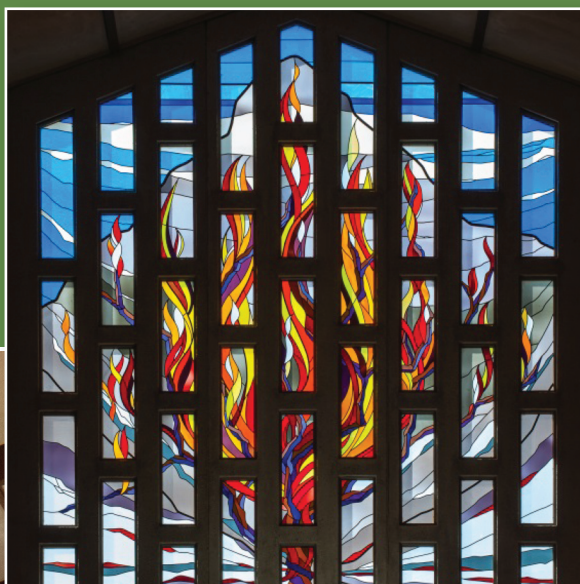


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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Good Lord calls us together as His adopted family. As a parish family, we grow together in virtue, encouraging each other, correcting each other, and helping each other. This means we need to know each other, and this knowledge is greatly increased through the composition and distribution of our parish directory.

In our directory are to be found the smiling faces of future friends, parishioners in need of our prayers and support, and ourselves set amongst the pages, just as God places us in the midst of each other.

May this informational book become a holy resource for each of you, and may God's blessings pour down upon all those who've made it possible, and upon each of you every time you make use of it.

In Christ,
Father Shelton

BIOGRAPHY



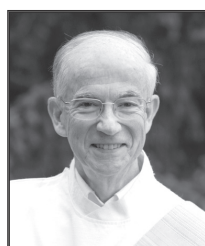
Father J.B. Shelton

Father J.B. Shelton studied at Conception Seminary College, graduating in 1996, and at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, graduating in 2001. Since ordination as a priest of the Diocese of Knoxville, he has served at: Saint Mary Parish in Johnson City, All Saints Parish, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Holy Ghost Parish, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Townsend, and now Saint Mary Parish in Oak Ridge.



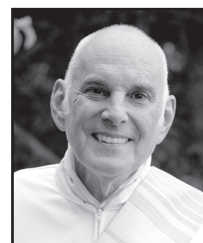
Father Dustin Collins, Associate Pastor

Fr. Collins grew up in Jonesborough, TN and was baptized at Notre Dame in Greeneville. He attended seminary at Conception Seminary College in Missouri and Saint Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. He was ordained a priest on June 2, 2012.



Deacon Gary Sega

Deacon Gary has served at St. Mary's since his ordination in June 2007. He is the coordinator for the parish's RCIA program. He is also involved in the sacramental life of the parish, assisting at daily Mass and other liturgies, helping with Baptismal classes and assisting those seeking annulments so that they might be in full communion with the Church. He also coordinates the parish's vegetable garden, from which most of the produce goes to the St. Joseph Food Pantry and the remainder to the volunteer gardeners.



Deacon Joseph Armento

Deacon Joe, ordained in June 2007, served first at Our Lady of Fatima in Alcoa, TN. He was transferred in March 2010 to St. Mary's Parish in Oak Ridge, his home parish since 1962. His primary duties include assisting in the Liturgy and ministry to the sick and infirm.

PARISH STAFF

Ryan Butz..... Facilities Supervisor
 Marcus Stevens Maintenance Department Support Staff
 Kathy Mesmer Volunteer Music Coordinator
 Laura McKenna Director of Religious Education
 Karen Wilkins-Butz Pastoral Associate
 Margaret Merrill Coordinator of Youth Ministry
 Suhair (Sue) Burbar Bookkeeper
 John Proteau Volunteer Assistant Bookkeeper
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CONTACTS AND MASS SCHEDULE

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Please inform the Ministry Center of any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass so they may have the Eucharist brought to them on a regular basis.

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12 noon
 Spanish Mass Sunday 2:00 pm
 Child care for children under 5 is available during the 10 and 12 o'clock Sunday Masses, in the Chapel Nursery

Weekday Schedule:

Monday through Saturday 8:00 am
 Wednesday 6:00 pm
 Friday 12:10 pm

National Health Care (NHC on Laboratory Rd):

Fourth Wednesday of each month 10:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation as announced in the bulletin.

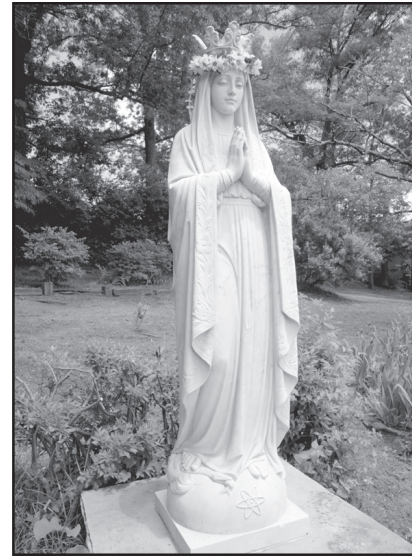
A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

The story of St. Mary's Parish is unusual in the annals of modern church history. Founded in 1943, it has served the needs of the faithful for more than 70 years. Yet, for the first seven years of its existence, there was neither church nor school, an exceptional parallel to the very earliest days of Christianity. St. Mary's Parish shares with the City of Oak Ridge its unique origin, accompanied by an unprecedented growth and development in an environment of secrecy, military intelligence, apprehension, uncertainty, danger and urgency resulting from the birth of the atomic age. Religious services were held in theaters, recreational halls and schools and in the non-denominational Chapel-on-the-Hill. To tell the history of St. Mary's Parish is to tell the history of Oak Ridge.

