

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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September 17, 2023 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 16- SEPTEMBER 24

ST. MARY'S

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| Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | +Teresa Heeter & Steve Heeter |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | +James Seufert Anniversary |
| Monday | 8:15 a.m. | Rosary & Communion Service |
| Wednesday | 8:15 a.m. | +Terry Larkin Birthday Remembrance |
| Friday | 8:15 a.m. | For the Country of Haiti |
| Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | +Larry & Patty Parrigon |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | +Louise Bellm |

ST. AGNES

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| Tues. | 8:30 a.m. |
| Thur. | 8:30 a.m. |
| Sun. | 10:30 a.m. |

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Wednesday, September 20

Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

PSR CLASSES from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. All children Kindergarten to 12th grade.

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Fr. Peter's Birthday

St. Mary's Diner Fall Opening

Thursday, September 21

Saturday, September 23

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, September 25

Wednesday, September 27

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR CLASSES from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. All children Kindergarten to 12th grade.

St. Mary's School Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the C.R.

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:15 a.m. Mass

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest

St. Mary's All School Mass

Friday, September 29

Saturday, September 30

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2355.50

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Margie Jensen, Erin (Gasser) Carnes, 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.

AIR CONDITIONING UNITS that have went out and that we have to replace. We have one unit in the rectory that has quite, and two units in the church that have quit. The cost to replace the 3 units is going to be \$18,524.11. If you would like to make a donation toward this cost you can put an envelope marked AC Units in the collection.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL ADULT FAITH FORMATION-Our nation and our diocese are in the middle of 3 years of Eucharistic revival. This year is focused on Parish revival and we will be getting together in the school cafeteria Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:15 (the same time as PSR) to renew our knowledge and love of the Eucharist through a study called "Jesus and the Eucharist." See more on the website: eucharisticrevival.org

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Diner tickets will be available after both Masses this weekend.

Thank you to everyone who bought mums this year. The mums will be here and ready for pickup on Saturday, Sept 23rd. We sold 172 this year. You are welcome to pick them up at the St. Mary's Diner.

Thank you, to all of the Grandparents that came to spend the morning with us last Friday for Grandparents Day. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having you.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, September 23 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Servers: Kelcie Taylor, Kallie Taylor

E.M.: Shelly Stellwagen, Cathy Brown, Lora Saffer

Ushers: Bryan Stellwagen, Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Tommy Cahalan

Sunday, September 24 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Baleigh Kleiboeker, Brenden Kleiboeker

Servers: JJ Randall, Michael Masri

E.M. Rachele Brown, Jennifer Eaton, Mellanie Carder, Joe Parrigon (Choir)

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

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday September 17

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Ps 103:1-4,9-12

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

Monday September 18

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Ps 28:2,7-9

Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday September 19

1 Timothy 3:1-13

Ps 101:1b-3b,5-6

Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday September 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon,

Paul Chong Hasang, and

Companions, Martyrs

1 Timothy 3:14-16

Ps 111:1-6

Luke 7:31-35

Thursday September 21

St. Matthew, Apostle

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13

Ps 19:2-5

Matthew 9:9-13

Friday September 22

1 Timothy 6:2c-12

Ps 49:6-10,17-20

Luke 8:1-3

Saturday September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

1 Timothy 6:13-16

Ps 100:1b-5

Luke 8:4-15

Jesus' message in this Sunday's Gospel reading explains a line from the "Our Father" prayer he had taught earlier (Matthew 6:12): "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

The strongest word here is "AS" – the same as, just like, in equal measure.

If there is anyone we have not forgiven, if there is anyone we cannot pray for with love, we'd better keep our mouths shut during this part of the prayer to our Father, who is the Father of all.

Sometimes, it's difficult to forgive because we think "forgiving" means "forgetting". Jesus never said that we must forget what the debtor owes. Forgiveness means remembering – and learning from the memory – without demanding repayment or retribution.

Unforgiveness is a form of punishment: it's payback time. For example, if we remain angry, we hope that our anger or coldness will somehow punish the sinner into repentance. Well, guess what. That never works.

Here's something else we do that never works: holding a

grudge to protect ourselves from getting hurt again. Grudges do not free us from the pain of bad memories. It chains us to them.

When we free others from the debts they owe us for hurting us (whether they seek it or not, whether they're still alive or not), we free ourselves and our healing begins – our healing!

It's the most loving gift that we can give to ourselves, as it's a gift of love to others.

Even when they don't recognize our gift, God does.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Who angers you because they don't deserve your forgiveness?
- † What are you gaining from unforgiveness and resentment? What will you lose if you forgive?
- † What is the most difficult part of forgiveness?
- † What steps do you take for pushing yourself into truly letting go of unforgiveness so you can find healing? Sharing this with others will spread good ideas that could change someone's life!

