Our Mission: To be disciples who know, love and serve God.



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IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11

Please take time today to remember all the innocent lives taken away in this country's worst act of terrorism. Please pray for those families and friends and all those that were and continue to be impacted by the loss of their loved ones. Pray for those families and friends that have a loved one overseas. Pray for the soldiers who are defending our country. Don't ever forget to thank them for their bravery and their sacrifice. Pray that God will help mend the



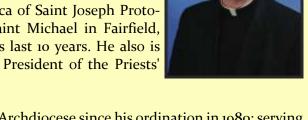
broken hearts and help protect and heal our nation that it so desperately needs.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

NEW PASTOR

Fr. Bill Hammer

Please welcome Fr. William "Bill" Hammer as our new Pastor at St. Margaret Mary starting October 15, 2015. Fr. Bill comes to us from his current assignment as Pastor of the Basilica of Saint Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown and Pastor of Saint Michael in Fairfield, Kentucky where he has been assigned this last 10 years. He also is currently serving his second term as the President of the Priests' Council.



Fr. Bill has served in many roles within our Archdiocese since his ordination in 1980; serving as Pastor of St. Gabriel, Director of the Office of Ecumenism, Director of Continuing Education for Clergy, Co-Chaplain of St. Xavier High School and Associate Pastor of the Cathedral of the Assumption to name the highlights.

Fr. Bill is an original Louisville native, growing up in St. Matthews. He frequently visits our city to see his many family members. He is looking forward to serving St. Margaret Mary and helping our community move forward and grow even stronger in our faith.

We thank Fr. Bill for saying yes to serving us during this difficult time. I have no doubts that the pastoral strengths and skills he possess will serve us so well now and into the future.

NEW SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

Melissa Swigart

Melissa is originally from Shepherdsville, Kentucky where she attended St. Aloysius school. She currently lives in Mt. Washington with her husband, Jason, her 2-year-old daughter Natalie, and their family's basset hound named Hambone.

Melissa has spent the last ten years working in banking, until she decided to leave and pursue a new opportunity and for the chance to spend more time with her beloved family.



When she's not working at SMM, Melissa enjoys her time reading, writing, doing crafts, obsessing over all University of Kentucky sports, and being a loyal fan to the Indianapolis Colts football team.

If you happen to see Melissa, please welcome her!

NEW PROGRAMMING - L.I.F.T.

Living In Faith Together

NEW SUNDAY NIGHT

PROGRAMMING!

"It is very important to reaffirm the family which

remains the essential cell of society and the Church." -Pope Francis



With Pope Francis' quote in mind, we are shifting some of our programming to be more family friendly. Did you know that additional formation programs will be offered on Sunday evenings? We have formation programs for parents, men, women, youth and children! The purpose of this shift is to streamline activities for all members of the family at the same time.

Our new programming kicks off SUNDAY September 13th!

Join us for 5:00 Mass, then get a variety of "Grab'n'Go" meals each week. After we share food together, you can participate in a program of your choosing.

- SMM Kids
 - Nursery (ages 0-2)
 - Preschool (ages 3-6)
 - Elementary (1st-5th Grades)
 - Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.) will also meet at this time.
- Youth and Young Adults
 - Parish Religious Education Program (grades 6-8)
 - Youth Bible Study
 - Youth Social Nights
- Adults- programs for parents, men and women
 - o Adult Bible Study
 - M.O.V.E.
 - CRHP small groups
 - RCIA, and more!

We are **VERY** excited for this wonderful shift in programming, as we hope you are too! Our goal is to purposely keep the family together while providing excellent formation opportunities for all family members.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING!

Much like our Sunday Night Programming shift, we'll also be providing formation opportunities for the WHOLE family on Wednesday nights! There will be refreshments and light snacks before and during the meetings.

- Youth Ministry
 - o Different Small Groups on Wednesdays
 - Many other activities to arrive!
- Adults
 - Wine For Your Soul

- Women's Wednesday
- o a Parenting Study
- Knights of Columbus
- o Bible Study groups
- Plus more!

There is certainly more to come! We hope to see you all there and excited to start Living In Faith Together (L.I.F.T.)

GRAB 'N' GO

L.I.F.T. Meals

The kick off for our new Sunday night programming begins September 13th. After the 5:00 Mass, a quick "grab 'n' go" meal will be offered each Sunday. It will vary each week but the cost will always be \$5.00 or less. For our kick-off Sunday meal, for only \$5.00, we will be offering:



Our Grab 'n' Go Meals is an opportunity for community for our parish; A time for families, individuals, friends, and couples to connect around a meal.

