

Parish Guide
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Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Praise & Worship Mass—1st, 2nd, 3rd Sunday (Contemporary Music)

5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass—Last Sunday of each month

Weekday Masses:

5:30 p.m. Monday & Tuesday

8:15 am Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday - 8:30 am - 12:00 Noon

Sunday Office-

8:30 am - 12:30 pm (closed on holiday weekends)

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St. Mary Mission Statement

Under the patronage of Our Blessed Mother, and rooted in the Roman Catholic faith since 1835, Delaware St. Mary is a vital and vibrant community that engages the living God in worship and prayer, and in Word and Sacrament. Led by the Holy Spirit, and imploring the intercession of St. Mary, we desire to imitate her role of being the Christ bearer, and bear witness to her Son’s redeeming love that has been poured upon us in Baptism, and sustained by the practices and teachings of the Church.

SACRAMENTS

There are many signs of God's love in our everyday lives. The Church is the sacrament of Jesus. The most effective signs of God's presence with us are the seven sacraments. They are unlike any other signs in our lives because when we celebrate the sacraments, Jesus shares with us God's own life of grace. As we celebrate the sacraments at St. Mary, we are invited to carry out the mission of Jesus in the world. We then respond to the sacraments by the way we live our lives.

The Church carries on Jesus' mission of welcoming members into the Body of Christ through the Sacraments of Initiation (*Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation*)

Baptism

"No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit." **John 3:5**

The Sacrament of Baptism is the foundation of Christian life, the entrance to the life in the Spirit and access to the other Sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from original sin, become heirs to the Kingdom of God, are incorporated into the Church and become sharers in the Mission of the Church.

During the celebration of Baptism a priest or deacon blesses the water that will be used as a sign of rebirth. The celebrant prays "We ask you, Father, with your Son to send the Holy Spirit upon the water of this font. May all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism rise also with him to newness of life."

The priest or deacon then pours the water on the heads of the people being baptized or immerses them, saying, "Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The water and these words are the signs of the sacrament of Baptism. At this moment, those being baptized are reborn of water and the Holy Spirit. They are reborn into the divine life of God's grace, become members of the Church, the Body of Christ.

The newly baptized are next anointed with holy oil just as Christ was anointed as priest, prophet and king. This shows that they share in Jesus' work of bringing about God's peace and justice in the world.

The newly baptized are given a white garment and a candle. The white garment shows that they have put on the new life of the risen Christ. A candle, is lit from the Easter candle and given to the newly baptized as a sign that they are to keep the light of Christ burning brightly by always following the ways of Jesus.

Baptisms of infants and young children are celebrated, for families who are registered members at St. Mary Parish, on the 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Both parents must attend a baptism preparation class, especially if the baptism is for a first child or it has been more than four years since the last child was baptized.

When a child of teachable age is to be baptized, a process of preparation is provided for the child, according to his or her age and ability. Please contact the parish office, 740.363-4641 for more information. Please also review the requirements for baptism. Baptismal sponsors must provide a letter from their church stating they are active, registered members of their church and are qualified to act as a sponsor complete with the church seal. This applies to Catholic and non-Catholic sponsors.

Adult baptism follows the ancient order of the catechumenate. This rite, also referred to as RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) offers a person a period of months to inquire and receive information about the Christian life, while regularly attending community gatherings with others who are likewise interested in joining the Catholic Church. In this community environment, the inquirer is given opportunities to learn the doctrine and faith life of the Church, the meaning of and exercises in prayer, the moral and social positions of Catholics, and study scripture and the sacramental and historical life of the Roman Catholic tradition. Generally, the one who seeks baptism is brought into full membership in

Requirements for Baptism

Requirements to have the Children Baptized in the Catholic Church and Considerations to help the Parent make the commitment:

- Live in the Parish boundaries and register as a Parishioner
- Receive the Sacrament of Confession to mark a new beginning of commitment
- Come to Church on Sundays and other Days of Obligation
- Become Active and Participating members of the Parish through the Treasure-Time-Talent program (use of envelopes)
- If not married in the Church, take steps to validate the marriage by contacting Deacon Azzola
- If one of parents is not Catholic, consider attending the RCIA or other Catechetical Programs already offered by the Parish
- If one of the parents has not been Confirmed, look into the Adult Confirmation Program
- If the child to be baptized is under the age of 5 (grade K or less), the child is baptized on the faith of the parents (at least one Catholic parent is necessary); nothing else is required of the child.
- If the child is in Grade 1 up, the child will need to attend St. Mary School or the Parish School of Religion (PSR Office 369-8228) for at least 6 months and do additional preparation for Baptism at home, as needed.
- Most of all, as a sign of your commitment to live your Catholic Faith, come to Church on Sundays and bring your children with you.

Baptismal Preparation

Baptismal Preparation classes are held the first Sunday of each month in Kavanagh Hall. St. Mary's takes great care and concern in the preparation of parents and godparents for this Sacrament of Baptism. Classes are designed so participants gain a deep understanding of what the Church expects of them regarding both their commitment to the Church and to the spiritual life of the child.

The Selection and Responsibility of Sponsors

The guidelines are taken from the revised code of Canon Law – 1983

Responsibility of Sponsors: Insofar as possible, one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian Initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the Baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with Baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it.

“In the Baptism of children as well, a godparent is to be present in order to represent the expansion of the spiritual family of the one to be baptized and the role of the Church as a mother. As occasion offers, the godparent helps the parents to lead the child to profess the faith and to show this by living it.”

Number of Sponsors: Only one male or one female sponsor or one of each sex should be chosen.

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Qualification of Sponsors: To be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

1. be designated by the one to be baptized, by the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister and is to have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;
2. have completed the sixteenth year, unless a different age had been established by the diocesan bishop or it seems to the pastor or minister that an exception is to be made for a just cause;
3. be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;
4. not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;
5. not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized;

A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may not be admitted except as a witness to baptism and together with a Catholic sponsor.

