

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> - JULY 5<sup>th</sup>**

**ST. MARY'S**

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+The Krakowski Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Rose Anna Abramovitz
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	No Mass	
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	For Our Country
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+James Cahalan

**ST. AGNES**

Tues. No Mass  
Thurs. No Mass  
Sun. 10:30 a.m.

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Monday, June 29	Solemnity of Peter and Paul, Apostles
Wednesday, July 1	Knights of Columbus Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
Friday, July 3	Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Saturday, July 11                      Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

**OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in June:**

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00                      Last Week's Collection: \$ 4010.00

**DDF REPORT:** Thank you for your generosity to the Diocesan Development Campaign. The goal for our parish is \$22,882.00, so far we have pledged \$12,090.00, paid \$6,265.00, promised \$5,825.00.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Louis Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**THANK YOU:** We, the family of Dan Boman would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all of the St Mary's family that showed their love and support during our time of loss. Dan was devoted to St Mary's Church for many years in his service and support and loved it as his faith home. First, we want to thank Father Matt for his thoughtfulness and prayers at the home on the morning of Dan's return to the Lord. The Mass celebration of his return to heaven was beautiful with the help and understanding of Father Matt and we were able to rejoice that day in Dan's life and what he meant to all of us. The funeral dinner provided by Patty Osterloh and Judy Flehmer and their circle of St Mary's angel women was delicious and so very much appreciated. The extra effort of packing up and bringing to the house was above and beyond and we will be forever grateful. To the numerous family and friends that helped us prepare for Dan's final day with us and the days immediately following his passing with food, prayers, phone calls and loving expressions, we pray God blesses each and every one of you in a very special Dan Boman way!- Carolyn Boman and family

**WITH FR. MATT BEING GONE** if there is an emergency or you can't get a hold of anyone at the rectory you should call Shelly Wroblewski at 417-737-1403.

**THE GYM WILL BE CLOSED** starting June 22<sup>nd</sup> to strip and wax the floor. It will reopen on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**, as we all know it, has been cancelled for 2020 because of current uncertainties with the COVID-19 situation in Missouri. We feel the event, as we have always held it, could potentially be unsafe for some or all of our parishioners and our visitors. Instead of the picnic, upon Father Matt's return from vacation, he will set a date in October or November for a parish dinner. The plan is that the PCCW will prepare the dinner and we will hold the raffle drawings - which will be the 2020 fundraiser for the parish. We have already received many donations for the raffle. So, planning continues to finalize prizes and prepare tickets for distribution. We will distribute tickets the end of July or first of August. Tickets sales will run until the raffle drawing at the dinner. You will not need to be present to win. In conjunction, we are tentatively planning a silent auction with tables to close as the day/evening progresses during the dinner. Any donations to the raffle or silent auction are most certainly welcome. Normally, each family is asked for multiple things to spend money on ahead of time - cake for cake walk, items for the country store, dessert for the dinner, and homemade ice cream to name a few. With the changes being made this year, we are asking everyone to keep these cost savings and what you would otherwise spend at the picnic in mind as you are selling and/or purchasing raffle tickets. We are convinced that this could still be a successful, financial contribution to the church budget and keep all of us SAFE at the same time. God bless you all as you accept this new idea and thank you for your continued support of our parish family! If there is a need to cancel the dinner, we will still hold the raffle for tickets sold.

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a  
Ps 89:2-3, 16-19  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11  
Matthew 10:37-42

**Monday June 29**  
**Sts. Peter and Paul**  
Acts 12:1-11

Ps 34:2-9  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18  
Matthew 16:13-19

**Tuesday June 30**  
Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12  
Ps 5:4b-8  
Matthew 8:23-27

**Wednesday July 1**  
Amos 5:14-15, 21-24  
Ps 50:7, 8-13, 16bc-17  
Matthew 8:28-34

**Thursday July 2**  
Amos 7:10-17  
Ps 19:8-11  
Matthew 9:1-8

**Friday July 3**  
**St. Thomas**  
Ephesians 2:19-22  
Ps 117:1bc, 2  
John 20:24-29

**Saturday July 4**  
Amos 9:11-15  
Ps 85:9-14  
Matthew 9:14-17

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus emphasizes the importance of keeping our eyes on him and always making him our top priority. Nothing else matters as much as our relationship with God. This means following Jesus wherever he leads, doing everything his way, all the way, every day, giving him our 100% (no excuses for being mediocre in our faith), laying down our lives in service to others like he did.

Laying down our lives means making sacrifices, such as giving our cup of cold water to someone who's thirsty. It means receiving someone into our busy schedules and listening for the prophet in him; for example: What is God saying to us through this person?

When we refuse to lay down our lives for others, we reject the Cross of Christ and his sufferings, which he submitted to for our sake. This does not mean, however, that we can never say no to others.

Jesus wants to lead us away from the harm of abuse or demands that are sinful or the enabling of unhealthy behaviors. Saying no in such cases is yet another Way of the Cross.

When we truly follow Christ, we can receive all that he is and all that he has for us. When we let go of our fears and personal goals, letting Jesus lead us into new places and new ways of handling problems, we discover new life in Christ.



His ways are always far better than what we had feared would happen.

This is the difference between a mediocre faith and a life in Christ that is full of adventures, miracles, surprising solutions, healing, victories, and realizing how very precious and important we are to God.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who has asked you (either consciously or unaware) to lay down a part of your life for them?
2. When have you said no?
3. When have you said yes – and was it worth the sacrifice?
4. Why is laying down our lives for the needs or requests of others worthwhile? Share a story from your own life that illustrates this.