Be sure to check the bulletin and our digital signs (Parish Entry/Church Hallway) each week to see what will be offered at L.I.F.T.

HELPING HANDS

A St. Margaret Mary Parish Community Event

WE DID IT!!!

A **HUGE** thank you to my amazing Helping Hands team: Anne Burnham Michelle Henderson Angie Tobias

Shelly Warms



Without them the 1st Annual Parish Wide Service Project would not have been possible. Thank you to all of you who contributed money and time to this worth while event. We packaged well over **43,056 meals** with the help of over **350 volunteers**! This fed over many hungry people in Burkina Faso, Africa.

Thank you, thank you for your amazing generosity!

- Julie Henderson

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our teens are very passionate about youth ministry at St. Margaret Mary. An important part of our youth ministry is community. Each Sunday teens are invited to attend the 5pm mass and sit and worship together. Youth leadership is also a major part of youth ministry. We believe that our teens have unique gifts to share with our parish. All teens are encouraged to serve at the mass as a lector, usher and greeter, alter server, communion minister or cantor. To learn more, call **Janet Angus at 690-2833.**

Did you know?

To give a more youthful sound to the liturgy, there will be extra musicians playing guitar, etc. at the 5pm mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month. If you are willing to share your musical talent (singing or playing instruments) at the 5pm Sunday mass, reach out to Brenda Harrison at <u>bharrison@stmm.org</u>. We hope you attend the 5pm mass and celebrate the Eucharist with us!

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Mark Your Calendars

Q: What's happening this fall?A: Teen Youth Nights & Bible Studies, of course!September 13th marks our "Youth Night" kick-off gathering following the



5 p.m. Sunday liturgy! Teens (high school freshmen through seniors) are welcome to come and join our community. We will be hosting youth nights twice a month on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Spirituality Center.

Be sure to mark these on your calendar!

Teens are also encouraged to participate in a new and exciting bible study this fall called, Acts: The Keys and the Sword.

What does the Acts of the Apostles have to say to the average teen?

A lot, it turns out. Teens today face peer pressure, bullying, and living in a world that is often hostile to their faith. In Acts we see a young Church that faced remarkably similar struggles. More importantly, we see how the first Christians overcame these difficulties. They succeeded not because they were the best-dressed, had the most money, or had the most "friends" in their social networks, but because, united in their love for God, they found the courage to live the Faith.

Registration for Acts: The Keys and the Sword Bible Study and Revelation (upcoming spring bible study) is open now! The registration deadline is September 27th. Fill out the form linked below and return it to the Parish Office. Come join the fun!

REGISTRATION FORM

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Janet Angus at 502-690-2833 or at *jangus@stmm.org*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

STEP BY STEP

Students Making a Difference Step by Step

The Step by Step Student Stewardship program is designed to teach our students at SMM that no one is too young to make a difference. Students will learn about our call to stewardship and the Christian way of life.



Step by Step is run by parent and grandparent volunteers who work in conjunction with the teachers and the parish to reinforce the idea of stewardship. Volunteers begin each year educating students about stewardship and the needs within our community.

After conducting a meeting with the students, the volunteers plan the service project or projects for the year. Many of these projects have been implemented over the past several years and are now simply duplicated or new ideas can be introduced.

Each grade has its own focus for volunteering their time. The idea behind the various foci is to expose our students to as many volunteer opportunities as possible while they are students at SMM. Volunteers help coordinate a service project within each focus area.

- Kindergarten Activity Ronald McDonald House
 - Kindergarten Introduction to Stewardship
- First Grade Hungry and Needy
 - First Grade Activity Dare to Care
- Second Grade Environment and Literacy
 - o Second Grade Activity Aluminum Can Collection/Grounds Cleanup
- Third Grade Sick and Disabled
 - o Third Grade Activity Visits to St. Anne's
- Fourth Grade Elderly
 - o Fourth Grade Activity Visits to Elder Care Facilities
- Fifth Grade Babies, Children and Mom

- Fifth Grade Activity Kid's Cafe 0
- Sixth Grade Literacy & Homeless ٠
 - Sixth Grade Activity Homeless Shelter Visits and visits to learning centers 0
- Seventh Grade Refugees and Veterans ٠
 - Seventh Grade Activity Refugee services with Catholic Charities 0
- Eighth Grade Students work towards Confirmation hours only ٠

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this worthwhile committee. Parents spend time meeting with the students and organizing the chosen activities. For more information about the program or to be involved in its success, please contact Stephanie Singleton at kyfilly31@hotmail.com or Jennifer Peterson at jenannpeterson@gmail.com.

