

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 14, 2022 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 21

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Becky Anderson
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Louise Bellm
Monday	8:15 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
	7:30 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	+Deceased Members of PCCW
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	For St. Mary's Staff and Students
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Wilbert Fenske
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Charlotte Sloan Birthday Remembrance
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+John & Cecilia Eck Wedding Anniversary

### ST. AGNES

Mon.	10:00 a.m.
Tue.	8:30 a.m.
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	10:30 a.m.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, August 15

Holy Day of Obligation - Solemnity of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary  
St. Mary's Parish Celebrates its Feast Day of 139 years.

Tuesday, August 16

Back to School Night at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 17

PCCW Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.

Saturday, August 20

1<sup>st</sup> Day of School for St. Mary's

Sunday, August 21

Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

St. Mary's School will have an All School Mass

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, August 22

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Wednesday, August 24

Feast of Saint Bartholomew

8:15 a.m. Mass

Friday, August 26

8:15 a.m. Mass

Sunday, August 27

Memorial of Saint Monica

Wednesday, September 7

PSR/CCD Classes will begin. Classes will be 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

## OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in August:

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 5008.00

UPDATE TUCKPOINTING PROJECT: We have met our goal of \$65,000.00.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Andrea Kristek, Loretta Graskemper, Robert Graskemper 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. Classes will start Wednesday, September 7, 2022 from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

## APPOINTMENTS

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

**Saturday, August 20 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

E.M.: Bonnie Parrigon

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

**Sunday, August 21 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: St. Mary's School Children

E.M.: Debbie Seufert, Jason Kramer (Choir)

Ushers: St. Mary's School Children

# Good News

## INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Ps 40:(14b)2-4,18  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Luke 12:49-53

#### Monday August 15 Assumption of Mary

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab  
Ps 45:10-12;16  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27  
Luke 1:39-56

#### Tuesday August 16

Ezekiel 28:1-10  
Deut 32:26-30,35c-36b  
Matthew 19:23-30

#### Wednesday August 17

Ezekiel 34:1-11  
Ps 23:1-6  
Matthew 20:1-16

#### Thursday August 18

Ezekiel 36:23-28  
Ps 51:12-15,18-19  
Matthew 22:1-14

#### Friday August 19

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Ps 107:2-9  
Matthew 22:34-40

#### Saturday August 20 St. Bernard

Ezekiel 43:1-7ab  
Ps 85:9a-14  
Matthew 23:1-12

In the Gospel reading, Jesus says that he did not come to

bring peace to earth. He came to light a fire. The fire that he longed for with great anguish was the presence of the Holy Spirit alive and active within each of his followers. This is what changes the world. This is what brings lasting peace, first within us and then flowing out from us.

The Holy Spirit is a fire that purifies us from impurities – the unloving behaviors and attitudes – that cause disharmony, disunity, conflicts and war. This purification makes us capable of feeling peaceful even in the midst of trials and attacks from others. This is what makes us channels of God's peace in a world that desperately needs it.

If you do not yet feel the fire of the Holy Spirit impassioning you to spread the peace of Christ, Jesus feels anguish over you.



To stop evil, we have to become like Jesus. Our willingness to make sacrifices for others is a sign of Christian maturity. We

should be burning with so much love that we are not happy unless we're pouring our hearts and souls into works and prayers that to make a difference in someone else's ability to receive eternal peace.

Jesus noted that this fire divides households. It divides us from anyone who remains self-centered and unwilling to make sacrifices that will lead to peace. Nevertheless, we must continue to give them love. This heats up the fire within us, which purifies us further. And gradually, the world changes.

#### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Who has "burnt" you? What pain has been inflicted on you by others? See this as happening to Jesus, too. Instead of retaliating to try to stop the pain, choose a sacrifice that you're willing to make for them.
2. Jesus appreciates the sacrifices you make for others. How does his appreciation make you feel?
3. How is it possible to experience peace after making a sacrifice for someone who is unloving toward you? Give an example of an everyday sacrifice you've made. How does the Holy Spirit bring God's kingdom to earth through this?

Think of the evil around you that you've been wishing would stop. What does Jesus want you to do about it? What impurities in your own spirit need to be burn off by the fire of the Holy Spirit so you can overshadow the evil with divine goodness? Look at what Jesus had to do. What baptism was he talking about? Not the water baptism he'd already received. It was the baptism of painful self-sacrifice, which he willingly accepted in order to rescue us from evil.