

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 17, 2021 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR OCTOBER 16 - OCTOBER 24

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Steve Heeter
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Ken Garrison
	6:30 p.m.	Justice & Peace
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Maria (Parrigon) Logan
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+David Probstfield
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Marge (Witt) Conyers

### ST. AGNES

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

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, October 18

Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

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

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

8:15 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, October 19

Wednesday, October 20

Friday, October 22

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, October 25

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Wednesday, October 27

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

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

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:15 a.m. Mass

Thursday, October 28

Friday, October 29

Monday, November 1

All Saints Day A Holy Day of Obligation

## OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in November: Joe & Denise Crowell

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4163.00

**TUCKPOINTING PROJECT:** To date our parish has \$21,538.00 toward our \$65,000.00 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by mailing or putting your pledge in the collection marked tuckpointing. We are still short \$ 43,462.00 of meeting our goal.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

**ROSARY:** The Rosary is said Tuesday-Friday every day at 12noon. Everyone is welcome to come. Also if you are within 1 mile of the church you can listen to it on the radio station 88.1FM.

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Tuesday, October 19th and Wednesday, October 20th, we will have mums and a few pumpkins available for purchase at the St. Mary's parking lot from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If you would like some, come by and take a look.

Mums will be \$10 each or three for \$25. Pumpkin prices will vary.

## APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, October 23 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan

Sunday, October 24 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe & Denise Crowell

Ushers: Ellis Motley, Ian Brottlund

# Good News

## INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

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

Isaiah 53:10-11  
Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Mark 10:35-45

**Monday October 18**  
**St. Luke the Evangelist**  
2 Timothy 4:10-17b  
Ps 145:10-13,17-18  
Luke 10:1-9

**Tuesday October 19**  
**Sts. Isaac Jogues,**  
**John de Brebeuf & co.**  
Romans 5:12,15b,17-21  
Ps 40:7-10,17  
Luke 12:35-38

**Wednesday October 20**  
Romans 6:12-18  
Ps 124:1b-8  
Luke 12:39-48

**Thursday October 21**  
Romans 6:19-23  
Ps 1:1-4,6  
Luke 12:49-53

**Friday October 22**  
Romans 7:18-25a  
Ps 119:66,68,76,77,93,94  
Luke 12:54-59

**Saturday October 23**  
Romans 8:1-11  
Ps 24:1b-6  
Luke 13:1-9

To be great in the kingdom of God means to be a servant, says Jesus: We are - to serve the needs of others for the benefit of the kingdom.

This does not mean that our own needs and desires and dreams don't matter. Being a servant for God is not slavery; it's an honor and a blessing, because it unites us to the saving servanthood of Christ.

Being a servant like Christ means that we are treated by the Father the same way Jesus was treated. Our Master will not belittle us, disrespect us, nor over-work us.

The alternative is to be a slave to our worldly passions and possessions and the ways of the world. Worldly enslavement does belittle us. It reduces us to less than what God created us to be.

The ways of Christ empower us to be like Christ himself: free to enjoy all of the benefits of the kingdom of God, free to live a holy life, and therefore, free to be great in the eyes of our Father.

In this freedom, there is great joy. Although the ways of Christ are not easy and sometimes lead to the Cross, this cup of suffering increases our holiness and makes us even greater in heaven. When we make sacrifices for the benefit of others and we understand that our sufferings are part of our growth in holiness, they become



much more bearable, because what had seemed like a curse is redeemed into a very significant blessing.

Do you know anyone whose prayers have not been answered? It's not because God doesn't care, nor because he can't help them. He answers the prayers of others through our servanthood. Jesus serves others through us.

Our top priority must always be our own relationship with God, so that we receive an abundance of whatever he wants us to share with others in service to their needs. We cannot give what we don't have. We cannot serve others well - we cannot be the presence of Christ for them - unless we ourselves have first been served by Jesus.

#### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What has God blessed you with abundantly? What insights, gifts, talents, wisdom, etc., do you have?
2. How are these indications that Jesus has served you?
3. Share how you have passed this service onto someone else (or would like to). For example, how has he served you with his unconditional, forgiving love? Or how has he served you by meeting an unmet need? In turn, how has this helped you to be a loving servant for others?