

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 20, 2022 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 19- FEBRUARY 27

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Rose Marie Gasser 20 th Anniversary
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Robert & Rose Ann Knott Bob & Ronnie Knott
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Tony & Rose Velten
Friday	8:15 a.m.	For the Health of Betty Wroblewski
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Betty Rakoski
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Jim & Jo Ann Conley

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, February 20	Special Collection: Church in Central and Eastern Europe
Monday, February 21	8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
Tuesday, February 22	Feast of The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
Wednesday, February 23	Memorial of Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr PSR Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, February 28	8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
Wednesday, March 2	Ash Wednesday- Day of Abstinence (No Meat) and a Day of Fasting (No eating in between meals) Mass Schedule: St. Mary's 8:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. St. Agnes 10:30 a.m. PSR Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Friday, March 4	8:15 a.m. Mass Day of Abstinence (No Meat) Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. Adults \$10 kids \$5 (6-12) 5 & under Free Dine in or carry out. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Lead by Fr. Matt

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 5205.00

TUCKPOINTING PROJECT: To date our parish has \$47588.00 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 \$ 17,412.00 of meeting our goal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO THE FAMILY OF DICK CONWAY. May he be living with God and may his family feel his peace

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

CAMP RE-NEW-ALL: Camp is open to campers going into 5th -9th grade in the fall, highschool staff going into 10th -12th grade, and adults are invited to apply for a volunteer staff position. Brochures are in the back of church.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Preschool registration is open. Families with a three year old ready for preschool can begin signing up. Stop by the school for a registration form.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, February 26 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan

Sunday, February 27 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe & Denise Crowell

Ushers: Ian Brottlund, Jim Conley

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,
12-13,22-23
Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

Monday February 21

James 3:13-18
Ps 19:8-10,15
Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday February 22 Chair of St. Peter

1 Peter 5:1-4
Ps 23:1-3a,4,5,6
Matthew 16:13-19

Wednesday February 23 St. Polycarp

James 4:1-17
Ps 49:2-3,6-11
Mark 9:38-40

Thursday February 24

James 5:1-6
Ps 49:14-20
Mark 9:41-50

Friday February 25

James 5:9-12
Ps 103:1-4,8-12
Mark 10:1-12

Saturday February 26

James 5:13-20
Ps 141:1-3,8
Mark 10:13-16

We can use this Sunday's Gospel passage as a checklist to survey our holiness. Jesus is outlining, in very clear terms, true Christian living. He describes how to love -- faithfully and unconditionally, which sometimes means sacrificially as well.

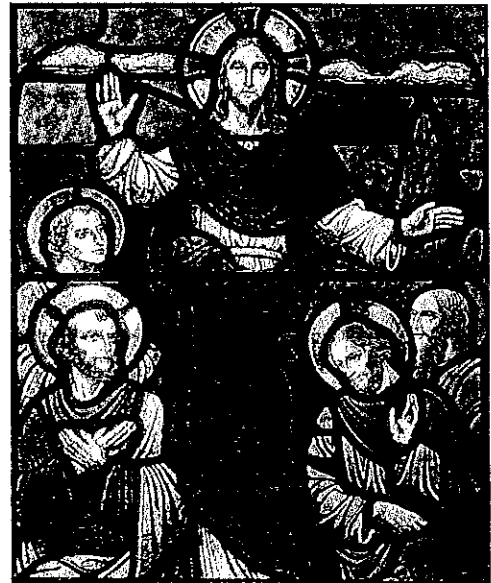
It's not an easy love, that's for sure. But it's God's love. This is how he loves us! And to remain in his love, we love others the same way he loves them. When we don't, we separate ourselves from God's love. That's why Confession is called the Sacrament of Reconciliation; it reunites us to God and to all those we've separated ourselves from through sin.

Love even your enemies, Jesus says. An "enemy" is anyone who opposes us in any way -- opposes our will, our desires, our needs, etc.

Holy living separates us from the world and unites us to God. Christianity is counter-cultural and counter-intuitive. It goes against our nature --

our fallen nature, that is. Our sinful nature. In our baptisms, we received God's nature. That means we have the ability to love as God loves. However, we need to rely on God's help (the Holy Spirit) to resist the pull back into sin and be holy instead.

"If you do good to those who do good to you, so what? Even sinners do that much." To remain in God's love, we do good to everyone, whether they deserve it or not.



If by the Spirit's help we genuinely love everyone, we become much more fully aware of the love that Jesus has for us -- in good measure and overflowing. It is, after all, his love that we give when we love others while they oppose us.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. On Jesus' checklist for Christian living, which ones are you already doing fairly well?
2. Which ones are hardest for you?
3. What will you do this week to live in God's love more fully?
4. Choose one of the items on Jesus' checklist. How does it bring you closer to God?