Click on the link below to fill out the short form for your child to participate in the Step By Step Program. Please print and return it to the Parish Office.

Step By Step Program Form

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PARENT MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE CAFETERIA



Gather The Children is a program that allows children, ages kindergarten to 2nd grade

Join us for a fun filled program designed especto interact with each other, their teacher, and for preschool aged children (3-5 years old) to t with Christ as they learn about God's Word at a them about the good news of God through sc "kid-friendly" level during the Liturgy of the Word stories, crafts, and games. It will be held Sun at Sunday Mass.

during the 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. mass ar Children are called for dismissal during regular 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. They starts September 20th. return to sit with their families after the homily at

Questions?

offertory time. Children gather for a blessing at Contact Erin Bukowski at *ebukowski@twc.c* the alter before being dismissed. or Katie Harris at *katelyn.harris@twc.con* No prior sign up for children is required to join.

volunteering for Sunday School. Feel free to sign up for one or more times that is convenient for you. Thank you

Kids that are new to St. Margaret Mary or are Please click *here* if you're interested in visiting are more than welcome to join! **Gather**

The Children begins September 13th.

For more info contact Brandan Holbrook at bholbrook@stmm.org

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade who do not attend Catholic school where daily religion classes are taught are invited to learn

about the richness of our Catholic faith through our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). In PREP students are introduced to the teachings of the Church, Scripture and Christ. All classes are taught by trained catechists each Sunday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. PREP begins **September 13th** with a fee of \$40 per child.

If financial assistance is needed, please inquire with Brandan Holbrook, Children's Formation Coordinator at <u>bholbrook@stmm.org</u>

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GRIEF RELIEF

What's Your Grief? Blog

Many types of losses are capable of causing complicated emotions, difficulties in daily functioning and impairment in one's ability to move forward. These losses are often significant enough to require a decent amount of processing and, just like after a death, grievers often view their lives in terms of before and after the loss. Here's a brief list of events that can evoke feelings of loss and grief:

Illness or Injury	Incarceration	Infertility
Shift or weakening of the	Marital discord	Empty nest
family/support system	Divorce	Substance abuse
Loss of employment or other role	Separation	Addiction
Abuse	Being the victim of a crime	Rehabilitation
Trauma	Mental Illness	Life transition
Exposure to death or trauma	Dementia	Estrangement
Loss of home	Serious illness	

These events, many of them losses themselves, can have a profound impact on one's emotional well being and may cause individuals to experience grief due to loss of security, hopes, dreams, innocence, independence, health and/or mobility, comfort, community, connection, love, intimacy, immortality, trust, and faith. Grief may also be felt due to shifts in one's self-perception, identity, purpose, or worldview.

I don't think that one can fully understand grief until they expand their definition to be inclusive of all types of loss. First, because losses need to be dealt with before they start piling on. Next, many of these losses occur as secondary losses after a death so it's important to understand how dynamic our situations might become when we have multiple losses to reconcile. Furthermore, new losses can drudge up emotions related to old losses, while old losses can magnify and complicate our ability to deal with new losses. And you thought my logic statements were complicated!

Heck, let me complicate things a little further by pointing out that most people aren't sure which losses are 'worthy' or 'significant' enough to be grieved resulting in:

- A lack of support from friends, family and society who don't understand the significance of the loss
- A grievers uncertainty about whether they have the right to grieve
- Feelings of being misunderstood, unsupported, disenfranchised, etc
- Improperly dealing with losses through avoidance, negative coping, etc.

Taking the time to deal with grief is a luxury for many so when a loss is ambiguous it often doesn't even get acknowledged. Unfortunately many of the circumstances that lead to loss are complicated - job loss, divorce, illness - one needs to navigate paying bills, details, legalities, treatments, etc. Keep swimming, stay afloat, who can worry about anything else? But we can't always out swim our losses and leftover feelings of sadness, anger, regret, guilt, and anxiety loom ominously in the dark and murky water.

WHEN GRIEVING A LOSS...

