

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 30th, 2020 - Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 6

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Barbara Bauer
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Justice and Peace
	7:30 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Bill Miller Birthday Remembrance
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Geneieve Frey
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Phyllis McClure Anniversary

ST. AGNES

Tues.	8:30 a.m.
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	10:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, August 30

Wednesday, September 2

Saturday, September 5

Monday, September 7

Tuesday, September 8

Wednesday, September 9

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

Special Collection: Mission Co-Op

Knights of Columbus Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the C.R.

Memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta

Labor Day

8:15 a.m. Mass

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Mass

PSR/CCD Classes will begin Class will start at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting at 7:00p.m. in the C.R.

8:15 a.m. Mass

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in September:

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4172.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Charlotte Sloan, Louise Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

THANK YOU: We would like to say thank you for the lovely service and dinner for our mother Gladys Bobski. The Family of Gladys Bobski.

RENTALS AND USAGE of the gym, cafeteria, pavilion, and chairs & tables has to be run through the church office. This has to happen, so that we know who is using the facilities, and so that nothing is double booked. Thank you for our cooperation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PSR/CCD still needs 3 teachers. If you would like to volunteer please call Martha Randall at 489-4589.

Classes will begin Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. at this time you will be able to register your children.

GROTTO: We need a volunteer to take over the care of the grotto. If anyone is interested please contact the church office at 476-2827 or Marjorie Layton 476-2265.

We would like to thank Marjorie Layton for all of her years of volunteering to take care of the grotto.

MISSING FAN: Our big fan that was stored in the garage has gone missing, so if you have borrowed it or know where it is at please contact the church office. Thank you

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

What a blessing, to be back in school! We have now completed our first full week of the school year. It took a couple of days to get some of the new routines established, but we are off and running now. The kids are coming in and working hard. They truly seem to be happy to be back at it. Thank you, for all of your thoughts and prayers over the past few weeks and months. Keep them coming. With everyone's support and encouragement and the will of God we will keep marching forward and have a successful school year

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Monday August 31

1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Ps 119:97-102
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday September 1

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16
Ps 145:8-14
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday September 2

1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Ps 33:12-15, 20-21
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday September 3

St. Gregory the Great
1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Ps 24:1b-6
Luke 5:1-11

Friday September 4

1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday September 5

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15
Ps 145:17-21
Luke 6:1-5

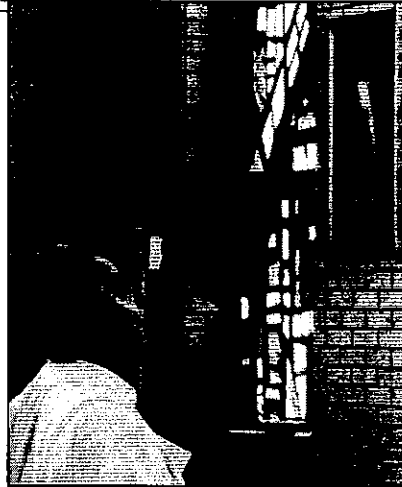
Today's first reading is one of my personal favorites. I have often felt the way Jeremiah does here. I have yelled at God, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!" And I allow it again and again. "You knew this would happen, Lord! Why did you lead me into this trial?" Have you ever felt that way?

Why do we let him do this to us? Why do we trust God even though he leads us into difficult situations? Why do we follow Jesus into giving our help and love to others even though it's going to feel very uncomfortable if not downright painful?

Walking with God and serving his kingdom is an adventure. We can expect the unexpected, and unfortunately in this world that includes suffering

– denying ourselves the opportunity to pursue self-centered agendas, taking up crosses, and following Jesus all the way to Calvary (but then of course, all the way to resurrection, too, as explained in the Gospel reading).

Because we love God, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, like the second reading asks us to do. This is the highest form of worship; it's a spiritual communion that we experience outside of the Eucharistic liturgy of Mass. In union with Jesus, we *are* the Eucharist.



As Jeremiah's complaint shows us, we can safely complain to God. We can tell him, without getting punished, that we do not like working for him. Complaining to others, however, is a sin because it causes gossip and prejudices and makes God

look bad.

Asking for prayer support during our trials is important, but complaining to others shows how little we trust God. Eventually, we will see the good that comes from our sacrifices, and this is what we should communicate to others.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How do you feel when you do a good deed and it later works against you? Have you said "no" to allowing it to happen again?
2. What brings the healing love of Jesus to you to help you recover?
3. What unexpected sufferings have you encountered while giving someone a gift of unconditional love or while doing some other service for the kingdom of God?
4. How did you feel about God at that time? Was the cross you carried worth all the hardships? Explain.