

#### 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		
C	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 emergen	icy for Anointing of the Sick,		

#### **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

**f** Parish Facebook Page: @stmarydelaware

call the Parish Office and select option 2, day or night.

- (f) School Facebook Page: @stmarydelawareschool
- (a) Instagram: @delawarestmary

## SUBSCRIBE

Join our newsletter! Select your preferences to receive weekly info on what matters to you.



#### SIGN UP FOR A MEAL

The Meal Ministry is here to provide you and your loved ones with dinners during times of illness/surgery, birth of a new child, or loss of a loved one.

Use the QR CODE to sign up.



#### 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	t 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.	

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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**

	October 6	October 13	October 20
Online Giving	\$15,829.25	\$9,672.25	\$14,317.07
Envelope	\$13,739.20	\$13,487.30	\$10,782.85
Total	\$29,568.45	\$23,159.55	\$25,099.92

YTD Total (25-26)	YTD Budgeted Total	LY YTD Total (24-25)
\$452,307.57	\$447,851.78	\$403,098.40

#### WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Learn more at www.delawarestmary.org/ocia.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL -

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

#### PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS -

Confidentiality is assured. Leave a message at 740-363-4641, ext. 105 or email prayer@delawarestmary.org.

#### BULLETIN & WEBSITE SUBMISSIONS -

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, if you or a family member needs 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!

#### **COVER INFORMATION:**

Restoration continues in the nave of St. Mary's over the summer.

#### **PRAYER**



HYMNS	S
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OPENING HYMN: God We Praise You	#195
OFFERTORY HYMN: Be Still, My Soul	#135
COMMUNION HYMN: Come Down, O Love Divine	#154
MARIAN ANTIPHON: Salve Regina	#319
RECESSIONAL HYMN: What Wondrous Love is this?	#388

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### 55+ BAKED GOODS FUNDRAISER – OCTOBER 26

THIS SUNDAY, join the St. Mary Club 55 + Semi-Annual Baked Goods Event for charity after all three morning Masses. Freewill donations are welcome.

#### JOIN US FOR MOTHER CABRINI SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 9

"Everyone can do something." Not all are called to foster or adopt, but each of us can play a role in supporting vulnerable children and families. From the very beginning, the Catholic Church has responded to children in need of families, following the witness of saints like Mother Cabrini, who founded orphanages across America to welcome vulnerable children with love, faith, and dignity. **Mother Cabrini Sunday** invites the Church to carry forward this legacy of love by opening our hearts and homes to children in need through fostering, adopting, and walking alongside families who do. On this same day, many Protestant churches will observe Pure Religion Sunday, launched by the Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO). Springs of Love invites Catholics to join this mission under the patronage of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, whose feast day we celebrate on November 13.

Our Parish is Joining the Mission!

Join us after the **9:00 a.m. Mass on November 9th in the Commons** to hear testimonies from families who have fostered/adopted and how you can support this work. Coffee and Donuts provided!

Our Springs of Love chapter is working to:

- Support foster and adoptive families
- Raise awareness of the need for faith-filled foster and adoptive parents
- Holding a supply drive for the Bair Foundation, a local foster & adoption agency
- Praying for foster and adoptive parents and children

Want to get involved? Stop by after Mass or email christineellerbrock87@gmail.com to:

- Join our email list to receive updates about the immediate needs of foster and adoptive families in our parish
- Learn more about our Springs of Love chapter
- Register as a foster, adoptive, or kinship family that could use our support

Together, we can make sure every child touched by foster care and adoption knows the love of Christ and His Church.



