



# St. Mary's Catholic Church

Located at the Corner of First & Polk in Moscow & 138 Jackson St. in Genesee

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Aug 18, 2024

## “I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE” Jn 6:35

This Sunday's Gospel (Jn 6:51-58) concludes the bread of discourse. The chapter (Jn 6) opens with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the feeding of the multitude (5000+). There was a boy at the scene. On perceiving the problem of feeding so many hungry people, he shared the little he had brought with him: five loaves and two fish (Jn 6:9). The miracle was not worked from nothing, but from a first modest sharing of what a little boy had brought with him. Jesus does not ask us for what we do not have. Rather, he makes us see that if each person offers the little, the miracle can always be repeated. God can multiply our small acts of love and make us share in his bountiful gift.

At Capernaum, Jesus teaches: “Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you” (Jn 6:27). Moses gave Israel manna, the bread from heaven with which God himself had nourished his people. Jesus does not give something, he gives himself. He is the true bread, that which comes down from heaven. He is the living Word of the Father; in the encounter with him we meet the living God.

“What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” (Jn 6:28), the crowd asks, ready to act in order to perpetuate the miracle of the loaves. But Jesus, the true bread of life that satisfies our hunger for meaning and for truth, cannot be “earned” with human work; he comes to us only as a gift of God's love, as a work of God to be asked for and received. (Pope Benedict XVI) The only work demanded of us is faith in Jesus.

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<https://queenofallhearts.com/2024/04/17/i-am-the-bread-of-life-what-is-jesus->

### This Week at St. Mary's Church

Mon.	Aug. 19	8:00 am Mass (†Jean Kathryn Balogh) 8:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
Tues.	Aug. 20	8:00 am Mass (†Geraldine Weber) 4:30 pm Adoration & Confession 5:30 pm Mass (†Ron Dorendorf)
Wed.	Aug. 21	8:00 am Mass (†Irene Brausen) 5:00 pm AA 6:30 pm Marian Cenacle of Prayer 6:30 pm Mass in Genesee (Int. David Douglas)
Thurs.	Aug. 22	8:00 am Mass (†George Canney) 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society
Fri.	Aug. 23	8:00 am Mass (†Donald B. Nickels) 10:30 am Mass at Paradise Creek
Sat.	Aug. 24	8:00 am Mass (†Pete Pfeifer) 8:45 am Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass 6:00 pm Saturday Social

#### **Schedule of Masses**

Saturday Evening—5:00 pm  
Sunday Morning—8:00 & 11:30 am  
Genesee—9:45 am Rosary @ 9:15 am  
Daily Rosary—*New time*—7:35 am

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday—8:45 am  
Tuesday—4:30 pm  
Sunday (Genesee)—9:15 am

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## Family Faith Formation

Registration is now open for Religious Education, 1st Sacramental Prep, Middle and High School Youth Groups, and Confirmation Prep!

Registration forms available in the vestibule or online at <https://stmarysparishmoscow.org/fffp/>

## Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Or do you know someone who would like to know more about our faith? St. Mary's Inquiry classes will be starting Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. If you know of someone who is searching, ask them to come and see what we are about or call the office with their name and one of the team members will invite them. For more information contact the Parish Office @ 882-4813 or Caroline @ 208-882-4355.

## Safe Environment

The next training will be on Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm in the Family Center. Please come if you plan to work with children and youth in our parish.

## KC Blood Drive

Thursday, September 12th at the Family Center.

## ~ Summer Evening Social ~ Happy "Hors d'oeuvre" Hour

To celebrate the end of summer, join us after Mass or for the social only on Saturday, August 24 at 6pm in the Parish Family Center. All are welcome! Bring friends and a "potluck hors d'oeuvre" to share - aka finger food!

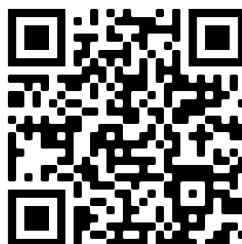
## Parish Picnic

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 22nd and a return of our annual Parish Picnic Social! Join us at the Family Center and Rectory Lawn. There will be food, games, and prizes! Bring your camp chairs, canopies, or yard games if you have them. More details to come!

