

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 9, 2021 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

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## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR MAY 8 – MAY 16**

### **ST. MARY'S**

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	For the health of Jerry Gasser
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	For Mother's of the Parish
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	+For Deceased Members of PCCW
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Rodney Hanley Jr.
	6:30 p.m.	+Special Intentions J.E.B.
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+John Joseph Bartsch
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Glen & Wilma Seufert Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+John & Cecilia Eck

### **ST. AGNES**

Tues.	8:30 a.m.
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	10:30 a.m.

## **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Sunday, May 9

Monday, May 10

Tuesday, May 11

Wednesday, May 12

Friday, May 14

Sunday, May 16

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Monday, May 17

Wednesday, May 19

Friday, May 21

Saturday, May 22

Sunday, May 23

### **Mother's Day**

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

6:30 p.m. Mass

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

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Mass

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.

Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:15 a.m. Mass

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Home & School Meeting

8:15 a.m. Mass

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

High School Graduates Mass

## **OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in May: Joe & Denise Crowell**

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 6,276.00

**DDF:** To date our parish has \$12,335.00 toward our \$22,882.00 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Jerry Gasser, Charlotte Sloan, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**PICNIC NEWS:** Picnic planning is still underway. Monetary donations towards the prizes are still welcome. Contact the rectory, Mellanie Carder, or Frances Boman on how you can do this. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Raffle tickets are available for pickup in the back of church. Please pick these up. As in the past, each family is asked to sell 4 books of adult and 2 books of children. We all need to do our part to make this picnic a success. If you need more tickets, let us know.

Things will look a little different this year, but many the same. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, to come enjoy family, friends and neighbors.

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's Angels Among Us project. This year's count of donations has surpassed the previous records. Thank you, thank you, thank you for the overwhelming support of our students, the staff, and of this school! Thank you again.

Wednesday, our 1st & 2nd grade students led us in a special liturgy for the Crowning of Mary. They looked great, did a great job with the readings, and even sang a special song. They did a wonderful job. It was great to see them involved in the Mass in this way.

Saturday, May 8th is/was the Art Show. If you are reading this on Saturday, I hope you come over to the school and check out the exhibits. If you are reading this on Sunday morning, I hope you came out and enjoyed the show.

## APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, May 15 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Ushers: Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Kalem Parrigon, Doug Witt

Sunday, May 16 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell

Ushers: Dale Jasumback, Ellis Motley, Darren Brown Dustin Avondet

**PRAYER FOR MOTHERS** – Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, pray for all mothers, so that they will be able to fulfill their maternal responsibilities. Help them to be lovers and nurturers of all human life from the moment of conception until natural death, all the while being examples for their own children. Pray for their children, so that they too, will be faithful followers of Your Son. We offer these prayers in Jesus' name, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

## Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,  
34-35,44-48  
Ps 98:1-4  
1 John 4:7-10  
John 15:9-17

**Monday May 10**  
Acts 16:11-15  
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b  
John 15:26 -- 16:4a

**Tuesday May 11**  
Acts 16:22-34  
Ps 138:1-3,7c-8  
John 16:5-11

**Wednesday May 12**  
Acts 17:15,22--18:1  
Ps 148:1-2, 11-14  
John 16:12-15

**Thursday May 13**  
**Our Lady of Fatima**  
**(Ascension of the Lord)**  
Acts 18:1-8  
Ps 98:1-4  
John 16:16-20

**Friday May 14**  
**St. Matthias**  
Acts 1:15-17,20-26  
Ps 113:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8  
John 15:9-17

**Saturday May 15**  
Acts 18:23-28  
Ps 47:2-3,8-9,10  
John 16:23b-28

Servanthood is the mark of true Christian living. Jesus emphasized this during the Last Supper, saying that he

came not to be served, but to serve, and that likewise we should serve one another. In his parables, he often referred to believers as "servants" of the Kingdom. But in John 15:9-17, Jesus says that he wants us to be his *friends*, not his slaves. Is he contradicting himself?

Not at all! Friends serve because they care. Slaves serve because of duty and the fear of punishment.

Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love." Do we hear this as a friend or as a slave?

Slaves are afraid of what will happen if they fail to keep God's commandments; they are self-protective. Friends are eager to find out what God commands, because they view the commandments from the perspective of

love, as opportunities to serve; they are other-oriented.

Jesus said, "This is my commandment: Love one another the way I love you." It's the supreme commandment; call it the Commandment of Friendship. He says, "You know how I love you, my friends: I openly share with you everything that the Father tells me." His friends realize that what he shares (through scripture and through the Church) reveals our opportunities to love.



Every commandment is rooted in love. Every Church teaching is based on scriptures that help us know when and how to love.

When we fail to obey, do we lose God's love?

Never! Do we lose our place in his love? Yes. By living outside of his commandments, we feel unloved even while being loved.

This is slavery. We're enslaved by fear or by false beliefs or by our wounds that have caused us to think that we're not loved enough. God's commandments then feel confining, and if we try to escape, we commit rebellion. Those who don't rebel accept their slavery and obey dutifully in the hope of winning God's love.

Friends, on the other hand, know that God always loves them, and in this love, they are free to serve one another joyfully.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Are you obeying God like a slave or his best friend?
2. Do you eagerly jump into doing the will of God or do you complain about it? Do you ever want to escape from God's will?
3. What will you do to become more aware of his friendship?
4. What raises our relationships with God from slavery to friendship? Describe differences between obeying out of duty and obeying out of love.