

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 2, 2022 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 9

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Steve Heeter
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Dick Conway
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Brandon Wellbaum
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Jim & Jo Ann Conley
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Louise Bellm

### ST. AGNES

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

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Tuesday, October 4

**Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi**

Wednesday, October 5

**PSR/CCD Classes will begin.** Classes will be 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

**No Knights of Columbus Meeting**

**Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

Friday, October 7

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, Oct. 10-Fri., Oct. 14

**Fr. Matt will be gone to the Annual Priest Institute**

Monday, October 10

**8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service**

Wednesday, October 12

**8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service**

**St. Mary's Home & School Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

Friday, October 14

**PSR/CCD Classes will begin.** Classes will be 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, October 15

**8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service**

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

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2971.00

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Kayla (Deickhoff) Thomas, Jack Parrigon, Judy Chapman, Andrea Kristek, Loretta Graskemper, Robert Graskemper and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**A NOTE FROM FR. MATT:** Stealing a line from one of the greatest WW 2 era broadcasters, Gabriel Heatter, "there's good news tonight!" The Bishop has signed the contract with Karr Tuckpointing and sent it on. Please continue to pray that Karr will be able to schedule our repair work soon, and that we can get the necessary work done before winter. Now, for something that I just do not talk about very much: costs / expenses, etc. The requested donation for a large candle has been at two dollars for many years. Like many things, the cost of those candles has gone up. They are just about at \$3.00 before a shipping charge is added. IF you can afford to raise your offering for the candle to \$3.00, it would be very helpful. I want you to know that, if you cannot afford to do so, there is absolutely no reason not to light a candle. Your prayers and intentions that go with the candle are of infinite value. You may not have noticed, but, when the Vigil Light at the back altar gets low, it is my habit to take one of the lit candles from the stands and place it in the Vigil Lamp. In this way, the prayers, petitions and intentions of the one who lit the candle are not only closer to the Christ, present in the Blessed Sacrament, they are giving due honor to our Blessed Lord. This is one of a number of ways that I present to Christ the Love that each of us in our church have for him, who is with us until the end of time in the Blessed Sacrament. God Bless. Fr. Matt

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OCTOBER 7, 2022** On First Friday of each month, we have Exposition starting at 1:00 p.m. with Adoration until 7:00 p.m. Exposition closes with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Please remember that there must be at least two people present at all times during Adoration. If you have signed up for a time slot, but cannot make it, please call on one of the other people on the list who signed up to be substitutes Also: anyone, at any time during Adoration is encouraged to spend time praying in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Visits to the Blessed Sacrament, written by St. Alphonsus Liguori, will be available on the small table in the center of the aisle at the back of church for use during adoration.

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Last weekend we had a wonderful All School Mass and then the Grand Opening of the St. Mary's Diner. Thank you again for allowing the school children to help serve at Mass! Thank you very much for the support of the diner. We served right at 200 guests. Dinner ticket sales brought in \$1910, we had donations towards the event totaling \$1080, and the students earned \$340 in tips. The dinner funds and the donations will cover the cost of the dinner and proceeds will go to the schools general fund. Fundraising efforts for the general fund are not always glamorous, but every bit that we can make means a lot to us and our sustainability. The students' tips will be used to fund projects that they will begin doing throughout the year. We would like to Thank Patty for all of her help in making this successful. We also would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the event. We will look at doing another dining experience later in the year. We will try out some new adjustments to try to accommodate more guests and help make things run even smoother. Thank you!

## APPOINTMENTS

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

### **Saturday, October 8 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Servers: Dane Gibbs, Drake Gibbs

E.M.: Cathy Brown

Ushers: Larry Gasser, Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Doug Witt

### **Sunday, October 9 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: Rachele Brown, Jennifer Eaton

Servers: Ember Cole, Kellen Avondet

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

Ushers: Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Ian Brottlund, Ellis Motley

# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

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

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9  
2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14  
Luke 17:5-10

**Monday Oct 3**  
Galatians 1:6-12  
Ps 111:1b-2,7-10c  
Luke 10:25-37

**Tuesday October 4**  
**St. Francis of Assisi**  
Galatians 1:13-24  
Ps 139:1b-3,13-15  
Luke 10:38-42

**Wednesday October 5**  
Galatians 2:1-2,7-14  
Ps 117:1bc,2  
Luke 11:1-4

**Thursday October 6**  
Galatians 3:1-5  
Lk 1:69-75  
Luke 11:5-13

**Friday October 7**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary**  
Galatians 3:7-14  
Ps 111:1b-6  
Luke 11:15-26

**Saturday October 8**  
Galatians 3:22-29  
Ps 105:2-7  
Luke 11:27-28

This Gospel reading is disturbing. After doing a lot of hard work, the last thing we want to hear from God is: "You're an unprofitable servant."

Think of how hard you work. Whether it's at home or for a business or in ministry, we're never rewarded enough, right? Instead, we're given *more* work! At home, we try to relax after a busy day but one of the kids or an elderly relative needs help. On the job, we're given more work because our colleagues are either too lazy or they've been laid off. In the parish, most of the work gets done by only 10 to 20% of the people.

Jesus says that our reaction to all this should be: "Lord, I'm an unworthy servant of your kingdom, because I've only done what's expected of me."

Is he implying that it's right to be burdened with more to do when we're tired? Not at all! What he is telling us is that there's a difference between doing what's required out of mere obedience and volunteering to go the extra mile because we love and we care.

When we stop short of going the extra mile, it's usually because we have an unbalanced view of faith. Unaware that we're serving Christ in our everyday tasks, and unaware that we're serving others *with* Christ, we settle for a mediocre, half-hearted attitude. We limit our potential.



And then we're astonished that Jesus would suggest that we can command

trees to cast themselves into the sea! When was the last time you saw *that* happen?

Here's the connection between doing more than the minimum and having a supernatural faith: For both to occur, we have to know that God's love is complete and unconditional and available all the time and that from this comes his desire to serve us.

Knowing this, we're confident that he can accomplish anything he wants in us and through us. If we care like he cares, we *want* to go the extra mile with him. And then when we get hurt or tired, he restores us. Do you believe that yet?

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. What's your mulberry tree? What problem is so deeply rooted that it seems immovable?
2. Who in your life is so stuck in sin that you've lost hope? Can you surprise that person with gestures of love that are unexpected and unrequested?
3. Describe examples of service that show the difference between doing our duty and doing more. How does volunteering to serve above and beyond what's expected reveal God's love?