Eucharist

"This is my body that is for you Do this in remembrance of me. This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." **Corinthians 11:24-25**

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is both a sacrifice and a meal. It has its origin at the Last Supper when on the night Jesus was betrayed, He instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood. This He did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until He comes again. In this Sacrament, Jesus entrusts to his Church a memorial of His death and Resurrection, the sacrament of love, a sign of unity and a bond of charity, in which Christ is consumed, and our minds and souls are filled with grace and a pledge of future glory. The Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith through the actions of the Holy Spirit and the Real Presence of Jesus; His Body and Blood become present under the form of bread and wine. It is through the Eucharist that each of us is nourished by Jesus to seek God's will.

At Mass, our gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is really present under the appearance of bread and wine. Our participation in Mass is a sign of our full initiation into the Church, the Body of Christ.

Children are generally prepared to receive their first Holy Communion when they reach the second grade. They are prepared through a special program and must already be attending religious education classes or attending Catholic grade school. Older children may be prepared separately from the second graders. For further information, please contact our parish office, 369-4641.

Adults, who have not yet received first Holy Communion, may also contact the parish office our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process.

Confirmation

"I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always." **John 14:16**

It is not always easy to be a witness to our faith. We need special help from God just as Jesus' disciples did. As the disciples were blessed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit and received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we receive the sign or the seal of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. When we were baptized we began our initiation into the Church. Through Confirmation, we continue with one more

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step into the Body of Christ. We are called to give public witness to the good news to the Catholic community. We are then sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthened to live our baptismal promises. Because, like Baptism, Confirmation imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual mark, like Baptism it can never be repeated.

When we are confirmed, we may choose another name in addition to the one given at Baptism. This additional name may be the name of a patron saint we admire.

Confirmation is celebrated during a Mass with a bishop or his representative presiding. During the celebration, the bishop extends his hands over those to be confirmed and prays to God, the Father, "Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their Helper and Guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence."

The bishop then makes the sign of the cross on their foreheads and anoints them, saying, "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." This anointing is the most important sign of the sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation perfects baptismal grace and through the gifts of the Holy Spirit helps us grow to Christian maturity. This sacrament strengthens our bond with the Church, associates us more closely with her Mission and helps us bear witness to the Christian faith in words and deeds.

The normal period of life for confirmation in the Catholic Church takes place around 14 years of age. At St. Mary, our young adults usually celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation while in the eighth grade. Please contact our Confirmation Director, Tina White @ 740.369.8228, for more information. We also have a program for high school students that have not yet been confirmed. Please contact Tina White for this important information.

The Church forgives and heals as Jesus did through the: Sacraments of Healing (*Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick*)

Reconciliation

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him. **2 Corinthians 5:20-21**

The Sacrament of Penance, also known as Reconciliation or Confession, is that moment of grace whereby one receives the forgiveness for sin won by Jesus Christ on the cross. This sacrament is celebrated to renew the life of grace begun in baptism. Those who follow Christ are called to live lives free of sin. For every Christian the goal is to enter the heavenly paradise, but as the scriptures relate "nothing unclean will enter it." (Rev. 21:27) Therefore, this sacrament provides the forgiveness of Christ and a remedy for sin. All Catholics are urged to celebrate this sacrament whenever they are conscious of serious sin.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation begins with an Examination of Conscience in which we ask the Holy Spirit to help us think about how we are doing with following God's will. Next, we confess our sins to God by telling them to the priest in private. It is important to make sure that we confess all sins, especially mortal sins to the priest. A mortal sin is when what we do is seriously wrong, we know that it is wrong and that it is forbidden by God, we freely choose to do it. Other less serious sins are called venial sins in which we do not completely turn away from God's love but they still weaken our relationship with God and they ourselves, others and the Church.

The priest will advise us on how to live each day as Jesus wants us to. The priest will never tell anyone what he hears in confession.

We follow this with an Act of Contrition to tell God we are sorry for our sins and that we will try harder to

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avoid sin, follow the will of God and to love others as God teaches us. Our penance can be a prayer or a good deed that the priest tells us to do to make up for the hurt caused by our sins. We do the penance the priest gives us to show God that we are sincere in our repentance and that we want to change. Doing penance helps us avoid sin and grow closer to God.

Absolution is the priest's giving us God's forgiveness, by the power of the Holy Spirit. He makes the sign of the cross over us and says in part, "Through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We respond, "Amen".

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays from 3:15 – 4:10 p.m. It is recommended that penitents arrive at the beginning of the time periods to ensure adequate opportunity to receive the sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available by private appointment with the priest. If you would like assistance in gaining peace and healing in your relationships with God and His Church, please contact the Parish Office and ask for a priest.

Anointing of the Sick

"Is any among you sick? Let him call for the priests of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" **James 5:14–15**

Anointing of the Sick is one of the two Sacraments of Healing. This sacrament is a powerful and effective sign of Jesus' presence that brings strength and healing to the sick, the elderly and the dying. The celebration of this sacrament can help the sick get well again. When that does not happen, the sacrament helps the sick face their illness with faith and trust. It also helps dying people continue their faith journey to God in heaven.

This sacrament's name has changed over time. It was once called extreme unction, which means "the last anointing," and has been referred to as part of the "last rites." The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls it "the anointing of the sick," (CCC 1511). The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude (CCC 1520). These graces flow from the atoning death of Jesus Christ, for "this was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, 'He took our infirmities and bore our diseases'" (Matt. 8:17). The Church exhorts the Christian who is ill to unite with the Passion and Death of Christ. Anointing of the Sick may be received by any Catholic who is facing a serious illness or is of advanced years.

Individuals who are planning to enter the hospital are particularly encouraged to receive the sacrament before their admission by calling the parish office. Pastoral staff members and volunteers will visit those who are in the hospital, nursing home, or confined to their own home. Please notify the parish office, 363 -4641, if you or a loved one desires a pastoral visit.

