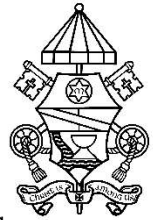


# The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption

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August 27, 2023  
*Twenty-First Sunday  
In Ordinary Time*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat	5:30 PM - People of the Parish
Sun	8:00 AM - Bob Schoepner
	10:00 AM - John O'Grady, 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	12:00 PM - Tony Weber
Mon	7:45 AM - Jim Albaneze, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	10:00 AM - Funeral Mass – Kimberly Barrett
	12:05 PM - Francis "Junior" Arnold, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
Tue	7:45 AM - Special Intention of the Stapleton Family
	12:05 PM - Margaret Grubb, 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Wed	7:45 AM - Terry Arnold
	12:05 PM - Liv/dec'd of the Tom & Barb Binegar Family
Thu	7:45 AM - Mary Agnes Augenstein
	12:05 PM - Earl Thieman
Fri	7:45 AM - Souls in Purgatory
	12:05 PM - Maxine Best
Sat	9:00 AM - Tony Arnold
	5:30 PM - Clarence Bauerbach, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
Sun	8:00 AM - William & Betty Erb
	10:00 AM - Jim Archer
	12:00 PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY MASSES** - Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

**CONFESSIONS** - Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM (or anytime by appointment)

**BAPTISMS** - Contact Parish Office

**WEDDINGS** - Contact Parish Office *six months* in advance

Rector - Rev. Msgr. John Michael Campbell ([fatherjmike@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjmike@gmail.com))

Parochial Vicar - Rev. Edward Maxfield Jr. ([emaxfield@dioceseub.org](mailto:emaxfield@dioceseub.org))

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K of C Grand Knight - Mr. Pete Saliba (304) 494-6170

Parish Council President - Luke Strahler - (614) 309-8876

CWC President - Jenn Tinkler

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Prayer Line - & Eucharistic Adoration, Mrs. Shelly Medley (740) 525-6360

Health Ministry - Mrs. Janet Jaeger (740) 374-6768

Daily Bread Kitchen - Mrs. Carol Henshaw (740) 885-1181

St. Vincent De Paul - Help Line (740) 376-1334

Welcoming Committee - Jim Naylor (740) 350-5510

Divine Mercy Gift Shop - Barb Ritchie (740) 538-4733

***You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.***

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12-1-2; Mt 16:21-27.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Rory Estelle Dickson.

## REAT IN PEACE:

**Kimberly Ann Barrett**, daughter of Dorothy Barrett of this parish, passed away last Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio. We will celebrate her entrance unto eternal life at her Funeral Mass this Monday morning. We offer our deepest condolences to Dorothy and her family and will remember Kimberly in prayer. May she rest in peace.

## WELCOME, MARIETTA COLLEGE STUDENTS:

We welcome all new and returning Marietta College students to our Basilica parish. We ask God to bless you and watch over you as you begin this new academic year.

**VISITORS WELCOME!** We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. Any new parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.

**PARISH OFFICES** are open from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays and from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesday through Friday, with a lunch break from Noon until 1:00 PM each day.

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MON	6:15 PM	-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions. See announcement.
WED	8:20 am	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
THU	8:15 AM	-	Cleaning the Basilica. See announcement.
FRI	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.

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### **The Lord Will Never Be Outdone In Generosity!**

Total collection last weekend:           \$ 13,396.00

Amount needed each week for the  
maintenance of our Basilica:           \$ 14,225.00

***God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!***

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## SECOND COLLECTION

The first weekend of each month we have a second collection for the maintenance of our Basilica. This collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Envelopes were provided with your packet.

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## ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available at the Basilica. For more information, please visit this website:

<http://www.stmarysmarietta.org> and go to the left side of the web page. Click on the GIVE ONLINE button to see more information or to sign up.

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## BASILICA FOUNDATION:

A fund has been established by the Marietta Community Foundation for the maintenance and repairs of our Basilica. This fund is separate from the monthly maintenance collection.

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## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements must be in by Wednesday morning in order to be included in the following weekend's bulletin. Announcements must be in writing. We do not accept announcements by phone.

