



ST. MARY PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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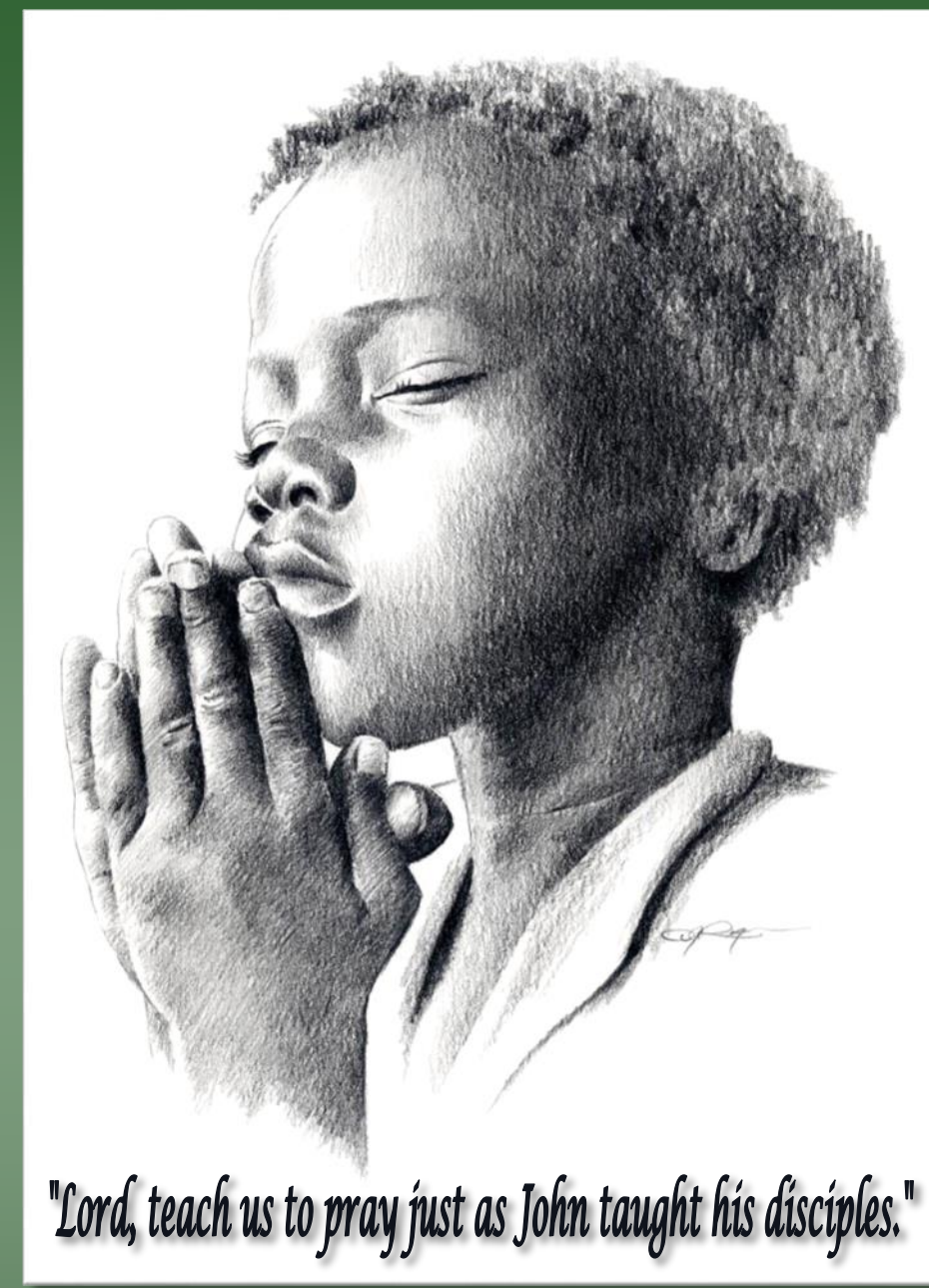
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"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."