The Church continues Jesus' mission of service through married couples and through our ordained ministers, bishops, priests, and deacons through the: Sacraments of Service (*Matrimony, Holy Orders*)

Matrimony

"That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body."
Genesis 2:24

Matrimony is one of the two sacraments of service. Married couples promise to serve each other with love and to serve the whole Church. They enter into a lifelong covenant of love. This is their

Matrimony—continued

vocation. They serve the Church by their love and they share in God's creation in a special way when they give birth to children. In Matrimony, God gives a man and woman the special grace and blessings to build a Christian family together. The Church celebrates the call to love in a special way in the sacrament of Matrimony or marriage.

The Sacrament of Matrimony, whereby a man and woman are joined together in a life-long union of procreative love, is a calling from God. The creator established this purpose from the very beginning by the very manner in which He made men and women. Jesus taught that the nature of marriage itself reflects the indivisible unity of the love of God. In this way Jesus raised the natural bond of marriage to a supernatural sacrament of life and love.

The movement toward this life choice, the union of marriage, is, therefore, a moment requiring careful deliberation and spiritual preparation. The parish staff should be contacted at least six months prior to the desired date of marriage so appropriate arrangements and preparation can be made, 363-4641. Individual sessions with the parish clergy and attendance at a Pre-Cana session are required for marriage. If one or both partners have been married before, the couple can work with someone on the staff to receive an annulment.

Holy Orders

“For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands.”
1 Timothy 1:6

Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the ordained ministry of bishops, priests, and deacons is conferred by the laying on of hands followed by the prayer of consecration. Our ordained ministers serve the Catholic community by:

- Preaching and teaching the good news of Jesus Christ
- Leading us in celebrating the sacraments
- Leading us in working together to build up the Christian community
- Helping us serve the poor and all those in need.

The sacrament of Holy Orders is celebrated during Mass. Only a bishop can ordain another bishop, priest or deacon. In ordaining priests, the bishop lays his hands on the head of each candidate and prays silently. This is the most important sign in the sacrament of Holy Orders. Then the bishop prays a prayer of consecration or the prayer that "makes holy". Each candidate for the priesthood is also anointed with holy oil. This is a sign of his special sharing in Christ's own priesthood through the ordained ministry. Each new priest receives a paten and a chalice with which to lead the community in celebrating the Eucharist. Priests are Christ's representatives on earth. Like Baptism and Confirmation, Holy Orders confers an indelible character and cannot be repeated.

The sacrament of holy orders is conferred in three ranks: bishops, priests, and deacons. Ordination is the sacramental ceremony in which a man becomes a deacon, priest, or bishop and enabled to minister in Christ's name and that of the Church. There are three ordinations in the Sacrament of Holy Orders: diaconate; priesthood; and episcopal.

Bishops (episcopoi) are those who have care of multiple congregations (diocese) and have the task of appointing, ordaining, and disciplining priests and deacons, and shepherding the larger Christian community. They are often called 'evangelists' in the New Testament. Examples of first century bishops include Timothy and Titus (1 Tim. 5:19-22, 2 Tim. 4:5, Titus 1:5).

Priests (presbuteroi) are also known as "presbyters" or "elders." In fact, the English term "priest" is simply a contraction of the Greek word "presbuteros." They have the responsibility of teaching, governing, and performing the sacraments in a given congregation (1 Tim. 5:17, Jas. 5:14-15). Like bishops, they receive their priesthood in the one priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Holy Orders—continued

Deacons (diakonoï) are the assistants of the bishops and have the task of teaching and administering certain church functions, such as the distribution of food, caring for the sick, preaching, etc. (Acts 6:1-6).

Anyone interested in learning more about (or pursuing) the vocation of priesthood, religious life or the diaconate (being a deacon), can contact the parish priests or deacon. Feel free to call the parish office at 360-4641. Or contact the Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Columbus, 614-221-5565.

PRAYER LIFE

Eucharistic Adoration

"Could you not watch one hour with me" Matthew 26:40

The hours we spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament are the nearest thing to heaven for us. During the time spent in Adoration, we allow God to touch us; we open ourselves to Him, we surrender to Him; we hear His words of love and respond.

Jesus awaits you in the Eucharist **on Monday evenings until 10 PM, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the church.** We need regular adorers (just come, listen and pray for an hour), as well as hour coordinators. "I so ardently thirst to be loved by men in the Most Blessed Sacrament that this thirst devours me..." (Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alcoque)

The Infant of Prague Devotion

The devotion to the Holy Child Jesus has long been a tradition of the Catholic Church. This devotion is a veneration of our Lord's sacred Infancy. Prague is the capitol city of the Czech Republic, which is at the very center of Europe with Germany, Poland, Russia and Austria as its neighbors. The history of the Infant Jesus of Prague started in the 17th century when a statue of the Infant Jesus was brought into Bohemia (now Czech Republic) and eventually was given to the Discalced Carmelites in Prague. Since then, the statue has remained in Prague and has drawn many devotees worldwide to go and honor the Holy Child. Many graces, blessings, favors and miraculous healings have been received by many who petitioned before the Infant Jesus. There is a statue on the west side of the church near the sanctuary.

The Rosary

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us.

The Rosary is recited at 5:10, before the 5:30 Mass, on Tuesday, and 9:00, after the 8:15 Mass, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

First Friday Devotion / Divine Mercy Chaplet

"The First Friday of each month was designated by our Savior Himself as a day to be consecrated to honoring His Sacred Heart.... As the object of this devotion is to make our Savior Jesus Christ ardently and perfectly loved, and to make reparation for the outrages offered to Him in the past, as well as for those which he daily receives in the Blessed Eucharist...Jesus Christ merits our love at all times, but alas! He is despised and outraged in the Sacrament of His love at all times, and so people should at all times make reparation to Him.

