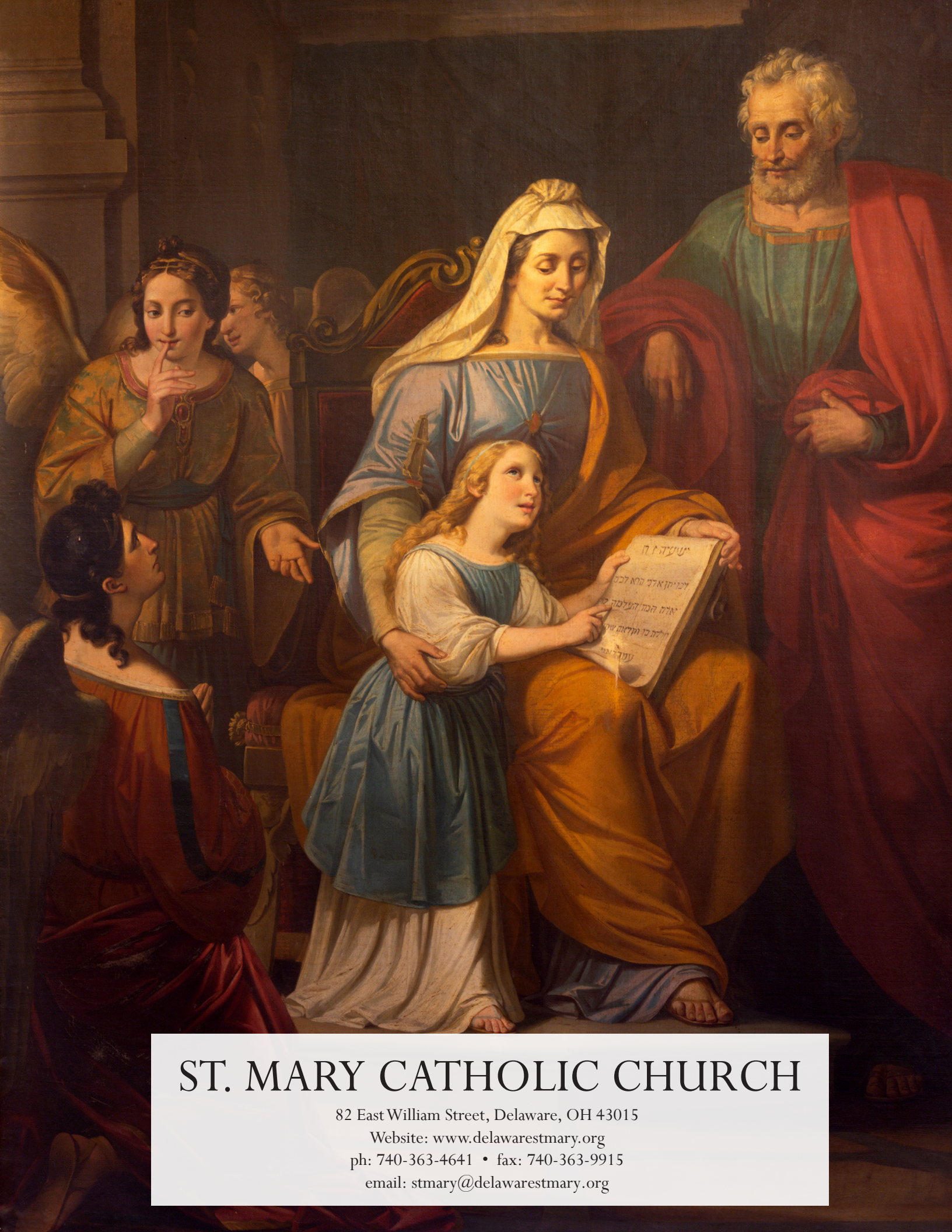




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WELCOME TO ST. MARY PARISH

Parish registration can be submitted through our website at <https://www.delawarestmary.org/forms>. For assistance, please call or visit the Parish Office located in the house east of the church (on the corner of Henry & William Streets).

Please use the rear door off the parking lot.

We look forward to meeting you!

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Denis Kigozi, Pastor..... ext. 113
frdenis@delawarestmary.org

Reverend Mr. Felix Azzola, Deacon..... ext. 111

Reverend Mr. Matt Paulus, Deacon ext. 103

To schedule an appointment with a priest, please call the Parish Office. To reach a priest in an emergency for Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office and select option 2, day or night.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Hours subject to change and closed on holidays

-  Parish Facebook Page: @stmarydelaware
-  School Facebook Page: @stmarydelawareschool
-  Instagram: @delawarestmary

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Please contact the NEEDS LINE at 740-417-3410.