In 1943, arrangements were made for the establishment of a Catholic Parish in Oak Ridge. The first public Mass was said on Sunday, August 22, 1943, with an attendance of 20 people. The faithful attending that first Mass knelt on the hardwood floors. A plank placed across two beer barrels served as a crude altar inside the west wing of the Central Recreation Hall. Every Sunday, its numbers increased until it reached 1,700 souls.

1946, the first Catholic Women's Club was organized with a membership of 81 women. The Oak Ridge Council #3175 of the Knights of Columbus formed in October 1948. During 1949 and 1950, negotiations were completed with the Atomic Energy Commission for the purchase of approximately 12 acres of land between the Oak Ridge Turnpike and Vermont Avenue. The construction of St. Mary's Parish began on the feast day of St. Joseph, March 19, 1950, with ground-breaking ceremonies for the school and temporary church. In the early 1960s, when Father Woodley was the pastor, the present church was built. A beautiful life size image of Our Blessed Lady, carved from white Italian marble was erected on the school grounds in June, 1958. Dedicated as Our Lady of Oak Ridge, she stands atop a marble globe on which is carved the symbol of the atom. In 1996, parishioners enthusiastically and generously supported a capital building campaign to update and renovate the facilities.

Today, St. Mary's Parish celebrates more than 70 years as a thriving, growing community. We are pleased to share with all newcomers our vibrant faith community with diverse service and parish life activities.



SAINT MARY'S PASTORS

1943-1946	Rev. Joseph Siener
1946-1956	Rev. Francis McRedmond
1956-1965	Rev. Thomas Woodley
1965-1966	Rev. Walter Bush
1966-1972	Rev. Joseph Julius
1972-1974	Rev. James Bowling
1974-1981	Rev. Robert Hofstetter
1981-1984	Rev. Richard Buchignani
1984-1987	Rev. William Gahagan
1987-1988	Rev. Gregory Boisvert
1988-1994	Rev. Chris Michelson
1994-1995	Rev. Michael Rourk
1996-2006	Rev. Michael Woods
2006-2011	Rev. William McKenzie
2011-2015	Rev. Bede Aboh
2015-present	Rev. Brent Shelton



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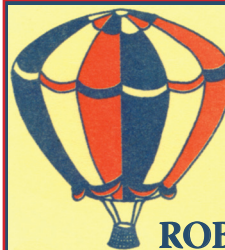
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WHO WE ARE - OUR DIOCESE

St. Mary's Parish is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Knoxville, formed in 1988. It now consists of 60,000 East Tennessee Catholics in 47 parishes and 36 counties. Our bishop is the Most Reverend Richard F. Stika, D.D.



The Most Reverend Bishop Richard F. Stika, D.D.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism of Infants is scheduled after the parents (and godparents, if possible) have participated in the required preparation. We strongly encourage participation in the preparation session before the child is born.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Adults wishing to join the Catholic Church are invited to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Contact Ministry Center for more information regarding this process.

Confirmation is ordinarily celebrated with young people who have completed the appropriate 2-year parish preparation program in 10th & 11th grade. Those over 18 who are not yet confirmed and wish to be, please contact the Ministry Center.

First Eucharist is ordinarily received during 2nd grade after a two year preparation in the 1st and 2nd grade. Older children can be prepared through our Sacramental Preparation Classes. Notify the School or Religious Education Program regarding these classes.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday at 7:30am and 5:00pm; Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am and 1:30pm; Wednesday at 7:30am and 5:30 pm.

Anointing of the Sick is appropriate for anyone ill enough to require admission to a hospital or confined to home or institution for a considerable length of time. Please contact one of the priests to arrange for administration of this sacrament.

Sacrament of Matrimony in our church is preceded by a four month preparation period. Please do not set a date for your wedding until you have met with one of the priests. Religious Life Vocations in the ordained ministry or religious life are a welcome subject of discussion at any time.

FINANCE BOARD

The Board meets regularly to advise the Pastor, Finance Officer, and Parish Pastoral Council on the yearly budget, proposed fund raisers, major expenditures and stewardship. For contact person, see the front of the weekly bulletin. Members serve at the discretion of the pastor.

Chair - Peter Souza

Members: Kim Bellofatto, Jim Rushton, Hugh Ward, David Yates, Julia Garsteff

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair: Edward Gardner

Building and Maintenance (Ray Audet and Bob Schilling)

Communication (Micky DiMeo, and Javier Acosta)

Education (Bob Schilling and Laura McKenna)

Liturgy and Spiritual Life (Vilma DeClue, Fran Broome, and Edward Gardner)

Parish Life (Micky DiMeo, Jay Acosta, and Vilma DeClue)

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Ministers of Holy Communion provide a service to the Catholic Community at a defining moment in the Liturgy that re-affirms our connection to Jesus as our Savior and to each other. The only requirements to be a Minister of Holy Communion are that the person be Confirmed in the Catholic Church, be a member in good standing and complete the Diocese Virtus training certification classes. Training is provided for all new ministers. Scheduling is flexible. Ministers select which Mass they prefer and the number of times per month that they can serve.

