



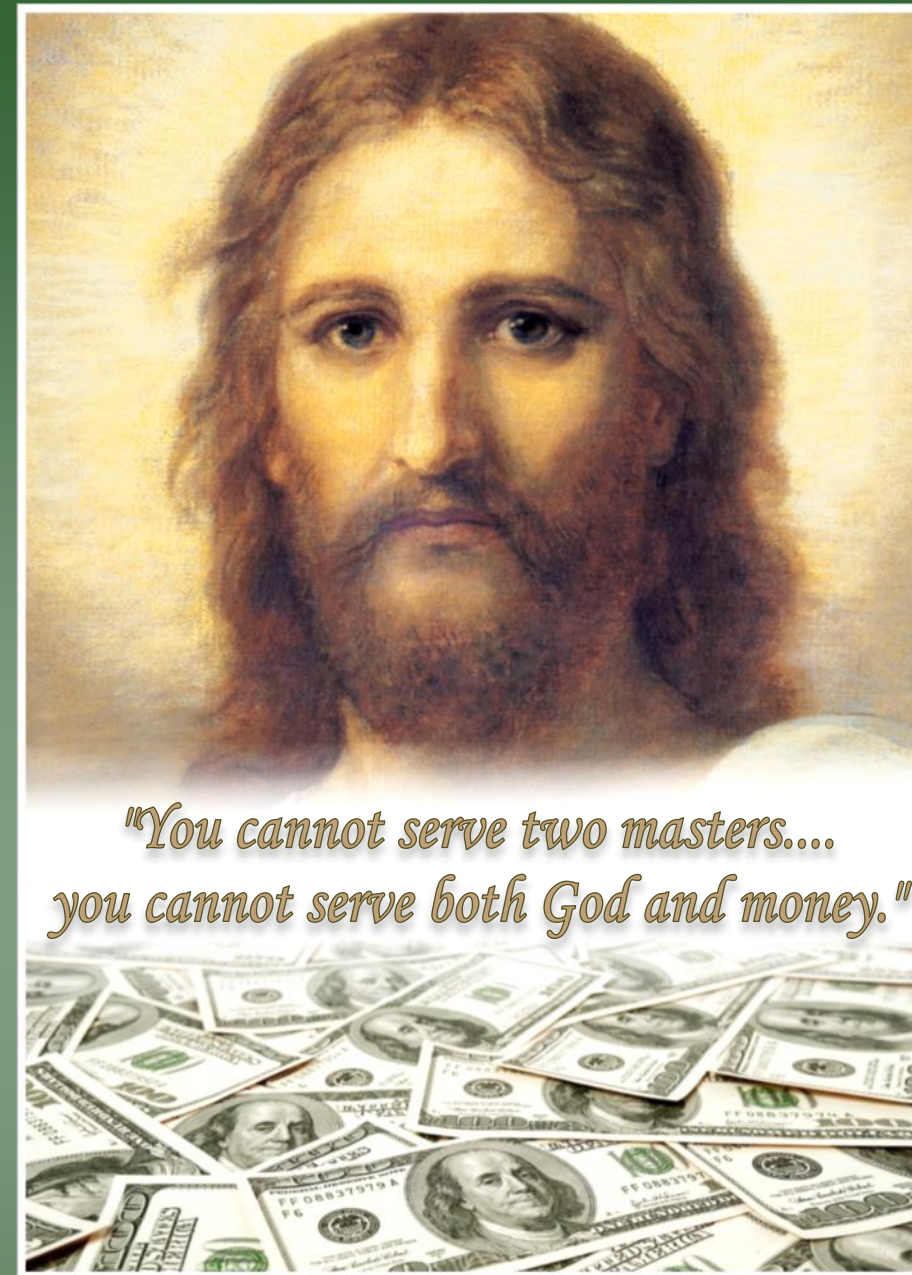
## ST. MARY PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. JoséMaría Quera  
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 • Bulletin - Tuesday Noon  
 • Announcements - Thursday Noon  
 Online: www.stmaryrifle.com, or  
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### Parish & Finance Councils

**Parish Council:**  
 Larry Brady Daniel Bucio  
 Agueda deLeon Bernie Whitman  
**Finance Council:**  
 Dan Niedbalski, Chairperson  
 Allan Cyr Lillian Dahlin  
 Michelle Duran Bob Prendergast  
 Rosie Ruiz



### Liturgical Schedule

See back page for changes to daily Mass schedule for Sept. 19 -23

#### 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

second collection.