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## CLEANING THE BASILICA

Representatives will be cleaning the Basilica Thursday morning at 8:30 AM. If you are able to help, please join us.

## SAINT MARY SCHOOL NEWS

### **Open House Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 5-7:00 PM.**

Meet your teachers, see the classrooms, visit with school organizations, enjoy a cookout courtesy of the Irish Booster organization and visit the Ice cream truck! Classes begin on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

St. Mary Catholic School begins the 2023-2024 Academic Year on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. We ask for prayers and blessings for our students as we begin this new school year.

SAVE THE DATE! St. Mary Catholic School Fall Festival Auction, Moonlight Masquerade will be held on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Adelphia. Ticket information is coming soon! If anyone is interested in sponsoring an auction item or the event, contact Rebecca Soffian at 740-350-0311 or email [rsoffian@gmail.com](mailto:rsoffian@gmail.com). We rely on generous individuals and local businesses to help make this event a success.

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## PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC NEWS

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue and White Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Blue and White Golf Tournament is a tremendous fundraiser for our athletics program at Parkersburg Catholic and provides a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with our PCS community! This year, we are expanding the festivities to also include a Big Blue Bash, which will be held on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 PM until 9:30 PM at PCHS, The Big Blue Bash will be an opportunity for everyone to get together before the Golf Tournament on Saturday, meet other businesses, teams, and PCS families, and pre-register for the tournament. There will be food trucks, games and a bonfire throughout the course of the evening. If you are interested in participating in the Golf Tournament with a team of four, sponsoring the event or participating in the Big Blue Bash, please call 304-485-6341.

### **CCD CLASSES TO RESUME**

CCD Classes will resume on **Sunday Mornings in the Basilica Social Hall from 8:45 to 9:45 AM, beginning Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Children entering grades K- 8 are eligible to attend.

Check the parish website for online forms. Registration forms and fees can be returned to the rectory.

Cost is \$30.00 each (\$5.00 discount per each added child in the family.) Fees can be waived, contact the rectory. **CCD teachers are needed for grades 1 and 4.** If you are available, please call Melanie Fouss at 740-525-8733 as soon as possible. Substitutes are also needed.

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### **THIS WEEKEND'S FLOWERS**

This weekend, the roses and flowers for the altar are in memory of Maxine Best. If you would like to request flowers for a particular weekend, in memory or in honor of someone, please call the parish office to reserve the date. You should contact the florist of your choice to arrange delivery.

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### **PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

We pray for all of the men and women who are serving our country in the military. We especially remember those from our own parish and friends and relatives of our parishioners. May God watch over them and bring them home safely.

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### **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**

Join Father Tom Nelson on a Pilgrimage to Italy, January 1-12, 2024. Stops include Assisi, Norcia, Cascia, Loreto, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte San Angelo, Montecassino, and Rome. The discount price of \$4,989.00 per person is enjoyed by those paying with Cash or Check (based on a minimum of 30 participants with double occupancy).

For full itinerary visit:  
<http://catholicfaithjourneys.com>

For more information contact Maggie McDaniel:  
Email: [maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com](mailto:maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com) or phone (419)290-8782.

### **DAILY BREAD KITCHEN**

Each month since January 2023, the Daily Bread Kitchen has provided 300 meals each week to those in need in our community. Expenses have been commensurate with increased numbers and rising costs of food and supplies.

Once again, we are asking for your prayers and support. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "DBK" and put it in the collection basket. Thank you and God bless you.

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### **DONUT SUNDAY**

The first Sunday of every month is Donut Sunday in our parish. Please join us in the Basilica Social Hall after the 8:00 AM or 10:00 AM Mass next Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> to enjoy fellowship and donuts & coffee. These Sundays are great opportunities to spend time with fellow parishioners. Hope to see you next Sunday!

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### **SCHEDULING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

All parish organizations, prayer groups and individuals must check with the parish office before scheduling a meeting or event in the Basilica Social Hall, Conference Room, Library or using the Basilica Kitchen. All meetings and events **MUST BE LISTED** in the Master Book in the Parish Office.

