



## St. Mary's – Two Inlets

### Ministries for Sunday, September 17

<b><u>LECTOR</u></b>	Cheryl Larson Krystosek
<b><u>COMM DIST</u></b>	Jodi Sunram, Ann Lempola Winnie Thelen
<b><u>ALTAR SERVER</u></b>	Jenna Meier
<b><u>USHERS</u></b>	Bob Stulich, Adeline Retz
<b><u>GIFTS</u></b>	Leo & Lynn Gartner
<b><u>SACRISTAN</u></b>	Marrilynn Sawatzky

### St. Mary's Collection, September 3

Adult Envelopes	\$985.00	Loose Plate	\$962.00
Fuel Fund	\$245.00	Cemetery	\$80.00
Total Collection	\$2,272.00		
Hurricane Harvey	\$1,499.00	Haiti	\$125.00

**Direct Deposit** is available at St. Mary's. Contact Lynn for details.

### September 17-Soup and Sandwich and Confirmation

**Reception for Blake Higgins** The ladies serving are Jacki Lane, Marrilynn Sawatzky, Lynn Gartner, LeeAnn Dirks, Patti Stulich, and Gloria Nice-Church.

**Mark your calendars-September 17** St. Mary's Annual Financial Report and Budget overview after Mass.

**Annual Fall Dinner & Silent Auction** will be October 14 at the American Legion in Park Rapids. **Raffle tickets** can be turned in to Joan Eischens or put in the collection basket before October 8. If you need more tickets, please contact Joan 732-4782.

**Liturgical participation** sign-up sheets for October 15 thru January 14 are in the back of the church. Please consider helping with any of these ministries. Take a moment to note your availability. Thank you for your dedication.

## Special Collections

**Thank you** for your generous donations to the emergency collection to assist Dioceses affected by Hurricane Harvey. Funds given to this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and will provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses. For more information visit [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org). Please make checks payable to the parish and we will forward the funds.

**This weekend** is the collection for the Church in Latin America! Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to those in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Support the second collection. To learn more about the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**Release Time Teacher needed for Wednesday mornings. Contact Annette if you feel God may be calling you to this ministry. 732-5142 or cell 616-2404**

## Fr. Tom's Desk

Autumnal weather has taken hold. The kids are back in school. The harvest is being gathered in. Some trees are beginning to show color. The other morning shotgun blasts were heard in the distance as the hunting season for fowl and beasts has started. And the other morning I had to reach for a quilt as a chilly breeze was blowing over my bed through the open window.

A few years ago the Diocese entered a pilot program called Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC). This organization is an effort of the six Minnesota dioceses to provide Catholics with important information about Minnesota legislation issues concerning the issue of Dignity and Respect for Human Life. A website has been established (see front of the bulletin for the URL) to keep us posted on what laws are being proposed and why the Catholic Church supports or challenges the proposed law. Now that all the dioceses are part of this effort, the individual parishes are being called upon to provide key people who can serve as an ambassador for the MCC - helping raise awareness of issues to the local parish. Please let me know if you would be interested in doing this. I have a brief job description prepared by the MCC for this position. It doesn't require much time just the willingness to witness to our Catholic values.

## Oil for your Lamp

The responsorial psalm, **"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."** sings praise for those who are being confirmed from our parishes this weekend. Watching them, listening to them, and maybe even helping them, to prepare to receive the sacrament; I often heard these words in my heart. Yes, there were a few times when the class seemed to protest being in class. Maybe not an outright protest, but there was a sense that they were not present spiritually, that their hearts and minds were elsewhere. As Bishop confirms these young people, the Holy Spirit strengthens the gifts they first received at Baptism. The Voice that was heard when Jesus was baptized is the same voice the psalmist advises us to listen for and obey. The voice of the Holy Spirit is the voice that fills our hearts with joy, and our lamps with desire. May the desire to hear His voice always fill the lamps of our newly confirmed!

**"To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it."**

(Saint Teresa of Kolkata)

In the peace of Christ . . . Deacon John Zinniel

**Cantor/Liturgical Singer Workshops:** September 15 & 16 with Berta Sabrio (NPM Certified Cantor Trainer). Sites: St. Joseph – Fertile and Holy Rosary – Detroit Lakes. For informational flyer and registration link, visit <http://www.crookston.org/offices/worshipliturgy/home>

**Welcome new parishioners** of the Parish Communities of St. Mary's in Two Inlets and St. Peter's in Park Rapids. We are very happy to have you join us in worshipping the Lord! If you are considering becoming a member, please call the parish offices 732-4046 or 732-5142

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - YOUTH MINISTRY**

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Come, Holy Spirit, come! We receive the Holy Spirit at Baptism, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit at Confirmation... Do we invite His presence into our daily lives beyond that? Jesus told the disciples that He was leaving but that He would send the Advocate (John 14:26). The Holy Spirit is still with us today to guide us and so much more.

