

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 7, 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:

11/6/21 Sat. 5:30 pm Parishioners & +Ray & Janet O'Donnell (Family)
11/11/21 Thurs. 8:30 am +Donald Ruder (Monica Ruder)
+Mary Jo Murphy
11/13/21 Sat. 5:30 pm +Zephr Benoit (Monica Ruder)
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

11/6/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget
11/13/21 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane



Holy Father's Intention for the month of November: *General Intention:* People who suffer from depression. We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 585.00
World Mission Sunday \$ 85.00
Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

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

Thank you -to all who brought donations for the treats for the troops. We know they really appreciate it.

While we should always pray for those who have died before us, during the month of November we make a special devotion to pray for all our deceased loved ones. It is a pious devotion in the Church to light a candle in remembrance of our loved ones who have died. This practice reminds us of the light of Christ that was given to us in our Baptism. In order to foster both of these devotions we are making available special 6-day votive candles that can be personalized and used in your home. We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 per candle. Candles are available at the back of the Church.

2022 St. Mary's Lectors Needed-Please consider serving St. Mary's by volunteering as one of our lectors. The 2022 schedule will soon be finalized. Current lectors will be kept on the schedule unless they indicate otherwise. If interested, please contact Jane Arends before the end of November. (815-365-4489)

Fall Utility Collection-On behalf of St. Mary's Finance Committee, we would like to thank everyone for their generous contribution to our Fall Utility Collection. To date, \$2,564 has been collected. The money will be used to help cover the utility expenses for St. Mary's and 20% of the rectory. This collection and the one in the spring are of vital importance in maintaining our church. Thank you again! St. Mary's Finance Committee - Bill O'Brien, Jane Arends, Dan Hogan, and Tom O'Brien

National Vocations Awareness Week- The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate the 45th annual National Vocation Awareness Week from November 7-13, 2021. During this week, dioceses across the United States will hold events to foster an appreciation for vocations and pray specifically for those discerning a call to ordained ministry and consecrated life. In his message for the 58th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis offered St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, as a model for vocational discernment. "Amid all these upheavals, [St. Joseph] found the courage to follow God's will. So too in a vocation: God's call always urges us to take a first step, to give ourselves, to press forward. There can be no faith without risk. Only by abandoning ourselves confidently to grace, setting aside our own programmes and comforts, can we truly say "yes" to God," he said, and exhorted the Church to look to St. Joseph as an "outstanding example of acceptance of God's plans." *Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.*

Prayer for Vocations-God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Copyright © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

Prayer For Deceased Veterans-O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Word of Life- "We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing" respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 07 Nov 2021 1 Kings 17:10-16. Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10. Hebrews 9:24-28. Mark 12:38-44. **What Bothers Jesus.** False piety and arrogant behavior are two things that bother Jesus in today's gospel. He applauds, instead, the poor widow who is so generous with the little she has. How will I be generous with the money I have? How will I be generous with the time I have for the benefit of another? How will I be generous with mercy work?

