

ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

207 N Main Street, Coupeville, WA 98239 - (360) 678-6536 Mailing Address: P O Box 1443, Coupeville, WA 98239

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 am - 12 noon, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Parish E-mail: Information@StAugustineOH.org; Visit us on the web at www.StAugustineOH.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm	St Augustine
<i>Filipino music 2nd Saturday</i>		
Spanish 1st Saturday	7:00 pm	St Augustine
Sunday	8:00 am	St Augustine
	9:30 am	St Augustine
	11:15 am	St Mary
Latin 2nd & 4th Sunday	11:00 am	St Augustine
Mon, Thu, Fri & 1st Sat	9:00 am	St Augustine
Thursday	12:10 pm	St Mary

CONFESSION

Friday	8:30 am	St Augustine
Saturday	4:00 pm	St Augustine
3rd Sunday	12:15 pm	St Mary

PARISH MINISTERS

Pastor	Rev. Paul Pluth, JCL
Administration	Mary A. Waters
Religious Education	Mary Rose Anderson
Music Director	Kathleen Dodge-DeHaven
Receptionist	Peggy McCormick

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION

Please call the Parish Office



Pet Blessing Next Saturday October 1, 10:00 am!

On Saturday, October 1st, bring your pets to St. Mary for the Blessing of the Animals.

Please make sure that your pets are either on a leash or in a carrier.
Thank you and we will see you on Saturday

Fall Baptisms are scheduled for November 19th.

Classes will be held in the St. Augustine parish office on October 19th,
6:30 – 8:30 pm and on October 22nd, from 10 am – noon

Call 675-2303 to register



Announcements & Events

◆ READERS AT MASS

If you would like to assist at Mass by reading the epistles and prayers of the faithful, contact Roger Foley at 360 720 9696.

◆ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer positions where we need your assistance are as Assistant Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Rosary Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound/Careage, Ushers. If you hear our Lord calling you to one of these ministries and you would like to find out more please call the office and we will direct you to a coordinator. Thank you

◆ PREGNANCY CARE CLINIC

We have an ongoing collection of baby items for PCC. Your new items are greatly appreciated, please keep them coming! Formula, diapers, clothing etc. You may place them in the cradle located in the SE corner of Harrington Hall. Monetary donations are gratefully appreciated and accepted. THANK YOU!



◆ CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Mark December 3rd on your calendar NOW for St Mary 4th Annual Christmas Bazaar!

Please start collecting new or like new gift items. Glassware, jewelry, beautiful Christmas decorations, etc. Remember NO Garage Sale items, only gifts for giving at Christmas.



Do you knit or crochet? Need yarn for those hand made treasures? Come by the office to take a look at what was donated for this very purpose.

Please store items at your home until we are ready to receive them. If storing them at home is difficult please contact Janet at 360-969-1609 or email her at mjrojas@whidbey.net

RCIA Journey of Faith for Adults & RCIA-C for Children 7 - 18 years of age

Be a part of the RCIA Inquiry program. We introduce the prayers and practice of Catholics as well as the teachings of Jesus and His Church.

Come to the RCIA program if you and/or your child are not Catholic and would like to explore the Catholic Faith, are an adult Catholic who has recently come home to the Church, or you want to receive Confirmation or First Communion. You are being called to communion!

Adult classes - Thursdays at 6:30 pm in classrooms 1/2

Middle & High School classes -

Thursdays at 3pm in the parish office.

Call Peggy Smith at 675-2303 to register.



Ryan's House Donations

Ryan's House is a safe haven for any homeless teen on Whidbey Island. There are about 100+ teens now living on Whidbey. They can go there for food, comfort, counseling, and for some, help in being placed in homes where they will find shelter and love.

This unique facility has recently found a place to locate in Coupeville. They are in need of food to feed the teens who regularly turn up at Ryan's House.

In an effort to reach out and help Ryan's House we are going to place a cooler in Harrington Hall on the **first Sunday of every month to collect fresh food for these teens. WE WILL ONLY BE DOING THIS ON THE FIRST SUNDAYS** - Please do not leave items that could spoil at other times.