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### **2003 DIOCESAN/PARISH SHARE**

This year our parish goal is \$115,639.21. This is an increase of \$4,381.21 over last year. So far, the Diocese has received \$108,133.00 from our parish. This means that our parish has made 94% of our goal.

Thanks once again to those who participated in this year's campaign, If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, please do so. You can place your pledge in the collection basket, or you can mail it directly to the diocese using the pre-addressed envelope provided with your pledge card. Additional pledge cards are available at the parish office. You can also contribute on line at [www.GiveDiosteub.org](http://www.GiveDiosteub.org)

Our parish has always surpassed our goal. Money over and above our goal will be returned to our parish. Please make this happen again.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF September 2 & 3

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### Lectors

### Altar Servers

<b>Sat:</b>	Evelyn Potter (CAPT)	Don Murray	Parker Crum
<b>5:30</b>	Missy Deskins (HOST)		Karter Lankford
	Sandy George (HOST)		Connor Bichard
	Amy Brockett (CHALICE)		
	Debbie Lazorik (CHALICE)		
<b>Sun:</b>	Patti Finkel (CAPT)	Jaclyn Tate	Kenny Offenberger
<b>8:00</b>	Carol Antill (HOST) (swap req.)		Mike Iaderosa
	Marcia McCabe (HOST)		Joyce Iaderosa
	John Douglass (CHALICE)		Greg Dickson
	Babs Douglass (CHALICE)		
<b>10:00</b>	Ken Masselli (CAPT) (sap req.)	Jamie Spencer	Carson Cunningham
	Sherry Payne (HOST)		Kenzi Cunningham
	Deacon Lee (HOST)		Matthew Cunningham
	Jennifer Schenkel (CHALICE)		Mary Tokodi Ruth
	Elizabeth Tokodi (CHALICE)		
<b>12:00</b>	Jeanette Flowers (CAPT)	Lisa Taylor	Alexis Wescott
	Sandy Bickert (HOST)		Olivia Wescott
	Nancy Funk (HOST)		Taylor Wescott
	Stan Vanlandingham (CHALICE)		
	Joe Schmidt (CHALICE)		

**Daily Servers- Not Filled**

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**A JOURNEY WITH CHRIST:** The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and Formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through believers. **Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination, and we are currently seeking pilgrims for upcoming walks.**

**Men's Walk: September 28 – October 1**

**Women's Walk – October 5 – 8**

For more information or answers to questions, please call Carol or Johnny Wharff at 740-525-0668 or 740-525-2666.



## THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 27, 2023

As the scene opens in the Gospel today, Jesus traveled to an area at the base of the Golan Heights, close to the source of the Jordan River.

When Jesus went to the area around Caesarea Philippi, he asked his followers a question of identity: "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" "Some people say John the Baptist," they replied, "but others say Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." "But Who do you say I am?" Jesus asked them. "You are the Messiah, the Savior we've been waiting for. You are the Son of the living God," Simon answered. In this short sentence, Simon defined the community and its leader. Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah, the long-awaited Savior of Israel. Jesus is God's instrument to usher in the Kingdom. He is more than an instrument. He is the "Son of the living God." Simon knew Jesus was the Messiah. And the followers of Jesus formed the Messianic community.

Then Jesus said to Him, "Blessed are you Simon, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father. I also say you are 'Peter' You are Peter, the Rock. On this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it. AND I give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosened in heaven." Then he commanded his disciples, so that they should not tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Early Church equated the person Peter with the rock. His office and ministry as leader would be the basis of the Church. The Church itself is meant in a universal sense with Peter and the apostles forming the structure of the institution.

When Peter proclaimed the true identity of Jesus, Jesus returned the compliment. Simon was to be called Peter, the "Rock." He was to be a leader in the community of God's eternal Kingdom (not even the "gates of hell" (i.e., death) could touch the community). As long as he kept his eyes on the Lord, as long as he glimpsed the Kingdom, he could act with God's power and wisdom (the "bind and loosen on earth...bound and loosened in heaven" and the "keys" analogy). As long as he proclaimed Jesus the Christ, Simon would be the "Rock," the foundation of the community.

