

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 15, 2023 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JANUARY 14 - JANUARY 22

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Charlotte Sloan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Edmund Fenske
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Special Intentions S.R.A.
Friday	8:15 a.m.	Special Intentions F.R.R.
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Raymond & Marie Witt

### ST. AGNES

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

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, January 16	8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
Tuesday, January 17	Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot
Wednesday, January 18	8:15 a.m. Mass
	6:15 p.m. PSR Classes
Friday, January 20	8:15 a.m. Mass
Saturday, January 21	Feast of Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Sunday, January 22	Second Collection: Church in Latin America. Please make checks out to St. Mary's Church
	Free Throw Contest for ages 9-14. Doors to the gym will open at 12 noon and contest will start at 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, January 23	8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service
Tuesday, January 24	Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Wednesday, January 25	Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
	8:15 a.m. Mass
	6:15 p.m. PSR Classes
Friday, January 27	St. Mary's School Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the C.R.
Saturday, January 28	8:15 a.m. Mass
Sunday, January 29	Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
	St. Mary's School Mass
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast after Mass Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

## OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in January: Bonnie Parrigon and Glen Carver

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 3432.16

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Guessie Pierce, McPheerson Family, Linda Cochran King, Melissa Cahalan, Kayla (Deickhoff) Thomas, Jack Parrigon, Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** The secretary will be in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you need something on Mondays or Thursdays just call the church number if she does not answer leave a message and she will return your phone call.

**END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTER:** If you would like a copy of your contributions for the 2022 year, please print your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church. (If you have already signed-up to get your tax letter in the back of church your name will have a check mark by it, and your letter will be in the back of church.) Please do not sign someone else up and also just sign one sheet.

**This leads to duplicate names on the lists. Thank you**

**PCCW NEWS:** Attention Ladies. It's time to pay our annual dues of \$10. If you don't receive church envelopes simply put your money in an envelope and label it PCCW. One of the ways your dues help is with funeral dinners. Recently we updated the circles. We realize that often times you cannot be present to help with your circle's dinner but perhaps you might be able to help at another time. We've decided to create a substitute list of helpers that might be able to help at random times. If you would like your name on this list please call or text Bonnie Parrigon at 417-489-3866. Bless you for this. Our last bit of news for January is about the annual Valentine's Day Tea at Holy Family Church in Shell Knob. It will be held on Feb. 14 at 11:00. If you are interested in attending please call or text Bonnie. Registration will close by Jan. 25. Thank you.

## NOTES FROM FR. MATT:

The Church Calendars are finally here! They came in on Wednesday. They are on the tables in the back of Church. Please take them. We should have plenty. 200 were ordered for St. Mary's. As mentioned a few weeks ago, the Parish Pastoral Council is continuing to work on election of new members. During the last two weeks of Advent, I put 15 copies of the Council Guidelines on the back tables in Church and asked those who might be interested in serving to take a copy and read it. There was a great response. If you are one of those who are interested in serving a two year term, please get in touch with me or a member of the Council in the next two weeks. We will have parish wide nominations at Mass on the weekend of February 7th, and elections on the weekend of February 18th. God Bless Fr. Matt

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

The school has done a recycling drive the last two weeks. The 7th-8th grade students organized our drive. They wanted to show how much waste we can accumulate in two weeks and also help teach the importance of preserving and conserving God's creations.

## APPOINTMENTS

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

### **Saturday, January 21 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Servers: Lexie Blackburn, Reece Cahalan

E.M.: Debbie Parrigon

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan, Michael Abramovitz, Terrance Campbell

### **Sunday, January 22 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: Cody Washam, Barbara Glouse

Servers: Kellen Avondet, Abram Boman

E.M.: Adam Boman, Mellanie Carder (Choir)

Ushers: Dale Jasumback, Ellis Motley, Dereck Washam, Rick Washam

# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isalah 49:3, 5-6  
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34

**Monday January 16**  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Ps 110:1-4  
Mark 2:18-22

**Tuesday January 17**  
**St. Anthony**  
Hebrews 6:10-20  
Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c  
Mark 2:23-28

**Wednesday January 18**  
Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17  
Ps 110:1-4  
Mark 3:1-6

**Thursday January 19**  
Hebrews 7:25 - 8:6  
Ps 40:7-10,17  
Mark 3:7-12

**Friday January 20**  
Hebrews 8:6-13  
Ps 85:8,10-14  
Mark 3:13-19

**Saturday January 21**  
**St. Agnes**  
Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14  
Ps 47:2-3,6-9  
Mark 3:20-21

In every Mass, the presiding priest says the words of John the Baptist that are quoted in today's Gospel message: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." To which we reply: "Lord, I am not worthy ... but say the word and my soul shall be healed."

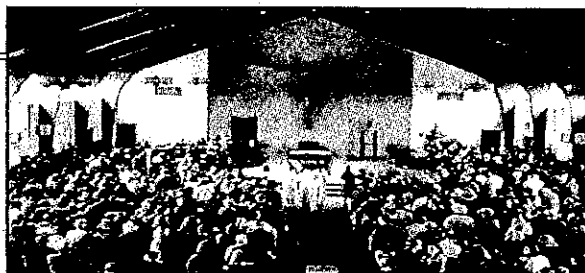
This healing began at the beginning of Mass in the Penitential Rite if we had a sincere attitude of repentance. With this healing, we receive Jesus in all of his humanity and divinity. With this healing, we leave church ready to be like John the Baptist, testifying by word and by the way we live that "now I have seen that Jesus is the Son of God."

Is Mass that kind of experience for you?

All parts of the Mass contribute to this. Jesus is present in the community as we unite in song. Jesus is present in the Penitential Rite, listening to

our sincerity. Jesus is present in the Liturgy of the Word, broken open like bread to nourish our faith, and when the homily is poor or absent, his Spirit preaches to us privately (straying thoughts are often an action of God). And Jesus is present in all the prayers: the ones we offer and those of the clergy.

All of Mass is meant to transform us, prepare us, and send us out from church as witnesses of the true presence of Christ in our world. Like John the Baptist, we can say: "I did not know him." In other words: "I saw



only bread and wine" and "I was sinful and didn't realize the damage I had done" and "I was wounded and did not know how to be healed."

And like John we can add: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God. The Holy Spirit revealed to me the presence of my Savior in the Eucharist. The Holy Spirit gently exposed my sinfulness and gave me help in overcoming them. The Holy Spirit leads me to the resources that are healing my wounds."

### **Reflect & Discuss:**

† What is the experience of Mass like for you?

† If you could attend Mass daily, would you? If not, why not? If it's a scheduling problem, will you ask Jesus to change your schedule? If it's a priority problem, will you ask the Holy Spirit to increase in you a desire to sit in the true Eucharistic presence of your Savior?

† Describe a time when you became more aware of Jesus in the Mass.

† Prior to this development, what distracted you from noticing his presence? What changed? Why? How?