#### Saturday, October 25, 2025

9:00 a.m. Int. for Pat & Janet Yost 4:30 p.m. Violet Kelly +

### Sunday, October 26, 2025

7:30 a.m. The Living and Deceased

Members of St. Mary Parish

9:00 a.m. Darla Quail +

11:30 a.m. The Intention For Jill Snavely

2:00 p.m. Luzmila Margot Contrera

Villaverde + y

Carlos Ambrosio Gomez

Rodrigez + (CH)

#### Monday, October 27, 2025

8:15 a.m. Int. for the Minneapolis victims

#### Tuesday, October 28, 2025

5:30 p.m. Int. for Pat & Janet Yost

#### Wednesday, October 29, 2025

8:15 a.m. Int. for Shirll Kosmal

#### Thursday, October 30, 2025

5:30 p.m. Mary Verbance +

#### Friday, October 31, 2025

8:15 a.m. Andrea Burn +

#### Saturday, November 1, 2025

9:00 a.m. For the Living and Deceased

Members of St. Mary Parish

4:30 p.m. Patricia Reed +

#### Sunday, November 2, 2025

7:30 a.m. LeRoy Anderson + 9:00 a.m. Nemet Sabbagh + &

Janan Lassow +

11:30 a.m. For the Living and Deceased

Members of St. Mary Parish

2:00 p.m. Las Benditas Animas del

Purgatorio +

#### MASS INTENTION REQUESTS -

Visit delawarestmary.org/forms to request a Mass Intention.

#### WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

#### Saturday, October 25, 2025

7:00-8:30 a.m. Men's Group (KC Hall) 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Parish Council (BC) 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Wedding (CH)

1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Spanish Choir Practice (CH) 6:00-8:00 p.m. Hispanic Prayers (3rd FL)

#### Sunday, October 26, 2025

7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Club 55+ Baked Goods Sale

(BC Door #1)

10:15-11:00 a.m. Baptism (CH)

6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group (GYM)

#### Monday, October 27, 2025

NO CGS THIS WEEK

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Walking with Purpose (3rd FL)

6:30-8:00 p.m. Seasons of Hope (TL)

6:30-8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack (Camp Lazarus)

#### Tuesday, October 28, 2025

1:00-3:00 p.m. 55+ Group (Off Site) 5:30-8:00 p.m. Drama Club Practice (BC)

6:30-8:00 p.m. Walking with Purpose Bible Study

(3rd FL)

7:00-8:30 p.m. St. Mary Men's Faith Group (KC Hall)

7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

#### Wednesday, October 29, 2025

6:00-8:00 p.m. OCIA (TL)

6:00-8:00 p.m. Rescue Project- Adult Faith Series (BC)

#### Thursday, October 30, 2025

5:30-8:00 p.m. Drama Club Practice (BC)

#### Saturday, November 1, 2025

Seminarian Fund Support Weekend

All Saints Day

7:00-8:30 a.m. Men's Group (KC Hall) 9:00-10:00 a.m. All Saints Day Mass (CH) 9:45-10:10 a.m. First Saturday Rosary (CH)

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Wedding

1:00-2:30 p.m. Spanish Choir Practice (CH)

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6:00-8:00 p.m. Hispanic Prayers (3rd FL) 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dad's Playing Basketball

#### Sunday, November 2, 2025

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

10:00-11:30 a.m. Bereavement Breakfast (BC) 3:30-4:30 p.m. Prayer Service at the Cemetery 5:00-7:00 p.m. St. Mary Summer/Fall Athletic Sports Banquet (BC)



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

#### WEEKLY VIDEOS FROM FR. DENIS

You can find Fr. Denis' weekly video messages on our website at <a href="https://www.delawarestmary.org/pastor">https://www.delawarestmary.org/pastor</a>. Follow along with his journey while he is in Uganda visiting family and friends! Fr. Denis will return to St. Mary's in mid-November.

#### **GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST**

#### **Mother and Son**

Nanas, Grandmas, Aunts and Special Friends

## <u>BOWLING FUN!</u>

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#### **GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST**





#### CUB SCOUTS – OCTOBER 27

Looking for a great after-school adventure for your child? If your child loves the outdoors, being active, and exploring creativity- and you value character, faith, and friendship join Cub Scout Pack 3249, proudly supported by St. Mary Parish!