The Church presents the same teaching to the world. The successor to Peter is the Bishop of Rome – Pope Francis. All power and authority have been given to him by Christ to lead and direct the Church at this time of history. The Church in the person of Francis, challenges culture today the initiative and storms "the gates of hell" which attack the Church today. To say that the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church is to say that it is the Church who is taking the offensive, and is storming the gates of hell to win ground for Jesus Christ.

All of this provides a context for understanding the fight against all the manifestations of the Culture of Death. The mission of the Church is to transform the culture of the death into the culture of life, and is not deterred from pursuing that mission.

## Deceased Priests & Deacons of the Diocese

On Friday, we remember the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the death of Msgr. Cronan Molloy. May he rest in the peace of Christ forever.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS AND PILGRIMAGES TO THE BASILICA

Sept. - 24 - 9:30 am. Confirmation – Saint Henry Church  
Sept. - 24 - 12:00 am. Respect Life Mass - Bishop  
Oct. - 27, - 8:45 am. Diocesan Teacher in Service Day  
Oct. - 29 - 9:00 am. Mass of Remembrance (Bishop)  
Oct. - 29, - 12:00 pm. Women Religious celebration  
Nov. - 19, - 12:00 pm. Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass (Bishop)  
Dec. - 12, - 11:00 am. Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

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## LITURGICAL FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday, August 28, Saint Augustine, (Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

Augustine was born in Tagaste, North Africa. After a dissolute life, he received baptism at the age of thirty-three from Saint Ambrose. He was elected bishop of Hippo, and fought against the heresies of the Manichee's, the Donatists, and Pelasgians. He is considered to be a founder of monastic life in the West. He is one of four Doctors of the Latin Church – the “Doctor of Grace”.

Tuesday, August 29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Today's memorial originates in the celebration of the dedication of the church of St. John at Sebaste, where according to tradition, John the Baptist was buried by his disciples.

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## Pope's Prayer Intention for September



### For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR BASILICA PARISH AND SAINT HENRY PARISH -OUR SISTER PARISH, - WHO ARE ILL AND FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS! MAY THEY BE RESTORED TO THE FULLNESS OF HEALTH.



## MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

### Monday, August 28,

7:45 am. - Mass  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
6:15 pm. - Perpetual Help devotions

### Tuesday, August 29,

7:45 am. - Mass  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
7:00 pm. - Special Mass for the people of Maui

### Wednesday, August 30,

7:45 am. - Mass  
8:30 am. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
9:15 am. - Opening School Mass  
9:30 am. - Mass (St. Henry)  
6:45 pm. - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Thursday, August 31,

7:45 am. - Mass  
12:05 pm. - Mass

### Friday, September 1,

7:45 am. - Mass  
8:25 am. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
6:45 pm. - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday, September 2,

9:00 am. - Mass  
3:30 pm. - Confessions  
5:30 pm. - Mass

### Sunday, September 3,

8:00 am. - Mass  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
10:00 am. - Mass  
12:00 pm. - Mass



## Saint Mary School Year Begins

This Wednesday, August 30, the students attending Saint Mary School will return to school as the new year begins. An All School Mass will be celebrated on September 6, at the school for the teachers and students as we begin the new school year.

## North Carolina bans child sex changes, gives parents more educational rights



North Carolina lawmakers last week upheld bans on sex changes for kids, granted parents more rights in the public school system, and set athletic standards that require students to participate in programs that align with their biological sex.

The Republican-dominated state House and Senate approved the measures on Aug. 16. Lawmakers narrowly surpassed the 60% threshold to override Democratic medical professionals from providing sex change surgeries or sex change drugs for children. The legislation had support from Republican leadership and opposition from Democrats. As a result of the measures, doctors in the state will be prohibited from performing “gender reassignment” surgeries on minors, which is defined as any surgery designed to alter or remove a healthy part of the child’s body to create anatomical characteristics that would resemble the opposite sex. This includes both genital and non-genital surgeries.



# THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY

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August 27, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus gave authority and power to His Church to "bind and loosen." He gave the power to Simon Peter and his successors. The power to "bind and loosen" is really the power and Duty to proclaim Christ. Ultimately, this power comes from Christ.

