

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 5, 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:

9/4/21 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners
9/9/21 Thurs. No Mass
9/11/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Jerry & Shirley Hamende (Ray & Heidi Ehrhardt)

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

9/4/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane
9/11/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda



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 \$ 565.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

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

Online Giving Update-We are looking for your opinion. If there is enough interest in the online giving service we will be able to offer this on our parish website. Please contact the parish office if this is something that you might be interested in. We are looking for at least 5 families to be able to offer this service. Thank you!

"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" -Matthew 25:40



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day. Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

Welcome! We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Mary's Parish. If you haven't already done so, please register with the rectory office.

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 Saturdays 9/4 & 9/18 and on the weekend of 9/11-9/12 covering all the Masses at all 3 parishes, please welcome Bishop Conlon. If an emergency arises and you need a priest, please call the parish office at 815-237-2230. Thank you!

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.

Happy Labor Day! Monday, September 6, 2021 In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continued participation in God's creative action. We pray for the men and women whose jobs have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Copyright © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.



Patriot Day- Saturday, September 11, 2021 We remember all those who lost their lives in the 2001 attacks. We pray for all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families, that they may find comfort and peace. A PEOPLE CHANGED BY 9/11 "The years have gone by, but the memories remain for all who were involved in that one single day and its aftermath that changed the lives of so many and of our nation." —Monsignor Robert J. Romano

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Pray for Our Military-Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

Word of Life-"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion" respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 05 Sept 2021 Isaiah 35:4-7a. Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10. James 2:1-5. Mark 7:31-37. **Be Opened!** Jesus heals a deaf and mute man today who immediately speaks plainly. Before the Baptism of adults and after that for babies and children, the Church imitates Jesus with the Ephphetha Rite [EF-fah-thah]. In opening the ears and mouth, we pray for the grace to hear the word of God and to profess it every day. To what right behavior do I turn a deaf ear, a closed mouth? What needs opening so I may hear the word of God? What needs opening so I may speak truth?

