

ST. MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

To be companions of Christ in transforming our surroundings with the love of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil -5:30pm
Lord's Day -8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment
Sun. 8:00-8:25 am

January 3, 2016

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www.stmarynewton.org

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Monday - Friday

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Legion of Mary

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Knights of Columbus

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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OPEN ADORATION HOUR

9:00 PM....Monday
2:00 AM....Tuesday
1:00 AM....Thursday

Parish Events

Scheduled This Week

Fellowship Sunday today hosted by Altar Society
 St. Vincent de Paul: Mon. 7 PM @ OLG
 RCIA: Tues. 7 PM @ Parish Center
 Legion of Mary: Wed. 6:30 PM @ Sacristy
 PSR/CYM: No class this week
 Adult Choir: Thur. 6 PM @ Church
 Altar Society: Thur. 6:30 PM @ Parish Center
 Family Home Rosary: Fri. @ Herdler Home
 Latin Mass @ 8 AM Sat.
 Lord's Pantry Next Sunday - Families from G-L

Adoration Chapel to reopen on Tues. Jan. 5th at 12 Noon

Celebration

Marriage: **Wade Stevens & Erica Gronau** were married on Dec. 19.

Bishop Carroll Students and Parents from St. Mary
 Please plan for your child(ren) at Bishop Carroll and at least one or both parents to attend a **Mandatory Meeting on Jan. 16th at 11:30 am in the School Cafeteria at St. Mary Catholic School.** It is imperative for you to attend this meeting in order for your child(ren) to attend Bishop Carroll for next year.

The following are the members of our Pastoral Council:

Pat Marean, Council Moderator
 Dixie Pomeroy, Parish Family Life
 Monica Davis, Social Justice
 Carolin Moore, Communications
 Carl Antle, Knights of Columbus
 At Large members—Rosa Hernandez, Evelyn Stabler, Jay Leininger, Cline Gronau, Rodger Graham & Ray Salas
 Intra Parish Laisons - Sue Schmidt, Phil Stutey, Phil Blann & Rob Tierney

Stewardship Message—Jan. 3, 2016

"Once One Chooses to be a Disciple of Christ... Stewardship is not an Option"

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The glory of the Lord shines upon you! Can you picture a place inhabited by God? Would it be a bright light shining in the darkness? Today's first scripture reading describes Jerusalem as shining radiance because the glory of the Lord was shining on her. Peoples were flocking to her, bringing offerings of the best they had. In the Gospel, the magi were overjoyed when they came to the place where the child Jesus was. St. Paul tells us in the second reading that we are stewards of God's grace, making us co-heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. Our discipleship should be a light in our world to draw peoples to Christ. May our joy as children of God reflect the glory of the Father.

A Message from the Stewardship Council Year End Statements coming soon

In the upcoming week you should be receiving a year end statement of all your recorded giving to St. Mary. Also included in this letter will be a personalized thank you from the Stewardship Council and a reminder for the ministries that you've signed up for this year. *If there are any questions please refer to the leaders listed in the "2015 Ministry Guide & Directory" or call the church office. It's not too late to hand in your Time & Talent or Treasurer commitment forms.* Extra forms can be found in the back of church or can be filled out online at www.stmarynewton.org

Christopher Meister's Eagle Project - There is still time to donate to the project of replacing stage curtains in the school and repainting the stage area. Please make checks payable to St. Mary and mark it Eagle Project.

Dillons is happy to announce that once again they have allocated \$2.0 million in 2016 to assist non-profits in the communities they serve. Community Rewards is the perfect partner for our organization because customers can easily donate to the charity of their choice; just by doing their normal grocery shopping each week!

As a reminder, we all need to visit the website to re-enroll in the program after January 1, 2016 in order for purchases throughout 2016 to credit to our church. You will need to sign in, and make your contribution selection by finding **St. Mary Church** or our organization number (10426). To do this use www.dillons.com/communityrewards after Jan. 1, 2016.

You will know you have been successful as it will tell you on the bottom of your cash register receipt after you have used your plus card that a portion will go to St. Mary Church.