We have 38 Ministers of Holy Communion each weekend at St. Mary's. Currently, there are 83 Lay Ministers in active service. Additional ministers are needed at all Masses. Ministers may also serve on Holy Days and at other Masses. After Virtus training, they may take Holy Communion to the home-bound and to nursing homes.

For more information, call:

Bill Olka

483-1564/wildirish@olka.us

En Español llamar a/Spanish call

Lupita Palacios

385-3689

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music is an art form created by God, given to us to give back to Him.

Mission

St. Mary's parish has had a long history of fine liturgical music. The music ministry of our church seeks to serve God, our community, and our neighbors through music. We are committed to expanding our music ministry to include a variety of musical styles and traditions, including but not limited to classical (vocal and instrumental), gospel, traditional hymns, and contemporary Christian praise music.

The music ministry seeks to offer music in our church life that reflects the many cultures and traditions of our congregation and its community. We encourage volunteers to share their gifts with the community with the expectation that serving in this ministry would be a blessing to both those serving and the larger community.

Today, there are several choirs, musical groups, and an active guild of cantors as outlined below. St. Mary's is fortunate to have dedicated cantors, choir members and musicians, serving the church with their talents. The mission of the Music Ministry is to consistently create a prayerful atmosphere with appropriate music during parish services and to encourage full and active participation from the church community.

Mass & Rehearsal Schedule

8:00 am Sunday Choir: Before Mass and Wednesday 6:45-7:45 pm

10:00 am Sunday Choir: Before Mass and an occasional Saturday 9:30-11:00 am

12 Noon Sunday Young Adult Choir: Before Mass at 11:20 am in the choir loft

5:30 pm (Family) Choir: Saturday Vigil Mass
One hour before Mass 4:30-5:30 pm

Young People's Choir: (All School & special Masses)
Wednesdays 2:15-3:15 pm when school is in session

Sunday 2:00 pm Spanish Choir: Sundays 1:00-2:00
Before Mass

Contact Information

Kathy Mesmer, Music Director & Coordinator ... 482-1794

Our individual Choir leaders may be contacted

Peter Waraksa (5:30 pm Vigil Mass) 604-7867

Andrea Souza (5:30 pm Vigil Mass) 803-6443

Cande Seay (8:00 am Mass) 483-3993

Kathy Mesmer (10:00 am & Young People Choir) .. 482-1794

Tammy Keever (10:00 am Choir) 805-4775

Lisa Michaels (Noon Choir) 809-0559

Francisco Ruiz (Spanish Choir) 386-7043

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! If you can sing or play an instrument, please consider joining one of our choirs. We would love to have you. Singers ~ no experience necessary! Instrumentalists require some sight reading and musicianship knowledge.

NURSERY AT MASS

The church nursery is open for 10:00 and 12:00 Mass on Sundays. Childcare is offered to children ages 2 months to 5 years of age. The nursery is fully stocked with age appropriate toys, games and activities. We suggest you send diapers and wipes with your child, but it is not necessary as we have some on hand. There is a restroom inside the nursery for potty trained children. We recommend that you put your child's name on any item you send with them. Examples would be a cup, bottle, diaper bag, etc. There are always at least two Virtus trained workers in the nursery. When parents bring their child to the nursery for the first time they fill out a form with information, such as allergies, where you usually sit in church, and who can pick your child up from the nursery. No siblings under the age of 18 are allowed to pick up a child. At each nursery visit the parents must sign their child in with a time, and sign their child out with a time.

Most Sundays we have a light snack around 10:30 such as Cheerios, a few animal crackers, or vanilla wafers.

Ame Drennan is the nursery supervisor and has been for 17 years. She teaches at Oliver Springs High School. She is CPR, first aid and defibrillator certified by the Red Cross. The other employee is Amber White who has worked in the nursery for several years.

For information or questions, contact:

Ame Drennan, 865-591-5008

ame.beth@yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This is a free, week long summer program based on scriptural activities. Themes from previous programs include:

St. Patrick, Saints Among Us, Treasures of the Nile, Old Testament Marketplace, The Rosary, Come Along With Jesus, Serengeti Trek, and the Trinity. VBS is open to rising PK through 6th grade students. Teens and adults join together to provide crafts, music, snacks, and outdoor activities. VBS ends with a closing Mass and a family picnic.

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St. Mary's School

Mission Statement: *St. Mary's School and our students, families, teachers, and parish, are united to provide a Catholic education in a Christ-centered environment, dedicated to academic excellence and promoting truth and charity in service to God and others.*

St. Mary's School opened its doors to students on September 10, 1950, and has been under continuous direction by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, Nashville, Tennessee, since that day. Initially, the school consisted of grades one through six, but grades seven and eight were added only a year later, followed by Kindergarten in 1983, and pre-Kindergarten in 1985. An extended childcare program was developed in 1989 to meet the needs of working parents, and a complete renovation of the school—including a new gymnasium—was finished in September 2000.

