

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 10, 2022 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 9 – JULY 17

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Becky Anderson
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Ronnie Landoll
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Friday	8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Jeannie Hirsch Harman
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+James Seufert

ST. AGNES

Tues.	No Mass
Thurs.	No Mass
Sun.	10:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, July 11

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Wednesday, July 13

No Mass

Friday, July 15

Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

No Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 18

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Wednesday, July 20

No Mass

Friday, July 22

Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

No Mass

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2835.00

UPDATE TUCKPOINTING PROJECT: We are still short \$9,682.00 short of making our goal of \$65,000.00. **We cannot schedule the work until we meet our goal, and the longer we have to wait our cost could go up to have the tuckpointing done.** 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.

DDF: To date our parish has given \$14,842.00 toward our \$21,950.00 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please make a sacrifice, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card. We ask everyone to participate, as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

GYM: The gym will be closed for the month of July, so that we can strip and wax it. If you have a key please do not enter the gym even if it looks like it's ok to walk on. Thank you!

CHURCH OFFICE: The church secretary will be out of the office due to having a knee replacement. She will be at the office for short periods of time and working from home the rest of the summer. She can be reached at anytime by calling the church phone number that will ring at her home. If no answer leave a message, and she will call you back or you can email her at st_marys@live.com

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, July 16 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

E.M.: Cindy Witt

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan, Bryan Stellwagen, Bill Seufert

Sunday, July 17 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell

E.M.: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton (Choir)

Ushers: Dereck Washam, Rick Washam, Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Psalm 19:8-11
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

Monday July 11

St. Benedict

Isaiah 1:10-17
Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23
Matthew 10:34 – 11:1

Tuesday July 12

Isaiah 7:1-9
Ps 48:2-8
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday July 13

Isaiah 10:5-7,13b-16
Ps 94:5-10,14-15
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Isaiah 26:7-9,11,16-19
Ps 102:13-21
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday July 15

St. Bonaventure
Isaiah 38:1-8,21-22
Is 38:10-12,16
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday July 16

Micah 2:1-5
Ps 10:1-4,7-8,14
Matthew 12:14-21

The opposite of love is not hate. It's apathy: ignoring a need, not caring, and doing nothing when there is something we can do to relieve the suffering. In Luke 10:25-37, Jesus uses the Parable of the Good Samaritan to explain that if we love God with our whole heart, our whole being, our whole strength, and our whole mind, we naturally care about other people, even those who are strangers, even those whom we're "not supposed to" like, and even when it costs us something personally.

Many of the problems that exist in our world today are allowed to continue because too many of us Christians – we who through Christ have the power to change the world – do not care enough to sacrifice our time and personal agendas to get involved. Much of the suffering that's endured in our families and workplaces and parishes would be stopped or relieved

if enough Christians loved God enough to care about others enough to risk the cost of intervening.

How much do you love God? The answer lies in how much you're willing to sacrifice for the sake of loving others, which is the definition of love that Jesus taught us with this parable and with his life.

None of us love God perfectly yet. Purgatory will be a time of painfully regretting our lack of love, while eagerly

improving our love for others so we can enter into the fullness of God's love in heaven. Until then, we have daily opportunities, here and now, to purify our lives less painfully. Daily we're given tests to improve how well we love others.

So daily ask the Holy Spirit, your source of holiness, to help you become more like Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you love all others as Christ loves them.

By doing this spiritual exercise consistently, you will receive a new joy and an enlivened passion in dealing with others. You will feel greater love for God and you will experience his love for you much more intimately.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Whom do you pass by and ignore when you see suffering? Is there anyone you've recently walked away from because you didn't want to give up something (perhaps your time, pride, prejudice, feeling of inadequacy, resentment or unforgiveness)? Take it to the Sacrament of Confession to receive God's help in loving others more fully.
2. Name a "Good Samaritan" you know or have read about. What did this person give up to serve others? How do such people find the ability to love so well?
3. Describe a situation you've witnessed where apathy has contributed to someone's suffering. How could love make a difference?

