

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 3, 2021 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR OCTOBER 2 – OCTOBER 10

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving for 50 Years of Marriage
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Louis Fenske
	7:30 p.m.	+Charles & Anna Velten
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Mary Jennett
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Frances Freeman Castle
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Raymond & Marie Witt

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, October 3	Respect Life Sunday
Monday, October 4	8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
Tuesday, October 5	Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier, Seelos, Priest
Wednesday, October 6	PSR/CCD Classes will Begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 7:15 p.m.
	Knights of Columbus Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the C.R.
Thursday, October 7	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
Sunday, October 10	Mass for the People

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, October 11	8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
Wednesday, October 13	8:15 a.m. Prayer & Communion Service
	PSR/CCD Classes will Begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 7:15 p.m.
Friday, October 15	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
	8:15 a.m. Prayer & Communion Service

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 2617.00

TUCKPOINTING PROJECT: To date our parish has \$13,688.00 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 \$ 51,312.00 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.

THANK YOU for the prayers, cards and phone calls after my fall and shoulder injury. They were very much appreciated. Kay Campbell

FATHER MATT WILL BE GONE from Monday, October 11 until Friday, October 15 to the annual priest retreat.

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

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:

Turkey Raffle: We have an adorable turkey sitting at the front door of the school. We will be raffling him off on October 23rd. If interested in buying a chance, \$1 per chance, come by the school or put money in an envelope with your name and phone number on it saying turkey raffle and we will get your tickets into the collection.

Coat Drive: Our PS-PK students are leading us in a coat drive. If you have a new or gently used coat that is no longer needed, please consider donating it to our coat drive. On Saturday, October 16th the Knights will help distribute the collected coats to those who need them in our area.

St. Mary's apparel is available. Go to www.screenmastersart.com

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, October 9 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Larry Carver, Leonard Fenske

Sunday, October 10 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Michael Myers Heather Gripka

Ushers: Jim Barchak, Dale Jasumback

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24
Ps 128:1-6
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16

Monday October 4
St. Francis of Assisi
Jonah 1:1 -- 2:1-2,11
Jon 2:3-5,8
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday October 5
Jonah 3:1-10
Ps 130:1b-4,7-8
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday October 6
Jonah 4:1-11
Ps 86:3-6,9-10
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Malachi 3:13-20b
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 11:5-13

Friday October 8
Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Ps 9:2-3,6,16,8-9
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday October 9
Joel 4:12-21
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
Luke 11:27-28

Do you love someone who isn't loving you back? Have you experienced God's supernatural love helping you love those who are difficult to love?

Those of us who are married expect to be loved by our spouses as much as we need to be loved. And we assume that it's always going to be mutual: We will always be loved with the same passion as we love them.

However, most marriages enter difficulties that require supernatural love as well as supernatural persistence. That's why we need the Sacrament of Matrimony instead of just a civil ceremony at the courthouse or beach. Marriages need divine grace to endure with the permanence that God provides.

Jesus explained that the law of Moses permitted divorce because of the hardness of people's hearts. This is not an approval of divorce. He wants us to have hearts like his

own, which never stops loving anyone.

In the days of Moses, when a marriage became difficult or unsatisfying, many men abandoned their wives. Although marriage was, from the beginning (Genesis Chapter 1) supposed to be a permanent covenant that united one man with one woman, a bill of divorce would allow an abandoned or rejected woman to remarry for her protection. It was never intended to be an approval of divorce.



Marriage is a reflection of God's faithful union with us. Permanence in marriage is a divine gift from God so that we can reflect him well. If

we don't believe in the permanence of love within marriage, how can we believe that God is always in love with us – including when we don't deserve it? And how can children who watch us believe?

Remember, sometimes the lover goes to the Cross for the beloved. The vocation of marriage ordains the spouses to be a reflection of Christ's passion for all.

God never forces us to stay "married" to him. He loves us even when we turn away from him. Likewise, an unloved spouse is called by God to continue loving the one who abandons the marriage, even if only from afar. This is also true in any God-ordained friendships, and between priests and the laity they serve, and parents with their children.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Have you ever quit a relationship because it was too hard? Did you really stop loving that person?
2. How is the way you handled it like or unlike the heart of Christ?
3. How has God helped you love someone who quit loving you? How did you open yourself to receive his divine help?
4. Describe how this reveals to others what God's love is really like.