

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 23, 2023 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 22- JULY 30

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Dwight Severs Anniversary
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Tom Knott Birthday Remembrance
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Friday	8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Pete & Helen Frey
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Deceased members of Frank & Catherine Roetto Family

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Tuesday, July 25	Feast of Saint James, Apostle
Wednesday, July 26	Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday, July 29	Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, July 31	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service
Tuesday, August 1	Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor 8:15 a.m. Mass 7:30 p.m. Mass
Wednesday, August 2	Knights of Columbus Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the C.R. Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest 8:15 a.m. Mass
Friday, August 4	

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in August:

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00 Week of 7/9/2023 Collection: \$4655.00 Last Week's Collection: \$ 4849.00

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.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO THE FAMILY OF LINDA KING. May she be living with God and may her family feel her peace.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO THE FAMILY OF TINA PAUL. May she be living with God and may her family feel her peace.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO THE FAMILY OF DOROTHY WITT. May she be living with God and may her family feel her peace.

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. 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 29 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski
Servers: Kallie Taylor, Kelcie Taylor
E.M.: Cathy Brown, Lora Saffer, Richard Ceselski
Ushers: Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Doug Witt, Bryan Stellwagen

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

Readers: Linda Fenske
Servers: Jay Brown, Max Brown
E.M.: Adam Boman, Joe Parrigon Cari Caddell, Dale Jasumback
Ushers: Darren Brown, Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Rex Cooper

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday July 23

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16(5a)
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Monday July 24

Ex 14:5-18
Ex 15:1b-6
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday July 25

St. James, Apostle
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Ps 126:1b-6
Matthew 20:20-28

Wednesday July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne
Ex 16:1-5,9-15
Ps 78:18-19,23-28
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday July 27

Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b
Daniel 3:52-56
Matthew 13:10-17

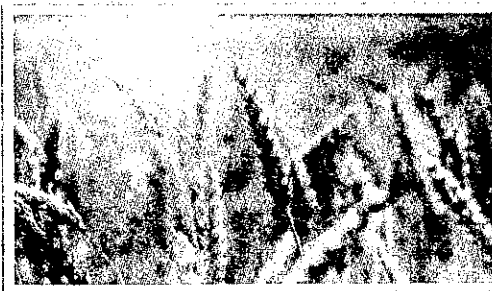
Friday July 28

Ex 20:1-17
Ps 19:8-11
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday July 29

**Sts. Martha, Mary,
and Lazarus**
Ex 24:3-8
Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15
John 11:19-27 OR
Luke 10:38-42

Go and Make Disciples, published by the US Bishops in 1992, names three important layers of evangelization: (1) Nurture your own faith-growth, (2) invite others to conversion, and (3) transform society through true Christian living. Jesus teaches us these same three strategies, using parables.



(1) Nurture your own faith-growth: In the kingdom of God, we are like good wheat growing amidst weeds. This takes effort; the weeds will take over if we're not working daily at growing in holiness. What have you been doing to prevent the weeds around you from taking over and strangling your holiness? How is your faith life benefiting from living in the midst of non-believers and evil? Your Father-Creator is empowering you to grow.

(2) Invite others to conversion: In the kingdom of God, we are like the tiniest of seeds that grow into a bush so large that others benefit from our growth. Who is benefiting from your growth. Who is benefiting from your faith? How is your spiritual growth inviting them into a closer relationship with Jesus? The Holy Spirit is

bread of life that nourishes others. What are you involved in, as a Christian, that improves the world? Is your faith making a difference in your workplace, your community, and your parish? During Mass, as you receive the nourishment of the Eucharist, you are empowered to become Eucharist for the world.

Mass ends with Christ commissioning you, through the presider, to be the yeast of goodness that affects those around you.

Reflect & Discuss:

† Maybe you never saw yourself as an "evangelist", but you are! This is your calling as a baptized Christian. Which of the above three areas of evangelization are you most actively doing?

† Which needs more of your attention?

† Give an example from your own life (or from the life of someone you know or have heard about) that illustrates one of the three goals above.

† What about the other goals? Make sure that, in your discussion as a family or faith sharing group, examples are given for all three goals of evangelization.

empowering you to evangelize others if you're willing to minister to them using what you've learned from your experiences.

(3) Transform society: In the kingdom of God, we are like yeast that helps the whole batch swell up and mature into the