

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 8, 2023 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR OCTOBER 7- OCTOBER 15

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Terry Larkin
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Dorothy Witt
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Maria (Parrigon) Logan
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+The Bartsch Family
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	50 th Wedding Anniversary of Richard & Madeline Ceselski
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Bill Seufert

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, October 9

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

St. Mary's School in Session

Wednesday, October 11

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 Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the C.R.

Friday, October 6

8:15 a.m. Mass

No School for St. Mary's Diocesan staff meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mon., Oct. 16-Fri., Oct 20

Fr. Matt will gone to the Annual Priest Institute

Monday, October 16

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

Tuesday, October 17

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Wednesday, October 18

Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

8:15 a.m. Rosary

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

Thursday, October 19

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

Friday, October 20

8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion Service

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4526.20

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, Donna James, 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.

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

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

A special Thank You to Patty and Tim Osterloh for all of their help preparing the meal that we served for the St. Mary's Diner. There were several other parishioners who came in to help before the event. Whether you helped prep food, sold tickets, or made a dessert, we thank you for the help.

The Fall Carnival & Chili Cook-off/Dinner will be on Saturday, October 28th. Please make plans to gather in the gym for some Fall fun!

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH FALL FEAST: Sunday, November 5th 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 14 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Servers: Layla Jones, Charlie Jones

E.M.: Debbie Parrigon, Jim Parrigon, Cathy Brown

Ushers: Doug Sloan, Michael Sloan, Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan

Sunday, October 15 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton

Servers: Blaise Randall, Jack Randall

E.M.: Mary Abramovitz, Ralph Abramovitz, Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton (Choir)

Ushers: Ralph Abramovitz, Levi Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Rex Cooper

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday October 8

Isalah 5:1-7
Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

Monday October 9

Jonah 1:1 – 2:1-2,11
Jonah 2:3-5,8
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday October 10

Jonah 3:1-10
Ps 130:1b-4b,7-8
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday October 11

Jonah 4:1-11
Ps 86:3-6,9-10
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday October 12

Malachi 3:13-20b
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 11:5-13

Friday October 13

Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2
Ps 9:2-3,6,8-9,16
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday October 14

Joel 4:12-21
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
Luke 11:27-28

"The kingdom of God is given to those who produce its fruit." That's the moral of the story that Jesus gives us in this Sunday's Gospel reading.

And what is this kingdom of God, given to us while we're still on earth? What are its fruits, which we produce during our earthly lives?

Anything we do in imitation of Christ is a fruit that has

grown while we're following Christ on our journey toward Heaven. If we love as he loves, forgive as he forgives, minister to others, teach the truth, and heal the hurting, we are living in the kingdom of God now.

When I ask Catholics if they believe they're going to Heaven, most feel very uncertain, either because they're afraid they might lose their salvation

through some future grave sin, or because they're afraid it's not humble enough to answer with a firm "yes."

Granted, we do not imitate Christ perfectly. Most of us will need to spend time in Purgatory being purged of whatever is unheavenly about us, but when the purging is finished, we'll be fully alive in the wonderfulness of God.

If we make it to Purgatory, of course we'll reach the glories of Heaven. And if our desire to be Christ-like is genuine, Jesus



will help make sure that our sins will never be so "grave" that we turn completely away from Heaven. We'll gladly embrace him when he comes for us at the moment of our death.

Whatever you do because of Christ and out of love for Christ, this is evidence that you are living in and will eternally live in God's kingdom.

Reflect & Discuss:

† What good fruits are you producing in your life now? List them; get out a pen and start writing them down. During the week, as you think of more good fruits, add those to the list.

† Look at the list you produced for the above question. How do these fruits give evidence of God's goodness within you?

† How do they provide the kingdom of God for the benefit of others?

† How do they assure you that you are truly a Heaven-bound follower of Christ?