- monday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m.
- Camp Lazarus (4422 Columbus Pike, Delaware)

Enjoy a family evening with a hike, s'mores, and more! Open to boys in Kindergarten-5th grade. Questions? Email cubscout3249@gmail.com or contact Luke at 419-957-6688 or Eric at 419-296-4678.

P.S. Support our Popcorn Fundraiser for delicious treats- or donate to our military option!

#### **SERVE**

#### PGC ZOOM TRAINING

Protecting God's Children (PGC) for Adults Volunteer Requirements

#### **Upcoming Zoom Sessions:**

- Monday, November 17, 2025 -6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 17, 2025 -6:00 p.m.

Register online: columbuscatholic.org/safe \*Sessions fill quickly!\*

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

#### JOIN OUR **MONTESSORI TEAM!**

Support our Lead Primary Teacher in guiding 3-6-year-olds, creating a safe, joyful, faith-filled classroom, and partnering with parents. Help with nap time and special events. Montessori and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training provided if needed.

Hours: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-

Friday, mid-August-May

**Apply:** emily.wu@delawarestmary.org

#### PART-TIME ORGANIST

Lead our parish in worship! Play for Saturday Vigil (4:30 p.m.), Sunday Masses (9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.), and Tuesday choir rehearsals on our digital three-manual organ. Passion for liturgical music welcome!

**Apply:** nweaver@delawarestmary.org

#### **SERVE**

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### CHILDCARE FOR ADULT FAITH EVENTS

Volunteer to assist with child care! Two adults are needed for each date. Dinner will be provided. Plan on arriving at 5:45 p.m. and finishing up at 8:00 p.m. (The event is from 6:00-8:00 p.m.). These volunteers should be 18+ years old who have gone through PGC training and have completed a background check through the diocese. Dates Needed: Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (November 5, November 12, December 10) Sign up here or scan the QR code: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/">https://www.signupgenius.com/</a> go/10C0A4AA8AD2AA2F5C34-58732452-rescue#/





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#### JOIN OUR ST. MARY SCHOOL & PARISH TEAM!

WE WILL MEET AT 8:45 IN THE ST. MARY PARKING LOT TO FORM SMALL GROUPS AND DISTRIBUTE ASSIGNMENTS

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REGISTER BY OCTOBER 25TH

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Scan for Google Form

#### **STEWARDSHIP**



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## DONATE TO OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – NOVEMBER 17 DEADLINE



Join AHG Troop #6279 in sharing the love of Christ this holiday season by helping us pack gift-filled shoeboxes for children around the world.







#### How can you help?

- Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project sends gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world along with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Donated items can be dropped off in the collection box in the church vestibule.
- Items will be collected October 6th-November 17th.
- Items may include personal care items, toys, activities, school supplies, clothing & accessories, and a "wow" item.
   [Scan QR code below for more details]
- All items must be new and fit in a 12" x 7" x 4" shoebox!



These shoeboxes will be prayerfully prepared by our troop members and delivered to an Operation Christmas Child drop-off location during National Collection Week this November.

Reach out to us with any questions- AHGOH6279@gmail.com



#### **STEWARDSHIP**



**St. Vincent DePaul Society** is an international Catholic voluntary organization of laymen and women. The consistent support extended by the St. Mary community allows The St. Vincent de Paul Society to maintain our mission to help those in our community most in need.

All reported numbers are from the St. Vincent de Paul Society (October 2024-September 2025) fiscal year.

**SVdP Needs Line:** (740) 417-3410





## Giving Tree

December 2024

St. Mary's as an organization adopted **146 families** this year, donating gifts to **403 children.** Our parish's generosity served almost 30% of all those applying for this program in Delaware.

Learn more about P.I.N.'s Holiday Clearing House: www.delawarepeopleinneed.or g/holiday-clearinghouse

### Clothing Drive

July 2024

Your generosity provided 4,770 pounds of clothing, 212 pounds of food, and 1,271 pounds of household and personal care goods and supplies. This **3.1-ton collection** surpasses the last 2 years and ties with our largest collection ever in 2021.

