

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 12, 2021

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass
Thurs.— 8:30 am Mass

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:

9/11/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Jerry & Shirley Hamende (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)
9/16/21 Thurs. No Mass
9/18/21 Sat. 5:30 pm Mary Lou King (Mary K. O'Brien)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office. Suggested Donations 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

9/11/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda
9/18/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary K.



Holy Father's Intention for the month of September: *General Intention:* An environmentally sustainable lifestyle. We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 680.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, Debbie Turner, and Michael Mullen

Welcome Bishop Conlon and thank you for celebrating Mass with us today.

No Daily Mass during the month of **September**. Fr. Stan is in Poland visiting his family. **Daily Mass** will resume at our parish on **Thursday, October 7th at 8:30am**. Please welcome Fr. Anthony Nugent on Saturday 9/18. If an emergency arises and you need a priest, please call the parish office at 815-237-2230. Thank you!

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, September 17th.

Join Bishop Conlon for the National Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children on September 18, 2021 at 1PM at Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville. *On Saturday, September 18, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.*

Happy Grandparent's Day to all our lovely Grandparents! Enjoy your day!!

Special collection for Haiti recovery efforts set for weekend of Sept. 11-12 - The people of Haiti have suffered greatly in recent days, as both an earthquake and tropical storm have struck the country located in the Caribbean Sea. Numerous lives have been lost, and many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed. Catholic Relief Services is on the ground providing humanitarian aid, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has approved \$10,000 grants to each of the three most affected dioceses. But more help is needed. In his role as USCCB president, Archbishop Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has called for a voluntary, special collection to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to provide additional aid to Haiti. The Diocese of Joliet has set the weekend of Sept. 11-12 for this special collection. Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people of Haiti.

Butter Braid/ Cookie Dough Fundraiser-The Reddick Community Auxiliary (RCA) of the Volunteer Firefighter's Association is having their annual butter braid and cookie fundraiser. The RCA hosts a variety of community events such as the Reddick Halloween party, the Community Easter Egg Hunt, Santa's annual visit, holiday baskets of food and toys for area families, support for Herscher's PTA, a free summer movie event, support for the Reddick volunteer firefighters, and a number of other activities. The selection this year is as follows: **Butter Braids** – Apple, Bavarian Crème, Blueberry and Cream Cheese, Cherry, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, Four Cheese and Herb, Strawberry and Cream Cheese **Cookies** – Classic Chocolate Chip, Cranberry Oatmeal Medley, Peanut Butter Perfection, Snickerdoodle, Sweet Macadamia Nut, Triple Chocolate **Cinnamon Rolls, Caramel Rolls, Cake Rolls** – Chocolate Crème, Lemon Crème, Pumpkin Cake, Red Velvet. **Cost: \$16.00 (All to be delivered before Thanksgiving!)** Please contact one of the following members if you are interested in ordering: Rosemary Brooks, Jane Arends, Kelli Joyce, Gayle Joyce or call 815-365-4489 to place an order.

Word of Life—"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God." USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts" Bulletin Insert

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time –12 Sept 2021 Isaiah 50:4c-9a. Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9. James 2:14-18. Mark 8:27-35. **Deny. Take. Follow.** On the long journey to Jerusalem, Jesus clarifies that following the Christ (Peter's response to Who am I?) requires denying self, taking up the cross, and following. Saint James helps make this clear with the need for mercy activity. Reread the Second Reading each day this week. Clothe the naked. What will I do? Feed the hungry. What will I do? Shelter the homeless. What will I do?

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast –Tues. 14 Sept. Numbers 21:4b-9. Psalm 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38. Philippians 2:6-11. John 3:13-17. **The Cross of Christ.** We say: "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world." How will I take up my cross this day?

