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**Mass Schedule**

Sat.— 5:30 pm  
Thurs.—8:30am

**Reconciliation:**

Before Mass or by Appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism** – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

**Marriages** – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

**Hospitalized Parishioners** – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

**Mass Intentions:**

- 10/8/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Ken Easton & Diana Easton Johnson (Hoffman Family)
- 10/13/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Sue Eich (Don & Norma O'Brien)
- 10/15/16 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Rectory. Suggested Donation is \$10.

**Remember in Prayer** our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

**Liturgical Schedule for Lectors/Servers**

- 10/08/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Melinda /Servers—Mike, Matt
- 10/15/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Mary K. /Servers—Mike, Matt

**Holy Father's Intention for the month of October:**

*General Intention:* That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.



**Weekly Income:**

Sunday Collection \$ 285.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Daily Mass resumes this week.** Welcome back Fr. Stan.

Our Religious Education Classes have begun. Classes are held on Thursday evenings from 5-6pm in the Church hall. More information can be found on our website swkrcatholics.org Please keep the DRE, teachers and all students in your prayers.

**October – Month of the Rosary – PRAY!**

When we pray the Rosary, we are asking Mary to help us better understand the meaning of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Praying the Rosary is like going to Mary and saying:

- “Tell me the story of Jesus”
- “Tell me about his birth”
- “Tell me about how he died”
- “Tell me about his rising from the dead.”

Each of the mysteries of the Rosary tells us part of the story of Jesus and gives us clues as to how we can live our lives. For example, as we think about the story of Mary visiting Elizabeth, we may decide to get in touch with someone we haven't heard from in years. Or as we pray the mystery of Jesus in Gethsemani, we may ask God to help us accept what we cannot change. “Tell me a story.” The next time we pray the Rosary, we may want to begin with those words!

**2016 Public Square Rosary Rally**—Please join us in praying for our nation. Where: St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Main Street, Herscher. When: October 15, 2016. ROSARY WILL BEGIN AT 12:00 NOON (Please bring a lawn chair) For more information, please call Janet Andrzejewski at 815-426-6239 (In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the church hall)

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 8/9, 2016** In today's gospel, we hear of the ten men afflicted with lep-rosy, and the one who glorifies God for being healed. It is a dramatic scene of gratitude. But in order for the miracle to happen in the first place, these men had to start walking in faith before their diseased conditions changed one tiny bit. Good stewards of their faith realize that they cannot wait until their problems are over to start walking in faith. They praise God even in the darkest of nights, and in the worst of circumstances. Do we walk in faith, giving the Lord our gratitude even when we are in difficult circumstances?

“Only those who have the patience to do simple things perfectly will acquire the skill to do difficult things easily!”

When you carve your “pumpkin”, think of this prayer. The Pumpkin Prayer –

**Dear God,**  
**As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:**  
**Open my mind so I can learn about you;**  
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)  
**Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.** (Clean out the inside)  
**Open my eyes so Your love I will see;**  
(cut eyes shaped like hearts)  
**I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me.**  
(Cut a nose in the shape of the cross)  
**Open my ears so Your word I will hear;**  
(Cut ears shaped like the Bible)  
**Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near.**  
(Cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)  
**Let your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.**  
(Place a candle inside and light it)

**Always on the lookout.** Elisha looks out for Naaman (2 Kings 5:14-17). Jesus looks out for the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19). Both teach us to always attend, always respond to the needs of others. In the Collect today we pray: “make us always determined to carry out good works.” I need to be on the lookout. The need for good works abounds.

- Who is in need?
- Who needs me?
- What will I do?