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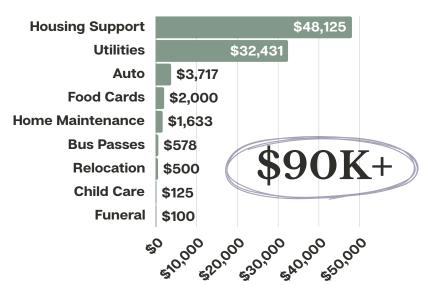
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Thanks to our Wanda's Pantry

and the

Annual Clothing Drive.

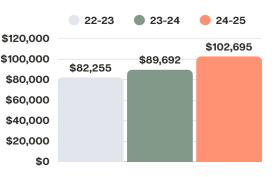
## Financial Aid Given to those in need



#### **Number of People Assisted**



#### **Parish Contributions**



#### **STEWARDSHIP**



#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

In last week's readings, we were encouraged to remain persistent and constant in our prayer life. Today, we focus on the proper attitude of a steward at prayer.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus illustrates the humble attitude we must have as we approach God in prayer through a parable of two praying men. One is a Pharisee, a man with respected status, theological training, and all the right credentials. He marches right up to the front of the temple to

speak a prayer "to himself," thanking God for making him just a little bit superior to everyone else!

The other man is a tax collector, known by those of his day to be a cheater and a sell-out to his fellow Jews. In contrast to the Pharisee, he stands near the back and cries out to God in a simple and honest way: "Be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus tells us that it is the tax collector and not the Pharisee who leaves the temple justified. Why?

The Pharisee was full of self as he approached God. He felt no real need for God as he rattled off his resume of good works and spiritual practices. He was simply going through the motions of prayer. His lack of humility prevented him from entering into a real dialogue with the Father. He was not transformed by his time of prayer because he was so full of himself that He left God no space to enter in.

The tax collector, by contrast, emptied himself as he approached God. He recognized who he truly was (a sinner) and asked simply for mercy, leaving all the rest up to God. This is the kind of attitude that God can work with! This is how a good steward prays — with trust, with complete openness to God's will, with a listening mind and heart, ready to serve as God leads.

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#### AROUND THE DIOCESE

#### HIRING AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF CBUS

The Catholic Cemeteries of Columbus is now hiring for several full-time office positions at St. Joseph (Lockbourne) and Resurrection (Lewis Center) Cemeteries. For more information or to submit an application, please visit columbuscatholic.org/jobs, or email <a href="mailto:jkash@columbuscatholic.org">jkash@columbuscatholic.org</a>.

## ST. CHARLES ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS NOVEMBER 2ND

Attention all young men and their families interested in learning more about St. Charles Preparatory School: you are invited to attend our annual Open House on Sunday, November 2nd. We will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. in the Walter Student Commons with a presentation by Principal Rick Ey, followed by guided tours of the school's 26-acre campus. You'll have the opportunity to talk to current students about our sports teams, clubs, and organizations and to enjoy refreshments while meeting faculty, staff, coaches, and alumni. This is also a great opportunity to connect with other future Cardinal families. Register for the Open House today at stcharlesprep. org/admissions.

#### MARIAN EVENING - NOVEMBER 5

On November 5, 2025, from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. religious women from across the Diocese of Columbus will host a snack and chat at the St. Thomas More Newman Center. Women ages 18-35 are invited to come and get to know religious sisters and their mission. The evening will begin with Mass at 5:45 p.m. Those interested should RSVP no later than November 3, 2025 to SrAntoinette@columbuscatholic.org or 973-902-3510.

## ST. ANDREW PARISH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 8

St. Andrew Parish is having their Annual Holiday Bazaar on November 8th from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Nugent Parish Hall (1899 McCoy Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220) where you'll find one-of-a-kind, handcrafted gifts made with heart by local artisans and crafters. There's something for everyone on your list (and maybe a little something for you, too). Bring your family and friends to shop and enjoy a boxed lunch. And don't forget to leave room for delicious baked goods, including buckeyes! For more information, visit www.standrewparish.cc or call the Parish Office at 614-451-4290. For questions, please contact Mary Beasecker at mbeasecker@standrewparish.cc.

