

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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July 17, 2022 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 16 - JULY 24

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Jeannie Hirsch Harman
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+James Seufert
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.	+Charlotte Sloan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Louise Bellm

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, July 18 8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
Friday, July 22 Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 25 Feast of Saint James, Apostle
8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
Tuesday, July 26 Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, July 27 No Mass
Friday, July 29 Memorial of Saint Martha
No Mass

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 6084.00

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 \$14,867.00 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.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSRCCD): 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 2022-2023 school year. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering to teach please contact Martha Randall at 417-489-4589.

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 23 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

E.M.: Cathy Brown

Ushers: Larry Gasser, Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Doug Witt

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

Readers: Barbara Glouse, Cody Washam

E.M.: Cari Caddell, Mellanie Carder (Choir)

Ushers: Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Dale Jasumback, Ellis Motley

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15:1-5
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

Monday July 18

Micah 6:1-4,6-8
Ps 50:5-6,8-9,16-17,21,23
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday July 19

Micah 7:14-15,18-20
Ps 85:2-8
Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday July 20

Jeremiah 1:1,4-10
Ps 71:1-6,15,17
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday July 21

Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13
Ps 36:6-11
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday July 22

St. Mary Magdalene
Jeremiah 3:14-17
Jer 31:10-13
John 20:1-2,11-18

Saturday July 23

Jeremiah 7:1-11
Ps 84:3-6a, 8a,11
Matthew 13:24-30

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks to us about our anxieties and worries. They distract us. They're harmful to us if we let them control our lives, because they take our eyes off of our Lord and focus us on what's going wrong and how it might get worse.

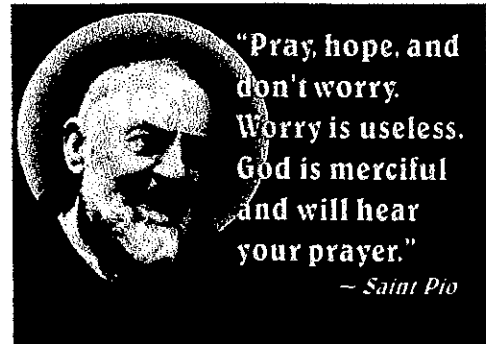
Mary chose the "better part"; she didn't let anything distract her from being a disciple learning avidly from Jesus. When we make the time to put aside the busyness of life to sit quietly and learn from Jesus, we discover reasons why our worries aren't really so worrisome.

Only as we sit quietly at the feet of Jesus do we find hope that overcomes despair, peace that conquers anxiety, and wisdom that gets us through trials. Even the littlest worry, such as Martha's concern that her kitchen chores wouldn't get done, is a sin when it takes our eyes off of Jesus. Nothing that distracts

us from Jesus is ever good for us.

We cannot grow in holiness when we're not watching Jesus and learning from him how to be holy. We cannot love as he loves nor receive all the love he gives us unless we have a prayer life that includes quiet time alone with him, drinking up his lessons and his loving embrace. Prayers said while driving or listening to homilies isn't enough.

Anxieties and worries are varying degrees of fear: We're afraid that something bad is going to happen.



Even when there's a legitimate reason to worry, fear blocks our view of Jesus, because it turns us away from him.

We need to recognize fear as a warning flag that's telling us to slow down, quiet down, and sit down with Jesus for a good discussion on whatever it is that's bothering us. He's got the answers, the encouragement, and the affirmation that will bring us peace.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What has been worrying you lately? What are you anxious about? What are you fearing might happen? Write them on a list and take them to Jesus in a quiet prayer time.
2. What lessons is Jesus trying to teach you in those situations? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn from Jesus. Search the Bible for additional inspiration.
3. What are some of the ways we can slow down our lives and improve our prayer times?
4. Tell the story of an experience you had when quiet prayer relieved an anxiety or solved a problem.