

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 5th, 2020

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 4th – JULY 12th

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	For Our Country
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+James Cahalan
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	No Mass	
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Fr. Justin Monaghan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Wednesday, July 8 **No Parish Council Meeting**
Saturday, July 11 **Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, July 16 **Memorial of our Lady of Mount Carmel**

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 7446.00 Peter's Pence: \$ 108.00

To date our parish has contributed \$14,505.00, representing 71 donors. Our goal is \$22,882.00. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider a gift in the amount you are able to contribute. Across the diocese, \$1,363,239 has been pledged toward the \$2,650,000 goal. The diocese and Church in southern Missouri ask for your participation and prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Louis Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

WITH FR. MATT BEING GONE if there is an emergency or you can't get a hold of anyone at the rectory you should call Shelly Wroblewski at 417-737-1403.

THANK YOU from Life House. There is a thank you card on the bulletin board in the back of church.

THE GYM WILL BE CLOSED starting June 22nd to strip and wax the floor. It will reopen on July 20th.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC, as we all know it, has been cancelled for 2020 because of current uncertainties with the COVID-19 situation in Missouri. We feel the event, as we have always held it, could potentially be unsafe for some or all of our parishioners and our visitors. Instead of the picnic, upon Father Matt's return from vacation, he will set a date in October or November for a parish dinner. The plan is that the PCCW will prepare the dinner and we will hold the raffle drawings - which will be the 2020 fundraiser for the parish. We have already received many donations for the raffle. So, planning continues to finalize prizes and prepare tickets for distribution. We will distribute tickets the end of July or first of August. Tickets sales will run until the raffle drawing at the dinner. You will not need to be present to win. In conjunction, we are tentatively planning a silent auction with tables to close as the day/evening progresses during the dinner. Any donations to the raffle or silent auction are most certainly welcome. Normally, each family is asked for multiple things to spend money on ahead of time - cake for cake walk, items for the country store, dessert for the dinner, and homemade ice cream to name a few. With the changes being made this year, we are asking everyone to keep these cost savings and what you would otherwise spend at the picnic in mind as you are selling and/or purchasing raffle tickets. We are convinced that this could still be a successful, financial contribution to the church budget and keep all of us SAFE at the same time. God bless you all as you accept this new idea and thank you for your continued support of our parish family! If there is a need to cancel the dinner, we will still hold the raffle for tickets sold.

PRAYER

Good and generous Lord. You have once more brought the year full circle, through planting and growing and ripening to harvest time. We thank You for the sun and the rain, the minerals of the earth, and all the plants that grow. We marvel at Your wonderful ways of bringing food from the earth for us to live. Dear God, help us to use Your rich gifts as You want us to. Teach us to share them with our neighbor when he is in need. Make us see the merciful, generous hand of Your divine providence. Help us to realize, too, that if we keep Your commandments and live according to the inspirations of Your grace, we shall also reap a plentiful harvest in the autumn of our lifetime: a harvest that we will be able to enjoy forever and ever. Amen.

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10
Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

Monday July 6

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

Tuesday July 7

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

Wednesday July 8

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

Thursday July 9

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

Friday July 10

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

Saturday July 11

St. Benedict

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

Does the yoke of Jesus weigh you down or does it feel light? His yoke – according to what he exemplified with his life – is servanthood, a ministry that cares for others, a love that makes sacrifices.



We're weighed down by personal struggles; we have crosses to carry and so many people need our attention that we're exhausted from it all. We need a vacation, an escape, time out! So why does Jesus tell us that his yoke is easy? Why does he say that the burdens of servanthood are light?

When the burdens of life wear us down and tire us out, it's usually because we've taken on more responsibility than God has actually given to us.

Or else it's because we're expending energy trying to get rid of a cross after Jesus has yoked us to it. If the burden leads to burn-out, God lets us get tired, because he's warning us: "Slow down! Simplify your life! Make a change! Spend more time in prayer!"

If it leads to anger and resentment, God is showing us that our selfish desire for an easier life is, in reality, making our lives more difficult.

In other words, when we strain and pull against the yoke – against our union with Christ – we suffer from our own

mistaken ideas of what we should be doing. It is when we remember that we're yoked to Someone who is infinitely stronger and wiser than we are that the burden becomes light. The yoke becomes a source of joy.

Jesus offers us everything we need for plowing the fields that God assigns to us. When we cooperate with him, the burden is indeed light. We find rest in Jesus and we benefit from his strength. We experience holy pleasure in our tasks, because we're yoked to the energy of Jesus.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are you doing that seems good but is wearing you out?
2. What part of it is not God's idea?
3. What can you do to become more aware of the strength of Jesus?
4. Become accountable for the answer to the above questions by speaking of it to your family or faith community: What changes are you going to make to allow Jesus to refresh and renew you?
5. How might this make a difference?