

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 12, 2021 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 11 – SEPTEMBER 19

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Donald Murphy
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Barbara Bauer Birthday Remembrance
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Charles & Anna Velten
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Leo & Joyce Parrigon
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Francis & Lois Fenski

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, September 13

Tuesday, September 14

Wednesday, September 15

Thursday, September 16

Saturday, September 18

Sunday, September 19

Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

12:00 p.m. Rosary: Bishop Rice is asking that the rosary be said for the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross in all parishes for an end to the pandemic, for those who are suffering from Covid-19, those who have died, and for our medical personnel caring for them.

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

PSR/CCD Classes will Begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 7:15 p.m.

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

St. Mary's School Urban Cowboy Rodeo & Craft Show Fundraiser

Special Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 20

Tuesday, September 21

Wednesday, September 22

Thursday, September 23

Friday, September 24

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR/CCD Classes will Begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 7:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Mass

7:00p.m. St. Mary's School Board Meeting in the C.R.

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Fr. Peter's Birthday If you would like to send him a card his address is Springfield Villa, 1100 East Montclair St, Room 326, Springfield, Mo 65807

8:15 a.m. Mass

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in September: Tim & Patty Osterloh

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 3397.00

Tuition Assistance Collection: \$ 2070.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Louise Bellm, Kay Campbell, Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

REGIN II DCCW MEETING: This is a reminder of the regional meeting to be held on September 9 at St. Patrick Church in Greenfield, Mo. The address is 51 State St., Greenfield. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m., followed by either the speaker or the business meeting and Mass at 11:00 a.m. This is different than most of our meetings but the priest couldn't make it until 11:00 a.m.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR/CCD): We have been blessed to have dedicated teachers who willingly give their time to make PSR a rewarding experience for the kids. Would you like to be involved? If you have thought about offering to teach a class but have hesitated, please pray about it. It is a personally enriching experience and a great way to contribute to YOUR CHURCH. We are needing teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering to teach please contact Martha Randall at 417-489-4589.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We are already at the halfway point of the First Quarter. Things have settled in and everything is in a nice groove. Please, allow me to say "Thank you!" to everyone who donated to the collection that went to our tuition assistance program a couple of weeks ago. The St. Mary's Urban Cowboy Rodeo and Craft Fair is coming up on September 18th. Please, come by and check out the action. The Craft Fair will open at 11:00. The bounce houses and rock climbers will be open at 11:00. There will be plenty of food trucks and food options starting at 11:00, including funnel cakes by our Home and School group. We will have some Rodeo shirts and Fall mums available during the craft fair. At 6:00 the craft fair will wrap up and the Urban Cowboy Rodeo will begin.

APPOINTMENTS

If you are unable to make your appointment, please find a replacement

Saturday, September 18 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Ushers: Larry Gasser, Doug Witt

Sunday, September 19 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton

Ushers: Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9a
Ps 116:1-6,8-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Monday September 13
St. John Chrysostom

1 Timothy 2:1-8
Ps 28:2,7-9
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday September 14
Exaltation of the Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9
Ps 78:1bc-2,34-38
Phil 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Wednesday September 15
Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Timothy 3:14-16
Ps 111:1-6
John 19:25-27
or Luke 2:33-35

Thursday September 16
Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

1 Timothy 4:12-16
Ps 111:7-10
Luke 7:36-50

Friday September 17

1 Timothy 6:2c-12
Ps 49:6-10,17-20
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday September 18

1 Timothy 6:13-16
Ps 100:1b-5
Luke 8:4-15



This Sunday's second reading defines the Catholic doctrine of faith and works.

Works without faith, no matter how good the works are, don't get us into heaven. Some of us try to earn our way into God's heart by serving in church activities, saying all the "right" prayers, and so on.

This idea comes from our childhood when we learned: "If I'm good enough, Mom and Dad will reward me" and "If I do well in school, the teacher will give me a gold star" or smiley face or whatever it is they paste on homework today.

The problem is, we can never be good enough for heaven. This is why Jesus came to earth and took our sins to the cross. Faith without works isn't going to get us into heaven, either. Here's why:

Faith in Jesus starts with believing that, in his love for us, he died for us and rose again so that we'll have eternal life. This is what opens the door to heaven. However, to walk through that door, we have to follow Jesus. This requires doing more than believing in his death and resurrection; we also believe in his life – *how* he lived

his life. Following Jesus affects our lifestyles and our day-to-day behavior. How Christ-like is it?

The proof that we truly do have faith is evidenced in the good works we do. Faith in Jesus means we love him so much that we love all those whom he loves, which is *everyone* regardless of whether they deserve it or not.

And faith in Jesus means we trust him so much that we do whatever he tells us – imitating him in all of our activities, adopting his attitudes, and responding to his calling to serve as priests, religious, and lay ministers.

Thus, when Jesus says to us in the Gospel reading, "Who do you say that I am?" we answer that he is our Savior who takes us to heaven, and he is our Lord who teaches us how to live, and he is our Lover who empowers us to love others even when it becomes a cross to bear.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Is Jesus Christ truly your Lord and Savior? Do you believe that he suffered and died on your behalf so that you could reach heaven?
2. Are you doing good works because you adore him so much that you want to go where he goes and do what he does and serve as his hands and feet and voice wherever he leads you?
3. How does your life convey to others that Jesus is your Lord and Savior?
4. If you wore no Christian jewelry and spoke no words, how would you tell others who Jesus is?