

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 8, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR MAY 7 - MAY 15

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	For Mother's of the Parish
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Justice and Peace
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+John & Cecilia Eck Birthday Remembrances
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Ken Garrison
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Marge (Witt) Conyers

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, May 8

Fr. Matt will celebrate his 30th Anniversary of Ordination
Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 11

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

Saturday, May 14

Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, May 16

8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service

Wednesday, May 18

8:15 a.m. Mass

LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR PSR 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Friday, May 20

8:15 a.m. Mass

Saturday, May 21

3:00 p.m. St. Mary's School 8th Grade Graduation then after 4:00 p.m. Mass will be a reception

Sunday, May 22

High School Graduation Mass with reception to follow

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 6542.00

DDF: To date our parish has \$6,937.00 toward our \$21,950.00 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.

The Mirror: We are still short \$1,560.00 to pay for our Mirror bill. At this time we have only collected \$ 1100.00. We ask that everyone please pay your \$14 for The Mirror, so that the church does not have to pick up that expense. Thank you

TUCKPOINTING PROJECT: To date our parish has \$52,778.00 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 \$ 12,222.00 of meeting our goal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO THE FAMILY OF TOM CARTMELL. May he be living with God and may his family feel his peace.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

On behalf of the school I would like to say thank you to everyone who came to Mass last week and then visited the school Art Show and had breakfast. Thank you to the Knights who made the great breakfast, and for agreeing to have the breakfast during the Art Show. Next, I would like to say thank you to everyone who bought hanging baskets. I hope you were pleased with the flowers that you received. This year there were 180 hanging baskets bought. Thank you for buying and supporting the school.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, May 14 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

E.M.: Cathy Brown

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan

Sunday, May 15 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton

E.M.: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton (Choir)

Ushers: Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Dale Jasumback, Ellis Motley

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14,43-52
Ps 100:1-3,5
Rev 7:9,14b-17
John 10:27-30

Monday May 9

Acts 11:1-18
Ps 42:2-3;43:3-4
John 10:1-10

Tuesday May 10

Acts 11:19-26
Ps 87:1b-7
John 10:22-30

Wednesday May 11

Acts 12:24--13:5a
Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8
John 12:44-50

Thursday May 12

Acts 13:13-25
Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27
John 13:16-20

Friday May 13

Acts 13:26-33
Ps 2:6-11ab
John 14:1-6

Saturday May 14 St. Matthias

Acts 1:15-17,20-26
Ps 113:1-8
John 15:9-17

This Sunday's Gospel reading is short and to the point: Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is the only one we follow, the only one we can trust blindly.

Others who have authority in our lives might be good shepherds, but none of them are to be followed blindly, not even the best of them. We respect the positions of bishops, parish pastors, employers, teachers, parents, etc., but all make mistakes, all sin, all have incomplete understandings of the situations for which they're responsible. We must use the Holy Spirit's gift of discernment in each case so that we don't behave like dumb sheep inadvertently cooperating with decisions that grieve our Father God.

Only Jesus can be blindly trusted. Only Jesus is perfect

and knows all, understands all, and never sins. Only Jesus can successfully make the right decisions all the time and lead us through the various situations of life without inadvertently cooperating with evil. Only Jesus can discern and implement a plan that's best for every person who's affected by the plan. Only Jesus can lead us closer and closer to heaven while guiding us through the pitfalls and dangers of the journey.

And it is only Jesus who can smile at our blunders when we stray from his plans, because he knows that we still really do love him and want to do what's right. He knows



how to implement a new plan that will steer us back into safe pastures. He compassionately holds onto us so that we don't wriggle away from the Father's hand forever.

Whenever we distrust anyone (ourselves included) we can safely trust that no matter what happens, Jesus is there, steadfastly guiding us and re-guiding us after we stray. Because we really do love him and want to do what's right, he is securing our safety, redeeming our mistakes, making good come from bad when we repent of our sins, and of course always making sure that we'll get home to heaven.

To be good sheep, all we have to do is cooperate with his guidance!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How much do you trust yourself and your discernment of truth and your ability to stay on the path to heaven? Who else is difficult to trust right now?
2. What will you do this week to entrust these matters to Jesus?
3. When is it difficult to trust Jesus? Why is it so difficult?
4. Considering that past experiences with imperfect humans naturally cause us to distrust even Jesus, what helps you overcome this so that you can trust God?