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS –

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Please submit your requests 10 days prior to the date of requested posting to bulletineditor@delawarestmary.org.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

While attending Mass, should you or a family member need assistance with receiving Communion or anything at all, please let the Ushers and Greeters know. In addition, if you are interested in taking up the gifts, please let us know!

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**MASS, CONFESSION & ADORATION SCHEDULE**

Subject to change – See inside bulletin for updates

MASS TIMES

Saturday 9:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. Sunday Vigil

Sunday..... 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.* & 11:30 a.m.

**Livestream at www.delawarestmary.org/livestream*

Sunday Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:00-8:45 a.m. & 3:00-4:10 p.m.

Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays After 5:30 p.m. Mass until 7:30 p.m.

Fridays..... After 8:15 a.m. Mass until 12:00 p.m.

First Fridays..... Thursday after 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Saturday

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

	July 21	July 28	August 4
Online Giving	\$13,193.00	\$11,305.75	\$17,498.71
Envelope	\$14,279.32	\$9,313.11	\$38,019.23
Total	\$27,472.32	\$20,618.86	\$55,517.94
YTD Total (25-26)	\$171,230.82		

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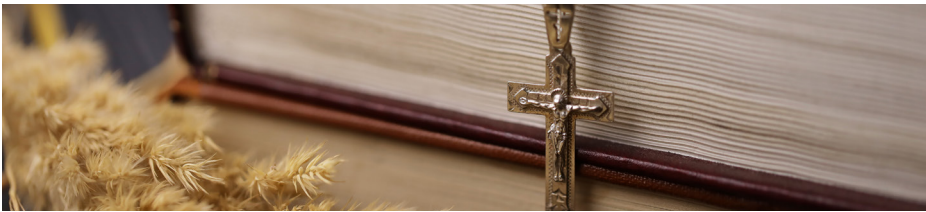
The painting of St. Joachim, little Virgin Mary and St. Ann by Jozef Sedmak, at Reggio Emilia, Italy

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PRAYER



- HYMNS**
OPENING HYMN: God We Praise You.....#195
OFFERTORY HYMN: Abide with Me#93
COMMUNION HYMN: Godhead Here in Hiding.....#197
MARIAN ANTIPHON: Salve Regina.....#319
RECESSIONAL HYMN: Faith of Our Fathers.....#177

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass Times

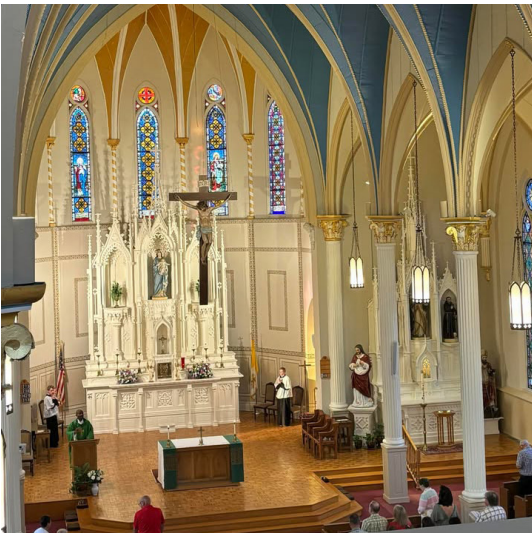
AT ST. MARY CHURCH

August 14 at 5:30pm
August 15 at 8:15am and 7pm

Please note: There will be NO Confessions or Adoration on Thursday evening, August 14th, due to the Solemnity’s Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.

PARISH NEWS

SHARE THE BEAUTY OF ST. MARY’S!