The instructions are—

1. Sign in to your online account, or create a new account if you don't have one.
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to Community Rewards
3. Click on *Enroll Now*
4. Find and select **St. Mary** either by name or organization number (10426)

Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year July 2015 - June 2016

Collections for Dec. 20, 2015

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| Envelopes & Loose Cash..... | \$ 17,263.24 |
| Children's collection..... | \$ 81.15 |
| Total | \$ 17,344.39 |
| Extra Efforts: Holy Day | \$ 630.00 |
| Call to Sharing | \$ 245.00 |
| Memorial Gift | \$ 440.00 |

Building Fund Receipts

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| Capital Improvement Fund | \$ 1,639.00 |
| Budget per week is..... | \$15,156.00 |
| Collections year to date compared to budget Through Dec. 20, 2015 | \$(16,159.32) |

St Mary School Happenings

St. Mary School has an opening for help with Guardian Angles (after school care) . This would be 1 or more days a week. This is a paid position. Contact the school office if interested.



Feast of the Holy Family

Today our readings concern relationships within families not the least of which is the relationships within Jesus's earthly family. As Vincentians we visit all models of families ranging from very supportive to highly dysfunctional. We pray that all these families can experience the love Jesus received within his family. And we pray that during the brief time we are with our guest families we can bring some of that love to them.

We take this opportunity to express our tremendous appreciation for the support you have shown us during this past Advent and now Christmas season. Please know that your support is shared with each of the guests we visit. Mary God continue to bless you.

Knight of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will serve a **Pork Chili Supper**. Sat. Jan. 16th, from 4:00-7:30 PM, in the OLG parish hall. The menu - pork chili, beans, rice, tortillas, drink and dessert. The cost \$6.00 large plate, \$4.00 small plate. The proceeds will benefit Seminarian David Martin. Dine in or carry out.

The Knights of Columbus **Annual Free Throw Contest** will be held, Sun. Jan. 24th, at St. Mary gym. The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9 thru 14, at no cost. Each participant will compete in their own age group (determined by age on Jan. 1st, 2016.) The 12 winners will receive medals and advance to District Competition. Participants will need to register at 1:00 PM in the gym, competition will begin at 1:30 PM. Call John Florez (283-0907) if you have any questions.

The Knights of Columbus Annual Pro-Life baby Shower will be conducted from Jan. 23rd through 31st. A baby crib will be placed in the foyer of the church to accept baby items (bottles, diapers, formula, clothes, shampoo etc.). These donated items will then be delivered to Heartland Pregnancy Care Center, who will then distribute those items to needy new mothers whose choice was Life.

Readings for the Week of Jan. 3, 2016

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Ps 2:7-8, 10-12/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6, 9/ Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11



Upcoming Women's Retreat

Attention Women of Faith!

Women's Retreat Weekend is Jan. 29-30 at the Son Wray Ranch in Newton, KS. It is built on the theme "Woman of God". The retreat, featuring speaker and author Charlotte Ostermann and her "The Hope Spirit Wants YOU!" series, will help women learn about why they are so special to God and to understand and accept, with vigor, their role as women in their homes and communities, among family and friends.

Charlotte Ostermann is a Catholic convert, freelance writer and editor, homemaker, poet, humorist, veteran educator, and spiritual mentor. Her book, *Souls at Rest: An Exploration of the Eucharist Sabbath*, has received the Catholic Writers Guild Seal of Approval. Among other works that have been published, The Catholic Truth Society published her booklet, *Making Sunday Special* in 2013. She blogs regularly for the Catholic Writers Guild, Roman Catholic Spiritual Direction and Catholic 365.com and was awarded the Maryvale Institute Certificate in Art, Beauty and Inspiration.

Registration is \$40. Scholarships are available. See form below. Questions? Call Lee Llamas, Tri-Parish Retreat Chairwoman, at 316-283-9000.

REGISTRATION FORM:

2016 Women's Retreat: Woman of God

Pre-registration begins: Dec. 12-13 after Mass

Registration Deadline: January 18

Friday, Jan. 29, from 6:30-10 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Son Wray Ranch, 5420 NW 24th ST, Newton KS 67114. The cost is \$40 per person. For scholarship information, call St. Mary's at [316-282-0459](tel:316-282-0459). To register, please complete the form below and mail the registration below to Lee Llamas at 908 Westridge Dr. Newton, KS 67114 cell: 316-283-9000

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Allergies or Special Needs _____

