

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 10, 2021 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR OCTOBER 9 – OCTOBER 17

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Frances Freeman Castle
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Raymond & Marie Witt
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Prayer & Communion Service
Friday	8:15 a.m.	Prayer & Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Steve Heeter

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Wednesday, October 13
Friday, October 15
Sunday, October 17

PSR/CCD Classes will Begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 7:15 p.m.

Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Knights of Columbus Rosary at 8:00 a.m. before Mass. Everyone is welcome to join.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, October 18

Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR/CCD Classes will Begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 7:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Mass

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

8:15 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, October 19

Wednesday, October 20

Friday, October 22

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 7012.00

TUCKPOINTING PROJECT: To date our parish has \$21,388.00 toward our \$65,000.00 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 mailing or putting your pledge in the collection marked tuckpointing. We are still short \$ 43,612.00 of meeting our goal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Ester Miller, Charlotte Sloan, Louise Bellm, Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

FR. MATT WILL BE GONE from Monday, October 11 until Friday, October 15 to the annual priest institute.

ROSARY: The Rosary is said Tuesday-Friday every day at 12noon. Everyone is welcome to come. Also if you are within 1 mile of the church you can listen to it on the radio station 88.1FM.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We had a nice week full of Catholic activities this week. We had a special blessing for our pets on Tuesday. This came on our first day in school after the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. On Thursday morning the entire school came together for a Rosary to honor the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Turkey Raffle: We have an adorable turkey sitting at the front door of the school. We will be raffling him off on October 23rd. If interested in buying a chance, \$1 per chance, come by the school or put money in an envelope with your name and phone number on it saying turkey raffle and we will get your tickets into the collection.

Coat Drive: Our PS-PK students are leading us in a coat drive. If you have a new or gently used coat that is no longer needed, please consider donating it to our coat drive. On Saturday, October 16th the Knights will help distribute the collected coats to those who need them in our area.

St. Mary's apparel is available. Go to www.screenmastersart.com

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, October 16 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Ushers: Larry Gasser, Doug Witt

Sunday, October 17 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton

Ushers: Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11
Ps 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

Monday October 11

Romans 1:1-7
Ps 98:1-4
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday October 12

Romans 1:16-25
Ps 19:2-5
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday October 13

Romans 2:1-11
Ps 62:2-3,6-7,9
Luke 11:42-46

Thursday October 14

Romans 3:21-30
Ps 130:1b-6
Luke 11:47-54

Friday October 15

St. Teresa of Avila
Romans 4:1-8
Ps 32:1b-2,5,11
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday October 16

Romans 4:13,16-18
Ps 105:6-9,42-43
Luke 12:8-12

Jesus asks the rich young man, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good." What's he trying to achieve?



First, if the young man truly believes that Jesus is good and that his teachings are good, and if he has observed his miracles and behavior, then it should be obvious to him that all this goodness is proof that Jesus is God.

Also, Christ's question offers the young man an opportunity to become more humble. If he truly believes what Jesus says, then he should realize that since only God is good, no one else, including himself, obeys the commandments perfectly. Such a realization should have opened his heart to the truth that Jesus explains next:

"There's only one thing keeping you from being holy like

God: earthly attachments. To gain freedom from this world and possess only what belongs to the kingdom of God share your treasures."

He's saying this to all of us, but he's not telling us to become destitute. To "give up" everything we possess means being willing to give it away. If it's a good thing for us to have because it blesses us, God does want us to enjoy it, but true joy comes from being God's partner as a distributor of his wealth. It's the fullest way to live! And we are all called to live this way.

If we remain attached to earthly stuff, we distance ourselves from God and

hurt those who would benefit from our generosity. However, to achieve complete freedom from attachments, we cannot rely only on our own efforts. It's often very difficult to let go and become willing to

share everything.

The good news is that Jesus made it possible by taking our sins to the cross and sharing with us his own Holy Spirit, who empowers us to do whatever he asks of us. Our lives on earth become more fulfilling when we dare to share. The more we give to others in a spirit of love, the more we receive the treasures of heaven. Indeed, we *become* one of heaven's treasures!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. In comparison to the holy ways of dealing with life's circumstances that Jesus modeled for us, how unlike Jesus – how worldly – are you today?
2. And how divine is your behavior? What earthly treasures have you given away?
3. Decide upon an action that will help you detach from earthly treasures this week.
4. Share the story of a time when you gave away an earthly treasure even though you really didn't want to detach from it. What motivated you to give it away? How did God repay you?