Many parishioners have shared how much they love the new paint and the crucifix in the church – and we couldn’t agree more! If you’ve taken photos, we invite you to share them on social media and tag us @delawarestmary on Facebook and Instagram. Let’s show our love for our beautiful church and invite others in the Delaware community to see how we’re honoring the Lord through this renewal of His house. (Photos submitted by parishioner Catherine Keller)



- Saturday, August 9, 2025**
9:00 a.m. Jane Boback +
4:30 p.m. Katie and Ryan Rhinebolt +
- Sunday, August 10, 2025**
7:30 a.m. For the Living and Deceased
Members of St. Mary
Parish
9:00 a.m. Matthew Cottrell +
11:30 a.m. Int. of Molly & Tony Yankus
on their 15th Wedding
Anniversary
2:00 p.m. Por las santas almas del
purgatorio (CH)
- Monday, August 11, 2025**
8:15 a.m. Int. for Leah Macy Jones on
her birthday
- Tuesday, August 12, 2025**
5:30 p.m. David S. Smith +
- Wednesday, August 13, 2025**
8:15 a.m. Greg Blase +
- Thursday, August 14, 2025**
10:00 a.m. Mass at Ohio Living/
Sarah Moore Home
5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass: The Living and
Deceased Members of
St. Mary Church
- Friday, August 15, 2025**
Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15 a.m. Jeanne Brown +
7:00 p.m. Fody & Janet Frentsos +
- Saturday, August 16, 2025**
9:00 a.m. Sandy McNamara +
4:30 p.m. Marilyn McCarthy +
- Sunday, August 17, 2025**
7:30 a.m. Kate Gaydas +
9:00 a.m. Int. for Springs of Love
11:30 a.m. Judy Henry +
2:00 p.m. For the Living and Deceased
Members of St. Mary
Parish (CH)

**MASS INTENTION
REQUESTS –**
Visit delawarestmary.org/forms to
request a Mass Intention.

PARISH NEWS

ST. MARY'S AT FIRST FRIDAY: JOIN THE MISSION!

Every First Friday, downtown Delaware comes alive as the city closes Sandusky Street for a vibrant community event. Over the past year, St. Mary's has been part of this special evening by hosting a parish table – serving as a joyful and welcoming presence in the heart of our city. This August, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Men's Group for representing our parish at the event. Their witness plays a vital role in extending Christ's invitation to our neighbors and showing the face of our faith to the wider community. Would your ministry like to adopt a First Friday? It's a great opportunity to share who we are and welcome others into the life of our parish. To get involved, contact Kristin at kstory@delawarestmary.org. Let's go out together and be the Church in the streets!



MASS AT THE DUBLIN IRISH FESTIVAL



Last weekend, Bishop Earl K. Fernandes celebrated Mass at the Dublin Irish Festival, joined by Fr. Sullivan, rector of St. Joseph Cathedral & Holy Cross Church, and our own Deacon Matt Paulus! Now one of the largest Irish festivals in the country, the Dublin Irish Festival began in 1988 to celebrate Dublin, Ohio's city status and the 1,000th anniversary of Dublin, Ireland. From 500 attendees in its first year to over 70,000 today, it continues to be a vibrant celebration of faith, culture, and community. Special thanks to all who attended, and to Anna Lincoln Photography for capturing this moment!

RENOVATIONS: A GIANT "THANK-YOU"



Over the summer, we were blessed to receive so much help from the parish community in making our renovation project a success. Most notably, the parishioners who offered their construction expertise and also those who gave

their time to clean our church. The scaffolding, plaster, and paint caused a great deal of dust – and it was greatly thanks to volunteers that we were able to minimize the white coating that liked to settle onto our pews and carpet! We'd especially like to thank the upcoming 8th grade Confirmandi (pictured) who gathered to clean at the end of July, as well as members of staff and our Building & Facilities Committee who spent extra time waxing the pews in anticipation of a wedding last weekend. Thank you for your dedication in making our church a beautiful place!

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 9, 2025

- 7:00-8:30 a.m. Men's Group (KC Hall)
- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Spanish Choir Practice (CH)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Hispanic Prayers (3rd FL)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dad's Playing Basketball

Sunday, August 10, 2025

- 10:15-11:00 a.m. Baptism (CH)
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Parish Council Mtg. (BC)

Monday, August 11, 2025

- 3:30-8:00 p.m. Volleyball Practice (GYM)
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. Festival Recap Mtg. (BC)
- 6:30-9:00 p.m. SVdP Monthly Mtg. (TL)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

- 1:00-3:00 p.m. 55+ Group (Office 1st FL)
Discussion w/Fr. Kigozi
- 3:30-8:00 p.m. Volleyball Practice (GYM)
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Rescue Project Training (3rd FL)
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

- First Day of School
- 3:30-8:00 p.m. Volleyball Practice (GYM)
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. USCCB Laity Survey (3rd FL)

