

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 5, 2021 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 4 – SEPTEMBER 12

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Bill Miller Birthday Remembrance
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Frances Rehrauer
	6:30 p.m.	+Agnes Kahre
Friday	8:15 a.m.	Special Intention J.E.B.
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Donald Murphy

### ST. AGNES

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

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, September 5

**Special Collection:** Haiti Earthquake Victims. Please make your checks to St. Mary's Church. Envelopes are in the back of church.

Monday, September 6

**Labor Day**

**8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service**

**Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**PSR/CCD Registration** from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. This is a Confirmation year, so if you have a 6<sup>th</sup> grader -12 grader they will make their confirmation this year.

**Parish Council Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.

**Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

Thursday, September 9

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 13

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

**8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service**

**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 Exaltation 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**

**8:15 a.m. Mass**

**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**

**8:15 a.m. Mass**

Thursday, September 16

Friday, September 17

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4922.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** 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 wither 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.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING** Robert & Loretta Graskemper's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Mass in their honor at 10:30 a.m. at St. Agnes followed by a taco dinner in the church basement.

**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:

St. Mary's Urban Cowboy Rodeo and Craft Show will be in the field East of the Church on Saturday, September 18th. The Craft Show, bounce houses, and Food Trucks will be set up from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The gates for the rodeo will open at 5:00 p.m. and the 2nd Urban Cowboy Rodeo will begin at 6:00 p.m. We hope you will make time to enjoy the show.

We have such great people around here. There are numerous folks who will do anything and everything they can to help our school. We are so blessed and thankful for all of the help and support. Keep these folks in your prayers; Jodi Schlup, Julie Witt, Patty Armstrong, Glo Abramovitz, and Rhoda Elbert. These fine people give up their time each week to come in and work with the students as our Specials teachers.

## APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, September 11 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Larry Carver, Leonard Fenske

Sunday, September 12 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Michael Myers Heather Gripka

Ushers: Jimmy Conley, Dale Jasumback

# Good News

## INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Ps 146:(1b) 7-10  
James 2:1-5  
Mark 7:31-37

Today's readings show us God's concern for the disabled. How closely do we share in his concern?

#### Monday September 6

Colossians 1:24 -- 2:3  
Ps 62:6-7,9  
Luke 6:6-11

We're all disabled, one way or another. We can have eyes that see and still be blind. In fact, the scripture from James shows us just how blind we can be!

#### Tuesday September 7

Colossians 2:6-15  
Ps 145:1b-2,8-11  
Luke 6:12-19

If we see only how a person dresses, for example, without seeing their giftedness, we are being judgmental. If we are more impressed by a person's wealth or title or college degrees than we are by his/her insights or willingness to serve, we are being judgmental.

#### Wednesday September 8 Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a  
or Romans 8:28-30  
Ps 13:6abc  
Matthew 1:1-16,18-23

Only God can see all the good that's in a person's heart, and yet we make assumptions about others. Only God can hear the motives and longings behind a person's words, and yet we quickly judge what is being said as if we know exactly what is meant.

#### Thursday September 9

**St. Peter Claver**  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Ps 150:1b-6  
Luke 6:27-38

#### Friday September 10

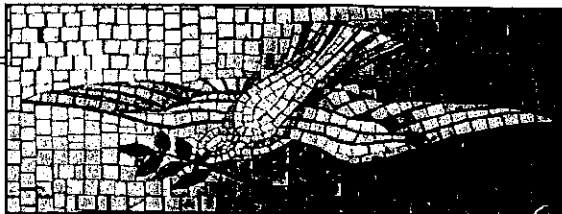
1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14  
Ps 16:1b-2a,5,7-8,11  
Luke 6:39-42

#### Saturday September 11

1 Timothy 1:15-17  
Ps 113:1b-7  
Luke 6:43-49

Judgmentalism shows us nothing more than how truly blind we are.

Jesus wants to say to each of us: "Ephphatha! May your eyes and ears and mind be opened to the truth!" However, so that we can receive this healing, we have to slow down and stop reacting to what's visible and audible. We cannot trust what we see and hear. We need to take time to prayerfully pause for wisdom and discernment and new discoveries.



This is one of the reasons why Jesus gave us his Holy Spirit. When we let God's Spirit interpret everything for us, instead of reacting, we will act the way the Lord wants us to. Instead of reacting to partial information, we will act with faith and compassion.

#### Reflect & Discuss:

1. In what ways do you show partiality toward some people? What types of people do you tend to automatically prefer, based on outward appearances?
2. And whom do you tend to dislike until you get to know them better?
3. How will you begin to change this automatic reaction by relying on the Holy Spirit?
4. In what ways have you been judged unfairly? How does it feel? Are you judging those who judged you, neglecting to look deeper inside of them?
5. In your faith sharing community or family discussion, take turns in your group naming a false accusation that caused suffering, followed by other members describing the goodness that the accusers were too blind to see. (This last part is very important – it is Jesus providing healing!)