

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 11, 2022 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 10 – SEPTEMBER 18

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Betty Rakoski
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Mary Ryder
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Barbara Bauer Birthday Remembrance
	6:00 p.m.	+Justice and Peace
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+V. Bartsch
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+James Seufert Wedding Anniversary

### ST. AGNES

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

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, September 12	8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
Tuesday, September 13	Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday, September 14	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
	8:15 a.m. Mass
	PSR/CCD Classes will begin. Classes will be 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
	6:00 p.m. Mass
	St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the C.R.
Thursday, September 15	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday, September 16	Memorial of Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Martyrs
	8:15 a.m. Mass
Sunday, September 18	Special Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 19	8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
Tuesday, September 20	Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
	Feast of Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday, September 21	8:15 a.m. Mass
	PSR/CCD Classes will begin. Classes will be 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Friday, September 23	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
	8:15 a.m. Mass
	Fr. Peter's Birthday
Saturday, September 24	All School Mass for St. Mary's School
	St. Mary's School Grand Opening of St. Mary's Dinner. See Flyers in the back of church
Wednesday, September 28	8:15 a.m. Mass the Bishop will be here to celebrate the Mass

## OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in September: Tim & Patty Osterloh

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2657.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Ester Miller, Judy Chapman, Andrea Kristek, Loretta Graskemper, Robert Graskemper and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** As part of the Eucharistic Renewal called for by the Bishop, Bishop Rice is going to be with us at Mass on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning after Mass, until 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. there will be Benediction. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the back of church for all those who wish to spend an hour to be with Christ, who is truly present with us in the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up within the next two weeks. We need at least two people present in the Church during the time of Adoration.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSRCCD):** We have been blessed to have dedicated teachers who willingly give their time to make PSR a rewarding experience for the kids. Would you like to be involved? If you have thought about offering to teach a class but have hesitated, please pray about it. It is a personally enriching experience and a great way to contribute to YOUR CHURCH. We are needing teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering to teach please contact Martha Randall at 417-489-4589. Classes will start Wednesday, September 7, 2022 from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

**NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:**

Thank you to everyone who came to Grandparents Day on Friday. It has been a few years since we could do this and it was very nice to see all of our grandparents back together for the occasion.

Saturday, September 24th will be the grand opening of the St. Mary's Diner. From 5:30 - 7:30 we will be serving a pulled pork dinner. The St. Mary's students will be waiting tables and taking orders for a one of a kind dining experience. Reservations can be made by purchasing tickets in the school office or you can buy after Mass on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

**APPOINTMENTS**

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

**Saturday, September 17 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski  
Servers: Wittley Cahalan, Emma Ruscha  
E.M.: John Witt

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan, Bryan Stellwagen, Bill Seufert

**Sunday, September 18 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell  
Servers: Max Brown, Jay Brown  
E.M.: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell (Choir)

Ushers: Jim Barchak, Ian Brottlund, Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet

**Once the PSR children are trained on how to serve they will start to be rotated into the servers list. We are also looking for any one that would like to be a Reader, Extraordinary Minister, and Usher. If you are interested please contact the church office at 476-2827.**

**Good News**  
INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14  
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-32

**Monday September 12**  
**Holy Name of Mary**  
1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33  
Ps 40:7-10, 17  
Luke 7:1-10

**Tuesday September 13**  
**St. John Chrysostom**  
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31  
Ps 100:1b-5  
Luke 7:11-17

**Wednesday September 14**  
**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
Numbers 21:4b-9  
Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38  
Philippians 2:6-11  
John 3:13-17

**Thursday September 15**  
**Our Lady of Sorrows**  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28  
John 19:25-27 / Luke 2:33-35

**Friday September 16**  
**Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15  
Luke 8:1-3

**Saturday September 17**  
1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49  
Ps 58:10c-14  
Luke 8:4-15

Today's Gospel is an assurance of God's desire to regain what has been lost. He is a God of reconciliation, pursuing those who have strayed from the truth. Why? Because he cares — he cares more than we do about the people we know who are "lost sheep" or "lost treasures" like the coin in this parable.

Think of the people who have been lost to you because they have abandoned you. God cares and is pursuing them to bring healing to the relationship, and he will continue his efforts even until they take their last earthly breath (sometimes the healing comes after death).

Think, too, of people who are neglecting their faith. Jesus is a Good Shepherd who will never give up pursuing them. Why? Because their value to your family and to the Church is important! Their absence is depleting the strength of the community.

And God, who is the source of the life of the community, is doing everything possible — well, even the impossible — to lead them to repentance, healing and a safe return.

However, we cannot leave it all up to God. He works through us. Only when we've tried and our influence is nil does God say, "Let go. Trust that I am continually working on the problem." We can believe that Jesus is



still chasing after them, even though they hide from him. He is not far from them, even though they push him away.