Can you help provide transportation to and from the Grand Junction airport? Fr. Raul arrives Fri, Sept. 23 at 2:43PM and departs on Tues, Sept. 27 at 3:10PM. Fr. Devassy arrives Wed. Sept. 28 at 9:22PM and departs on Tues., Oct. 4 at 12:05PM. We also need transportation to and from Sacred Heart on Sunday. If you can help, please contact Karla in the Parish Office.

### FAMILY LIFE/YOUTH MINISTRY INFORMATION

*Youth Ministry Newsletter* can be found in the Info Rack

Youth Group meets: Sept. 25 and Oct. 9 & 23

- *Edge* Middle School: (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade): 4:15pm-5:45pm
- *Lifeteen* High School: (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade): 6:00-7:30pm

Parents please stop-in and complete an emergency contact form when dropping off your child.

### Upcoming Special Events:

**Lifeteen:** Oct. 9 - *Respect Life* 'Baby Shower' to benefit Advocate Safehouse during Coffee Hour and a presentation that evening on healthy relationships.

**Edge:** There is an exciting opportunity for our middle school youth to attend *Mountain Madness* in February. Parents, see the Info Rack for additional information. Registration and a \$45 deposit are due Sun., Oct. 2. Act quick, this Steubenville-type conference fills up fast and we want to claim our spot!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

*Religious Education Newsletter* can be found in the Info Rack

- Classes start next Sunday, Sept. 25! With over 400 students, it is necessary to run two sessions: the morning session runs from 10:45am to Noon. The afternoon session has three different class times.
- Class lists are posted on the bulletin board by the elevator. Please take a moment *this weekend* to find out which time and classroom your child will attend.
- We are still in need of catechists for the 6th grade and RCIC class (grades 6-8) that meet every other afternoon. Without a teacher, these 30+ students will not be able to attend class this year! Won't you answer our prayers and say "yes!"?
- Aides are needed for all afternoon classes. English language learners welcome!
- **Parent Meeting - The final parent meeting is this Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

### MEETINGS & THINGS

- **Parish Bazaar Raffle Tickets:** Available after Mass this weekend!
- **Hispanic Committee/Stewardship:** Sunday, 2:00PM, Hall
- **RCIA (English):** Monday, 6:30PM, Room 4
- **Religious Education Catechist Meeting:** Monday, 7:30PM, Hall
- **Mosaic Ensemble Practice:** Tuesday, 5:00PM, Church
- **Maria Auxiliadora Prayer Group (Spanish):** Tuesday, 7:00PM, Hall
- **Religious Education Parent Meeting:** Wednesday, 7:30PM, Hall.
- **RICA (Spanish):** Friday, 7:00PM, Room 4

Today the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday: "*Prayer: The Faith Prayed*". All parents and catechists will receive a special blessing this weekend. See the bulletin insert!

Do you know that all proceeds from the Parish Bazaar help support youth programs at St. Mary? Helping our youth develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is a mission that all of us must support! How can you help? One way is by purchasing a raffle ticket -- just \$5 for a chance to win cash prizes of over \$500! We'll be selling tickets outside after all Masses this weekend! If you would like to sell tickets to your friends or co-workers, please contact Dan Niedbalski (379-1496), Billie Jansky (625-0199) or Kathie Bernat (625-2381).

No Coffee Hour on Sunday due to the Maria Auxiliadora Prayer Group retreat this weekend.