The following items are needed: 2% milk, fruit, veggies, cheese, yogurt, lunch meats (chicken and turkey), hot dogs, and hamburger meat.

Do not bring in frozen items as the donated items will be kept in refrigerator until Monday and then they will be delivered.

If you have any questions regarding this project contact Mrs Pat Marks at 682-5222.

Pat is one of the teachers for our teen Religious Formation classes at St. Mary.

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor. So that by his poverty you might become rich.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 25, 2016

Please pray for all, especially for those who are ill, going to have or are recovering from surgery.

Diana Schmidt, Josh Poole,
Bryan Russell, Bennett Boyles,
Charlie Toth, Aimee Macdonald,
Michael Hay, Colleen Patmore,
Julie Helleksen

For our family members who are in college or in the military at home and deployed

PFC Zachary McCormick - Army NG
Capt. Thomas Allan Bender - USAF

Please call the office at 678-6536 to add a name.

Thank you so much for all the prayers.

This Week at St. Mary

Sun 9/25	10:45 am Rosary 11:15 am Mass RIP - +Mauricia Lindogan 12:15 pm Coffee & Donuts 6:30 pm Lutheran Service
Tues 9/27	Office closed
Wed 9/28	9:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm Bible Study
Thu 9/29	11:30 am Rosary 12:10 pm Mass 12:45 - 2:00 pm Adoration
Sun 10/2	10:45 am Rosary 11:15 am Mass 12:15 pm Coffee & Donuts 6:30 pm Lutheran Service

RE Grades Pre-K—6th

Classes will begin on Sunday, October 9th at 9:30 am. Meet up in Harrington Hall

Young Peoples RE Gr 7th-11th

Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:15 pm.

If you have not yet registered your child(ren) in the program please do so ASAP. Also remember that the fee is now \$50 per child. You may come to the Parish Office to register.

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Parish Expense: \$3,055

September 11th: \$1,878

18th: \$2,343

Please remember St Mary in your will



Next meeting will be in Harrington Hall on Thursday, October 6th after the 12:10 pm Mass. Bring your lunch, a friend and ideas.

Connect with Father Paul

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The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



Part II of II: Making Moral Choices and Applying Our Principles

This brief document is Part II of a summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, which complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states.

Part I of the summary of the US bishops' reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, considered the core principles that underlie Catholic engagement in the political realm. Part II is a consideration of the process by which these principles are applied to the act of voting and taking positions on policy issues. It begins with the general consideration of the nature of conscience and the role of prudence. The application of prudential judgment does not mean that all choices are equally valid or that the bishops' guidance and that of other church leaders is just another political opinion or policy preference among many others. Rather, Catholics are urged to listen carefully to the Church's teachers when they apply Catholic social teaching to specific proposals and situations.

How Does the Church Help the Catholic Faithful to Speak About Political and Social Questions?

A Well-Formed Conscience

The Church equips its members to address political questions by helping them develop well-formed consciences. "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act. . . . [Every person] is obliged to follow faithfully what he [or she] knows to be just and right" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). We Catholics have a lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ as it comes to us through the Church.

The Virtue of Prudence

The Church also encourages Catholics to develop the virtue of prudence, which enables us "to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1806). Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act. Prudence must be accompanied by courage, which calls us to act. As Catholics seek to advance the common good, we must carefully discern which public policies are morally sound. At times, Catholics may choose different ways to respond to social problems, but we cannot differ on our obligation to protect human life and dignity and help build, through moral means, a more just and peaceful world.



Doing Good and Avoiding Evil

There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. These intrinsically evil acts must always be rejected and never supported. A preeminent example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion. Similarly, human cloning, destructive research on human embryos, and other acts that directly violate the sanctity and dignity of human life including genocide, torture, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Nor can violations of human dignity, such as acts of racism, treating workers as mere means to an end, deliberately subjecting workers to subhuman living conditions, treating the poor as disposable, or redefining marriage to deny its essential meaning, ever be justified.