Liturgical Schedule

English Mass Schedule:

- Mon., Tues., Fri. — 7:30am
- Saturday — 4:30pm
- Sunday — 9:30am

Sacred Heart- 230 N. 6th St., Silt

- Sunday 7:30am

Misa en Español Schedule:

- Thursday — 7:00pm
- Saturday — 7:00pm
- Sunday — 12:30pm

Reconciliation Schedule:

- Mon., Tues., Fri. — 7:00am
- Thursday — 6:30pm
- Saturday — 3:30pm & 6:30pm
- Sunday — 12:00pm

Adoration Schedule:

- Mon., Tue., Fri. — 8:00am-9:00am
- First Friday of Each Month— 8:00am-10:00pm

students to join the Choir or Mosaic Ensemble. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

During **First Friday Adoration: 24 Hours with the Lord**, at least one person must always be present in the chapel. Due to a parishioner moving, we are in search of someone to commit to the 1PM to 2PM time slot. If you are interested in spending this hour in prayer, either on a monthly or one-time basis, please contact Agnes Skelly (713-366-6014 or stpaj1290@gmail.com).

Father Jose Maria will continue his monthly catechesis (in Spanish) on Tuesday, July 26 at 7:30PM. Everyone is invited!

Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer in the Adoration Chapel every Monday evening from 6PM - 8PM, or for any length of time that fits your schedule. Prayers in **Devotion to the Drops of Blood Lost by our Lord Jesus Christ on His Way to Calvary** are led in Spanish, printed information in English is available.

FAMILY LIFE/YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

(High School Youth Group: Fall 2016 Grades 9-12 and 2016 graduates. Middle School Youth Group: Fall 2016 Grades 5-8)

High School:

July 24th: Steubenville reunion, recap and how to keep the Spirit alive in us throughout the year! 2:15-3:45PM (note the time change)

Middle School:

August 14th: First Edge night and game planning for Parish Picnic!

Family Life:

August 20th: Pro-Life Bootcamp with Catholic Charities' Lynn Grandon, 11-4PM. See flyers posted around church and community for more information. This event is for High School age and up, not recommended for young children.

August 28th: Parish picnic, all Middle and High schoolers are encouraged to attend this parish community event with their families and to help keep their younger peers entertained with games and activities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Registration for Religious Education classes will take place following all Masses the entire month of August and at the Parish Picnic on August 28th. Space may be limited, sign-up early to make sure your children will be able to attend this year. Classes begin on September 25th. For more information please contact Mandie Dovey, Religious Education Coordinator.

MEETINGS & THINGS

- **High School Youth Group:** Sunday, 2:15-3:45PM, Hall
- **Parish Picnic & Volunteer Planning Meeting:** Monday, 7:00PM
- **Mosaic Ensemble:** Tuesday, 5:00PM, Room 4
- **Maintenance Workday:** Saturday, 8:00AM

The annual **Parish Picnic and Volunteer Appreciation** will be on Sunday, August 28 from 1:30PM to 4:00PM, hosted by the Parish Council. More hands are needed to help this organize this event. All those willing to help with setup/clean-up, assisting the Youth Groups with games, organizing the food donations, or volunteer appreciation is invited to a **planning meeting on Monday, July 25 at 7:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Contact the Parish Office if you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to help.

Handy men and women are needed to help keep our facility in tip-top shape! We've organized a **Maintenance Work Day** in order to complete a few maintenance tasks and minor repairs. Please lend a hand with our To-Do list (found on the bulletin board) this **Saturday, July 30, 8:00AM**. Lunch and materials provided. Questions? Please contact John Sowieja, Maintenance Committee Chairperson (soyajnz@msn.com).



"Natural Family Planning. Love, Mercy, Life. Opening the Heart of Marriage" is the theme of this year's Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 24 - July 30), a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God's design for married love and the gift of life and to raise awareness of Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods. "NFP" is supportive of Catholic beliefs about married love because it "respects the God-given power to love a new human life into being." The slogan for this year's NFP Awareness Week was inspired by the Holy Father's call for a Jubilee Year of Mercy, a special time of grace in the Church wherein all, including married couples and families, are invited to open their hearts more fully to the unconditional love, mercy and life Christ and the Church offer us.

The next series of Natural Family Planning classes (English/Spanish) in Glenwood Springs begins in September. Contact Jake and Krista Lasko for more information. (kristaandjake@yahoo.com, 303-335-7615). To learn more about NFP in the privacy of your home, visit www.ccli.org (\$99 online course, English only).

St. Stephen Catholic School - Now Enrolling

Next weekend there will be a short presentation following Mass about St. Stephen Catholic School in Glenwood Springs. When you stop to consider all the benefits that a Catholic education at St. Stephen Catholic School holds, your choice to send your child may be the best investment you ever make.

