



ST. MARY PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

The final budget for the Our Lady of Guadalupe project is \$13,000. So far \$6,160 has been donated. Drop boxes can be found on the usher tables if you would like to make a contribution to help give Our Lady, Patroness of the Americas, a permanent outdoor home.

RCIA - A Journey of Faith! All adults that need to complete the sacraments of initiation (confirmation and/or Eucharist), or are considering becoming Catholic or would just like to learn more about are Catholic faith, are invited to the upcoming RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) class. Call the Parish Office or email info@stmaryrifle.com to be added to an email list so that more detailed information may be shared. Classes begin in September and meet weekly until Easter.

FAMILY LIFE/YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Fall youth group meeting dates will be September 25... October 9th... October 23rd and every other Sunday following that unless otherwise specified.

High School: Fall 2016 Grades 9-12

August 28: Prepping and running Parish Picnic games for the St. Mary youth, please be at church no later than 1PM to start setting up your game/activity. If you know you'll need supplies, please contact Sophie promptly.

September 11th: 2016/2017 Lifeteen Kick-Off Event, details to be announced closer to the date

Middle School: Fall 2016 Grades 6-8

August 14: The Edge Olympic Games from 4:15PM-5:45PM. Let's kick start this school year with hilarious & friendly competition. Wear your national pride attire and get ready for the zero talent required festivities! Parents, please fill out a registration form for your middle schooler and register them to win a prize blessed by the Pope.

Middle and High Schoolers will be putting on games for the Parish Picnic on August 28th, contact Sophie to coordinate what game or activity you'd like to be in charge of!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

The August edition of the *Religious Education Newsletter*, which can be found in the Information Rack, contains additional information. Grab your copy today!

- Register following all weekend masses during August and also on Wednesday, August 24, at 7:00PM
- Register early, space is limited!
- **Catechists and aides are needed!** Do you need know everything there is to know about the Catholic Church? No, you don't...training, materials and support are provided! Qualifications, must be living a chaste single life or in a marriage recognized by the Church, are Confirmed, love of children and most important love our faith, that's it! We have openings in all age groups, please see Mandie if you are called to this vocation. We need you!

MEETINGS & THINGS

- **Religious Education Enrollment:** After all weekend masses
- **Middle School Youth Group: Sunday, 4:15-5:45pm**
- **Mosaic Ensemble Practice:** Tuesday, 5PM, Church
- **Pro Life Boot Camp:** Saturday, 11AM-4:00PM

Monday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday, Mass is at 7:30AM. This solemnity commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Mary's *end* is the promise of our *beginning*. Mary -- who is the Ark of the New Covenant -- is taken to heaven as a sign of our hope that we, through devout faith "in Christ shall be brought to life." It is a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time.

Tuesday, August 16 there will be a Communion Service at 7:30AM, no Adoration

Upcoming Events - Posters on the bulletin board!

- **August 20: Pro-Life Boot Camp & Adoration, 11-4PM**
 We need volunteers! This high school age and up event has been advertised to participant's all over the region. We want as many people to hear Lynn Grandon's *powerful message regarding the sanctity of life as possible!* Please contact Nan Sowieja (970)379-4528, promptly if you have questions about the event, or are interested in providing childcare or helping with set up & clean up.
- **August 28th:** All parishioners, family and friends are invited to our Parish Picnic and Volunteer Appreciation. There will be a water event for the youth so have them dress accordingly. Burger, hot dogs & tacos provided by the Parish Council and the Maria Auxiliadora Prayer Group. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Join Archbishop Samuel Aquila at a **Year of Mercy, Receive Mercy Penance Service** at St. Stephen Parish in Glenwood Springs on Wednesday, August 17, 7:00-9:00PM. There will be a short prayer service followed by opportunities for individual confession.

Coffee Hour next Sunday is potluck. If you bring a dish to share, please have it plated and ready to serve.

All families planning a quinceañera in 2017 should attend an informational meeting on Sunday, September 11 at 2:00PM.

Do you have an abundance of blooming flowers in your garden that you are willing to share? Please call Mary Valencia at 456-4927 to coordinate the delivery for next weekend.

We are in need of a volunteer to mow the lawn at Sacred Heart. All equipment is supplied! Contact Bob Layman (379-4684) for more information. Thank you to Roberto Gallardo for mowing so far this summer!

In preparation for October, Stewardship month in the Catholic church, our stewardship committees are meeting on August 22 (English) and August 29 (Spanish). If you are interested on serving on this committee please contact Fr. Jose Maria or the Parish Office.

Do you enjoy singing God's praises? Do you like to raise your voice with music? The Mosaic Ensemble and 9:30AM Mass Choir need singers and the Mosaic Ensemble welcomes any instrument! Any male or female, high school age and upwards, are invited to join the choirs. There is no need to read music, just have a love of song in your heart. Join us on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30PM for music and fellowship! Jackie Vazquez (JEVazquez42@aim.com) is the new 9:30AM choir director and Chris Sullivan (chrisjer2@aol.com, 285-7899) continues in that role for the Mosaic Ensemble.

WE PRAY FOR...

Lisa Edwards, 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:** Frank Breslin, Karen Baca, Ernest "Joe" Thompson, 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 AUGUST

Universal: That sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Evangelization: That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.