Well-known throughout the region for its excellent science program, St. Mary's School added a primary science instructor and lab in 1999, making science a dedicated subject in grades pre-K through eight. St. Mary's School middle school students have consistently won the top awards at the Southern Appalachian Engineering and Science Fair (SASEF), held annually at the University of Tennessee. At the 60th SASEF in 2012, both the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion were St. Mary's School students—the 5th year in a row and the 12th year overall for a first-place finish for St. Mary's School.

In the fall of 2010, St. Mary's School was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence—one of only 50 private and 254 public schools honored that year. Over the past 28 years, only 6,000 American schools, both public and private, have received the Blue Ribbon School designation. The award recognized St. Mary's as one of the top 50 private schools in the nation for 2010.

St. Mary's School exists primarily for Catholic students, assisting the Catholic Church in accomplishing its mission of evangelization, and gives preference to Catholic students, but students of all faiths and creeds are welcome.

St. Mary's School admits students of any race, color, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. St. Mary's School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic or other school-administered programs.

SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

1950-1956	Sister Mary Francis Langford, O.P.
1956-1962	Sister Jane Dominic Simkins, O.P.
1962-1963	Sister Marilyn, O.P.
1963-1969	Sister Veronica Costello, O.P.
1969-1975	Sister Mary Louis Baltz, O.P.
1975-1980	Sister Mary David Harlow, O.P.
1980-1982	Sister Antoninus Lynch, O.P.
1982-1988	Sister Camille Poole, O.P.
1988-1989	Sister Helen Marie Glaser, O.P.
1989-1994	Sister Mary George Barrett, O.P.
1994-1999	Sister Mary Reginald Lane, O.P.
1999-2003	Sister Bernadette Mathieson, O.P.
2003-2005	Sister Mary Charles Sterne, O.P.
2006-2009	Sister Anne Catherine Burleigh, O.P.
2009-2013	Sister Andrea Marie Graham, O.P.
2013-present	Sister Marie Blanchette, O.P.



SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Our parish children and religious education curriculum builds upon the religious faith nurtured in the home. We provide an opportunity for our youth to meet and interact with other Catholics within a variety of settings. Our program offers young people the tools needed to help them develop into mature faith filled adults. Without parental involvement and support, we will accomplish very little. We hope to make this involvement a positive and rewarding part of each family's life. The Religious Education Team is here to serve the families of St. Mary's.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Pre-school Program.....	Sunday 9:30am-School
Grades K-8	Wednesday 6:15-7:30 pm
Grades 9-12	Sunday 6:15-8:00 pm

Director of Religious Education
Laura McKenna

Grade Level Coordinators:

Pre-School.....	Laura McKenna
Primary (K-2)	Ruth Campbell
Elementary (3-6)	Karen Vacaliuc
Jr. High (Gr 7).....	Dionesia Stockli
Jr. High (8)	Dionesia Stockli
Sr. High	
9th grade.....	Courtney Sullivan
10th grade.....	Stacy Riikola
11th grade.....	Stacy Riikola
RE Administration.....	Cyndi Panter

Sunday morning Men's Bible Study:

Youth Building 8:30-9:45 am

Tuesday morning Women's Bible study (Faith-Filled Women's Bible Study)

Youth Building 9:00-11:00

Tuesday afternoon Bible study (Women of Courage)

Youth Building 12:00-2:00



RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process through which non-baptized adults enter the Catholic Church as Catechumens and baptized adults enter as Candidates. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer and rites at Mass. Those attending the weekly classes undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel and profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church. Eventually they receive the sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Liturgy. The RCIA process follows the ancient practice of the Church that was restored by the Second Vatican Council as the normal way adults enter the Church. In 1974, the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults was formally approved for use in the United States.

St. Mary's RCIA program starts during September of each year. Those who are interested in joining the church or who want to learn more about the Catholic Church meet for 2 hours weekly. They learn about church history, Catholic beliefs, the Sacraments, Mass, our Blessed Mother, Saints, Prayer, Social Justice and many other topics. At the end of the process, willing Catechumens receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, and Candidates receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil celebration. Anyone interested in taking part in the RCIA process is invited to leave their name at the Ministry Center. Information packets and registration forms are mailed out in late August.

LANDINGS

Landings is a program for returning Catholics. It offers returning Catholics the chance to take another look at the Church and find their place in it. Participants in the program have a chance to meet with other Catholics that have returned to the Church and learn from their experiences. The eight week program is designed to address concerns the inactive Catholic may have and help them return in a compassionate manner.



YOUTH MINISTRY

The mission of Youth Ministry at St. Mary's is based from the Holy Scriptures. When our Youth Ministry team was trying to figure out the "Why?" of why do we have Youth Ministry here, we found our answer in Jesus' words. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commissions his disciples to, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age." So, as Jesus commanded this of his disciples, he also commands this of us today. It is our responsibility and privilege to lead others to Christ and to help each other on our faith journeys.

St. Mary's has a Junior High Youth Ministry available to youth in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. We gather to share our faith, grow in our love for Christ and others through apostolic activities and of course food, fun and retreats.

St. Mary's also has a High School Youth Ministry for grades 9 through 12. Our high school youth gather every Wednesday except the last from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. We enjoy sharing our faith, eating together and sports or just cheering in the gym after. Once a month we have a meal with the Senior Citizens of our parish to share and learn from one another. High School youth also enjoy parish and diocese wide retreats and conferences. All invited and encouraged to bring their friends.