Thursday, August 14, 2025

- 3:30-8:00 p.m. Volleyball Practice (GYM)
- 5:30-6:15 PM Solemnity Vigil Mass (CH)
NO Confessions or Adoration

Friday, August 15, 2025

- Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Solemnity Mass and Adoration
until Noon (CH)
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. Hispanic Community Volunteers (3rd FL)
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Solemnity Mass

Saturday, August 16, 2025

- Food for the Poor Priest Visit
- 7:00-8:30 a.m. Men's Group (KC Hall)
- 8:00-8:45 a.m. Confessions (CH)
- 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Catechist Beginning of Year Meeting
(3rd FL)
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Funeral (CH)
- 1:00-2:00 p.m. Wedding
- 1:00-2:30 p.m. Spanish Choir Practice (CH)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Missionary Farewell Potluck (BC)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Hispanic Prayers (3rd FL)

Sunday, August 17, 2025

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Baptism (CH)



Please visit our calendar on our website:
delawarestmary.org/calendar or
scan the QR code.

PARISH NEWS

FR. PAT TONER'S CONTACT INFO

Parishioners have been asking where they can send a card to Fr. Pat, and so he told us to share his contact information with the congregation! Fr. Pat can happily be reached at:

1676 Regents Hills Dr.
Columbus, OH 43224
614-296-7404

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING SURVEY

PASTORAL PLANNING SURVEY

Bishop Fernandes has a desire to hear from as many of the Christian Faithful in the Diocese of Columbus about their perspective on his four priorities of pastoral concern:



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SEPTEMBER 14 @ 6-8PM

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THIS YEAR OUR YOUTH GROUP WILL MEET ON
SUNDAYS FROM 6-8PM.



GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST

WELL-READ MOM BOOK EXCHANGE & INFO NIGHT AUGUST 22



Join us on Friday, August 22 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor parish office for a book exchange and to learn more about this Catholic Book Club for women. Please RSVP with the QR code.

WOMENS RETREAT

March 20-22nd

Join St. Mary women at Damascus for a weekend of prayer and community.

Registration is open now! Limited space available.

Register at:
damascus.net/womens-retreats

BACK TO SCHOOL

Uniform Exchange!

Get Ready for a New School Year!!

AUGUST 10 8AM-1PM
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SCHOOL UNIFORM

GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: FR. FERGUSON ANSWERS OUR YOUTH “WHEN WILL I KNOW I AM READY FOR A RELATIONSHIP?”

I assume by “relationship” you mean “going out on dates” with a person of the opposite sex. Well, one of the biggest reasons to “date” someone is to determine if you’re wanting to marry that person in a lifelong commitment. But as a teen, you’re likely not going to get married very soon, so it’s actually best not to feel pressured to go out on dates exclusively with another person when you’re still only 14 or 17. In high school, it’s better to get to know others as good friends – of both sexes – in group settings, like going to do fun things together as a group of guys and ladies. This way, you can learn more about the opposite sex in a “safe” way where you don’t feel the pressure to pretend like you’re already getting ready for marriage. I know there’s a lot of pressure in high school to be “dating,” but it’s OK to push back against that pressure and “take your time” with getting to know the opposite sex in general. When you feel “pressured” to date, especially when you’re trying to make sense of the new sexual desires that you’re beginning to experience, you can be tempted to let those desires “take over” and start treating the other person as an “object” to “use,” and that’s not respectful to them – or to you. Take your time in high school to get used to your new desires – with God’s help in prayer – in a healthy way and get to know the opposite sex in “safe” ways like group activities. Then, as you get older, you’ll be much better able to sense when God might be sending to you a special person whom He might be calling you one day to marry. And then going out on exclusive dates makes more sense.

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Contact

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Volleyball Gym Coordinator - St. Mary Athletics

Compensation ranges from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per Saturday during the volleyball season (September 7-October 11).

Volleyball Scorekeeper - St. Mary Athletics

This position qualifies for volunteer hours or pays \$10.00 per game and is managed by the Gym Coordinator.



The Rescue Project

Meal | Episode | Discussion

JOIN US!

Join us for a life changing series with Fr. John Ricardo. All 18 and older are welcome. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

Scan here for dates and to sign up:



RescueProject.us

Reach out to ascalfano@stmarydelaware.org with questions.

ST. MARY 55+ CLUB – AUGUST EVENTS

We meet every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.! Join us for fellowship throughout the year:

- August 12: Discussion with Father Denis.
- August 19: Shale Hollow Park for lunch and walk.
- August 26: Fun games and cards.

