Welcome to St. Mary Church

July 12, 2026 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

July 5, 2026

General Collection:	$3129.00
Building Fund:	$422.50
Education Fund:	$252.50

CSMA: Our goal for this year's campaign is $9726.00. We have reached 63% of our goal.

MASS READINGS
Week of July 12

Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65:10-14; Romans 8:18-23; Mathew 13:1-23
Monday: Isaiah 1:10-17; Psalm 50:8-9,16-17,21-23; Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Isaiah 7:1-9; Psalm 48:2-8; Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday: Isaiah 10:5-7; Psalm 94:5-10;14-15; Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday: Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19; Psalm 102:13-21; Matthew 11:28-30
Friday: Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Isaiah 38:10-12,16 Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday: Micah 2:1-5, Psalm 10:1-4,7-8,14; Matthew 12:14-21

GOT NEWS TO SHARE?

We'd love to put it in the bulletin. Deadline is Thursday each week.

Vacation Bible School
July 28th - 30th (Tues, Wed, & Thurs)
Open to all children ages 4yrs. - 12 yrs.
5:00pm - 8:00pm nightly
St. Mary's Hall - Anna

Discovery on Adventure Island: Quest for God's Great Light!
Our island adventures will include dinner for the children each night, crafts, games, songs, Bible stories, and more! Pick up a registration form at the entrance to church or sign up on the first night. For more information you can contact Rhonda Schmidt 618-697-0440.

Hope to see you there!

COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN!!

We are having problems with the phones in the office and rectory. For assistance, please call Ellen at 618.697.5161 until we can get repairs made, or email the office at stmaryparish.anna@gmail.com.

HELP FEED OUR ADVENTURERS!

If you would like to help our VBS crew with a donation of food items or money toward providing supper for our VBS children, please contact Janna Sweitzer at (618)518-7742. Thank you for supporting our youth!

ST. MARY PRAYER LIST & MASS INTENTIONS

Beginning this week, we will publish a prayer list in the bulletin each week. If you would like to be included in the list, please contact the office. We ask that the person being prayed for contact the office personally, as it is important to protect people's privacy.

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, please contact the office with the name and date requested. A small donation is customary for each Mass. We will do our best to schedule your Mass on the date requested.

VOCATION CORNER

“I grew up loving two things: our family farm and sports. There was a basketball hoop in the haymow of our barn, and during breaks from working with the cattle, I would play pickup games with my brothers and cousins. I grew to love football, too, and was even blessed to play quarterback at the collegiate level for a year. But over time, another love quietly grew in my heart: a love for Christ and his Church. My parents instilled in me a strong work ethic and an unswerving trust in the Lord. My parish priest provided an example of real eucharistic amazement, an intense prayer life, and filial devotion to our Blessed Mother. Through their influence, I discovered that the greatest joy of my life was when I could draw others closer to our Savior. To all those discerning their vocations: Let His love conquer!”
Fr. Thomas J. Haan; Diocese of Lafayette, Ind.
Columbia, September 2022

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday July 11:
Lector: Janna Sweitzer
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Agne, Paul Cairatti, Joe Bierbaum
Sunday July 12:
Lector: Mary Beth Hileman
Servers: Dallases
Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Belcher, Mary Ellen Ecker, Ben Marggraf
Saturday July 18:
Lector: Ellen Quertermous
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Agne, Paul Cairatti, Joe Wendling
Sunday July 19:
Lector: Jim Poletti
Servers: Kendall Sweitzer, Logan & Flynt Brumleve
Eucharistic Ministers: Jackie Beatty, Ellen Quertermous, Janna Sweitzer

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 11:	Jack Sherwin
Sunday July 12:	Mickey Stute Chaney
Saturday July 18:	Jason Lovell
Sunday July 19:	Ryan Haire

WORD OF LIFE
“Discover the Power of Natural Family Planning”

NFP is a church-approved, scientifically validated system of fertility awareness that honors your marriage vows to love Freely, Totally, Faithfully, and Fruitfully. But how many children should you have? The Church leaves that to your prayerful discernment through “responsible parenthood”—balancing a generous heart with a prudent look at your life circumstances. NFP also empowers ALL women by decoding the body’s natural signs. It provides deep insight into reproductive health, helps uncover underlying medical issues, and fosters true marital connection. Follow the QR code to learn about several different methods of NFP, Responsible Parenthood, and more. Contact mejoost@gmail.com for more help in finding the right method for you.

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

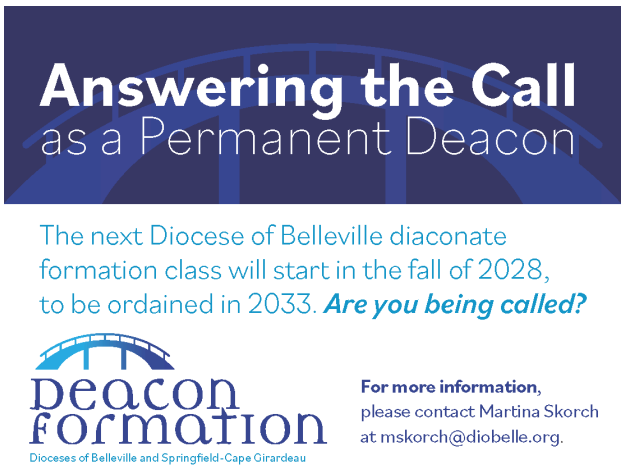
Did you know YOUR GIFT to the 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal can be made online? Visit your Belleville Diocese’s website at www.diobelle.org and click on “Giving”. It’s that simple! Every donation – large or small – is needed to continue our diocesan ministry tothose in need. We are counting on YOU. Please visit www.diobelle.org today!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Susan Kern

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Father Larry will hear confessions from 3:15-3:45 on Saturday afternoons, from 7:15-7:45 Sunday mornings, and before daily Masses.



Respecting Creation

The parable of the sower is a story about the fruitfulness of the earth. It assures us that the harvest will come in spite of the many obstacles that stand in the way. In the end, the rocks and birds and trampling feet cannot nullify the fact that "the seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest."
Paul talks about the salvation of the world, pointing out that "the world itself will be freed from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God."
Meanwhile, "all creation groans and is in agony": we pollute the clear air and the fresh water; we drive plants and animals to extinction; we clear-cut forests and we strip-mine, leaving ugly scars in the land.
The opening prayer calls on us "to reject what is contrary to the gospel." Isn't it contrary to the "good news" to waste and destroy God's creation? The Creator has "greatly enriched the land." How dare we impoverish it!

The commitment of believers to a healthy environment for everyone stems directly from their belief in God the Creator, from their recognition of the effects of original and personal sin, and from the certainty of having been redeemed by Christ. Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God.
Pope John Paul II, World Day of Peace Message, 1990:16.

~ Gerald Darring www.slu.edu