#### GOLD MASS - NOVEMBER 16

The 4th Annual Gold Mass for Diocesan Priests and Parish Musicians will be held on Sunday, November 16th at 5:15 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral. All are invited to participate. Bishop Earl K. Fernandes will celebrate. At this Mass, we ask the Holy Spirit to bless all those who work in music ministry, both professionally and as volunteers, a truly important labor for the glory of God and the sanctification of souls. Performers and church musicians are frequently called upon to bring musical inspiration to the liturgy, audiences, as well as classrooms. This is a day to unite our voices and to support each other in these unique endeavors. Most importantly, we come to acknowledge and praise the Source of all inspiration, the Author of art. The rehearsal will be on Monday, November 10th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral. Please RSVP to Dr. Fitzgerald at richardkfitzgerald@gmail.com or by calling 614-241-2526. All of the music selections and practice recordings will be made available at www.cathedralmusic.org by September 10th.

#### AROUND THE DIOCESE



#### COURAGE APOSTOLATE

Are you experiencing same-sex attractions and seeking to live a life of faith and chastity? The Courage Apostolate offers support through prayer, fellowship, and spiritual guidance in alignment with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Meetings are confidential. For more information, visit couragerc.org or contact couragecolumbus@columbuscatholic.org.

#### **ENCOURAGE**

Where Courage is for those who experience same-sex attraction themselves, EnCourage provides support for the family members and friends of those who experience same-sex attractions. Rooted in prayer, fellowship, and the teachings of the Catholic Church, EnCourage offers a compassionate community for those seeking to better understand and love their loved ones while remaining faithful to Church teaching. For more information, visit couragerc.org/encourage or contact encourage@columbuscatholic.org.

#### **CONNECTED THROUGH CHRIST**

Connected Through Christ is a support group for family and friends of those who suffer from gender confusion. The goal is to help to treat with compassion those with gender confusion without denying a Christian understanding of male and female as articulated in science, Sacred Scripture, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. While CTC is a Catholic apostolate, non-Catholic Christians are welcome to join (with the understanding that the group functions as a Catholic group). For more information, contact <a href="mailto:ctc@columbuscatholic.org">ctc@columbuscatholic.org</a>.





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"Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

# EVERYTHING WE HAVE IS A BLESSING FROM GOD.

We are each made in the image of God. **Stewardship is an invitation** to develop our relationship with Him and with each other. Today, we humbly open our hearts and begin to build a life we were made for.

## God is calling us to be intentional stewards through:

- PRAYER

  Begin each day with a prayer of gratitude.
- 2 PARTICIPATION

  Engage more joyfully in the life of the Church.

## Use this giving guide on the right to help reveal how God is calling you to share your treasure.

#### **BEST PRACTICES**

- Create and maintain a household budget
- **Prayerfully plan** your giving annually
- Use our parish's online giving system. You can make a donation or update your weekly gift by scanning this QR code with your smartphone:



If you need assistance, please call the parish office.

#### YOUR PERSONALIZED GIVING GUIDE

## Monthly Giving to St. Mary's

Yearly Income	1%	3%	5%	7%	10%
\$20,000	\$16	\$50	\$83	\$116	\$166
\$30,000	\$25	\$75	\$125	\$175	\$250
\$40,000	\$33	\$100	\$167	\$233	\$333
\$50,000	\$42	\$125	\$208	\$291	\$416
\$60,000	\$51	\$150	\$250	\$349	\$499
\$70,000	\$60	\$175	\$292	\$407	\$582
\$80,000	\$69	\$200	\$334	\$465	\$665
\$90,000	\$78	\$225	\$376	\$523	\$748
\$100,000	\$87	\$250	\$418	\$581	\$831