Children's Collection for the month of August—

## Multiple parish families' urgent medical and hospital expenses

### Online Giving



Scan the Code or Visit:

<https://osvhub.com/>

[stmarysparishmoscow/funds](http://stmarysparishmoscow/funds)

### Sacrificial Giving: August 2024

Budgeted Offertory Income: \$27,361.52

Aug. 4: \$ 7,008.56

Aug. 11: \$ 4,280.56

Aug. 18: \$

Aug. 25: \$

August Offertory Income: \$ 11,289.12

*Our Offertory Goal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 is \$318,000. At 13% of the year, we have received 11.86% of our annual goal. Thank you!*

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In miraculously satisfying the physical hunger of his people; Jesus prepares them to receive good news that he is the Bread of life, the living bread which has come down from heaven (see Jn 6:41), which will satisfy all our hunger for ever. The Jewish people, during their long journey through the desert, ate bread which came down from heaven, manna, which kept them alive until they reached the Promised Land. Jesus is the bread capable of keeping people alive not for a moment, not for a stretch of a journey but forever. He is the food that gives eternal life. He came to give man life in its fullness, to introduce man into the very life of God. He is our *VIATICUM*.

The manna, and the multiplied loves are figures of the Eucharist. God sent His Son, as the true Bread of life; and this bread is his flesh, his life, offered in sacrifice for us on the altar of the cross. This sacrifice we reenact in the Eucharistic banquet. The Eucharist is our most beautiful treasure. It is the Sacrament *par excellence*; *it ushers us into eternal life in advance; it contains the entire mystery of our salvation; it is the source and summit of the action and life of the Church.* (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 8). *We are called to renew our faith in the Real Presence, Jesus is truly present in body and blood, soul and divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist.*

—Fr. Ben.

## Year of Mission: Walk with One-Step 1

In the Scriptures, we hear over and over how Jesus invited people one by one to follow him. He also invites us to follow him more deeply and, just like him, to “walk with one” person to a new or renewed experience of God’s love. As Pope Francis said, “Anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 120).

Walk with One is the key initiative of the Year of Mission, the third year of the National Eucharistic Revival. The goal is to invite and encourage others to consider and seek a close, loving and present relationship with God and Jesus. Step 1 is to identify someone in a spirit of humility to walk with. Begin with prayer; ask the Holy Spirit to show you the person you are to accompany on their journey home to the Church. He will point you to who he has in mind and open doors for conversations that need to happen. The Lord is asking each of us to step out of our comfort zone and evangelize 1-on-1. Steps 2-4 will be shared in future bulletins. Thank you for keeping your heart open for listening!

## Informational Meeting - Catholic Women’s Bookclub:

Ladies! Would you like to learn more about our monthly bookclub? The program we follow proposes great books and spiritual classics that encourage personal growth and motivate us to dive deeper into the plots of our own lives. We are having a no-obligation, informational meeting on Tuesday, August 20th at 5:30pm in the St Augustine Center, Ambrose Room. Why not join us?

## Coffee Socials

Coffee Social after both Masses this weekend. Join us for donuts and fellowship. We are always looking for more volunteers!! Contact the office for more information.



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## St. Mary’s School News

St. Mary’s School opens for classes on August 28<sup>th</sup>. We have our Back-to-School Barbecue on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 at the school. We are looking forward to seeing everyone. We’ve missed you over the summer. We have some great activities planned this fall and look forward to getting out in our parish and community- igniting our faith, knowledge, creativity and service.

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## Please Join Us in Prayer

- ◆ **For the repose of the souls of our loved ones:** Rose Sharp, Barbara McHugh, Msgr. Andy Schumacher, Deacon George Canney, Mary Jane Davie, Tom Terhaar, Anna Petersen, Dick Gludt, Fr. Joseph Muha, Babette Jackson, Camille Cooper, David Clark, Mary Ann Moser, Doug Mayer, John Rector, Deacon Frederick Joseph Schmidt, Margaret Joyce, Amelia Turk, Olga “Honey” Canney, Sue Schendel, Patty Funke, Sister Lillian Repak OSU, Sennoi Roth, Phil Mohan, Dave Hutton, Rodger Pedersen, Terry Dahmen.
- ◆ **For our friends and family:** Arlene Stoddard, Chuck Stoddard, Mera Peterson, Irene Fracz, Annie Redinger, Wyatt Reeves, Cade McKinley, Steve Abrams, Mark & Kari Kimsey, Alaura Scott, Debbie Meshishnek, Carlton (C.K.) Brown, Amy Scott, Scott Troka, Kim Squires, Linda Nickels, Martha Bieker, & Bettina Gilbert.
- ◆ **For our Diocesan Seminarians:** Ronald Onyekwelu, John Dyson, Charlie Ineck, Ian Willnerd, Nathan Ribb, Nicholas Sower, Monico Heredia, Ryan Olenick, Leonardo Guillermo Gutierrez.

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