The week of Sept. 19 there will be communion services in place of all daily masses, and no confession or adoration, as Fr. Jose Maria is visiting his family.

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, Sept. 22 for staff training.

The Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll drive begins next weekend, with proceeds benefiting Special Olympics and other local charities.

October is a busy time in the Church: *Month of the Rosary, Stewardship and Respect Life*:

- We will pray the rosary prior to all weekend masses (after Mass at Sacred Heart). If you would like to lead a rosary at St. Mary please contact Esther Jones (625-8285, easterlily818@gmail.com) and Sue Junge (876-0155) for Sacred Heart.
- Lifeteen Youth Group is organizing a collection to help support survivors of domestic violence. Beginning next weekend please bring donations to help fill the needs on the Advocate Safehouse wishlist: baby items, personal hygiene items, phone cards, City Market & Walmart gift cards & more. Visit advocatesafehouse.org for more ideas or watch the bulletin next weekend. The drive ends on Oct. 9 at a 'baby shower' during Coffee Hour.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - A Journey of Faith!** - Classes are Monday (English) at 6:30pm, or Friday (Spanish) at 7:00PM, both in Room 4. This class is for adults that need to complete the sacraments of confirmation and/or Eucharist, or are considering becoming Catholic, and all those who would just like to learn more about our Catholic faith!

September is a month that the English-speaking community is responsible for cleaning the church for the weekend Masses. If you have a couple of hours to spare for this important ministry on Friday or Saturday morning, please contact Joe Skelly (281-474-7650).

Fr. Raul Perez from Cross Catholic Outreach will join us next weekend. CCO is a relief and development ministry that provides food, shelter, medical care, water and other services to the poorest of the poor in dioceses around the world in the name of Christ. There is no second collection this weekend. Oct. 1/2 Fr. Devassy Painadath from the Rogationist Fathers of the Heart of Jesus will visit our parishes. This order is dedicated to praying for and nurturing vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend there will be a



## WE PRAY FOR...

Dorothy Ceremuga, Linda Como, Rick & LuAnna Kuester, Zack Sowieja & family, Ruben Quintero, Marilyn Bryan, 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, 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, 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, Ed Andzel, 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 SEPTEMBER

**Universal:** That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

**Evangelization:** That by participating in the Sacraments and mediating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

## 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

Sept. 17 7:00PM Santa Ma Carbajal ✠  
 Sept. 18 9:30AM Jo & Teddy Diaz ✠  
 12:30PM Mercedes Solano ✠

To request a Mass intention, please make your request after Mass in the sacristy.

## EXPANDING THE WORD

### BE QUICK ABOUT IT

In the time of Jesus wealthy merchants and landowners often appointed managers to look after their day-to-day business affairs. Jesus tells the story in today's Gospel about just such a manager or steward, who is about to be dismissed because he has been careless and wasteful with his master's property. The manager acts very quickly to ingratiate himself with his master's debtors, all of whom will then owe him favors when he is out of a job and is either too weak or too embarrassed to do more humble labor to support himself. The master compliments the dishonest steward, because he knows that the new promissory notes reflect what the debtors actually owe him, minus the extra charges the steward would previously have skimmed off for himself. This underlines the fact that the master in this story is just as dishonest as the manager, because he is aware of the graft and has silently permitted it. Is it surprising that Jesus asks us—whom he calls "the children of light" (Luke 16:8)—to be just as shrewd as these dishonest men? Not really. Jesus makes it very clear that he wants us to be as sharp-witted and quick to act as the dishonest steward and his boss with what our heavenly Father entrusts to us, whether it is property, personal abilities, money, health, or life itself. In other words, Jesus is praising the steward's method, not his purpose. What Jesus wants us to see is that the real enemy of discipleship is not unbelief but laziness—the constant postponing of full commitment to the life of faith and what that calls us to be and do. Imagine what could happen if we all began right now to use all the blessings God has given us in order to build up God's kingdom!

#### *Living Stewardship Now*

Decide which ministries and charities you will give your time and skills to in the year ahead. Call, e-mail, or fill out a card to sign up. Keep track of your commitment, week by week.

