What Do **MARRIAGE & STEWARDSHIP** Have in Common?

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A marriage that is haphazard in affection and commitment, that gives only “leftover” time and financial support to the spouse, that isn’t a top priority, that doesn’t trust God enough to step out in faith, and change as God grows the marriage - that marriage won’t survive! Neither will a commitment to stewardship that resembles that sort of marriage!

God’s got the whole world in His hands! We can trust Him as we make our Stewardship Commitment to our parish, and allow Him to lead us where we didn’t think we could go. **STEWARDSHIP CHANGES LIVES!**

Please bring your Stewardship Commitment Card with you to Mass next weekend, or mail it in, or pledge online to your parish at www.staugustine.org.

*Thank You! Father Paul Pluth*
Father Pluth’s 6th Year Review

Every 6 years of a pastor’s ministry, the Clergy Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle conducts a personnel review. I am now in my 6th year as pastor of St Mary and St Augustine, and my personnel review is ongoing. Until November 7th there is a survey available on our parish website - www.staugustineoh.org - for you to take part in this personnel review. I will meet with Ms. Leigh Stringfellow, Director of Priests Services for the Archdiocese, to go over the results and set goals. I appreciate you taking part in this review, because it develops a plan for the future of the parish. If you have any questions about the review, contact Leigh Stringfellow at leighs@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4236.

Thank you!
Father Paul Pluth

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN?

Did you know the parish does not have to pay for the printing of this weekly bulletin? It is because of the generosity of our advertisers that this bulletin is printed by Catholic Printery at no cost to the parish.

Please patronize these advertisers when you can and tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin.

Wall of Remembrance

Please bring to the office, during office hours, photos of your deceased loved ones to be placed on the Wall of Remembrance during the month of November.
We are in need of a classroom assistant for the 2nd grade classroom. Please consider joining our volunteer team!

Classes meet for one hour before Sunday Mass: 10:00am – 11:00am.

Speak to Maria Mitchell after Mass, or email her at mmitchell@staugustineoh.org for more information.

Registration for religious education classes, grades K – 11, is still open. Please join us!

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**Pastoral Council Corner**

**Reflection Question of the Week**

**WHAT MINISTRIES WOULD YOU OFFER YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS TO?**

There are many opportunities to offer your gifts and talents at St. Mary. In addition to our existing ministries, new ministries are being formed based on your responses to the Reflection Questions of the Week. These are: Works of Mercy (outreach), Adult Faith Formation (spiritual growth), Welcoming New Parishioners, and Social Activities (parish and community). Talk to one of our Pastoral Council Members to find out more about these ministries.

As Father Paul said last Sunday, we are a small parish and all of our gifts and talents are needed to continue building the welcoming and vibrant community we are and envision for our future.
Women of St Mary

Did you know that all women registered at our parish are automatically the Women of St. Mary (WOSM)? Many do not know this and all that this group of women do every year. Such as our biggest fund raiser, St. Mary’s Christmas Bazaar and St. Mary’s Indoor Garage sale. We raise thousands of dollars that go back to our community in many areas as well as help with church funerals, receptions, Religious Education events, and special church events.

Meetings are the first Thursday of every month except during Advent, Lent, Summer and other times posted. All Women of St. Mary please come and share your talents and also have fun raising funds for our church and beyond.

"Preach the Gospel at all times, when necessary use words".

St. Francis of Assisi.

November 4th
No coffee and donuts today. Join us in the Adult Faith Formation event

Hello from St Mary
“Works of Mercy”
The Works of Mercy team of volunteers are taking calls at our parish 360-678-6536 every Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. If you, or someone you know, needs some assistance to find resources for help, or are seeking ways to meet some challenges, please give us a call. Feel free to pass on our phone number to family or friends who live locally and need help.

2019
St. Joseph Sunday Missals are available in the church office for $3.00 each. Purchase yours while supplies last.

ISSUES
As the world’s largest Catholic fraternal organization, the Knights of Columbus supports issues related to faith and the common good, especially in the areas of culture of life, marriage and family, religious freedom, and being the strong right arm of the Church.

Join Us – go to...www.Knights.net
Next Baptisms

December 15th 10:00 AM
Mandatory Classes-New Schedule
Tuesday, Nov 6 at 6:30 pm
&
Saturday, Nov 10 at 10:00 am
in the St Augustine Parish Office.
Please call 360-675-2303 to register.

Marriage Preparation

Are you engaged to be married?
Preparations for weddings are a six-month process. Please call 360.675.2303 x5 to begin.

Ongoing Food Drive

Please remember that we have an ongoing food drive here at St Mary for the local “Gifts from the Heart” Food Bank. Bring your donations such as boxed items, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meats - all non-perishable items. Place them in the basket located inside the door of Harrington Hall.

Items collected weekly and delivered to the Food Bank.
The Food Bank distributes bags of food on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays from 2-5 pm each month.

Please NO OUTDATED items

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 1st from 9:00 am-2:00 pm is St. Mary Annual Christmas Bazaar. Please consider donating items to the church the week before (November 25-29th, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm) to be bought as Christmas gifts. We need new, unique gifts and assorted handmade items. Also needed the Friday before (November 30) is your most tastiest and appealing looking baked items for our popular bake sale! All proceeds benefit St. Mary’s parish and the community welfare.

Questions? Please contact:
Janet Rojas – 360-969-1609 or mjrojas@whidbey.net.