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation

Our objective is to promote the development and availability of resources through which St. Mary parishioners can increase their knowledge and appreciation of the Catholic faith. The director chairs the program and oversees a variety of seasonal programs, including the Lenten Speaker series. All parishioners are asked to watch the weekly Sunday bulletin for details on program times and dates. For more information, please contact our Coordinator of Adult Education.

Bible Study

Catholic Bible studies are an important way of understanding the Catholic Faith. The more we can understand the inspired writings in the books of the Bible, the more we understand the beliefs, celebrations and rituals of our Faith. To become involved, please contact our Coordinator of Adult Education.

Catholic's Returning Home

Catholics Returning Home (CRH) is a parish based program designed to reach-out and invite non-practicing/inactive Catholics to return "Home to the Catholic Church" and resume active practice of their faith. Catholics Returning Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in a non-threatening, RCIA-like, support-group format. The six-week series is repeated three times per year. For more information please contact our Catholics Returning Home liaison.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which individuals join the Catholic Church. A new season begins each September, members are brought into the Church at the Easter Vigil, and the sessions culminate with Pentecost.

A team of individuals with past experience facilitate the process. Volunteers are needed for Hospitality, Catechesis and Parish Sponsors. Parishioners always share how rewarding they find their involvement and how much they learn about their own faith. It's a wonderful opportunity to become active in a small group setting and welcome the "newcomers" to our faith. For more information, please contact our RCIA liaison.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults adapted for Children

When a child is registered for PSR with little or no religious education background, it becomes necessary for them to follow an adjusted plan in order to complete the steps toward initiation into the Church.

If the child has not been baptized than they and their parents will be catechized and prepared to receive the sacrament. An age appropriate catechism booklet will be given to the child for completion at home. A catechist will also meet with the child, individually or in a small group, to provide background and instruction in the Catholic faith.

Following baptismal instruction, the child will then be ready to be catechized for reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. When appropriate, every effort will be made to assist the child in attaining a level of knowledge that will permit them to participate in the PSR classroom with their grade level peers.

The RCIA (adapted for Children) Team Leader will meet with the parents and the child to assess when/ if they are ready to receive Reconciliation and First Eucharist and/ or Confirmation. For more information, please contact the Consultant to PSR & Adult Faith Formation.

Pre-Cana

Pre-Cana is offered to engaged couples preparing for Marriage. Engaged couples are urged to complete marriage preparation early in their period of engagement to allow sufficient time to thoroughly reflect on those greater issues that will influence their life together. In addition, couples who are discerning the vocation of marriage, but are not yet engaged, may find Pre-Cana helpful in the discernment process. There are several options for Pre-Cana classes offered through the Diocese. For information on all of the Models of Marriage Preparation within our diocese, you may call or email the Marriage and Family Life Office @ (614) 241-2560 or www.FamilyLife.coldsdioc.org.

At St. Mary, we offer our engaged couples the *SPONSOR COUPLE PROGRAM*. One engaged couple meets with a married couple for a number of sessions, usually in the home of the sponsoring married couple. Topics such as family history, family religion and traditions, finances, sexuality and parenthood, Natural Family Planning, problem solving and communication are some of the main topics discussed in these couple to couple sessions. The average number of sessions for this type of marriage preparation is 4-6 sessions. The engaged couples and sponsor couples are matched according to need at the beginning of the marriage preparation process. For further questions about Marriage Preparation within St. Mary, please call the parish office at 740-363-4641.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS programs are specially designed to lead kids closer to Jesus and to help them learn more about the treasures of our Catholic Faith. The St. Mary VBS program houses over 160 children each year and incorporates an exciting variety of activities, crafts, Bible stories and snacks. A fun and adventurous new theme is adapted every year as well.

Youth Ministry

St. Mary Youth Ministry seeks to form intentional disciples and passionate leaders for our Catholic faith. We empower young people to embrace their role in the mission of the Church. We nurture the spiritual lives of our youth through opportunities to encounter the Holy Spirit active in our lives. We foster a culture of care, building strong bonds of community and true friendship through our many youth group programs, events and retreats.

The high school youth group meets on Sunday evenings of each month. Praise & Worship Mass is held the first, second and third Sundays @ 5:30 p.m. The gatherings following Mass include social, service, worship and catechetical components. They follow the U.S.C.C.B.'s approved curriculum. The senior high group helps with IMPACT, St. Mary Middle School Youth group and with the Confirmation class retreat each year. A CORE TEAM of young adults helps to plan and mentor our high school aged students (8th graders-seniors). This same CORE team of young adults help run the youth gatherings for IMPACT.

There is no cost of membership to join. Adults are also needed as volunteers for various activities and we encourage you to contact our Youth Minister.

PARISH SCHOOLS & ORGANIZATIONS

St. Mary Elementary School and Middle School

St. Mary School has been educating Catholic children in Delaware County since 1860. Uniting the traditions of the Church with current academic practices, our private school provides students in preschool through eighth grade a parochial education at a fraction of the cost of most other private institutions.

Accredited by the State of Ohio and under the direction of the Diocese of Columbus, St. Mary currently enrolls nearly 400 students. The student to teacher ratio is 14/1. Our fully licensed staff participates in monthly professional development and works to individualize instruction for their students. St. Mary School welcomes all children to attend and learn in this caring, nurturing, and innovative environment. Students participate in service projects both at school and through the parish.

St. Mary School provides many opportunities for students to practice their faith. Through daily prayer and religion classes, weekly mass, a strong message of discipleship and participation in traditional Catholic sacraments and feasts, St. Mary students live out their faith. The strong impact of these early experiences in Church activities develops a moral guide for students as they face their future. Faith formation happens through living out the Gospel message.

St. Mary Preschool

The St. Mary Preschool program was established nearly 30 years ago. It is designed to be the first step in a great Catholic education.