All that are interested in our **English Music ministry**, both current and new members, are invited to a meeting on Monday, August 8 at 7:00PM. The agenda includes discussion of covering the 9:30AM choir director duties, starting a children's choir and encouraging high school

WE PRAY FOR...

Bernice Ghastin, Chris Chavez, Chuck and Pat Becker (*Margaret Simms parents*), Joan Weaver, Gayl Bernhardt, Darrell Redman, the family of Rustin Franke, Kyle Scholla, Butch Pressler, Alice Holmes, Mark Holmes, Billie Jansky, Craig Leonard, Brian Garland, Bill Oaks, Ann & Ed Andzel, Anita Sundin, Rick Sundin, Joshua Jones, Julia Avonovich, Tammy Waller, Fred Garcia, Julie Kuper, Marty Thompson, Terry Whitley, Pat Schmeckel, Luke Anderle, Ted Diaz, Corky Wilson, Alex & Linda Garcia, Georgi Aibner, Megan Doll, Alicia & David Thorpe, Tony Martinez, Linda Tomasi, Lauren Giard, Cathy Richard, Mary Ann Olson, Irene Goergen, Lyle Green, Kim Nieslanik, Susan Armstrong, Freddie Romero, Gerald Waters, Nancy Newton, Joe Elliot, Ann Arrington, Kathy Willeart, Patrick Chavez (Esther Jones' uncle), Reagan Nelson, Joyce Cawley, Clarence Gomez, Esther Jones, Lucy Wolff, Bob Christensen, Yvonne Diaz, Tanya Giard, Loretta Kochis (Mable Sanders' sister), Scott Gordon, Kari Kuerstan, Bert Garlitz, Eliza Gallegos, Mary Benson, Daniel Tena, Connie Ritter, Rosalia Garza, Derek Miles, Gordan Hammel, Kimberly Green, Virginia Escalante, John & Therese Daly, Clarence Gomez, Amanda Axelson, Mary Brennan, Betty Fulton, Andrea Gallegos (Eliza Gallegos' granddaughter), Nadine Gadis, Pat Squire, Marlene Brandt, and for all others in our Parish and Community who are in need of our prayer. **For the souls of our departed:** Ernest "Joe" Thompson, Lisa Lessard, Shannon Bascomb, Elaine Gomez, James Flynn, Billy Mauer, Tom Scanlon, Fr. Robert Hehn, Bellard Garcia. For prayer requests or to join our e-mail/phone prayer ministry contact Dorothy Zinn (625-4509).

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

Universal: That indigenous peoples, who identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Evangelization: That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday: 3rd & 4th Year Theology
Monday: 1st & 2nd Year Theology
Tuesday: 1st & 2nd Year Theology
Wednesday: Spirituality Year
Thursday: College Freshmen & Sophomores
Friday: Vocations Ministry
Saturday: Applicants & Prospective Seminarians

MASS INTENTIONS

July 23 7:00PM Alfredo Salcedo ☩
 July 24 12:30PM Luis Vazquez ☩

To request a Mass Intention
 call 625-5125 or e-mail info@stmaryrifle.com

EXPANDING THE WORD

WHO'S YOUR DADDY?

We all know the Lord's Prayer by heart, right? How easily it easy rolls off our tongues—but when was the last time you stopped and gave it some thought, phrase by phrase? Jesus' disciples were certainly used to memorized prayer. They were required by Jewish law to say the prayer beginning "Hear, O Israel" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) every day of their lives. Those words are so sacred that most Jewish people hope to have these words on their lips at death. The disciples, however, have learned that Jesus does not limit himself to what the law requires. So they say, "Teach us to pray." He responds, "When you pray, say 'Father' . . ." This is a shock. Jesus uses a child's version of "Father," the word "Abba," which means "Daddy" or "Papa." No believing Jew says God's name—it is simply too holy—so "Lord" or "The Blessed One" is used instead. Jesus is showing us that we are not distant from God up there in the sky, but close to God's heart like a babe in arms. We can speak in absolute trust, knowing that God will hear us. We honor God for who God is, pray for the Kingdom to be among us, to be fed daily with what we need to nourish body and soul, for the power to forgive others as we know that God forgives us. Finally we pray—and the words in English sound odd—not to be led into temptation. As if God really would. What Jesus' original words meant were more like "Please do not put us to the test" for, as beloved children, we do not want to disappoint our Abba who loves us. This prayer helps us to strip away all complications in our relationship with God and know that God always listens.