Like Simon we must proclaim who Jesus really is. We must proclaim it in word and in service; we must proclaim it with an honest and loving heart. In other words, we must be willing to exercise Christian leadership, to be Christ to others.

Christ calls some to Christian leadership in their families, their workplace, in their leisure. Christ calls others to lead the Church as it proclaims the Word and serves the community at large. The person with the final power to proclaim and serve the local Church is the bishop.

In the Roman Catholic Church, the bishop is the focal point of the local Church. He represents Christ (i.e., acts "in persona Christi") to the faithful when he proclaims the Word and leads in loving service. He represents the local faithful to his fellow bishops and, so, to the universal Church. So, the ministry of the bishop has a vertical thrust (proclamation and service) and a horizontal thrust (equality with fellow bishops, known as a "collegial" character. The bishop follows Christ as a personal calling, out of a personal choice.

As Peter proclaimed Jesus the Christ for the community, so his successor, the Pope, proclaims Him to the universal Church. As Christ empowered Peter to lead the Church, he empowers the Bishop of Rome to proclaim and serve the entire Church. The Pope, then, is a "'visible source' and 'foundation of unity of the bishops and the whole company of the faithful'". Union with the Bishop of Rome defines a local community (with its bishop) as the "Roman Catholic Church."

We are the community of the Messiah, those who realize (only if faintly) God's Kingdom. We have the power to build up or tear down, depending upon our words and actions.

Sincerely,

Rev Msgr. John M. Campbell  
(Rector)



# **U.S. State Department spokesman condemns seizure of Jesuit university in Nicaragua**



At the U.S. State Department on Thursday, Principal Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel condemned the recent seizure of a Jesuit-run university in Nicaragua and called for the release of political prisoners there, including Bishop Rolando Álvarez.

"The Ortega-Murillo seizure of the Jesuit-run Universidad Central Americana represents the further erosion of democratic norms and a stifling civic space," Patel said in response to a question about the situation. "This is a premier center of academic excellence, independent inquiry, and a hope for [the] future in Nicaragua."

"The U.S. condemns the regime's ongoing repression of religious figures and institutions and we call for the immediate unconditional release of individuals of conscience imprisoned in Nicaragua, including Bishop Álvarez," Patel continued.

"The decision is a further sign that Ortega and Murillo continue to embrace authoritarianism and undermine all independent institutions in Nicaragua. Despite their efforts, they cannot extinguish freedom of thought, and we're going to continue to use diplomatic and economic tools to promote accountability for such acts." Asked if the U.S. government knew whether or not Álvarez was still alive, Patel responded that he had no further assessment to offer other than the continued call for the bishop's release.

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Do you know of anyone who might be interested in learning about the Catholic Church? The process by which adults and teens come into the Church has come to be known as "THE RCIA", which is short for "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults."

The unbaptized. The primary focus of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is on those who are not already Christian and have not been catechized.

Baptized but uncatechized. Those who have been baptized either as Roman Catholics or as members of another Christian community, but did not receive further catechetical formation or instruction. These typically have also not celebrated Confirmation or Eucharist.

Those seeking full Catholic Communion. These are baptized, practicing Christians from other denominations seeking entry into the Catholic Church.

RCIA classes will begin on Monday, September 11, 2023. They are from 7-9 pm in the social hall. If you are interested or know someone who would like to attend, please contact the rectory at 373-3643 or Cathy Rauch at 896-2901 /[cathyrauch@stmaryscatholic.org](mailto:cathyrauch@stmaryscatholic.org) for more information or to register for classes.



## Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Is the Eleventh Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination & Installations of Bishop Monforton

We offer our prayers for him, and wish him many happy years! He is a good bishop who cares for all of us and for his Diocese of Steubenville. May God grant him many happy years.

## Jobless Gänswein back in the spotlight, says he's looking for work



German Archbishop Georg Gänswein, the former private secretary to the late Pope Benedict XVI, has made his first public appearances after being sent back to his native Freiburg with no formal job, jesting about his unemployment, promoting his controversial memoirs from the Benedict years, and celebrating a large public Mass.