"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity." Timothy 4:12

**For information or questions, contact:
Margaret Merrill, 865-482-2875
(mmerrill@smcor.org)**



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The hospitality committee is part of the Parish Life/Social Action committee.

We are given the names and addresses of new parishioners from the office and call to welcome them to the parish. We have three newcomer receptions a year. We send a letter inviting them and send a map of the physical plant of St. Mary's Church. At the reception we have representatives from as many of the different groups, committees, and activities that can attend. We try to have a number of things available to give them; a copy of a booklet that we try to keep up-to-date with information about the history of St. Mary's Church and School. In it is listed a number of organizations within the church with a short sentence or two about what they do and names and the phone numbers of the person to contact.

THE WHITE ELEPHANT

The mission of the "White Elephant" is to provide individuals and families in the community with clothing, house wares, linens, sports equipment, toys, jewelry, books, small furniture, and appliances. The White Elephant is set up like a department store and stocks donated items and provides them at a reasonable cost, or if necessary, free of charge.

The White Elephant is located on the St. Mary's grounds next to the Ministry Center. It is open for sales or donations three (3) days a week; Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Every week volunteers receive donations, sort clothes by size, set prices, and display the merchandise. Excess donations are donated to the New Visions Church in Morgan County.

The White Elephant was started in the 1950's as part of the St. Mary's Fall Festival. It continued after the event and continues to be a parish ministry today. Through the years there have been many parishioners who have volunteered their time and effort at the White Elephant. Many church members were involved in expanding and building a larger White Elephant. There are currently over 25 St. Mary's families involved by working at the White Elephant.

**For information or questions, contact:
Ministry Center, 865-482-2875**



SAINT JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY



St. Joseph Food Pantry is run by a volunteer group of St. Mary's parishioners who are dedicated to easing hunger among the needy of our area. According to Second Harvest Food Bank, over 14,000 Anderson County residents are at risk of hunger and over 14% of our population lives in poverty. St. Joseph Food Pantry serves approximately 600 of these people each month. We serve clients from all across our community, without regard to religious affiliation. Our funding comes from St. Mary's and from individual donations.

Our clients come to us, as often as once per month, to receive a box containing enough food to provide meals for two to three days. The boxes contain meat, cereal, pastas, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, bread, and often fresh produce. Diapers, infant formula, and baby food are also available.

Our clients are often families with young children, the elderly, or the disabled. We also serve a growing number of Hispanic clients, many of whom are new to the US and are learning to cope in an unfamiliar environment. In our current economy we are seeing many new clients struggling with job losses or cutbacks.

Pantry staff shop for groceries, stock shelves, pack boxes of food, and then distribute those boxes from our location next to the White Elephant. You can help by volunteering to be a shopper, a job that can be done any time during the week, or to be a pantry worker if you are available on Wednesday mornings. You can also help by designating some of your offering to the food pantry, and by bringing canned goods to our drop-off baskets in the church or chapel. Your assistance is always appreciated.

**For information or questions, contact:
Mary Ann Gubanc 482-2875**

MINISTRIES IN SPANISH

St. Mary's Ministries in Spanish language were created to serve our Spanish speaking parishioners.

The Mass in Spanish is the heart of these ministries. Held every Sunday at 2:00 pm, it is an opportunity for Spanish speakers to pray, sing and worship in their native language.

The following sacraments and liturgies are also celebrated in Spanish: confession, baptism, presentations of three year olds, quinceñeras, and weddings. There are also a variety of ministries in Spanish, such as, Liturgy of the Word for Children, Bible study groups, Catechism study group, Catholic Family Movement, Spanish as a second language, Adoration and worshiping to the Blessed Sacrament and the ministry of the pilgrim Crucifix and image of O. L. of Guadalupe. Special events coordinated for these ministries are: the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Posadas, Christmas Eve Mass, Advent and Lent Retreats and Stations of the Cross. All parishioners (both English and Spanish speakers) are invited to attend.

Communion Ministers

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Sacristan and Ushers

Ismael Palacios (865) 951-9507

Altar Servers Coordinator

Ismael Palacios (865) 951-9507

Guadalupe Cisneros..... (865) 304-1642

Readers

Blanca Mata..... (865) 247-1318

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Guadalupe Mayorga (865) 247-4771

Pilgrim Crucifix and Image of O. L. of Guadalupe

Noemí López (865) 964-2114

Spanish Class

Eduardo Velásco (865) 386-9640

Chorus

María Palacios (865) 385-3689

Baptism Preparation

Pedro and María Palacios..... (865) 385-3689

Ismael Palacios (865) 951-9507

Guadalupe Mayorga (865) 247-4771

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament

María Palacios (865) 385-3689

Marriage Preparation

Angel Palacios and Blanca Mata (865) 247-1318

John and Vilma DeClue (865) 482-5888

Benito and Rosy Gonzalez (865) 483-4390

Bible Study Groups

Pat Aramayo and Guadalupe Mayorga

Newcomers are encouraged to register at the Ministry Center. Registrations forms are provided in Spanish.

Contact number: Pedro Palacios (865) 385-3689

ULSTER PROJECT

(Ulster Project of East Tennessee)

The Ulster Project is an international volunteer program to help promote peace and reconciliation among the people of the six counties of Ulster, known as Northern Ireland. The program exposes Northern Irish teens to a life style that accepts cultural and religious differences and thereby helps end the polarization that feeds political conflict and violence. Communities in Northern Ireland benefit directly by having to come together as a community across faith and generations to make this Project happen.