Cook for Us

SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP MEAL SIGN UP
An important part of each youth group night is spending time bonding over a meal. We need your help to provide meals for our students!

SIGN UP HERE:



SUNDAY NIGHTS
DROP OFF: 5:30PM

Reach out to ascalfano@stmarydelaware.org with questions.



SERVE

WALK WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS IN FAITH

Do you have a heart for young adults and a desire to share the joy of the Gospel? Our parish is looking for volunteers to support our college ministry to Ohio Wesleyan students during the school year. Whether it's helping lead a weekly Bible study, hosting a social night, or simply offering a warm and welcoming presence, your witness can make a lasting impact on the faith journey of these students.

This is a beautiful opportunity to accompany young adults during a critical season of life – and to remind them that the Church is their home, wherever they go.

If you're interested in learning more or getting involved, please contact Kristin at kstory@delawarestmary.org.

BRING CHRIST TO THE HOMEBOUND

Are you an Extraordinary Minister of Communion (EMoC) or interested in becoming one? We are in need of compassionate volunteers to bring the Eucharist to our brothers and sisters in nursing homes and private homes who can no longer attend Mass.

Volunteers are asked to visit no more than five residents of a nursing home once a week, ideally after the weekend Mass they attend. Visits typically occur on Sundays or Saturday evenings, though some flexibility is possible.

We also need volunteers to bring Holy Communion to individuals in their private homes. These visits can be arranged for any day of the week, but must take place after the Mass the EMoC attends. Scheduling is flexible – weekly, biweekly, or even monthly – based on what works for both the volunteer and the homebound person.

This ministry is a beautiful way to extend the grace of the Eucharist and the love of Christ to those who long to feel connected to their parish family. Your “yes” can make a profound difference.

To learn more or sign up, please contact our Homebound Coordinator, Carol Kuhns, at ckuhns@delawarestmary.org.

REQUIRED VOLUNTEER TRAINING

As stated by our Diocese, we, as a parish and school, will continue with our ongoing effort to protect children and provide safe environments for them. The Catholic Church mandates PGC training as well as background checks and provides further education and resources for all adults working with children and our vulnerable adults. For our new volunteers, we look forward to our parents, guardians, and parishioners volunteering with the many opportunities available in both the school and parish. At this time, there are several online ZOOM options available for Protecting God's Children Sessions and additional information and instructions are available below.

Several upcoming Protecting God's Children ZOOM Sessions are being offered by the Diocese and both are the week of August 17th. They are very popular and the spaces fill up quickly.

- The first is **Wednesday, August 20, 2025**, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and lasts approximately three hours. Session is conducted in English. Registration is offered online through the following link: <https://columbuscatholic.org/safe> – then click on the green VIRTUS registration button.
- The second option is **Thursday, August 21, 2025**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and lasts approximately three hours. Session is conducted in English. Registration is offered online through the following link: <https://columbuscatholic.org/safe> – then click on the green VIRTUS registration button.

Our parish will offer an in-person session during the month of September. Please note that due to the nature of the program, children are not permitted. Please watch for the upcoming date.

Questions may be referred to Janet Conroy at the parish office, jconroy@delawarestmary.org or 740-363-4641, ext. 119.

STEWARDSHIP

MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE WORD MAGAZINE

The Missionary Servants of the Word evangelize in many ways, including through their magazine *Found Never Lost*. This publication features powerful witness stories from people around the world whose lives have been transformed by the Word of God. It also includes inspiring articles, teachings from the Holy Father, and content aimed at strengthening family life and faith. With the support of donations, the Missionary Servants are able to continue printing and distributing the magazine to help others come to know Jesus. Parishioners can receive a copy of *Found Never Lost* after Mass for a suggested cash donation of \$5.00.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FARMER'S MARKET CONTINUES

The Knights of Columbus Farmers Market continues after each of the morning Masses on Sundays and will continue until the harvest is mainly completed. We collect surplus vegetable contributions from all Parish farmers, and use cash contributions to give to our prime beneficiaries: People in Need of Delaware, and Pregnancy Resource of Delaware. Our Slogan is, “*always take what you like and leave what you like.*”

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PREORDER BY AUGUST 20

The Knights of Columbus are selling Donuts from Buehler's of Ashland for pickup on August 24th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the St. Mary Commons! Orders can be placed now until Wednesday, August 20th at 8:00 p.m. The proceeds will benefit: S.P.I.C.E. (Special People in Catholic Education). Thank you for your support of the Knights of Columbus and S.P.I.C.E. Preorder at: kofc1056.square.site



STEWARDSHIP



SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today's readings invite us to ask ourselves an important question.

