

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 2, 2023 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 1- JULY 9

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Charlotte Sloan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15a.m.	No Mass
Friday	8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Ferdinand & Mary Witt and Descendants
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Bill Seufert

ST. AGNES

Tues.	No Mass
Thur.	No Mass
Sun.	10:30 a.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, July 3

Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Independence Day!!

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, July 4

Friday, July 7

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 10

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Tuesday, July 11

Memorial of Saint Benedict

Wednesday, July 12

No Mass

Friday, July 14

Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

No Mass

Saturday, July 15

Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Dr. of the Church

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in July: Bonnie Parrigon & Glen Carver

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 3025.00

DDF: To date our parish has given \$17,215.00 toward our \$19,044.00 goal. We are still short \$ 1,829.00 of meeting our goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please make a sacrifice, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card. We ask everyone to participate, as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mary Catherine Miller, Joan (Whitman) Johnson, Brenda (Wroblewski) Buchanan, Guessie Pierce, Melissa Cahalan, Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

CHURCH SECRETARY will be out of town July 7-July 16. If you need to reach Shelly or Fr. Matt call the church number 476-2827 and Shelly will be able to answer your calls. If she is unable to answer leave a message for her by selecting option 1 and she will call you back.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We are still in need of some help for the next school year. We could use a volunteer for PE and a volunteer to serve as a long term substitute teacher. We also are in need of a teacher for 1st & 2nd grade. If you know of anyone who would have the credentials and the ability to come in and teach at a high level for our students, have them get a hold of us. 417-476-2824.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, July 8 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski

Servers: Max Brown, Kellen Avondet

E.M.: Lora Saffer, Cathy Brown, Dan Witt

Ushers: Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet, Jason Barchak, Jared Barchak

Sunday, July 9 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton

Servers: Selma Graves, Avery Caddell

E.M.: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton, Mellanie Carder, Carri Caddell (Choir)

Ushers: Rex Cooper, Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Ian Brottlund

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 2

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a
Ps 89:2-3,16-19(2a)
Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

Monday July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle
Ephesians 2:19-22
Ps 117:1bc,2
John 20:24-29

Tuesday July 4

Genesis 19:15-29
Ps 26:2-3,9-12
Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday July 5

Genesis 21:5,8-20a
Ps 34:7-8,10-13
Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday July 6

Genesis 22:1b-19
Ps 115:1-6,8-9
Matthew 9:1-8

Friday July 7

Genesis 23:1-4,19;
24:1-8,62-67
Ps 106:1b-5
Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday July 8

Genesis 27:1-5,15-29
Ps 135:1b-6
Matthew 9:14-17

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus emphasizes the importance of keeping our eyes on him and always making him our top priority. Nothing else matters as much as our relationship with God. This means following Jesus wherever he leads, doing everything his way, all the way, every day, giving him our 100% (no excuses for being mediocre in our faith), laying down our lives in service to others like he did.

Laying down our lives means making sacrifices, such as giving our cup of cold water to someone who's thirsty. It means receiving someone into our busy schedules and listening for the prophet in him; for example: What is God saying to us through this person?

When we refuse to lay down our lives for others, we reject the Cross of Christ and his sufferings, which he submitted to for our sake. This does not mean, however, that we can never say no to others. Jesus wants

to lead us away from the harm of abuse or demands that are sinful or the enabling of unhealthy behaviors. Saying no in such cases is yet another Way of the Cross.

When we truly follow Christ, we can receive all that he is and all that he has for us. When we let go of our fears and personal goals, letting Jesus lead us into new places and new ways of handling problems, we discover new life in Christ.



His ways are always far better than what we had feared would happen.

This is the difference between a mediocre faith and a life in Christ that is full of adventures, miracles, surprising solutions, healing, victories, and realizing how very precious and important we are to God.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Who has asked you (either consciously or unaware) to lay down a part of your life for them?
- † When have you said no?
- † When have you said yes – and was it worth the sacrifice?
- † Why is laying down our lives for the needs or requests of others worthwhile? Share a story from your own life that illustrates this.