

Getting to Know the Readings—Fear Not

The uncontrollable forces of nature cause uncontrollable fear. Illness is an inconvenience. If we cannot overcome it, it can make us fear the future. A natural disaster can cause destruction and harm. If we cannot control it, we fear it could happen again.

We experience fear when we do not understand the sources of infirmity, or when we cannot control the future.

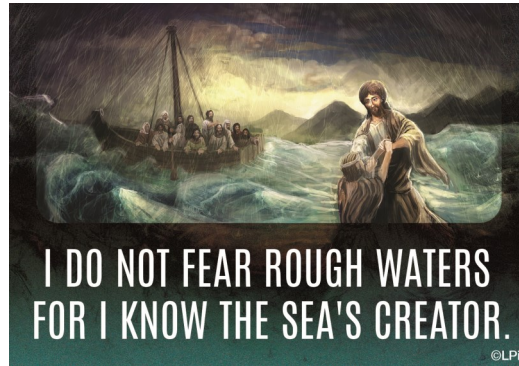
God spoke through Isaiah to Israel, “Fear not.” The blind, the deaf, the lame, and the mute suffered uncontrollable infirmities. But God is stronger than disability, and God is coming to save.

The desert yielded no water. It offered no chance for crops to grow or life to thrive. But God is stronger than death, and God is coming to save.

In moments of fear, it may help to remember the source of our strength. God is the author of creation. God is our destiny in redemption. All creation suffers weakness, and imperfection causes fear. But creation is not equal to the Creator. The Creator knows no weakness. The Creator knows no fear.

The fear we feel need not overpower us. The one who made us, sustains us, and calls us home gives us strength when we are weak.

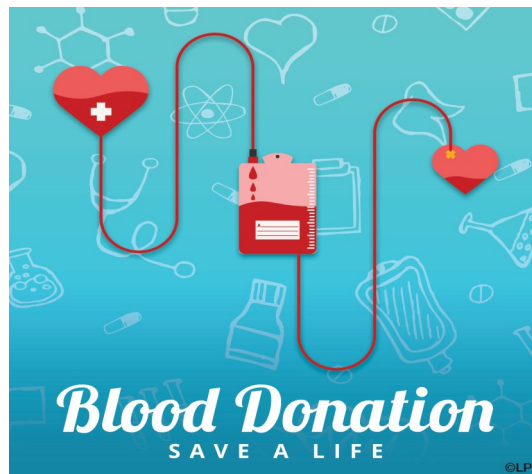
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TERRE HAUTE CATHOLIC PARISHES COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

When: Thursday, September 26
Time: 2:45PM—6:00PM
Where: Sacred Heart Church
(Holy Family Center)
2322 N. 13 ½ Street

Book Appointments at:
https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/165058



Saint Mary's Village Church
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September 8, 2024
Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time



Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 am

Parish Life Coordinator
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Connie Fitch
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We welcome new members. To enroll, call the Parish Office or contact Connie Fitch.

Coordinator of Religious Education
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Sacramental Minister
Fr. Darvin Winters

Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays from 4—4:20 pm at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

Mass Intentions

September 8 Nidia Iris Carrasquillo
by Frances Faulkner

September 15 In Honor of Rose Marie Meehan
by Jane Frazier

Five Finger Prayer

We hear in today's Gospel of Jesus using his finger to heal the deaf man. Pope Francis created a 5-Finger prayer where each finger has a specific intention.



- Thumb: Pray for those closest to you.
- Index Finger: Pray for those who heal, instruct, and teach you, that God may help them as they direct others.
- Middle Finger: Pray for those in authority, like our government leaders, that God may guide them.
- Ring Finger: Pray for the weak among us—the poor, the sick, the excluded, and those facing other difficulties.
- Pinkie Finger: Pray for yourself. It is easier to pray for your needs once you have prayed for the other four areas.

Mass at Maryvale



Mass for the Residents will be Friday, September 20 at 10 am if you would like to join us at Maryvale.

Game Night!

Please note date change. If you are live nearby, come for a night of fun and games on Friday, **September 20** at 7pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Holy Family Center, 2322 1/2 N 13th St. Bring your favorite board game or card game along with a snack to share and meet other Catholics in our community. Hope to see you there!



Finance Report

	September 1	Budgeted
Sunday Collection	\$ 2092	\$ 2,308
Galvin Hall	\$ 432	\$ 115
Cemetery	\$ 445	

Please Pray For Our Loved Ones

David Auterson	Roy Lucas
Regina Crowell	Joe Mangia
Ray Edwards	Clara Maywell
Jane Frazier	Tony Perrelle Jr.
John Heck	Dorene Rude
Barbara Hoffman	Dick Stultz
Jonnie Hooper	Jeanette Stultz
Sr. Jane Iannaccone	Joe Vest
Terry Jatczak	Lou Ann Wake
John Kirkham	

Blue Mass 9/11

The "Blue Mass" is a tradition where the Police, Fire and EMS Responder personnel gather for a special celebration and blessing for their work on behalf of the community. Please join our community on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm in St. Patrick Church, 1807 Poplar Street. It is particularly fitting that we honor these men and women on the day that so many gave their lives for us.



Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,

What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages.

Bless our grandparents, today and always.

Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight.

Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.

Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations.

Amen.

Ministries

Date	September 8	September 15
Lector	Edie Breneman	Patty Curley
Server	Lane Norton	Dallas Thralls
Gift Bearers	Sally Rice	Richey Family
Ushers	Matt Breneman Nick Savant	Bob Curley Matt Meyers
EMs	Pam Norris MaryLu Thralls	Carol Cummings Lana Thralls
Counters	Kay & Terry Jatczak	Patty Curley Colleen Meyers
Cleaners	Marlene & Chris Smithson	