The question is this: "What do you treasure?" Of course, we all know the "right" answer: we treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

To discern what we really treasure, we need to do a check on our hearts. We can each ask ourselves, "Where do I spend the majority of my energy? Where do I find my thoughts dwelling? How do I choose to spend my time when I find

myself with a few spare moments? What do my spending habits reveal about what is important to me? As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to all that God has given us. Do I recognize and treasure these gifts?

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ASSUMPTION DAY PILGRIMAGE

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Lancaster invites you to an Assumption Day Pilgrimage on Friday, August 15, 2025. The day will include tours of the Basilica, Exposition, Confessions, a Rosary, and Mass celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Earl K. Fernandes. A plenary indulgence is available on this day.

JUBILEE OF ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Registration is open for the Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass. This is open to all married couples celebrating a milestone anniversary (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+).

The 2025 Jubilee of Anniversaries will take place on Saturday, August 16th, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral (212 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215)

Couples can register here:

<https://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-family/marriage/jubilee>

For questions or more information, please contact the Office of Marriage and Family: jspoolstra@columbuscatholic.org.

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**AUGUST 18TH, 2025
OSU GOLF CLUB SCARLET COURSE**

Questions? Contact Dana Dosen at (440) 570-9732 or ddosen@buckeyecatholic.com

Join us for the 2nd Annual Buckeye Catholic Open on August 18th! Tee off with friends for a day in support of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with every student on Ohio State's campus. Go to buckeyecatholic.com to register.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – SPEAKER FATHER JACQUES KIK

Join us Friday, September 5 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Father Jacques Kik, Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish. Since July 2023, Our Lady of Victory Parish has been the spiritual home for the Maronite Mission of Our Lady of Lebanon. Fr. Kik's talk will be on "The Lebanese Maronite Church." St. Gabriel Radio is sponsoring the September luncheon. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Fr. Kik's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon on Friday, October 3, 2025 will feature a talk by Father William Hahn on vocations. Please mark your calendar.

NOTRE DAME VS. NORTH CAROLINA

St. Mary Magdalene Church Athletics Association in Columbus is sponsoring a one-day bus trip to South Bend, Indiana for the Notre Dame vs. North Carolina football game on Saturday, October 11th at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$275.00 per person which includes bus, ticket, sandwiches, snacks, and soft drinks. Children accompanied by a parent are welcome. Only 45 spots available. If you are interested in the Notre Dame trip, contact Julius Palazzo at Jmpalazzo@juno.com or 614-946-5729.

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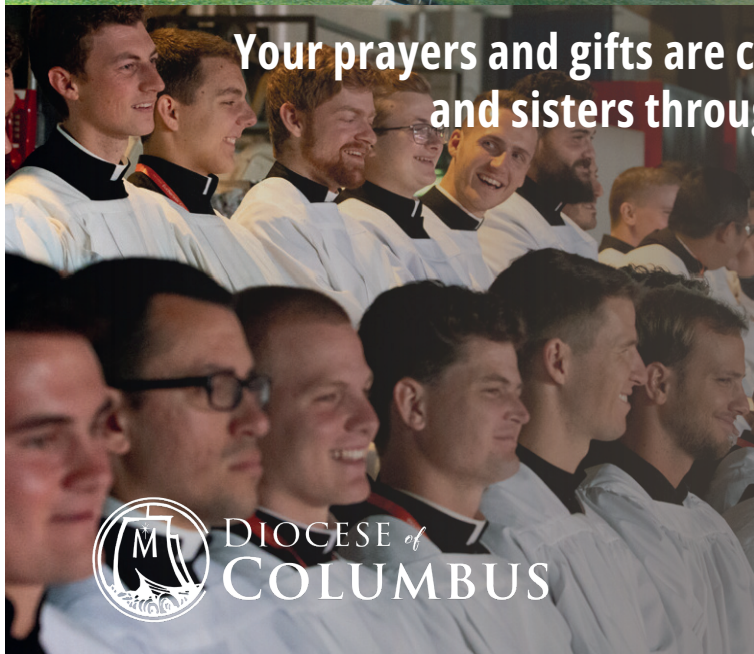


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