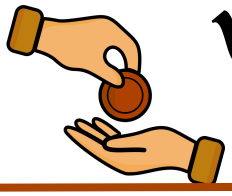
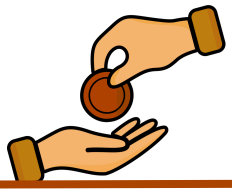


Welcome to St. Mary Church

September 13, 2026 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 6, 2026

General Collection:	$4137.00
Building Fund:	$630.00
Education Fund:	$740.00

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

OUR PRAYER LIST

Susan Kern
Jeff Agne
Linda White

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. We will do our best to schedule your Mass on the date requested.
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FAITH FORMATION KICKOFF

We will launch this year's Faith Formation classes after 8 AM Mass this Sunday. We will offer a welcome brunch, introductions, and complete the registration process, followed by short classroom sessions. We will start with full classes next week.

Due to rising costs, there will be a fee of $40 per child, capped at $100 for 3 or more children. NO child will be excluded based on ability to pay – all are welcome.

Adult Faith Formation will begin its study of St Paul's letter to the Romans this week. High School Faith Formation will begin next week, September 20.

OUR FAMILY IS GROWING

We were blessed to welcome Meredith Frey and her daughter Naomi into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil last year. On Sunday, September 27, Cora, Victoria, and Lochlan Frey will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at 8 AM Mass. We are excited to welcome the Freys into our Church family. Fr. Larry advises that this Mass may run longer than usual.

thank you .....TO OUR HOSPITALITY CREW

The Ladies of St. Mary have been busy lately providing hospitality, comfort, and a delicious meal to families following funeral and memorial services. It is amazing what they can put together on short notice – they do a wonderful job and we are grateful for their service to our church and our families.

FROM FR. LARRY'S DESK:

Greetings again! I started this column asking the question "what are the Four Marks of the Church", the point was to help people see, in a more concrete way, what it is that we profess to believe each Sunday we gather together and how that belief can impact our lives in ways we may never realize. We then moved into the Sacraments of Healing, initially, the Sacrament ofM Reconciliation and the difficulty some have with confessing to a priest. Of course, this was followed with the Sacrament of Anointing which has mistakenly come to be known the "Last Rites." This coming Sunday we will start our PSR classes and with OCIA going strong, our catechetical season is well on its way to helping others come to have better relationship with the real Christ that is present in our lives and in regards to that, last week I asked what the three Sacraments of Initiation were.

The three sacraments of Christian initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, which together lay the foundation of every Christian life. I believe we all know that Baptism is the first sacrament and the gateway to all others because it washes away original sin, makes a person an adopted child of God, and welcomes them into the Church and Confirmation deepens and strengthens the grace received in Baptism and seals the believer with the Holy Spirit through anointing with Chrism Oil and the laying on of hands. Eucharist is often referred to as First Holy Communion, which completes Christian Initiation where believers partake in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, which nourishes them spiritually.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 12:	Larry Lovell
Sunday September 13:	Robert R. Dern
Saturday September 19:	Mickey Stute Chaney
Sunday September 20:	Ryan Haire

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, these three rites form a unified whole. However, the timing depends on how a person enters the Church. When Adults are joining the Church through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, they receive all three sacraments together at the Easter Vigil. Conversely, though, with regards to Infant Baptism, the standard Latin (Roman) Rite is practiced where
children are baptized first, then receive the Eucharist around age seven (the age of reason), and are confirmed later as teenagers or young adults. This order seems to have an inconsistency connected with it though, because if in Baptism, the person becomes an adopted child of God, and Confirmation fortifies what was started in Baptism, it seems logical that to be in full communion with the Church, the child needs grow in maturity of faith and understanding of their intimate relationship with our Lord before being invited to receive the Eucharistic Bread of Life. However, some dioceses are actively restoring the original order of Baptism, Confirmation, and
then Eucharist for children. I am curious as to what you think about the present order of the Sacraments we have in this Diocese with it being: Baptism, Eucharist, and then Confirmation as opposed to what some other dioceses are offering with receiving the Eucharist last after reception of Baptism and Confirmation. I'd love to hear your thoughts on this subject, my e-mail is frlarrylemay@gmail.com.

God bless you!

IN MEMORIAM

RITA CORA PEARL

April 23, 1935 - September 2, 2026

A funeral Mass was offered Friday September 11 at St. Mary, with Fr. Larry Lemay presiding. Visitation was held at Rendleman & Hileman funeral home on Thursday September 10. Interment followed the Mass at Jonesboro Cemetery.

DONALD LOUIS SHIPLEY, SR

September 1, 1941 - September 4 2026

A Graveside Service with Military rites by Carroll P Foster ritual team will be held on September 14, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. at Anna City Cemetery in Anna, Illinois with Father Larry LeMay officiating. Friends are asked to gather at the cemetery after 10:30 AM. Mr. Shipley was the husband of St. Mary's long-time secretary, Connie Shipley.

We pray for the repose of their souls and for peace for those they leave behind.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday September 12:
Lector: JoElla Basler
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Cairatti, Amy Ulrich, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Sunday September 13:
Lector: Karl Sweitzer
Servers: Claire Flamm, Logan & Flynt Brumleve
Saturday September 19:
Lector: Jackie Beatty
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Cairatti, Luke Vaughn, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Sunday:
Lector: Janna Sweitzer
Servers: Kells
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Hoehner, Ben Marggraf, Ellen Quertermous

VOCATION CORNER

"I graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and served for five years as a surface warfare officer on a Navy destroyer. We had the extraordinary grace of having the Blessed Sacrament onboard during hundreds of days at sea, and I experienced, in the Eucharist, God's extravagant love and unfailing presence… Jesus was stirring in my heart a desire to do something great and meaningful. He was waiting for me…and he was the answer to my infinite desires that the world could never satisfy. He showed me that he wanted to write a beautiful story with my life. In the silence of prayer, I heard the invitation to become a bride of Christ. I met the Sisters of Life and knew I was being called to lay down my life so that others might have eternal life. I received the name Sister Maris Stella in honor of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, who guides us to safe harbor in the heart of her son, Jesus."
Sr. Maris Stella Karalekas; Sisters of Life Columbia Magazine Jan-Feb. 2023

PRAYING FOR SEMINARIANS

Please pray for our Diocesan Seminarians. Each week, we will feature one of our 11 seminarians. Please consider dropping them a note of support. At the very least, a simple prayer would be helpful.
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