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

Aug. 13	7:00PM	Magdalena Quezada †
Aug. 14	9:30AM	Daniel Villagrana †
	12:30PM	Adela Briseño †
Aug. 15	7:30AM	George Gerweck †
Aug. 18	7:00PM	Maria Saucedo †

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

EXPANDING THE WORD

ONE PERSON CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH

Asa Kent Jennings was a frail man who wanted to be a Methodist minister, but World War I intervened. Asa joined the Red Cross and was sent to Smyrna, a Christian city on the western coast of Turkey. He arrived just as the Turkish army marched on the city. Foreigners fled, but Asa stayed, along with 350,000 refugees. They were trapped, with the sea to the west and the Turks to the east. The army looted, raped, and killed and then set the city ablaze. American and British warships patrolled off the coast "to observe" but, claiming neutrality, did nothing. Singlehandedly, Asa arranged food supplies. Determined to prevent a massacre, he set out through the combat zone to meet Ataturk, the feared Turkish leader. Amazingly, Ataturk agreed to let Asa find safe passage for the refugees out of Turkey. Asa contacted the Greek government, asking for ships. They were reluctant to respond, wondering who Asa was. As the only American left, Asa boldly identified himself as "the top American official in Smyrna." Asa was put in charge of twenty-six ships that sailed under American flags and picked up the refugees and he spent the next year directing a fleet of fifty-five ships, saving another 1.2 million refugees from certain death. He gained the respect of both Greek and Turkish governments, and they requested that he negotiate prisoner exchanges between the two countries. Asa Jennings' feats have largely been forgotten, especially in the United States. Yet think of all the descendants of those rescued refugees and what good they may have done in this world, just because of Asa Kent Jennings.

Living Stewardship Now

God wants you for some task that only you can do. Don't wait for the "right" moment. Volunteer now.

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READINGS OF THE WEEK

August 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Revelation 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
 Luke 1:39-56

August 16 - Weekday
 Ezekiel 28:1-10 Matthew 19:23-30

August 17 - Weekday
 Ezekiel 34:1-11 Matthew 20:1-16

August 18 - Weekday
 Ezekiel 36:23-28 Matthew 22:1-14

August 19 - Weekday
 Ezekiel 37:1-14 Matthew 22:34-40

August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
 Ezekiel 43:1-7AB Matthew 23:1-12

August 21 - Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30

No one is to be excluded from the kingdom for all peoples are called to proclaim the praises of the Lord and confess his holy name. No ethnic or religious group possesses exclusive right to the kingdom. Suffering and pain are part of the human condition.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This *Jubilee Year of Mercy* bids us share our own experience of Jesus' mercy with those on what Pope Francis calls the "peripheries"—people who feel marginalized, even unwelcome—inviting them to come home. But with all this mercy, why today's mayhem? "Do you think I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). Jesus "breaks down" those "breakups" in painful detail—parents, children, even in-laws. "Against" appears eight times in five verses. Jeremiah faced death for bearing witness (Jeremiah 38:4). Can't we bear at least a small share of the sometimes merciless cost of sharing mercy? The Letter to the Hebrews warns us, keep your "eyes fixed on Jesus" and "so great a cloud of witnesses," lest we "grow weary and lose heart" as we run "the race that lies before us" (Hebrews 12:1-3). After all, "for the sake of the joy that lay before him," Jesus "endured the cross" (12:2). Can't we endure our small crosses for the sake of sharing mercy?

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"Following Jesus entails giving up evil and selfishness and choosing good, truth and justice, even when this demands sacrifice and the renunciation of our own interests. And this indeed divides; as we know, it even cuts the closest ties. However, be careful: it is not Jesus who creates division! He establishes the criterion: whether to live for ourselves or to live for God and for others; to be served or to serve; to obey one's own ego or to obey God."

Pope Francis
 August 18, 2013

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 August:	Mary Layman
Extraordinary Ministers (8/21):	Les & Margaret Simms
Lector (8/21):	Yvette Blanc
Offertory (8/7):	\$786.00
Attendance (8/7):	57

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

4:30pm Saturday, August 20

Extraordinary Ministers: Kay Ilincuta and Karla Jacobs

Lector: Melanie Holmes

Ushers: Julie Allen and Needed

Cantor: Chris Sullivan and Cory Allen

Gifts: Anisa Orona and Mary Valencia

Sacristan: Fred Garcia

9:30am Sunday, August 21

Coffee Hour Following Mass Each Sunday

Extraordinary Ministers: Eileen Pressler, Kathy Hill, Troy Feese, Kim Feese and Eric Miller

Lector: Kevin Roberts and Megan Alstatt

Ushers: Dan Niedbalski and Ida Vazquez

Server: Justin Vazquez

Cantor: Mary Jessup and Lynda Prendergast

Gifts: Jenny Peed Family

Coffee: Potluck: John & Nan Sowieja and Maria Alcantar

Church Cleaner: Hispanic Community

Money Counters: Patricia Ulloa, Rose Fraser and Diane Tilley

Sacristan: Eileen Pressler

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.

STEWARDSHIP

AUGUST 6 & 7:

Offertory: \$8,292.73

Attendance: Aug. 6: 81 Aug. 7: 188



The Necessity of Divine Mercy

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. In this Year of Mercy, discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy.