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Rachel’s Corner

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in distress. Thus we do not fear, though earth be shaken and mountains quake to the depths of the sea, though its waters rage and foam and mountains totter at its surging. God is our refuge and our strength.” - Psalm 46:2

Have you felt like the world as you knew it fell apart the day you had an abortion? Do you wish you could find a mental and spiritual refuge in a safe place where you are understood? God is inviting you to a Rachel’s Vineyard™ Retreat where you can find those things in His merciful embrace. Give Him a chance to show you what it is like to rest.

Next Retreat: November 9-11—register now!
Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation.
English: (206) 920-6413
Español: (206)-450-7814
www.ccsww.org/projectrachel
You are loved with an everlasting Love!

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PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Please place your donations of new baby items: diapers, bottles, formula, clothes, non-perishable baby foods in the cradle located in Harrington Hall. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please make checks payable to Pregnancy Care Center and place in a Pregnancy Care envelope. Thank you!

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Happiness sneaks in through a door you didn’t know you left open  John Barrymore
St. Augustine and St. Mary Catholic Community
Rev. Paul Pluth, Pastor

Stewardship is about love, not money

When you hear “stewardship,” do you think, “fundraising?”
In fact, real stewardship is about love. When we practice good stewardship, we become more fulfilled, have a greater sense of purpose, and live happier lives. And while it’s not just about money, good stewards have all the money they need.

Good stewards are motivated by love. Strong families come together and are formed in love. Loving family stewards put the needs of members first before spending time or money on anything else, especially themselves.

In God’s family, we also come together in his love to care for each other. As stewards, we find ways to use our time and gifts to meet the needs of God’s family through our parish.

Good stewards lend their strength. Take stock of the gifts you have: faith, wisdom, prosperity, energy, etc. Then ask where you can put your talents and resources to work for your parish so you can take your place at God’s table. When you do, you will make God’s family stronger and healthier.

Good stewards show gratitude. Practicing good stewardship means understanding that God has generously given us gifts which we, in turn, use for his purpose. Everything we have and everything we are comes from God. He deserves the best we have to give. What God wants most is our love.

Why Do Catholics attend Mass on holy days of obligation?

Just as many families gather to celebrate major life events, so does the Catholic Church when she requires Catholics to celebrate certain feast days by attending Mass together. These feasts include: Christmas, Mary’s Immaculate Conception, Easter, and Christ’s Ascension and the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. All Sundays—in honor of Easter Sunday—are also holy days of obligation for the same reasons. The other holy days are listed on the website of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops: http://www.usccb.org.
"Be not afraid"

When someone we love is dying, we may want to help but don’t know what to do. We can feel powerless. Yet when they are transitioning from this life to the next, we can make a significant difference to our loved ones.

Bring love. Jesus never turned away from the sick and dying. He always had a loving hand to comfort them and their families. Sometimes just holding a hand says more than words.

Bring attention. Ask him stories about his life. Let him know he has inspired you. You’ll treasure these moments after he is gone.

Bring comfort. Remind her how much God loves her and is waiting to welcome her. Encourage her to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

Bring peace. Although someone may lose his ability to speak, he can still hear. Pray out loud, read from scripture or a favorite book.

Bring strength. When someone is leaving this world, fear can be overwhelming. Remind her of Jesus’ words, "Be not afraid."

from Scripture

John 18:33b-37, Christ, the real King

Throughout the years of slavery and oppression, God’s promise of a triumphant Israelite king kept hope alive. Many clung to the image of an avenging savior who would destroy their enemies and make Israel a nation to be feared.

Jesus, bound, beaten and seemingly powerless before Pilate, the powerful Roman governor, was not what they had in mind. They didn’t want a king who talked of love, suffering, and service; they wanted one who would wipe their enemies off the face of the earth. They wanted Jesus to come down off the Cross. Yet it was his sacrifice of love on the Cross that conquered the real enemies of sin and death.

Jesus is King and he has a Kingdom, but as he teaches Pilate and us, his power is not of this world. His kingdom is about peace, justice and care for the poor, the needy and the marginalized in society.

Do our lives and actions reflect that awareness? As Christians we are challenged to become more “Christ-like” in our lives, and that means more like Jesus the King.

Who are the Church Fathers?

The Church Fathers were the early Christian writers and teachers of the faith who lived after the Apostles and preserved and handed on their teachings. At the Last Supper, Jesus told his Apostles, “[The Holy Spirit] will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” (John 14:26). This collection of teachings—called Tradition—was handed on by the Apostles to their followers, the Church Fathers.

The Church Fathers include bishops, writers, thinkers, and martyrs. The most important thing the Fathers did, and why we still look to them today, is that they preserved “the written proof” of what the Apostles taught and handed on. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, on essential points of doctrine, the Fathers agreed with each other and with the Apostles on principles such as Jesus’ divinity and humanity, Mary’s singleness, and the Eucharist as the Body of Christ. Thanks to the Church Fathers, we can know what the Church believed—and still believes to this day.

Feasts & Celebrations

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day. A Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics are required to attend Mass, we commemorate people of extraordinary virtue who have gone before us to live eternally in the presence of God.

Nov. 2 – All Souls Day. This day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

Nov. 10 – Leo the Great (461). A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As pope, he defended the faith from heresy and worked for the unity of the Church. He also protected Rome from being destroyed by Attila the Hun and later by the barbarians.

Nov. 12 – St. Josaphat (1623). Born in Lithuania, St. Josaphat, the Ruthenian Archbishop of Piotrska, made the unpopular choice to bring his diocese into communion with the Catholic Church. He suffered persecution by a schismatic party and was eventually martyred by an angry mob.

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