With a curriculum provided by the Diocese of Columbus and guided by the Ohio Department of Education, our preschool staff is highly qualified in early childhood education. Dedicated to yearly in-service training on child development, St. Mary Preschool teachers will be participating in the "Step Up to Quality" program.

Our goal is to provide a safe, loving, Christian atmosphere where our staff nurtures each child at their individual level of development. Children are encouraged to experience learning at their own speed. Our teachers and aides understand that children enter our program with their own unique set of skills and experiences. They will leave our St. Mary Preschool with early literacy and math skills, as well as social skills and a greater sense of the world around them. St. Mary students will be given opportunities to use and share existing skills and learn new skills that will foster self-confidence, personal respect, individuality and a love of learning.

The Pre-K classes are designed to be the final stepping-stone before your child enters Kindergarten. Children registering for the Pre-K classes must plan on attending the following year.

St. Mary School Age Child Care Program (SACC)

St. Mary School offers child care after school from 2:15 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Our competent and caring staff works to understand and meet the needs of each child in our care. Once registered, a complete handbook will be provided.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

St. Mary Parish School of Religion provides sacramental preparation, religious training and spiritual formation for all children of parish through grade eight. Through weekly class sessions we provide a foundation for learning that seeks to support and enrich the teaching of parents at home and the faith lives of practicing Catholic families. We partner with parents to form the next generation of disciples for Jesus Christ. Families are welcome to register at the time they move into the parish. Please bring in your baptism certificate, proof of attendance letter from your old parish if applicable, and fill out the registration form from online. A link to the PSR Registration Forms can be found on the homepage of our website, <http://delawarestmary.org/>. Please contact the Religious Education office at 740-369-8228 with any questions.

PSR programs are for Pre-K thru grade 8. PSR follows the Religious Graded Course of Study from the Diocese of Columbus while our Youth Group follows the U.S.C.C.B.'s approved curriculum. St. Mary has mandatory grades to receive sacraments. To receive First Reconciliation and First Communion 1st-2nd grade are mandatory. To receive Confirmation, 7-8th grade are mandatory.

Copies of Baptismal Certificates are REQUIRED for ALL NEW STUDENTS at the time of registration.

S.P.I.C.E. (Special People in Catholic Education)

SPICE fosters an awareness that children with special learning needs belong to our parish. SPICE allows administrators, teachers, students, parents and the parish community to share in the responsibility of living out our parish mission by providing funding for the following opportunities:

- classroom aides, tutors, and interpreters
- speech and occupational therapists
- teacher and staff continuing education
- classroom support materials, software/technologies and more

Some of the items SPICE has funded: A set of sensory integration drums for the playground, Orton-Gillingham training for our teachers, adaptive First Eucharistic kits for our school, PSR and parish, and awareness workshop for kindergartners.

St. Mary School Advisory Board

The School Advisory Board shall have as its primary concern the intellectual and spiritual development of the students. It shall be its purpose to assist the students in maturing toward wholesome, worthwhile adjustments to their respective culture, social, and economic environments. It shall also be its purpose to aid the individual development of talents, opportunities, and personal adjustments both to other persons and to themselves.

The purpose of the School Advisory Board shall be to develop and define the policies which shall govern the operation of St. Mary School, and to promote the implementation of said policies. It shall also provide and advise in the operation of the school. It is essential that the School Board be explicitly concerned with the religious and academic philosophy of the school.

The St. Mary School Advisory Board meets monthly. Seven members serve on the board. Elections are held in the spring along with the Parish Council and PSR Board. Any member of the parish or anyone with children in the school is eligible to serve on the school advisory board. The board acts as an advisory group to the Pastor and the Principal regarding school policies and long-range goals. Any parishioner is welcome to attend the board meetings.

St. Mary PSR Advisory Board

The PSR Advisory Board serves as an advisory group to the pastor and Coordinator of Religious Education regarding the Parish School of Religion. Comprised of parents of currently enrolled students, the group researches and discusses various issues and proposals and offers counsel to the pastor and CRE, with the goal to provide the best possible religious education for the youth in our parish. PSR serves to support parents, in their role as primary educators of the faith, as they pass on our Catholic faith to their children. Meetings are held quarterly.

St. Mary School/Parish Organization (SPO)

St. Mary School/Parish Organization (SPO) is an organization that forms and maintains a close relationship between school, parish and home for the parents, teachers, staff and parish members. Any member of St. Mary's Parish, any parent of St. Mary's School students/PSR students and all St. Mary School staff members are welcome to join the School/Parish Organization (SPO).

SPO conducts fundraisers and community fellowship for the enrichment of the students, parents, staff and parishioners. SPO is also responsible for overseeing the organization of parent volunteers for many activities at St. Mary School including cafeteria/playground supervisors.

20 for 20

20 people @ \$20.00 monthly donation X 10 months = 1 yr. tuition

Commit to be a member of the 20 for 20 to support the St Mary Grace Scholarship Fund..A full year scholarship can be provided by a group of 20 people when they commit to donate \$20.00 a month for 10 months. This is a \$200.00 tax deductible commitment which can be paid in full or in \$20.00 increments by sending your donation to the school or parish offices. Make checks out to "St. Mary" and write '20 for 20' on the memo line. Please contact the school Principal @ St Mary School 66 East William Street Delaware, Ohio 43015 (740) 362-8961 for further information.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP

Finance Council

The Finance Council is a pastor appointed committee. The Committee meets monthly to review the parish finances with the pastor and makes recommendations for the ongoing fiscal health of both the parish and the school. For more information, please contact our Finance Council liaison.

Parish Council

The purpose of the Parish Council is to advise and assist the Pastor in matters of importance to the Parish, recognizing that the Pastor is the only and final authority in same. In furtherance of this purpose, the council will endeavor to discern needs of the Parish, assist the Pastor in prioritizing and setting goals accordingly, and assist the Pastor and other entities of the Parish in accomplishing the goals for the benefit of the Parish.