If there is something else we can do to invite them back into the sheepfold, but we don't, someday we will have to explain to Jesus why we didn't. Why did we fail to love as much as he loves them? Why did we let them stray away without researching how we could help them? Have we done anything to push them away?

No matter how difficult it gets as we partner with Christ to bring others back to the sheepfold, the most important thing we can do is keep loving them unconditionally. Hopefully, they will see in us the love that Jesus is offering to them.

**Reflect & Discuss:**

1. Who are the lost sheep and missing treasures of your family and your parish community? What will you do to reveal Jesus and his merciful love for them?
2. Is there a parish ministry or an evangelization program that you could join to learn how to better help others turn to Jesus?
3. When the lost are not ready yet to turn to Jesus or return to us or to the Church, how do our attempts to give them Jesus prepare them for an eventual conversion?
4. Why is it worth trying, even if we don't see any fruits for our efforts? Even if it includes sacrifice and extra humility on our part?

## ST MARY'S – ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY GUIDELINES

September 1, 2022

The following guidelines are in effect as of the date above and must be observed.

1. When an occasion arises that “***burial privileges***” must be used, the Pastor is to be notified. In the event that the Pastor cannot be reached Richard Cochran should be contacted directly. In the event that Richard Cochran cannot be reached then Jim Larkin should be contacted.
2. All grave spaces in the new section of the cemetery are to be sold in rotation. (A grave space size is 4' x 10')
3. Effective September 1, 2022 the cost of a grave space in the cemeteries or niche in the columbarium shall be as follows:

### GRAVE SPACE

Parishioner grave space – \$400.00

Non-parishioner grave space – \$600.00

***The sale of a grave space to another person or persons is strictly prohibited***

### COLUMBARIUM NICHE

Niches will be sold on the East and West side of the columbarium, left to right, top to bottom. Each niche can hold only two cremains. ***The initial engraving, death date engraving and veteran medallions on a niche are the family's responsibilities. All engraving will be “Times New Roman” font and must be done by Wommack Monument Co. (Wommack Monument Co. can temporarily or permanently seal niche for family when doing death date engraving.)***

Parishioner Niche - \$800.00

Non-Parishioner Niche - \$1,000.00

***The sale of a niche to another person or persons is strictly prohibited.***

There is a ***one-time*** fee of \$300.00 per individual for on-going maintenance of the cemetery at the time of a burial. ***This applies whether it is buried cremains, cremains placed in a niche or a traditional burial. Cremains must be buried or placed in a niche in the columbarium. The scattering of cremains on a grave or in the cemetery is strictly prohibited.***

***All prices are subject to change without notice.***

4. ALL PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS of grave spaces by the erection of monuments, other than ordinary stones and military markers, must be submitted to the proper authority (the Cemetery Board) before being carried into effect.

5. NO planting of any kind is allowed in the cemeteries. For example: planting trees, flowers (with the exception of crocuses), shrubs, as well as embedding flowerpots, statues, etc., "on" graves are prohibited.

6. *There are to be no flowers etc. on the ground during mowing season, (April through September) except for Memorial Day. All flowers, natural or artificial, must be removed two weeks after Memorial Day if they are on the ground and NOT in permanent vases that are attached to the base of the headstone. If left on the ground in the way of mowers and weed eaters they will be removed. This includes all figurines, flowers, decorative rocks, and any decorative items such as shepherd hooks, solar lights etc. .*

*All items such as glass jars and vases are prohibited due to the fact that if they are broken they could possibly cause injury.*

*Veteran and Knights of Columbus flag holders are allowed and can remain.*

7. *Every new grave should be marked with a permanent headstone if at all possible.* All stones must be in line, and must meet the Cemetery Board's specifications. Headstone footings must be 16 to 18 inches deep and the same size as the base of the headstone or concrete pad (apron). Footings for Military or V.A. and infant marker footings can be a little less. *The width of the monument or stone must not exceed the grave space size.* If you are unsure about the grave space size, please contact the Cemetery Board. *Monuments or markers must not exceed a maximum height of 42". (The base of the stone is included in the 42".)*

A. All V.A. markers shall be flush with the ground and located at the foot of the grave, so that mowers will pass over the marker without damaging it. This does not pertain to V.A. markers that are attached to an upright marker or used as the main headstone.

B. Infant markers should be at least 13 inches wide by 6 inches deep minimum.

C. Prior to setting any stone or monument Richard Cochran must be notified. In the event that Richard cannot be reached then Jim Larkin should be contacted. One or the other or a member of the Cemetery Board must be present at the time the stone or monument is set in place.

D. *Benches in the cemetery are prohibited.*  
*Long ledgers that cover the entire length of the grave are also prohibited.*

E. All monuments and markers are to be maintained by the family.

8. *The Cemetery Board reserves the right to make any additional changes as required or as needed.*