Living Stewardship Now

Is your prayer too formal? Do you have difficulty with the idea of God as Father? Try talking to "Abba" as your closest friend.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

July 25 - St. James, Apostle
 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Matthew 20:20-28

July 26 - St. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Jeremiah 14:17-22 Matthew 13:36-43

July 27 - Weekday
 Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21 Matthew 13:44-46

July 28 - Weekday
 Jeremiah 18:1-6 Matthew 13:47-53

July 29 - St. Martha
 Jeremiah 26:1-6 John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

July 30 - Weekday
 Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24 Matthew 14:1-12

July 31 - Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
 Luke 12:13-21

Listen carefully to the voice of the Lord: set your heart on what will last forever. We only fool ourselves if we believe that our possessions will bring us happiness and life. Instead, "grow rich in the sight of the Lord".

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Youth Day in Krakow:

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy"

This week, the universal Church focuses in prayerful solidarity on World Youth Day in Krakow, where WYD's founder, Saint John Paul II, served as archbishop. Its theme coincides with that of Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

Today's Gospel echoes the same theme, as Jesus unites prayer with mercy in "The parable of the persistent friend." Jesus teaches us not only what words to pray, but what deeds must match authentic prayer. How beautifully down-to-earth is Jesus' portrait of a God who can be trusted to do what is best for us. A pesky neighbor disturbs a sleeping friend and disrupts the household. Yet beautiful images unfold.

Persevering prayer receives active, practical mercy in loaves of bread, recalling Luke's unique expression for the Eucharist, "the breaking of bread" (Luke 24:35; Acts 2:42). WYD, the Jubilee, and Jesus thus unite to define perfect prayer as persevering communion with God and unconditional mercy toward our neighbor.

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"The goal of the prayer is of secondary importance; what matters above all is the relationship with the Father, this is what makes the prayer transform the desire and shape it according to the will of God, whatever it may be, because the person who prays first of all aspires to union with God, who is Merciful Love."

Pope Francis
 May 25, 2016

SACRED HEART PARISH

230 North 6th Street, Silt — Sunday Mass at 7:30am

Coffee Hour following Mass on the Third Sunday of Each Month

Ministries for July:	Jim Garland
Extraordinary Ministers (7/31):	Kevin & Kris Erpestad
Lector (7/31):	Wendy Mello
Offertory (7/17):	\$492.00
Attendance (7/17):	?

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:30pm Saturday, July 23

Extraordinary Ministers: Fred Garcia and Rose Fraser

Lector: Lynda Prendergast

Ushers: Meghan Orona

Cantor: Bill Poche and Mike Westhoff

Gifts: Julie Allen and Patsy Noel

Sacristan: Bertha Saville

9:30am Sunday, July 24

Coffee Hour Following Mass Each Sunday

Extraordinary Ministers: Lyle Green, Larry Bernat, Kathy Hill, Eileen Pressler and Tim Jacobs

Lector: Michelle Duran and Kevin Roberts

Ushers: Susan Armstrong and Aaron Hosack

Server: Chloe Duran

Cantor: Mosaic Ensemble

Gifts: Needed

Coffee: Potluck: Maria Alcantar and John & Nan Sowieja

Church Cleaner: Hispanic Community

Money Counters: Monday: Anna Jackett, Jane Whitt, Patsy Noel and Dorothy Zinn

Sacristan: Karla Jacobs

If you are unable to serve as scheduled please find a replacement and notify the Parish Office at 625-5125 x 20 or info@stmaryrifle.com. Thank you.

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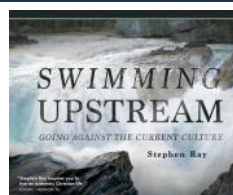
JULY 16 & 17:

Offertory: \$3,688.35

Attendance: July 16: 73 July 17: 154



**SWIMMING UPSTREAM:
 GOING AGAINST THE
 CURRENT CULTURE**



In this empowering talk, Steve Ray shares what it means to be a Christian in today's world. By examining the lives and martyrdoms of the early Christians and understanding how they transformed the pagan Greco-Roman culture, Steve gives us a blueprint for the New Evangelization. Learn from early Christians how to swim upstream against the current culture and become a witness for Christ.