Opposition to intrinsically evil acts also prompts us to recognize our positive duty to contribute to the common good and act in solidarity with those in need. Both opposing evil and doing good are essential. As St. John Paul II said, "The fact that only the negative commandments oblige always and under all circumstances does not mean that in the moral life prohibitions are more important than the obligation to do good indicated by the positive commandment."¹ The basic right to life implies and is linked to other human rights such as a right to the goods that every person needs to live and thrive—including food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work.

Avoiding Two Temptations

Two temptations in public life can distort the Church's defense of human life and dignity: The first is a moral equivalence that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity. The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed. The second is the misuse of these necessary moral distinctions as a way of dismissing or ignoring other serious threats to human life and dignity. Racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, resorting to unjust war, environmental degradation, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care or housing, pornography, human trafficking, redefining civil marriage, compromising religious liberty,

or unjust immigration policies are all serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act.

Making Moral Choices

The bishops do not tell Catholics how to vote; the responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience, aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection.

When morally flawed laws already exist, prudential judgment is needed to determine how to do what is possible to restore justice—even if partially or gradually—without ever abandoning a moral commitment to full protection for all human life from conception to natural death (see St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 73).

Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care, and immigration. When church leaders make judgments about how to apply Catholic teaching to specific policies, this may not carry the same binding authority as universal moral principles but cannot be dismissed as one political opinion among others. These moral applications should inform the consciences and guide the actions of Catholics.

As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support.¹

What Public Policies Should Concern Catholics Most?

As Catholics, we are led to raise questions about political life other than those that concentrate on individual, material well-being. We focus more broadly on what protects or threatens the dignity of every human life. Catholic teaching challenges voters and candidates, citizens and elected officials, to consider the moral and ethical dimensions of public policy issues. In light of ethical principles, we bishops offer the following policy goals that we hope will guide Catholics as they form their consciences and reflect on the moral dimensions of their public choices:

- Address the preeminent requirement to protect **human life**—by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion and providing women in crisis pregnancies with the supports they need. End the following practices: the use of euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability; the destruction of human embryos in the name of research; the use of the death penalty to combat crime; and the imprudent resort to war to address international disputes.
- Protect the fundamental understanding of **marriage** as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman

as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility.

- Achieve comprehensive **immigration** reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- Help families and children overcome **poverty** and ensure access to and choice in **education**, as well as decent work at fair, living wages and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world, especially in the policy areas of development assistance, debt relief, and international trade.
- Ensure full conscience protection and **religious freedom** for individuals and groups to meet social needs, and so enable families, community groups, economic structures, and government to work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation.
- Provide **health care** while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system.
- Continue to oppose policies that reflect racism, hostility toward immigrants, religious bigotry, and other forms of **unjust discrimination**.
- Establish and comply with moral limits on the use of **military force**—examining for what purposes it may be used, under what authority, and at what human cost—with a special view to seeking a responsible and effective response for ending the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East and other parts of the world.
- Join with others **around the world** to pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty, and advance economic justice and care for creation.

Notes

1. *Veritatis Splendor*, no. 52.

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1 – Feast of St Lawrence, deacon & martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10
Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9
Jn 12:24-26

2 – 27th Sunday in Ord Time

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
Lk 17:5-10

3 – Mon – 27th wk in Ord Time

Gal 1:6-12
Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 & 10c
Lk 10:25-37

4 – Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

Gal 1:13-24
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15
Lk 10:38-42

5 – Wed – 27th wk in Ord Time

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14
Ps 117:1bc, 2
Lk 11:1-4

6 – Thu – 27th wk in Ord Time

Gal 3:1-5
Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Lk 11:5-13

7 – Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal 3:7-14
Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Lk 11:15-26

8 – Sat – 27th wk in Ord Time

Gal 3:22-29
Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Lk 11:27-28

9 – 28th Sunday in Ord Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
2 Tm 2:8-13
Lk 17:11-19

10 – Mon – 28th wk in Ord Time

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1
Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a & 6-7
Lk 11:29-32

11 – Tue – 28th wk in Ord Time

Gal 5:1-6
Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48
Lk 11:37-41

12 – Wed – 28th wk in Ord Time

Gal 5:18-25
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6
Lk 11:42-46

13 – Thu – 28th wk in Ord Time

Eph 1:1-10
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6
Lk 11:47-54

14 – Fri – 28th wk in Ord Time

Eph 1:11-14
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13
Lk 12:1-7

15 – Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Eph 1:15-23
Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7
Lk 12:8-12