Stewardship Committee

The mission of The Stewardship Committee is to gather information, and formulate plans of action to encourage parishioners to become more involved in Parish life and become good stewards of St. Mary Parish both spiritually and financially.

Welcoming Committee

The Welcoming Committee's objective is to help create a warm and inviting environment at Saint Mary's. We want parishioners and visitors to share in the great community of believers that we have here. We want to make incremental improvements in our welcoming posture as well as increase ways to make connections. We are trying to focus on the three initial goals:

- Greeting
- New Registrant and RCIA transitions
- Semi-Annual Welcoming event

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Altar Servers

New training classes take place each winter for girls and boys in St. Mary Parish beginning with those in the fifth grade and older. Each child is asked to give a one-year commitment by signing a form. Adult servers are also welcomed. Masses include not only the weekend liturgies, Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 10:45 am; 12:15 pm weekly and our Praise & Worship Mass offered during the school year on the first thru third Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Also included are the vigil Masses of Holy Days (5:30pm) and school Masses (8:15am) as well as the 7:00pm evening Holy Day Mass, weddings and funerals.

Choir & Music Ministries

Parish Choir

This group enhances the liturgy through music. The St. Mary Choir sings every Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass and other various Holy Days and special liturgies between September and June. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft of the church. Anyone who would like to sing is welcome.

Funeral Choir

This group is comprised of a wonderful group of parishioners who are always available on a moment's notice to provide music for our funerals. New members are always welcomed, even if you are only available occasionally. We would appreciate hearing from you. Please contact Parish Office at 740-363-4641 or webmaster@delawarestmary.org

Cantors

Cantors are always needed to serve the community as song leaders at St. Mary. This includes Masses on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and the Sunday Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. New cantors are very welcome. Please contact Parish Office at 740-363-4641 or webmaster@delawarestmary.org to volunteer.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have a sacred responsibility of distributing the Body of Christ to members of the parish at weekend Masses and Holy Days. Extraordinary Ministers are given permission by the Bishop to serve in this capacity and are commissioned for a period of two years. They may be recommissioned.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick/Homebound

These Ministers of Holy Communion take Communion, as well as read the Mass readings for the day, on a regular basis to the sick at Grady Hospital, to Catholic residents at local nursing homes, and to parishioners who are homebound. For more information, please contact our Homebound liaison.

Latino Ministry Opportunities

Our goal is to welcome and offer spiritual support to our Hispanic population. We offer a mass in Spanish the last Sunday of each month at 5:00pm which is often followed by a social in our school commons.

Nuestro objetivo es dar la bienvenida y ofrecer apoyo espiritual a nuestra población hispana. Ofrecemos una misa en español el último domingo de cada mes a las 5:00 pm y, a menudo, seguido por un reunión social en nuestro escuela.

Lectors & Commentators

The lectors have the privilege of proclaiming the word of God to the congregation. Training is provided by a member of the Liturgy Committee.

Commentators are only needed at the 7:30 a.m. Mass. The Commentator's role is to welcome the people, to introduce the liturgical ministers, and to make any necessary announcements. Training is provided by a member of the Liturgy Committee.

Liturgy Committee

The goal of the liturgy committee is to promote and enhance the quality of liturgical life within the parish community. The members of the liturgy committee are involved primarily in the following areas: environment, music, special liturgies, formation of liturgical ministers and family life. Qualified and/or interested persons are recruited each year. Please contact Deacon Todd Tucky at 740-363-4641 (ext 115#) or ttucky@delawarestmary.org if interested.

Ushers

Ushering at St. Mary's is not just picking up the collection at Masses. Anyone who would like to usher should be in the church 1/2 hour before mass begins so they can take care of any odds and ends before Mass starts, such as greeting people coming into church and if possible answering any questions asked. The captain of the ushers asks a family to take up the gifts during Mass. Ushers assist the handicapped and elderly and ask if they will need Communion brought to them at distribution. At the end of mass each week, ushers assist with various duties, such as passing out bulletins and accepting donations for St. Vincent DePaul on the first weekend of each month. When people have left the church, ushers straighten the books in the pews, as well as the songbooks in the racks, and check for any valuables mistakenly left behind. Ushers are always needed and are asked to contact our liaison to become part of this important ministry.

PARISH LIFE

Athletic Association

The Athletic Association Board of St. Mary serves the students, parents, and parishioners of the St Mary community (Parish, School, & PSR). The Athletic Board endeavors to provide students, grades 4-8, with an opportunity for a positive athletic experience. Students have the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the game, develop their skills and experience team play, teamwork, sportsmanship, and Christian values. For further information or to become involved, please contact the Athletic Association President.

Bereavement

Funeral Luncheon

St. Mary Bereavement Committee is comprised of parish members in teams willing to coordinate, prepare food and serve a luncheon held after the funeral has been completed. The committee plans the luncheon once family contact approval has been received. Food, service ware, and beverages are arranged at the site to be served for the family and friends, and clean-up is then completed.

We are blessed to have over 60 parishioners who are part of four teams. For smaller funerals, only one team may be called to provide the food and service. For larger funerals, all teams may be called to help. If you are interested in serving on this committee or require more information, please contact our Bereavement Luncheon liaison.

Cemetery

The Cemetery Committee meets at least annually or as needed, to consider policy, maintenance needs, and finances to run the St. Mary Catholic Cemetery at 336 South Sandusky St., adjacent to Oak Grove Cemetery. The cemetery is open daily from daylight to dark. Questions and/or concerns, as well as purchase of grave lots, should be directed to the Cemetery Committee liaison.

Church Cleaning

We offer weekly opportunities for washing our linens and candle care (changing candles), as well as cleaning of our church (wiping down the pews, straightening the missalettes, vacuuming, etc.) for the Liturgies.

We also offer opportunities for brass cleaning twice yearly. These are all separate volunteer opportunities that are always very appreciated to keep God's house clean. If you are interested in joining this mission, please contact the parish office.

