

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 15, 2023 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR OCTOBER 14- OCTOBER 22**

### **ST. MARY'S**

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Richard & Madeline Ceselski
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Bill Seufert
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary
Friday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Charlotte Sloan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family

### **ST. AGNES**

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

## **EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Mon., Oct. 16-Fri., Oct 20  
Monday, October 16  
Tuesday, October 17  
Wednesday, October 18

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

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

**Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr**

**Feast of Saint Luke, Evengelist**

**PSR CLASSES** from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. All children Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs**

**World Mission Sunday**

Thursday, October 19  
Sunday, October 22

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Monday, October 23  
Wednesday, October 25

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

**8:15 a.m. Mass**

**PSR CLASSES** from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. All children Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**8:15 a.m. Mass**

**St. Mary's School Fall Carnival & Chili Cook-off/Dinner**

Friday, October 27  
Saturday, October 28

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 5119.75

**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. We have received \$250.00 in donations towards the \$18,524.11 of replacing these units. If you are able to help with this cost by making a donation it would be greatly appreciated. This donation would be tax deductible.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Judy Litril, 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.

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

**RADIO STATION FOR MASS:** We will be taking down the signs that say tune to 88.1 FM for Mass. It is now posted in the announcement case that is right in front of church and it is also at the top of the bulletin.

**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](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We had Spirit Week at the school this week. Our volleyball teams played their last regular season games Saturday morning in our home gym. Wish them luck in the conference tournament next Saturday. We will have the school kids involved with the parts of Mass again on the 22nd. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the Eucharist.

October is the month of the Rosary, so we have been taking some time each week to do a special Rosary. We will be celebrating our Godparents after Mass on Wednesday the 25th.

**ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH FALL FEAST:** Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 1:00pm. They will be serving Turkey, ham, dressing, Mashed potatoes, gravy green beans, corn, salads, bread, and dessert. All homemade by the PCCW. Adults \$10, Seniors 65+ \$8, Kids 5-11 \$6, 4 & under free. See the flyer in the back of church for more information.

## APPOINTMENTS

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

**Saturday, October 21 4:00 p.m. Mass**

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski

Servers: Please Volunteer

E.M.: Please Volunteer

Ushers: Michael Abramovitz, Leonard Fenske, Larry Gasser, Doug Witt

**Sunday, October 22 8:30 a.m. Mass**

Readers: St. Mary's School Children

Servers: St. Mary's School Children

E.M.: St. Mary's School Family

Ushers: St. Mary's School Children

# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday October 15

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Ps 23:1-6

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

### Monday October 16

Romans 1:1-7

Ps 98:1-4

Luke 11:29-32

### Tuesday October 17

**St. Ignatius of Antioch**

Romans 1:16-25

Ps 19:2-5

Luke 11:37-41

### Wednesday October 18

**St. Luke, Evangelist**

2 Timothy 4:10-17b

Ps 145:10-13,17-18

Luke 10:1-9

### Thursday October 19

**Sts. Isaac Jogues & John de Brébeuf, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs**

Romans 3:21-30

Ps 130:1b-6b

Luke 11:47-54

### Friday October 20

Romans 4:1-8

Ps 32:1b-2,5,11

Luke 12:1-7

### Saturday October 21

Romans 4:13,16-18

Ps 105:6-9,42-43

Luke 12:8-12

In today's Gospel, Jesus addresses the problem of fakers: people who try to win his friendship by being religious and showing up for the banquet without entering into a genuine relationship with God.

You know the type: They are friendly as long as it works to their own advantage. They do good deeds but only when it's convenient. They perform Catholic rituals perfectly during Mass but at home they don't even take time to pray. Their faith is so shallow that distractions easily keep them away from Mass. When their relationship with you requires sacrifice or repentance, they abandon you.

Genuine Christians are identified by the presence of God's love within them radiating outward and blessing others, especially when it's not easy to love.

Jesus shows us in today's parable how to handle the fakers. The invitation to join the party is open to everyone, but when people want only the fun of being a friend of God and they ignore the hard work of sharing his love with others, God sets up



love them but not within harmful circumstances. We should do our own part to make the relationship healthy, but when others do not do their part, they've already abandoned the relationship.

God asks us to carry the cross of doing everything possible to invite them to repentance, conversion, and healing. However,

healthy boundaries need to remain in place, and when our efforts are fruitless, eventually God says it's time to let go and move on.

And always, we're to go back out into the byroads to find those who genuinely value Godly friendships.

### Reflect & Discuss:

† How many Godly, 'healthy' friendships do you really have?

† Where can you go to find more people who want to be in a holy, Christ-centered, faith-building relationship with you?

† What makes a friendship truly good?

† How do you know when the time has come to say no to an unhealthy, unholy relationship? How have you handled it?

† Where have you gone to find support and healing and growth?

boundaries against them.

Think of the people you've invited to your banquet table, i.e., into a healthy, Godly relationship, but they've tried to reshape it according to their unhealthiness and immorality. We should