A group of Northern Irish teens—half Roman Catholic and half Protestant—spends a month with American teens and their families during the summer. During the visit, the American and Northern Irish youth get together frequently with people of different faiths, mixing freely as we are accustomed to doing in our country. The time together allows the Northern Irish youth the opportunity to form friendships with the Americans and with each other—friendships that could not be accomplished easily in their hometowns.

The focus during the month is on building relationships and developing understanding, among both the Northern Irish teens and counselors and their American hosts. All other things are secondary. Thus, many other desirable things such as travel or learning about a variety of American institutions and practices take second place. That does not mean such things are forbidden or even necessarily discouraged, just that they are not the main purpose of the Ulster Project.

To promote tolerance, peace, and team building, we plan a program that includes service to the community, shared worship services, recreation, and introspective discussion sessions, called "Discovery." Discovery helps the teens focus on why they are part of the Ulster Project Program, raises their awareness of the issues that threaten peace in all countries, and encourages them to consider what everyone, including Americans, can do to promote peace wherever they live.

St. Mary's Catholic Church partners with local Protestant and other Christian churches to host the annual program. Other churches currently involved are St. Stephen's Episcopal, First Presbyterian, Grace Lutheran, Faith Lutheran, Kern Methodist and First United Methodist Church.

John Hough

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ulsterprojectortn.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity builds simple, decent, affordable housing for low-income families that cannot afford a traditional mortgage. Habitat homes are sold to the families at cost with a zero interest loan.

Habitat is an organization founded on Christian principles, welcoming people from all walks of life to share in their mission.

The work of Habitat for Humanity is driven by the desire to give tangible expression to the love of God through the work of eliminating poverty housing.

St. Mary's encourages parishioners to volunteer individually and with the St. Mary's team—when formed—and to donate to the local affiliate.

HAITI OUTREACH PROJECT

The Haiti Outreach Committee is an active advisory committee working with the Pastor of St. Mary's specific to our church's continuing involvement in The Parish Twinning Program with St. Louis Du Nord, our selected sister parish.

The history of St. Mary's active involvement with St. Louis Du Nord dates back to the early 1980's. During that time period several projects and medical missions have taken place and most recently St. Mary's commitment has been to send the proceeds of quarterly parish collections to assist St. Louis Du Nord in covering the costs of continuing to operate the church, three chapelles and a school. The committee also coordinates the annual visit of the presiding priest of St. Louis Du Nord to St. Mary's.

Lastly, the committee coordinates the Annual St. Mary's 4 mile Haiti Run for Health with the net proceeds being used to support the four nurses working at the medical clinics at the three chapelles and the purchase and delivery of essential medicines and vitamins for the individuals served by St. Louis Du Nord. The committee meets at least quarterly and is chaired by Bob Benning.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The mission of the Bereavement Ministry includes; providing help to a grieving family after the death of a family member, and planning and organizing the All Souls Day Liturgy.

When a death occurs in a family, the Parish Ministry Office should be contacted directly at 482-2875. The staff at the Ministry Center will contact the chair of the Bereavement Ministry who will contact the family. Information and questions regarding the All Souls Day Liturgy should be made directly to the Bereavement chair, Maureen Fricke, 865-482-7456.

This ministry helps families in planning a funeral and addressing various needs including house sitting when the funeral is taking place, child care, and wheel chairs. Help with the funeral liturgy can also be provided by assigning Eucharistic ministers and readers if necessary. Contact is also maintained with the family after the funeral by sending cards and making telephone calls in order to help the family through their grief journey. During the year, at the birthday for each deceased person, cards are sent and an offer is also made to help address the family's needs.

For information or questions, contact:
In case of Death, Ministry Center, 865-482-2875
All Souls Day Liturgy, Claudia Raudorf,
865-482-2875



SENIOR COFFEE GROUP

Every Tuesday after 8:00 am Mass, the seniors meet in the Board Room off the cafeteria.

Greeting Cards are signed then sent to parishioners who are sick or have lost loved ones recently or who just need a "Thinking of You" greeting.

Loose change is collected to help support the Free Clinic of Oak Ridge.

Join us for coffee, light snacks and fellowship.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

The Senior Group also prepares soft blankets/throws which are blessed by a priest at one of the 8:00 am Masses. These are given to those parishioners who are facing surgery or are sick at home or in the hospital. Pockets are sewn on the blankets and a Rosary, Prayer Card/Bookmark and "History" of the ministry are inserted. These have been well appreciated.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry fosters a respect for life, from conception to natural death, through prayer, study, education, community and apostolic witness. We wish to promote awareness and coordination of resources available in the parish, local area and in East Tennessee to help those facing difficult life decisions or suffering from painful past decisions.