Last Thursday Gänswein attended the presentation of the German edition of his book *Nothing but the Truth*, published earlier this year in Italy shortly after the passing of Pope Benedict XVI, for whom he served as private secretary for decades, as cardinal and later as pope and pope emeritus.

At the presentation, held in the town of Kirchzarten, Gänswein said, "I'm here now, I'm looking for a job, so to speak," and jested about contacting an employment agency. In July the Archdiocese of Freiburg, led by Archbishop Stephan Burger, announced after a meeting between Burger and Gänswein that Gänswein would celebrate Masses in Freiburg's cathedral beginning in the fall, but he was not given a permanent job.

Gänswein, 67, has been unemployed since returning to Freiburg in June, when Pope Francis sent him packing from Rome with no new assignment. The move was widely seen as a rebuff of Gänswein, who had been de facto removed from his post as Prefect of the Papal Household by Francis in 2020, and who made waves following the death of Benedict XVI, with remarks made in various interviews, as well as in his new book, which was published shortly after Benedict's passing.

Gänswein in both his book and his media remarks indicated that Benedict and Francis were at odds on several big decisions Francis had made, including the pontiff's reversal of Benedict's decision to liberalize use of the Traditional Latin Mass. Gänswein said a 2021 decree by Pope Francis reversing Benedict's decision to liberalize permission for celebration of the old Latin Mass "hit him pretty hard. I believe it broke Pope Benedict's heart" to read the decree, Gänswein said, saying, "At a personal level, he encountered a decisive change of course and considered it a mistake, since it jeopardized the attempt at peace that had been made 14 years earlier."

Excerpts from Gänswein's new book also included lines in which he said that he had been "shocked and speechless" when Pope Francis told him in 2020 that while he would technically remain Prefect of the Papal Household, he would not come to work anymore starting the next day, and would no longer appear beside Francis in public, with his only job being to serve as caretaker to Benedict XVI.

Gänswein said he became "a prefect cut in half," and that when he told Benedict the news, Benedict jested that, "I think Pope Francis doesn't trust me anymore and wants you to keep an eye on me." Thursday's book presentation in Kirchzarten, Gänswein made his second public appearance Tuesday, celebrating Mass and presiding over a candlelight procession at the shrine of Maria Vesperbild in Bavaria-Swabia, called the "Swabian capital of Mary," for the Aug. 15 feast of the Assumption of Mary. The shrine annually draws some 4-500,000 pilgrims, making it one of the largest pilgrim destinations in the area.



## As Maui rescue continues, families and faith leaders cling to hope, tackle reality



Most Rev. Clarence "Larry" Silva, the Bishop of Honolulu, greets parishioners after Mass at Sacred Hearts Mission Church in Kapalua, Hawaii, Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023. Sacred Hearts Mission Church hosted congregants from Maria Lanakila Catholic Church in Lahaina, including several people who lost family members in fires that burned most of the Maui town days earlier.

For scores of families in Hawaii still hoping to reunite with loved ones, it was not yet time to give up — even as the staggering death

toll continued to grow, and even as authorities predicted that more remains would be found within the ashes left behind by a wildfire that gutted the once-bustling town of Lahaina. But many others are already confronting a painful reality. Their loved ones did not make it out alive. At a Sunday Mass at a church in Kapalua, the Most Rev. Clarence "Larry" Silva, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Honolulu, appealed to somber parishioners not to abandon their faith. "If we are angry with God we should tell him so. He can take it," he said in his sermon, adding later that "God loves us in tragedies and good times and bad times."



With just one hospital and three mortuaries, it remains unclear where all those corpses will be temporarily stored and how soon they will be released to family.

"Funerals are not yet on the horizon," Silva told The Associated Press. "Even in the best of times, Hawaii has the custom on having funerals anywhere from a month to six months after the death."

May we pray for the people of Maui who lost their homes, their possessions, and in many cases, their families and loved ones. It is very difficult to think of all that they are experiencing and going through. We will celebrate a special Mass for them on Tuesday, September 5, at 7:00 pm. In the Basilica.