16 – 29th Sunday in Ord Time

Ex 17:8-13
Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
2 Tm 3:14—4:2
Lk 18:1-8

17 – Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

Eph 2:1-10
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5
Lk 12:13-21

18 – Feast of St Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
Lk 10:1-9

19 – Memorial of Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs

Eph 3:1-12
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Lk 12:39-48

20 – Thu – 29th wk in Ord Time

Eph 3:14-21
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Phil 3:8-9

21 – Fri – 29th wk in Ord Time

Lk 12:49-53
Eph 4:1-6
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

22 – Sat – 29th wk in Ord Time

Lk 12:54-59
Eph 4:7-16
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

23 – 13th Sunday in Ord Time

Lk 13:1-9
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18
Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Lk 18:9-14

24 – 30th wk in Ord Time

Eph 4:32—5:8
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6
Lk 13:10-17

25 – Tue – 30th wk in Ord Time

Eph 5:21-33
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Lk 13:18-21

26 – Wed – 30th wk in Ord Time

Eph 6:1-9
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14
Lk 13:22-30

27 – Thu – 30th wk in Ord Time

Eph 6:10-20
Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Lk 13:31-35

28 – Feast of Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Lk 6:12-16

29 – Sat – 30th wk in Ord Time

Phil 1:18b-26
Ps 42: 3, 5cdef
Lk 14:1, 7-11

30 – 31st Sunday in Ord Time

Wis 11:22—12:2
Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14
2 Thes 1:11—2:2

Lk 19:1-10

31 – Mon – 31st wk in Ord Time

Phil 2:1-4
Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3
Lk 14:12-14

October Events Calendar

October 2016

October 2016							November 2016						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30			
30	31												

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 25 - Oct 1	Sep 25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1 10:00am Pet Blessing 4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
Oct 2 - 8	2 10:45am Rosary 11:15am Mass 12:15pm Coffee & donuts 6:30pm Lutheran Service	3	4 Office closed	5 9:00am Bible Study (HH) 9:30am Choir rehearsal (CH) 6:15pm 7:30pm Young Peoples RE gr 7-11 (clr 4) 7:00pm Bible Study (HH)	6 11:30am Rosary 12:10pm Mass 12:45pm -2pm is Adoration 1:00pm WOSM mtg (HH) 7:00pm K of C Officers mtg	7	8 4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
Oct 9 - 15	9 9:30am 11:00am RE gr. Pre-K-6th start (clsrms) 10:45am Rosary 11:15am Mass 12:15pm Coffee & donuts 6:30pm Lutheran Service	10	11 Office closed	12 9:00am Bible Study (HH) 9:30am Choir rehearsal (CH) 7:00pm Bible Study (HH)	13 11:30am Rosary 12:10pm Mass 12:45pm -2pm is Adoration 7:00pm K of C general mtg	14	15 4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
Oct 16 - 22	16 10:45am Rosary 11:15am Mass 12:15pm Confessions will be heard 12:15pm Right to Life Breakfast 6:30pm Lutheran Service	17	18 Office closed	19 9:00am Bible Study (HH) 9:30am Choir rehearsal (CH) 6:15pm Young Peoples RE gr 7-11 (clr 4) 7:00pm Bible Study (HH)	20 11:30am Rosary 12:10pm Mass 12:45pm -2pm is Adoration	21	22 4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
Oct 23 - 29	23 Parish Stewardship World Mission Sunday 10:45am Rosary 11:15am Mass 12:15pm Coffee & donuts 6:30pm Lutheran Service	24	25 Office closed	26 9:00am Bible Study (HH) 9:30am Choir rehearsal (CH) 7:00pm Bible Study (HH)	27 11:00am Finance Council 11:30am Rosary 12:10pm Mass 12:45pm -2pm is Adoration	28	29 4:00pm Confession (@ St. A's)
Oct 30 - Nov 5	30 Parish Stewardship 10:45am Rosary 11:15am Mass 12:15pm Coffee & donuts 6:30pm Lutheran Service	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5