Accomplishments in 2014:

- Promoted and participated in the "Walk for Life," a fundraiser for Choices Resource Center
- Won the Silver Sneaker Award, the top fundraising church in the area, for the Walk for Life.
- Coordinated the "Yes on 1" campaign with churches in Anderson and Roane Counties to help pass Amendment One to the TN Constitution allowing state legislators to pass laws regulating abortion
- Displaying the "Lives Lost and Hearts Wounded Crosses" during the month of January, to remind the public of the consequences of choosing abortion
- Prayerful presence at local abortion facilities
- Assist Tennessee Right to Life to raise funds for billboards and advertising that celebrate Motherhood

Contact Information:

Pat Imperato 865-776-9248

Vilma DeClue 865-482-5888 (Spanish speaking)

Meeting Time and Place:

Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 9:30 am in the Board Room (off the School Cafeteria)





ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW)

~May the faith we share in common, help us to do something good together. ~

In 1946, the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) was established at St. Mary's Church. St. Mary's CCW was established for the purpose of uniting all women of the parish through service to others, spiritual development, and social interaction. It is our prayer that God will guide, strengthen, and bless us as we do his work. To keep a strong and effective organization, we will continue to encourage the participation of the women of our parish. One does not need to be in a guild to attend our meetings and there are no yearly dues! All women of St. Mary's parish are considered CCW members and are encouraged to participate in any and all activities. We welcome all!

Executive Officers 2015-16

President..... Lynn Christ
Secretary..... Lacey Metz
Treasurer..... Tatjana Barnes
Past President..... Marianne Murphy
Spiritual Moderator Fr. Brent Shelton

Large Group Meetings

We meet during the year for Large Group meetings, gathering with all the women of the parish. We hear of reports of our guild events, we fellowship with each other and we grow in our faith. Some of our annual events are the Christ Child Shower in December and our Day of Reflection during Lent.

GUILDS

We are currently keeping women connected through small groups called Guilds. These are groups that meet on a monthly basis and often focus on a specific topic. In addition to their specialty, each guild also helps with altar care and funeral luncheons.

Our Lady of Fatima

Promotes a devotion to the Rosary, Our Lady, and collects baby items for layettes
Meeting date and time: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 8:45 am in the Board Room
For more information, contact Mary Layton, 865-483-8527

St. Francis of Assisi

Promotes service to the church and community
Meeting date and time: 5th Monday of the month
For more information, contact Cande Seay, 865-483-3993

St. Gertrude

Cultivates the plants and flowers of the parish grounds
Meeting date and time: Meets sporadically throughout the year
For more information, contact Joan Lane, 865-483-7880 or Betty Sloop, 865-483-2009

Holy Family

Supports family life and encourages vocations to the priesthood and religious life
Meeting date and time: Meets sporadically throughout the year
For more information, contact Karen Vacaliuc, 865-386-5784

St. Lucy

Makes crafts for annual craft sales, including Fall Festival crafts
Meeting date and time: Mondays at 7:00 pm, and as needed for craft sales
For more information, contact Pat Niemann, 865-481-0817

St. Monica

Fellowship and service
Meeting date and time: Quarterly during the year
Currently inactive.

St. Veronica

Discussion of church topics, bible studies and book discussions
Meeting date and time: 2nd and 4th Monday of the month
For more information, contact Norma Spejewski, 865-463-0447

ALTAR CARE

The altar is the focal point of the church, the table on which the Eucharistic Sacrifice is offered. We want our church and altar area to show our care and concern for this precious sacrament. Our guilds clean the entire altar area, including the flowers and plants, replenishing and cleaning the holy water fonts, and are responsible for general cleaning of the altar area.

Please contact Tatjana Barnes, 865-740-3664, if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

ALTAR LINENS

Another part of the Altar care is the laundering of altar linens. Currently, there is a dedicated crew of ladies who wash and iron the altar linens each week. We welcome anyone interested in joining us.

Please contact Karen Vacaliuc, 865-386-5784, if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY—FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

As we strive to serve our parish and community, being the face of Christ to others, we offer support for grieving families. During this time of grieving, our guilds offer support in the form of meals after each funeral Mass. Each guild takes turns in serving the parish and community this way.

Please contact Mary Layton, 865-483-8527, if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

LEGION OF MARY

Our praesidium is called "Our Lady of the Rosary" and we meet weekly on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Board Room.

President: Tona Neal
Vice President: Alice Lay
Secretary: Tom Hahn
Treasurer: Barbara Luttrell
Spiritual Director: Father Dustin Collins

THE ROSARY FOR LIFE GROUP

This group was formed when St. Mary's Catholic Church was formed and has been going strong for over 65 years! The wise members of The Rosary For Life Group are looking for others to join with them in prayer. God grants many graces to the faithful by praying the rosary in a group! The Rosary For Life group prays the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy daily following the morning mass in the chapel. Come to the Chapel to pray a decade or for all the prayers. All are welcome!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Father McRedmond Council 3175 has been supporting the Saint Mary's Parish Catholic community since October 24th, 1948. Our Church community arose from the dirt and sweat of the early pioneers of the nuclear age. Our founding members were the early workers that supported the Manhattan Project here in the "Secret City."

We pride ourselves on "In service to one, In service to all". We have supported almost every ministry in our parish including numerous charitable organizations such as the KofC Wheelchair fund, the Special Olympics, St. Joseph's Food bank, Emory Valley Center, Choices Resource Center, and Habitat for Humanity!

We are men of faith. Catholic Men guided not only by our belief in God and the Catholic Church, but by our belief in ourselves and in each other. The Knights of Columbus here at St. Mary's has been strengthened by the successes of our past and driven by our goals for the future. We are dedicated to making a difference in the five key areas of service: faith, community, family, youth, and fellowship. We welcome all practicing Catholic men who wish to serve their faith community, strengthen their families, and seek the fellowship of other Catholic gentlemen!