1. I acknowledge I have the right to grieve this loss. My FEELINGS TOWARDS THE PERSON OR THING(S) I'VE LOST ARE REAL, SIGNIFICANT, AND NO LESS IMPORTANT THAN ANYONE ELSE'S. 2. I acknowledge that my grief and I deserve the time and SPACE NEEDED TO PROCESS AND DEAL WITH THE LOSS. I WILL NOT LET OTHERS MINIMIZE THIS NEED OR DEPRIVE ME OF MY RIGHT TO GRIEVE. 3. I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE OTHERS WHO ARE GRIEVING SIMILAR LOSSES. I WILL BE OPEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF RECEIVING SUPPORT FROM THOSE WHO HAVE HAD SIMILAR EXPERIENCES. 4. I acknowledge I have the right to rituals honoring and REMEMBERING MY DECEASED LOVED ONES AND OTHER LOSSES. 5. I choose to be supported by those who validate my loss and support me in my grief. I choose not to engage with those who BELITTLE ME AND TREAT MY FEELING AS INVALID. 6. MY LOSS IS REAL AND I MUST FIND PERSONAL WAYS TO EXPLORE AND EXPRESS MY GRIEF AND EMOTION.

7. I'll take what I've learned from my own grief and loss and strive to show sensitivity towards the grief and loss experience of others.

Litsa and I created an oath a while back for a class we've been conducting on loss with individuals experiencing homelessness in Baltimore City. I know, an oath is kind of cheesy. If you prefer to think of it as a contract or a promise to yourself, go for it. The only thing I want is for you to remember that you are entitled to grieve your losses, but it is up to them to identify these losses and to take the time and space you need to deal with them. As we've said, those around you may

not understand which losses are apt to impact you and to trigger complicated emotions, so if you want support and understanding from others you may need to tell them so.

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FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

CRHP RETREAT

Christ Renews His Parish

A Renewal Experience at St. Margaret Mary Fall

2015 Women's Retreat: September 12/13 Men's Retreat: September 26/27



The Christ Renews His Parish Retreat, also known as CRHP, is a retreat put on by parishioners (men for men and women for women) who come together to:

- Relax, pray and re-think priorities.
- Get to know others in the parish and grow as a community.
- Examine, rediscover, and/or intensify your personal relationship with Christ.
- Reflect and share about spiritual and real life issues.

Over 150 SMM parishinors have attend CRHP retreats and we would like to see you there. The retreat is held within the parish and school buildings. It begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday and ends at approx. 4 p.m. on Sunday. Each retreat is limited to 30 participants, so register soon!

Click the links below to REGISTER or for MORE INFO <u>Register Now - Women's Retreat (Sept. 12/13)</u> <u>Register Now - Men's Retreat (Sept. 26/27)</u>

If you have questions about the CRHP retreats please contact **Wes** or **Julie Henderson** at **502-419-7949** | *juliehenderson7boys@yahoo.com*

If you have questions on how to register, please contact: Women's Retreat - Angela Tobias 502-489-1959 | <u>tobiasfamily04@gmail.com</u> Men's Retreat - Chris Rittmuller 502-727-1940 | <u>crittmuller@gmail.com</u>

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults calls newcomers to enter into a journey with us in our life-long journey to conversion. Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, and even your enemies to come learn about how we worship and pray to our God, and his son Jesus. There is no commitment or obligation required until or unless they decide to pursue the catholic religion and become members, and they are frees to walk away at any time.

The rite has four periods during which one learns about the Catholic use of symbols, scripture, prayer, and our views on moral issues, social justice, doctrine, church structure, community, and how we strive to weave the relationship of these concepts into daily living.

Our parish mission is to be disciples who know, love, and serve God. A discipleship modeled on Christ's life and teachings. Come and journey into the mystery of God with us.

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13TH

ARCHDIOCESE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



Save the date! The first Catholic Women's Conference in the Archdiocese of Louisville will take place on Sunday, **November 7, 2015** at St. Patrick Church. Ladies, invite your friends and join hundreds of Catholic women for prayer, great speakers, and celebration! Please follow our webpage at <u>www.cwclouisville.net</u> for more information and "like" us on Facebook (cwclouisville) to receive updates as plans unfold.

CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFT OF MUSIC



Friday, September 18th St. Margaret Mary, 7:30 p.m.

Come join us in Celebrating God's Gift of Music featuring the newly installed Schantz Pipe Organ, Festival Choir and instruments. Sponsored by Louisville Chapters of American Guild of Organists and National Association of Pastoral Musicians; and Miller Organ Company.

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M.O.V.E. BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13TH

7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. IN HOSPITALITY ROOM!

Men of Virtue & Excellence Community refreshments available after 5 p.m. mass. Video begins at 7:00. Beginning this Fall we will be presenting and

discussing Fr. Robert Barron's Priest, Prophet, King series. The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves. But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah?

In Priest, Prophet, King, you'll discover Jesus as the Anointed One - the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Father Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament.

Through this deeply biblical program, you will better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission, received when you are baptized "into Christ." No need to sign up, just show up on September 13.