Here is a prayer that hangs on my computer, I see it every day. I ask that you pray it with me today.

*Holy Spirit, I ask you for the gift of Wisdom to better know You and Your divine perfections, for the gift of Understanding to clearly discern the spirit of the mysteries of the holy faith, for the gift of Counsel that I may live according to the principles of this faith, for the gift of Knowledge that I may look for counsel in You and that I may always find it in You, for the gift of Fortitude that no fear or earthly preoccupations would ever separate me from You, for the gift of Piety that I may always serve Your Majesty with a filial love, for the gift of the Fear of the Lord that I may dread sin, which offends You, O my God.*

Our evening classes have begun on Wednesday evenings for grades 7-11. The Youth Room is open after school and supper will be served from 5:30-6:30. High school seniors, you are invited to join us also!

Our Wednesday morning classes for students will begin September 27. Please turn in your child(ren)s registration information before classes start if possible. If you are new to our parishes and would like to register your children for classes or have new 1st graders, please contact me or the parish offices.

If you are interested in helping with teaching our children on Wednesday mornings, evenings, or Sunday mornings, please contact me. If you think God may be calling you to this type of ministry, please let me know!

Children's Liturgy will begin on Sunday, September 24. We are in need of a few more adults who might be interested in teaching our young ones. Let me know if this would interest you!

**The Top Secret Project** is a unique traveling exhibit designed to help recognize unfamiliar hazards that are often in plain sight. Using a simulated teenager's bedroom, the interactive exhibit includes hundreds of items that when seen through an educated lens, could be a signal that there is a problem. This is for adults only. Park Rapids Area High School Commons on Tuesday, September 12. Dinner 5:00-6:00 pm, Walk through 5:30-6:00 pm, Presentation 6:00 - 7:30 pm. For more information contact Angela Graham at 218-255-3692 or [angelagraham@catholichealth.net](mailto:angelagraham@catholichealth.net)

## Faith, Wellness, and You

Tobacco is frequently looked at in legislation. Many question why the age for tobacco purchase should be raised to 21. A study from California found that 82% of adolescent smokers obtained cigarettes from others, most of whom were friends. If tobacco could not be sold to 18-20 years old, they would be far less likely to provide tobacco to younger teens. A large body of research indicates that nicotine exposure in adolescence can have a harmful effect on the developing brain. The areas of the brain that handle decision-making do not fully develop until about mid-20's, so increasing the legal age to purchase tobacco would help ensure that young people are better-equipped to make good decisions. It helps send the message to youth that all commercial tobacco products are harmful. If the legal age was raised to 21, the initiation rate could be reduced by 25% for those ages 15-17 which is the group most likely to get tobacco from 18-20 year-olds. Remember no amount of tobacco is safe.

Did you know...? If you would like to quit tobacco, Quit Plan services are here to help. There are no judgments, just help. They offer tools and services to help you conquer your addiction. They can be reached at 188-354-PLAN (7526) or <http://www.quitplan.com/>. You can contact your parish nurses at: Diane: 218-255-1270 and Tiffany at 218-252-8227.

Does your parish have any students attending **Bemidji State University?** As the new director for Newman Ministries, I wasn't able to greet students on move-in day and feel as though I've missed many. If you know of a student attending BSU, would you please forward their name & information that will help me to reach out to them, to invite them in? (first & last name, local address or dorm/room #, email address, cell phone, DOB, etc.) My goal is to invite each student to be connected to our wonderful, great, big, Catholic family. Many thanks for your help! Nancy Goodman, [ngoodman@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:ngoodman@stphilipsbemidji.org) (218) 441-4907

**Cursillo** Weekends are being offered this fall and next spring at Sand Hill Bible Camp, just south of Fosston. The weekend starts Thursday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. The Men's will be held September 28 - October 1. The Women's will be October 26-29. If these dates do not work into your schedule there will also be weekends available next spring. The Men's will be held February 22-25, 2018 and the Women's will be March 15-18, 2018. Contact Carol Olsonawski (218-689-9081) or Bobbi Mercil (701-866-5706) for more information. Applications can be printed at [crookstoncursillo.weebly.com](http://crookstoncursillo.weebly.com) or picked up at your parish office.