

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 24, 2021 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR OCTOBER 23 -- OCTOBER 31

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+David Probstfield
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Marge (Witt) Conyers
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Hank James
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Gene Kluck
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Maury McDunner
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family

### ST. AGNES

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

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, October 24	World Mission Sunday
Wednesday, October 27	PSR/CCD Classes will Begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, October 28	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, November 1	All Saints Day
	8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
	8:15 a.m. Mass
	PSR/CCD Classes will Begin at 6:15 p.m. and end at 7:15 p.m.
	7:30 p.m. Mass
	Knights of Columbus Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the C.R.
Wednesday, November 3	Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
	8:15 a.m. Mass
Thursday, November 4	
Friday, November 5	

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 4039.00

**TUCKPOINTING PROJECT:** To date our parish has \$23,038.00 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 \$41,962.00 of meeting our goal.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

**THANKS** to all of you for all of your thoughts and prayers during my illness, Louise Bellm

**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.

**ST. LAWRENCE** is having their Fall Feast November 7<sup>th</sup> from 11-2. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the back of church.

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We are scheduling the Book Fair to come to our school the week after Thanksgiving break, which is November 30th thru December 3rd. We will then have a special event on Sunday, December 5th. Join us for Breakfast with Santa! After Mass, we will have breakfast made by the Knights of Columbus, craft tables, pictures with Santa, and the Book Fair. Mark it on your calendar now so that you can get your kiddos in here for their visit with Santa and to shop the Book Fair.

**Scrip Program** - Don't forget about the Scrip Cards! When you are shopping you are spending money already. Please consider buying a Scrip Card before you go. By doing this you are able to raise a little money for H&S and a little for yourself to apply towards next year's tuition. If you have any questions please contact the office and ask.

## APPOINTMENTS

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

### Saturday, October 30 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Bryan Stellwagen, Bill Seufert

### Sunday, October 31 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Vince Witt, Cody Washam

Ushers: Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet

# Good News

## INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Ps 126:1-6

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

#### **Monday October 25**

Ephesians 4:32-5:8

Ps 1:1-4,6

Luke 13:10-17

#### **Tuesday October 26**

Ephesians 5:21-33

Ps 128:1-5

Luke 13:18-21

#### **Wednesday October 27**

Ephesians 6:1-9

Ps 145:10-14

Luke 13:22-30

#### **Thursday October 28**

Revelations 7:2-4,9-14

Ps 24:1b-6

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

#### **Friday October 29**

Wisdom 3:1-9

Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9

John 6:37-40

#### **Saturday October 30**

Philippians 1:18b-26

Ps 42:2,3,5

Luke 14:1,7-11

After Jesus touches our lives – answers a prayer, gives us a healing, provides a life-changing insight, or makes any other kind of difference – what do we do next? Our life has been changed by divine grace. Do we make the most of this new opportunity?

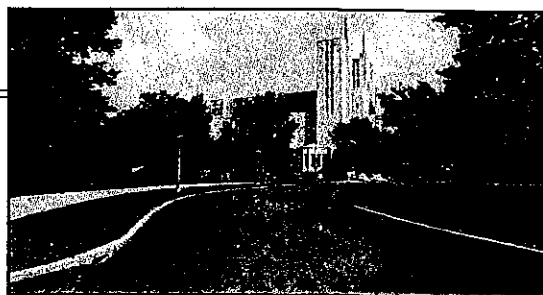
God never forces us to take a new direction or follow a certain path, not even if we've made a bargain with him, such as: "Lord, if you heal me, I will go to Mass every day."

Jesus says to us what he said to Bartimaeus, the man he healed in this Sunday's Gospel reading: "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Go where?

Sometimes his instructions are a little more informative than that. When he cures someone from sin, he adds: "Go and sin no more". Okay, but go where?

Every step we take is important. Where we go and what we do next makes a difference that ripples off into the future with ramifications (blessings and/or woes) that are impossible for us to predict. Jesus isn't down-playing the significance of this. Rather, what happens next is so important that he wants us to have full control over it.

Jesus told Bartimaeus "Go *your* way." And what did Bartimaeus do with that freedom? He "followed *him* on the way." He opted for the best possible direction. His life changed dramatically, not only because he had



been blind and now he had good eyesight, but because he wanted to learn from Jesus and become one of his followers.

How many times have we returned to an old familiar path after an encounter with Christ? If following him means taking a new direction, getting involved in a new ministry, or changing careers or friends, we too often settle back into old routines. Comfort zones are hard to leave. But following Jesus is a life-changing adventure if we're sincere about it.

Following Jesus and learning from him should be our top priority. Every encounter with Christ should change us – even at Mass when we reunite ourselves to him in the Eucharist.

#### **Reflect & Discuss:**

1. Think of the last time Jesus responded to your need for help. What changed afterward?
2. How long did the change last?
3. Describe a time when you changed directions in your life because of an encounter with Christ. What did Jesus do for you?
4. How did you figure out which way to go afterward?