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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:**

9/03/16 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners  
9/08/16 Thurs. 8:30am +Mary Jo Murphy  
9/10/16 Sat. 5:30pm +Brian Buckley (Alice, Tim & May Alice Buckley)

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**

9/03/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Melinda /Servers—Miles, Jackson, Elsie  
9/10/16 Sat. 5:30pm Lector—Mary K. /Servers—Mike, Matt

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

*General Intention:* That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.



**Weekly Income:**

Sunday Collection \$ 637.00  
Thank you for your generosity!



Happy Birthday, Father Stanley—  
We at St. Mary want to tell you how treasured you are and how much we thank you for being our leader & priest.  
"36" AGAIN!!!!

**Church Council and Finance Committee Members:** The next scheduled quarterly Church Council Meeting and Finance Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the hall at St. Mary's.

Copies of the Annual Financial Statement for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 are available upon request.

Word of Life—"God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world... Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign."

Pope Francis, "Prayer of Remembrance ([www.goo.gl/Tp6gMA](http://www.goo.gl/Tp6gMA)) Ground Zero Memorial, New York, September 25, 2015

**Emergency Collection**—Over the past few weeks, we have been following the immense flooding in Louisiana. Officials have characterized the floods as the worst domestic natural disaster since Hurricane Sandy in 2012. Contributions from the Diocese of Joliet and its parishes will be sent to Catholic Charities USA. Catholic Charities and its affiliates provide critical disaster relief services to people of all beliefs. We recall their financial assistance during several of the damaging tornados in recent years. Contributions to this collection will go towards saving lives, rebuilding homes, providing shelter and supplies to displaced families, and restoring hope. We will have a second Collection next weekend.

The Knights of Columbus Council #1574 is selling mums to help The Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Coal City. Mums are \$8.00 for an 8" Pot (Approx. 12"-16" tall) Pick up date is Saturday, Sept. 24 & Sunday 25th. Order forms are available at the entrance of our Church. All orders are due by **Sunday, September 18th.**

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3/4, 2016**

At the conclusion of today's gospel, we hear Jesus tell a "great crowd" that "...anyone of you who does not re-nounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." A few of Jesus' immediate disciples, such as Peter, John and James, did just that: They responded to Jesus' call, renouncing ev-erything to follow him. How do modern disciples of Jesus respond when confronted with this apparently harsh com-mand of Jesus? Surely the renunciation of possessions need not mean literally giving all one's possessions away, does it? Questions we might ponder this week though: Do our possessions keep us from encountering Christ at Mass? Do they distract us from our parish family? Do our possessions interfere with our relationships? Do they make us insensitive to those less fortunate?

"It is not what we think of ourselves, nor what others think of us, but what God knows about us!"



**Surely he doesn't mean it!** I mean, hating my relatives to be a disciple! Really? In order to be a disciple today, Jesus says, give up what holds you back, carry your own cross, follow me and not someone else. To be a disciple today, Jesus says, will take a consuming dedication plus relentless mercy, love, and compassion. Jesus wants disciples. Jesus wants me.

- To what, to whom am I hanging on too tight?
- What is the cross I must pick up?

