

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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July 3, 2022 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 2 – JULY 10

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Betty Rakoski
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Mary Ryder
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.	+Becky Anderson
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Ronnie Landoll

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, July 4

Happy Independence Day

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Memorial of Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

No Mass

No Mass

Friday, July 8

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 11

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

No Mass

Wednesday, July 13

Friday, July 15

Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

No Mass

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2958.00

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.

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

THANK YOU: "We extend our deepest thanks to the parish, Father Matt, funeral circle #9, and the women of PCCW for the wonderful funeral service and luncheon in honor of our beloved Charlotte. Thank you for your thoughtful words and support during this difficult time. - The Family of Charlotte Sloan"

THANK YOU to Father Matt and Judy Younker, organist, and the members of the choir for a beautiful service. Our appreciation also goes to the PCCW and circle 10 and Janine King for the wonderful lunch afterward. The Family of Becky Anderson

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 9 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

E.M.: John Witt

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

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

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton

E.M.: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell (Choir)

Ushers: Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Ian Brottlund, Ellis Motley

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:10-14c
Psalm 66:1-7,16,20
Galatians 6:14-18
Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Monday July 4

Hosea 2:16-18,21-22
Ps 145:2-9
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday July 5

Hosea 8:4-7,11-13
Ps 115:3-10
Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday July 6

Hosea 10:1-3,7-8,12
Ps 105:2-7
Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday July 7

Hosea 11:1-4,8c-9
Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16
Matthew 10:7-15

Friday July 8

Hosea 14:2-10
Ps 51:3-4,8-9,12-14,17
Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday July 9

Isaiah 6:1-8
Ps 93:1-2,5
Matthew 10:24-33

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples to ask the "Master" (God the Father) of the "harvest" (conversion to Christ) to send out more "laborers" (evangelizers). And in the next breath, he tells them that *they* are the laborers and that they must get busy: "Go on your way," he says.

When you think of evangelizers in the Catholic Church, who comes to mind first? Most of us think of priests, and we all know that we need more priests. New vocations in Western societies are still way too few to compensate for the elderly ones who are retiring and dying.

Do you pray for an increase of vocations? Good, but that's only part of what Jesus is asking us to do. "Go on your way," he says to *all* of us, "and use *your* gifts, *your* talents, and *your* skills to assist in the harvest.

Jesus has always been collaborative. The number of laborers for the mission of the Church will only be sufficient when we all join the effort – clergy, religious, *and* laity – working together with our separate and unique talents and skills, humbly assisting each other as members of the same team.

To reach this sufficiency, many of us have to overcome the "someone else will take care of it" attitude. And some have to overcome the desire for perfection, the "I can take care of it better myself" attitude, which robs others of the opportunity to serve.



Many of us need to overcome the fear of losing control, the "I must tell others how to do their job" attitude, which chases away some very talented laborers. Jesus said we should carry no supplies into ministry; in other words: We should accept whatever is offered us.

Our prayers for an increase of consecrated vocations are answered from within collaborative ministry. Clergy and religious who are good role models will attract new vocations, but the laity are called to serve God with the same zeal and holiness that we expect from priests, because out of families who serve come the holy priests and religious who serve.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Which ministries in your parish are lacking sufficient laborers?
2. If doing the work of God's kingdom, how can you use your talents to help? If you're already serving enthusiastically, how can you encourage others to get involved?
3. Name some of the attitudes and obstacles that block the spirit of collaboration. How can these be overcome?
4. What will you do to improve the conditions of the mission field so that more people will get involved?