

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 6, 2022 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 5- FEBRUARY 13

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Gene Gasser 100 th Birthday Remembrance
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Justice and Peace
	6:00 p.m.	+Frances & Mildred Witt
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+James Seufert
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Mary Szydloski

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Wednesday, February 9
PSR Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 10
Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, February 14
Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius Bishop
8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
6:30 p.m. Mass
PCCW Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.
Wednesday, February 16
8:15 a.m. Mass
PSR Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Friday, February 18
8:15 a.m. Mass
Sunday, February 20
Special Collection: Church in Central and Eastern Europe

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 2970.00

TUCKPOINTING PROJECT: To date our parish has \$47588.00 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 \$ 17,412.00 of meeting our goal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ATTENTION PCCW LADIES, the annual dues for our PCCW are \$10. If you received your January envelopes, the yellow one is for PCCW. For those not receiving envelopes simply place your \$10 in an envelope with your name labeled PCCW Dues.

ROSARY: No radio broadcast of the rosary the week of February 7-11.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, February 12 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Larry Carver, Leonard Fenske

Sunday, February 13 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Mary Abramovitz, Michael Myers

Ushers: Ralph Abramovitz, Ellis Motley

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8
Ps 138:1-5,7-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Monday February 7

1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13
Ps 132:6-10
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday February 8

1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30
Ps 84:3-5,10-11
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday Feb. 9

1 Kings 10:1-10
Ps 37:30-31,39-40
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday February 10 St. Scholastica

1 Kings 11:4-13
Ps 106:3-4,35-36,37,40
Mark 7:24-30

Friday February 11

1 Kings 11:29-32;12:19
Ps 81:10-15
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday February 12

1 Kings 12:26-32;13:33-34
Ps 106:6-7ab,19-22
Mark 8:1-10

Very often, the Lord gives us help even when we don't ask for it. We see this in what he did for Simon Peter, James and John in the Gospel reading, when he provided a great catch of fish for them.

What's his motive? Was he rewarding these fishermen for lending him one of their boats? Do you think he does good things for you as a reward?

Well, it's not a reward. There's a bigger picture.

Note the pattern of Christ's interaction with us as illustrated by this Gospel story:

1. First, the fishermen already know Jesus; they call him "Master" because he's a master teacher and they are his students.

2. Second, Jesus helps them in an unexpected way.

3. Third, Jesus turns the gift

into a calling.

4. Fourth, the disciples give up everything that could interfere with answering the call.

Whenever God intervenes in our lives, he does it to benefit us *and* others. We belong to a community, God's family; we are not in relationship with God as isolated individuals. By connecting ourselves to God in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in worship, we are connecting ourselves to everyone else and to his concerns for them.



Our prayers for help are never answered only for our sake. God always sees a bigger picture. And he always cares about everyone who is affected.

If it seems like God isn't responding to your pleas, it's because he's working on a bigger plan. He's coordinating how the answer to your prayers will

help others – many others.

God cares very much about your personal needs and desires, but he cares about everyone else, too, whether they ask for his help or not. And he is turning your needs into a calling, a ministry designed specifically for you. This means that the moment you begin asking for help, you are called by God to share his help with others.

By thinking beyond ourselves while waiting for our troubles to end, we find peace and hope and value in the hardships we endure. This is the vocation of daily life.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What prayer requests are you still waiting for God to answer?
2. What might God do during this delay that could benefit others?
3. Recall a time when God answered one of your prayers. Identify the four stages of divine intervention that are mentioned in this reflection.