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Venerable Father Michael J McGivney house on the corner of the Church parking lot. Visit our website @: www.kofc3175.org

You can contact the Knights via our email address: kofc3175@gmail.com or thru contacts on the webpage at www.kofc3175.org

Current officers:

OFFICERS: 2014-15

GRAND KNIGHT: MICHAEL BARNES
 DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT: ROBERT (KEITH) HOOD
 CHAPLAIN: FR. DUSTIN COLLINS
 CHANCELLOR: PAUL MAESTAS
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY: TOM SLANKAS
 TREASURER: MICHAEL HALEY
 RECORDER: BOGDAN VACALIUC
 ADVOCATE: GARY DILLS
 WARDEN: RAYMOND AUDET
 INSIDE GUARD: MICHAEL SEARS
 OUTSIDE GUARD: EDWARD DRAPELA
 TRUSTEE FOR 1 YEAR: ROBERT CHILDS
 TRUSTEE FOR 2 YEARS: DAVID DUHAMEL
 TRUSTEE FOR 3 YEARS: JOHN HOUGH



FRIENDS-IN-DEEDS

Friends-In-Deeds is a support group ministry of St. Mary's Catholic Church. It endeavors to provide speedy, short-term assistance to parishioners who request help with meals, local transportation, or shopping when recovering from illness or discharged from the hospital when other help is not available. Parishioners through Friends-In-Deeds will try to meet these needs until permanent arrangements can be made by the family or the need is resolved.

**For information or questions, contact:
 St. Mary's Ministry Center at 482-2875 during
 office hours from 8:45 am to 4:00 pm**

Friends-In-Deeds support includes local transportation only, sitting or visiting with parishioners and providing food.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival is the largest parish-wide fundraiser of the year with an average of 4,500 people attending. Funds from Fall Festival help support the numerous ministries of St. Mary's, including St. Joseph's Pantry, tuition assistance for St. Mary's school children, Aid to Distressed Families of Anderson County (ADFAC), Crazy Quilt Friendship Center, Anderson County Retarded Citizens (ARC), and Plateau Home School.

Activities include games, crafts, food, music, baked goods, and many more. The festival is always held on a weekend in mid-October.

We invite any and all local organizations to be part of this exciting community event by becoming a valued sponsor or contributor. We are grateful for any support you are able to provide, including financial, service or material donations, or even sharing a few hours of your time to volunteer for the event. This is a great way to highlight your commitment to our community and to receive recognition for your outpouring of support. Contact Ministry Center for more information 865-482-2875.

COLUMBARIUM

St. Mary's Columbarium provides a consecrated resting place at our church for urns containing the ashes of deceased parishioners, their families and former members of our parish.

Our columbarium consists of two hexagonal free standing units located in a garden setting at the turnpike entrance of the church. The units were fabricated of Minnesotan Carnelian granite. Each columbarium contains 96 niches and each niche accommodates the ashes of two people, for a total of 192 people. The one time subscription cost for a niche is \$2,000 and includes two bronze urns and a memorial plaque for each niche.

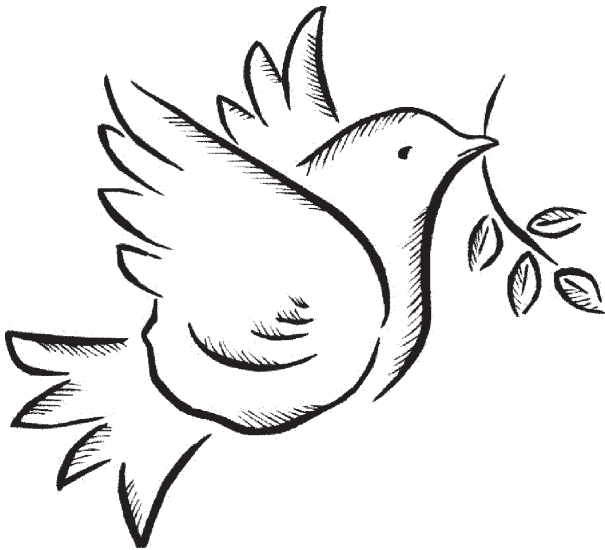
The columbarium is maintained by a Columbarium Board appointed by the Pastor and operated in accordance with By-laws and Operating Procedures approved by the Diocese. In addition to Father Brent Shelton, the Board Members are: Ronald Bugos 865-483-6794, Chairperson; Lawrence O'Rourke 865-938-9691, Treasurer; and Cande Seay 865-483-3993, Secretary. If you are interested in subscribing for a niche, contact one of the Board members or the Ministry Center 865-482-2875 for information or an application package.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adoration is the directing of one's whole being toward God. The heart of the Eucharist is its celebration in liturgy and its reception in Holy Communion. Eucharistic devotions include exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, adoration or prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, processions and Eucharistic congresses. Perpetual Adoration is the practice of maintaining uninterrupted worship of the Blessed Sacrament, preferably with the Sacrament exposed on the altar. Perpetual Adoration was started at St. Mary's in 2001. There are over 200 adorers who now participate in this ministry to pray in adoration every day. If someone is interested in becoming an adorer or a substitute please contact the persons listed in the contacts below.

Contact Information:

**Lois Callaghan (Lead Coordinator, 483-9533),
Carl von Buelow (Assistant Lead Coordinator,
463-2047)**



St. Mary's Church and School

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