Collection Counters

A team of 2 or 3 collection counters is needed every Monday to count the Sunday offerings. This task is done in the parish office first thing Monday mornings and takes approximately 2 1/2 hours. Collection counters are scheduled about every six to eight weeks. For more information, please contact the Business Manager.

Festival

The festival is a family event held each year during the third weekend of June on the parish grounds. The Festival began in 1998 and has grown into an event for the whole Delaware community. The festival provides an enjoyable environment for all ages with a breadth of activity. The goal of the annual festival is to provide a rewarding experience for all who attend or participate. It is the largest fundraiser for St. Mary Parish. Over 500 volunteers are needed to make this a premier event for not just our parish, but for the city of Delaware.

Grief Support Group

This support group is for parishioners who have experienced the loss of a loved one in the recent past. Spend some time with others in the St. Mary's family who truly understand the daily challenges of living a new and different life. For more information, please contact our Grief Support Ministry liaison.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization of Catholic men that was founded by a priest, Father McGivney, in 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut, based on a foundation of faith, family and fraternity. To become a member of the Knights of Columbus, you must be a practicing Catholic male 18 or older.

The Knights are dedicated to the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. The Delaware Knights of Columbus (KofC) local Council 1056 was chartered in 1905. The members have been providing charitable contributions and time to many parish projects and organizations, as well as meeting the needs of the Delaware Community.

Our local brother Knights serve at church as ushers, lectors, cub scout leaders, youth group leaders, Sports leaders, PSR teachers and so much more. Some community service events impacted by the Delaware Knights are: St. Gabriel radio, Delaware PIN "People In Need", American Vet's, Catholic seminarians, Free Throw Contest, Pennies for heaven Campaign, Measure up Campaign, etc.

To Join: Please contact the Knights of Columbus liaison or email us at kofc1056@gmail.com. For more information about the knights, please visit our website at www.kofc1056.org

Family Pancake Breakfasts

The Knights of Columbus Council 1056 typically hold Family Breakfasts throughout the year from 8:00 AM through 12:00 PM in the Beitel Commons. This event takes place throughout a majority of the year excluding Lent.

Lenten Fish Dinners

The Knights of Columbus Council 1056 hold a Fish Fry every Friday night during Lent. Dinner starts at 5:00 PM and will be served through 7:00 PM in the St. Mary School Commons. Carry-out is available. For more information, please visit our website at www.kofc156.org.

Prayer Chain

Prayer is a vital part of our parish community. It is a source of life for us, individually, and for our parish. While not everyone can contribute to the life of our parish through their active presence, everyone can help through their prayers.

Everyone who has a local telephone number is welcome to be on the phone prayer chain. What follows is a description of how it works.

The prayer chain is made up of 8 smaller chains. The first person in the chain calls the first person on the next chain. Each person on the chain calls the person below him/her in his or her own chain. If no one answers, you skip that person and go on to the next until you reach someone. Later, you call the skipped person back and give them the request.

PLEASE MAKE THE REQUEST SIMPLE AND CLEAR AND READ THE REQUEST BACK TO ASSURE ACCURACY – excessive details are discouraged.

Pray immediately for the request and continue to remember it in prayer for at least three days. All requests are kept **CONFIDENTIAL**. Thanksgiving prayers are encouraged.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The mission of the St. Mary Prayer Shawl Ministry is to provide a tangible reminder of God's love to those in need. We use our time and God given talent to create shawls, baby blankets and lap robes while praying for the recipient. In praying, we ask for physical, mental and spiritual healing as well as peace and comfort for those suffering from a serious illness or injury, those grieving the loss of a loved one and those confined to homes.

The Prayer shawl Ministry meets on the third Thursday of each month at Kavanagh Hall. Times may vary. If you're not able to make it to the meetings, you can help in other ways by donating yarn and gift bags. For more information please contact the Prayer Shawl Ministry liaison.

Scouts

Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts

St. Mary's Cub Scouts is open to all grade-school boys in grades 1-5 in the parish. Various social activities and meetings are held throughout the year, as well as a learning experience for all those involved. For any further information regarding the Cub Scouts please visit their web site:

www.cubscoutpack249.info or email: cubmaster@cubscoutpack249.info

The St. Mary's Boy Scouts organization is open to parishioners in grades 5-12. The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. For more information, please contact our Boy Scout contact.

Daisy Scouts/Brownie Scouts/Girl Scouts

St. Mary Girl Scout Daisies are in grades K-1 and meet in a nurturing, inclusive environment. They go on trips, learn about nature and science, and explore the arts and their communities. Girl Scout Daisies can also earn Learning Petals and receive participation patches.

St. Mary Brownie Girl Scouts is open to all girls in the parish in grades 1-3. The girls will learn basic first aid, visit a planetarium, and work on a variety of "try-it" badges. Field trips vary. All the troops participate in a Church Mass during Girl Scout Week. New troops begin in September but can be joined at any time.

Daisy Scouts/Brownie Scouts/Girl Scouts—continued

St. Mary Girl Scouts is open to all girls in the parish in grades 4-12. In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong. Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others.

If your daughter is interested in joining a troop, please check with the St. Mary Girl Scout contact.

Saturday Morning Men's Group

Catholic men inviting men to a comfortable environment where we take responsibility for learning, living, strengthening, and sharing our faith, which will in turn make us better men, leaders, husbands, fathers and followers of Jesus Christ. All men of the parish are invited to come anytime with out any long-term commitment. Saturdays from 7:30 to 9:00 am in Kavanagh Hall. Coffee and donuts provided. Questions should be directed to Men's Group liaison.

Senior Activities

Senior Luncheon

This group consists of St. Mary parishioners who are 55 or older. They typically meet once a month from October through May (except in January and February) for an afternoon of prayer, dinner and fellowship. Our seniors gather in the school commons for a sit down dinner and also some fellowship and entertainment.