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## READINGS OF THE WEEK

### September 19 - Weekday

Proverbs 3:27-34 Luke 8:16-18

### September 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 Luke 8:19-21

### September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle and evangelist

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:9-13

### September 22 - Weekday

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 Luke 9:7-9

### September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 Luke 9:18-22

### September 24 - Weekday

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 Luke 9:43B-45

### September 25 - Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1A, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Amos condemns the complacency of the rich who seek only their own comfort. In his parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus echoes Amos, exhorting those who have to share with those who have not. Self-sufficiency must never blind us to the needs of others. Only in this way do we keep God's commandments in integrity and in truth.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mercy is one thing, malpractice quite another. Why, then, does the defrauded master in Jesus' parable praise the devious steward? Jesus shows by example how to sanctify material goods: by placing all our resources, indeed our very selves, at the service of others. No matter how costly such service, or how minimal the return, such charity is the wisest investment, yielding a reward that is literally out of this world.

For Amos and Jesus, authentic worship of God demands practical charity toward our neighbor. Paul, too, declares that the only worship acceptable to God is offered by a community rich in charity. Liturgy must be matched to life, "lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument" (1 Timothy 2:8). This Jubilee Year of Mercy challenges us to live as "children of light," as devoted to self-sacrificing service as "the children of this world" (Luke 16:8) are to serving themselves, as enthusiastic for God's kingdom of justice as we are about less-enduring treasures.

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*"Money is not "dishonest" in itself, but more than anything else it can close man in a blind egocentrism. it therefore concerns a type of work of "conversion" of economic goods: instead of using them only for self-interest, it is also necessary to think of the needs of the poor, imitating Christ himself, who, as St Paul wrote: "though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich"."* (II Cor 8: 9).

Pope Benedict XVI  
September 23, 2007

## 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 September: Sue Junge  
 Extraordinary Ministers (9/25): Tom & Sue Junge  
 Lector (9/25): Sue Junge  
 Offertory (9/11): \$808.00  
 Attendance (9/11): 48

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### 4:30pm Saturday, September 24

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Fred Garcia and Karla Jacobs  
**Lector:** Melanie Holmes  
**Ushers:** Needed  
**Cantor:** Anna Bagley  
**Gifts:** Halie & Billy Holmes  
**Sacristan:** Bertha Saville

### 9:30am Sunday, September 25

*Coffee Hour following Mass*

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Eric Miller, Harry Kissell, Larry Brady, Mickie Hosack and Tim Jacobs  
**Lector:** Lynda Prendergast and Julie Burner  
**Ushers:** Dan Niedbalski and Daniel Urenda  
**Server:** Luke Duran  
**Cantor:** Mosaic Ensemble  
**Gifts:** Eric & Holly Miller  
**Coffee:** Harold & Bernie Piper and Susan Armstrong  
**Church Cleaner:** Needed - Please contact Joe Skelly

**Money Counters:** Patricia Ulloa, Lucy Wolff and Art Dahl

**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.

## STEWARDSHIP

### SEPTEMBER 10 & 11:

Offertory: \$4,878.82  
 Guadalupe Project: \$759.56  
 Attendance: Sept. 10: 85 Sept. 11: 212



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### How Will You Remember?

Creating a will is one of the most important ways to record and remember what matters most to you—personally, financially and spiritually. It is an opportunity to make perhaps the most significant charitable gifts of your lifetime to strengthen St. Mary Rifle Parish Fund and the Catholic Community. We are so grateful to the many who have gone before us and also those who have chosen to remember us in their wills. St. Mary Rifle Parish Fund partners with The Catholic Foundation to provide for our future financial needs. Please consider making a gift or designating a bequest in your will for our fund at The Catholic Foundation. To learn more, please contact Jean Finegan at The Catholic Foundation at 303.468.9885 or visit their website at [www.TheCatholicFoundation.com](http://www.TheCatholicFoundation.com).