Mass Intentions

Tue. 01/05 5:30pm † Harry & † Janey Warren
Wed. 01/06 8:00am † Marguerite Snapp
Thur. 01/07 8:00am Miss Pat Ryan
Fri. 01/08 8:00am † David Winter
Sat. 01/09 8:00am † Vince Garcia
Sat. 01/09 5:30pm † Paul Conrady
Sun. 01/10 8:30am † Julian Garcia
Sun. 01/10 10:30am People of the Parish

What is the Legion of Mary all about? What does this group do? How does the Legion serve the parish community? How do I go about getting my home enthroned during the HOLY YEAR OF MERCY? Well.....

all these questions will be answered at the Legion of Mary Open House, scheduled for January 16-17th weekend, after all the weekend Masses. We have reserved the John Paul II room in the Parish Center. We will have displays, information sheets about the Legion, about home enthronements, and how to become a member of our praying community. Please reserve some time to stop by after all weekend Masses to meet the present representatives, sign up for home enthronements, and pick up information about our different memberships. Refreshments will be served.

The Respect Life / Social Justice Committee would like to Thank everyone who bought gifts for the children whose names were on the Giving Tree We appreciate your generosity in helping others to have a MERRY CHRISTMAS
SAINT MARY PARISH RESPECT LIFE / SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH

St. Mary Altar Society will be starting their new year with the first meeting on THURSDAY, JANUARY 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. The evening will begin with fun and fellowship. During this time we will be brainstorming for NEW ideas for Altar Society on FUN, FELLOWSHIP, FAITH, AND FUNDING. We want to hear what you are thinking to make our Altar Society even better, so plan to attend.

As you are putting away your Christmas items you may want to remember our TWICE SOLD CHRISTMAS TREASURES we had at the bazaar this past year. We will again be looking for donated Christmas items that are in GREAT CONDITION. If you want to downsize or have an excuse to buy something new, please put your surplus treasures aside to donate next November

Compassionate Friends - second Monday of every month at 7:30pm at the Nazarene Church located at 1000 N. Main. Call Stacy Arellano at 316-842-3799 if you have any questions.

Liturgical Role

Altar Servers

Wed. 1/06 8:00am D. Warren, S. Steinmetz, E. Wagner
Thur. 1/07 8:00am R. Ruggiero, C. Schommer, F. Meza
Fri. 1/08 8:00am O. Antonowich, M. Eustace, April Vidacs
Sat. 1/09 5:30pm Rachael, Nate & Zach Zogleman
Sun. 1/10 8:30am R. Ruggiero, O. Tierney, D. Englestad
Sun. 1/10 10:30am C. Schommer, M. Eustace, H. Holub & Alex Daily

Greeters & Gift Bearers

Sat. 01/09 5:30pm Kyle & Linda Kientz
Sun. 01/10 8:30am Charles & Pauline Casey
Sun. 01/10 10:30am Jacob Stucky Family

Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 01/09 5:30pm M. Eustace - L. Curiel
Sun. 01/10 8:30am V. Smith - S. Koerner
Sun. 01/10 10:30am A. Bridgeman - R. Littlejohn

Lectors

Sat. 01/09 5:30pm Sylvia Yoder - Ellen Herdler
Sun. 01/10 8:30am Catherine Graham - Monica Davis
Sun. 01/10 10:30am Alexis Segura - Cathy Guyer

Sacristans

Daily Masses Jan. 5-9 Kathleen Morris
Sat. 01/09 5:30pm Gary Chaffee
Sun. 01/10 8:30am Teresa & Rodney Snyder
Sun. 01/10 10:30am Janet Daily

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Daily Masses Jan. 6-8 Philip Stutey
Sat. 01/09 5:30pm Lynn Vigil, Ron & Karen Ferguson
Sun. 01/10 8:30am*Steve Mead, Elesa Garcia, Fred Becker
Sun. 01/10 10:30am Steve Holub, J. Pomeroy, Cathy Polley

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to Hospital

January 10 - Sue Schmidt

Ushers

Sat. 01/09 5:30pm Robert TenEyck, Dennis Alexander, Austin & Shane Bollinger
Sun. 01/10 8:30am Bob & Sharon McCall, John Meirovsky & Trinity Muth
Sun. 01/10 10:30am Carrie & James Reid, Steve Bockhaus & David Vinduska

Church Cleaners

Jan. 8 - Monica & William Davis, Craig & Emily Baier, Brenden Powell

Wash Server Albs

Jan. 4 & 18 Brigitte Loescher & Mary Alice Schaeffer

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