A schedule of luncheon dates is available in the Sunday bulletin. Transportation can be arranged by calling the contact person. There is no charge for the meal and all parish seniors are cordially invited to attend. The dinner is self-supporting through a free will offering. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. For more information please contact the St. Mary Seniors liaison.

St. Mary Women's Group

St. Mary Organization of Women (formerly SMOW) offers spiritual, emotional, and social support for parish women of all ages. Our monthly meetings, programs, volunteering, fundraisers and events foster a sense of fellowship and community in our parish family. New members are always welcome! For more information please contact the SMOW liaison.

Caring Cooks

This group provides hospitality by making meals to bring to other women who need extra help, such as recovering from childbirth or surgery. For more information on how you can get involved, please contact the SMOW (Women's group) contact.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Advent Giving Tree

Parishioners celebrate the true meaning of Christmas by sharing gifts with families in our community who are less fortunate. Participation in this ministry can be as simple as removing an angel tag from the giving tree, purchasing the gift and returning it to the church.

You can also get involved with this ministry by assisting with the preparation of the angel tags, decorating the Advent Giving Tree, and/or sorting the gifts presented. All help is welcomed with this annual Advent ministry. Please contact our Advent Giving Tree liaison for more information.

Common Ground Free Store

The Common Ground Free Store is a place where everything is free—clothing, shoes, diapers and linens, to small appliances, books and toys. There are no income requirements, no questions and no scrutiny; only the support of people who care. God's mercy does not come with a price tag.

Common Ground Free Store Ministries is a partnership between Delaware County churches, business, civic organizations and caring citizens. Common Ground's help doesn't stop with free clothing and household items. Common Ground partners with other local service agencies to provide new hope and new starts through referrals to other agencies in the community.

Family Promise

Family Promise is an interfaith hospitality network to help homeless families achieve lasting independence. With support from local congregations in Delaware County, they provide food, shelter and assistance with obtaining employment and housing. The networks of congregations and volunteers meet homeless families' needs for shelter, meals, and comprehensive support services. For more information, please contact our Family Promise liaison.

Respect Life

The Respect Life Committee of St. Mary Church will proactively proclaim, sanctify and value ALL life from conception to natural life. The Respect Life Program is sponsored by the Catholic Bishops of the United States. Its goals are as follows:

- to proclaim sanctity and value of human life as a gift from God and the foundation of human dignity.
- to oppose and ultimately do away with all that destroys or endangers human life.
- to support or encourage the development of whatever sustains, nourishes, or provides for the proper enjoyment of life.
- to place emphasis on and create advocacy for whatever meets particular needs of families and individuals.

Respect Life issues state and promote the Catholic position and are always handled in a compassionate and non-confrontational manner. Respect Life business is conducted once monthly.

St. Vincent DePaul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a worldwide organization dedicated to providing person to person service to individuals in need. Our primary concern is charity and justice for those who are defenseless or voiceless. What kind of help do we provide?

•**Individual monetary help** such as rent assistance, utilities, medical bills, prescriptions, food and gasoline card assistance

•**Service projects:** Vinton County semi -annual clothing and food drive, assist at Family Promise, work at Common Ground Free Store, "Walk for the Poor", "Grateful Heart Dinner", Christmas Clearing House.

•**Birthdays visits** to home bound and nursing home parishioners

•**Holiday cards** given to home bound parishioners during Easter & Christmas

St. Vincent DePaul—*continued*

•**Canned good donations:** Provided to PIN weekly from donations placed in the PIN cabinet at the back of the church.

•**Charitable Monetary support:** provided for many of our community Resource organizations such as People in Need, Common Ground Free Store, St. Lawrence Haven, Community Action, Core and others.

Meetings are held monthly. For more information, or to get involved, please contact our St. Vincent DePaul liaison.

Grateful Heart Dinner

The St. Vincent de Paul Society hosts an annual free meal towards the end of December. Food, friendship, and fun is provided to the elderly and needy of the Delaware Community. To find out more information, or to volunteer, please contact our Grateful Heart Dinner liaison.

VOLUNTEERING

Safe Environment-Protecting God's Children Requirements

Volunteers, working with children: Ohio Senate Bill 187 (section 109.574) states that fingerprinting is required for anyone who supervises a child when no other person over 18 years of age is in the same room or, if outdoors, no other person over age 18 is within a 30 yard radius or has visual contact with the child.

If you plan to volunteer at St. Mary working with children, whether it be driving on field trips, coaching, providing childcare with any organization, involved in PSR or Youth Ministry, it is necessary that we have your fingerprints on file with the Church.

Background checks may be completed through WebCheck, (and in Delaware, the Delaware City Schools Administration Office, 74 W. Williams St., Delaware, Ohio 43015, Delaware City Schools Administration Office, is also a WebCheck location) which allows fingerprints to be sent immediately to BCI for faster processing.

It is also **required** by the Diocese that persons working/volunteering with children also attend a "Protecting God's Children" session. Sessions are offered at parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus and can be accessed through the following website - www.virtus.org. Typically, St. Mary's offers a "Protecting God's Children" class near the start of the school session.

Safe Environment-Protecting God's Children Requirements—*continued*

For additional diocesan information concerning Protecting Our Children - Safe Environment, please visit <http://www.colsdioc.org/ProtectingOurChildren.aspx>

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PARISH PUBLICATIONS

Weekly Bulletin

The current, as well as past issues, of our St. Mary Sunday Bulletin are available to view or download on our website. Please visit <http://delawarestmary.org/resources/bulletin>. Please email bulletin submissions to bulletineditor@delawarestmary.org.

Parish Guide

The current issue of Our Parish Guide/Handbook, along with a list of contacts, is available to view or download on our website. Please visit http://delawarestmary.org/resources/parish_guide.

Parish Website

Our parish website, <http://delawarestmary.org/>, is a great source of information.

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