Contact Michael Bartley, *michael.f.bartley@gmail.com* or 502-271-7230 with any questions.

MenT.O.R.S.

First MenT.O.R.S. Meeting 2015-2016 School Year

The MenT.O.R.S. Program (created by STMM fathers)will hold its first meeting of the 2015-16 school year on September 13th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Church following 5 pm Mass. With so many successes, memorable



moments and discussions from last year...this year promises to be even better. This program is for 4th - 8th grade Fathers and Sons, however our first meeting in September is open to all



families (moms and daughters too).

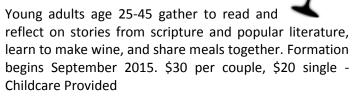
This will be our most important MenT.O.R.S. meeting to date! Our topic for the September meeting is How Adversity Can Create Opportunity! We'll discuss moving forward and how we can turn our concerns and fears into a defining moment for our families, our community, and our parish. It's time to talk about being part of the solution. It is time for the next step towards positive resolution.

Mentors are needed now more than ever. This is our moment. Now we must use it to become better than we have ever been. It starts with fellowship and participation. Be present. We need you, this parish needs you!

RSVP to the September meeting by emailing <u>mentorsprogramstmm@gmail.com</u> For questions, contact Eric Thomas at 718-1776. *Snacks will be provided.

WINE FOR YOUR SOUL

Scripture, Wine-making, Community



Group 1

Meets 1st Wednesday of the Month | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Contact: Laura & Matt Hammond | 502-438-0276

Group 2

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the Month | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m Contact: Kathy & Bernie Schum | 502-931-8046

WINE & CHEESE

Wine and cheese will be served in the Hospitality Room after the 5 o'clock Mass on **Saturday, Sept. 19th**.



There will be red and white wine and a variety of cheese and crackers. There will be punch for the children.

Please come and get to know other SMM parishioners or spend time with old friends.

LUKE: THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S MERCY

Join us for 5 weeks to explore the Gospel of Luke offered in this Bible study. The over-riding message of the book of Luke, that God has acted through Jesus Christ to meet our deepest needs and so much more. Bring a Bible and attend mornings or evenings. All are welcome.

DATES BELOW:

Sunday's 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Meeting Rm A/B September 20th, 27th, October 4th, 11th, 18th
Tuesday's 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Spirituality Center September 22nd, 29th ; October 6th, 13th, 20th



Please contact Kathleen Mitchell to register: <u>krmitchell730@yahoo.com</u> | 865-776-1223

COUPLES BIBLE STUDY

Join Deacon Derrick and Mistianna Barnes as they explore "Exploring Gods Plan for Marriage" by The Word Among Us. Come strengthen and renew your marriage, by participating in a couple's bible study at SMM this fall. The couple's bible study will meet every other week on Wednesday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Spirituality Center.



The dates of the study are September 23rd, October 7th, October 21st, November 4th, November 18th, and Dec 9th; with a celebration Mass and dinner on December 16th.

Both the newly married and those having been married a long time are invited to attend. The cost of the study is \$10 per couple. Couples can register at SMM in the parish office. Space is limited. Childcare will be provided.

For more information, contact Mistianna at 502-544-2193 or *mistianna.barnes@gmail.com*

CATHOLIC EVANGELIZATION OUTREACH CEO

This October we will launch an exciting new evangelization initiative called Catholic Evangelization Outreach or "CEO" for short. CEO is the brain child of Pete Mathison, a parishioner from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Pete asked God how he was being called to serve and God answered.



CEO is a "Christ-centered, lay-driven, grass roots ministry" organized

and presented by ordinary people for ordinary people. In 2014 Donna Lang introduced CEO to formation leadership here at St. Margaret Mary.

The purpose of CEO is for lay people to share their experience of how God has moved in their lives to bring them into a personal relationship with Him. Each event features a guest speaker, who offers a compelling witness. Our first CEO event will feature Donna Lang. After many years of searching and questioning, Donna experienced a conversion of heart that has absolutely transformed her life.

"What is missing from my life..."

Join us on **Sunday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m.** for a compelling message and witness to God's transforming love. All are invited!

If you want to learn more about CEO, please contact Lou Steier or Donna Lang at <u>ceo@stmm.org</u>

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Be sure to pick up a copy of this week's bulletin in church or the parish office! If you have anything you would like to be included in the monthly newsletter or the weekly bulletin, please email Laurel Morris, (<u>Imorris@stmm.org</u>) to find out if your article can be included.

Thanks and God bless,

~ Parish Staff