

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, September 4, 2022

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Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass
Thurs.—8:30am 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:

9/03/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Patrick & Alice Masching (Norma & Ruth)
9/08/22 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
9/10/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Zephyr Benoit (Don & Norma 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

9/03/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Jane
9/10/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda



Holy Father's Intention for the month of September: *General Intention:* For the abolition of the death penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 606.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

Prayers for Sick

John Deane, Kay Kersch, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, Debbie Turner, and Michael Mullen

No Daily Mass during September 5-23. Fr. Stan will be in Poland visiting his family. We hope you have a safe and wonderful time on a much needed and well deserved vacation. Daily Mass will resume in our Parish on Thursday, September 29th at 8:30am. If an emergency arises and you need a priest, please call the parish office at 815-237-2230. Thank you!

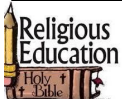


Happy Birthday, September 3rd to Father Stanley! We wish you good health and many more birthdays to come.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

No Eucharistic Adoration this month at St. Lawrence O'Toole Chapel in Essex.

"Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul." –*St. Teresa of Avila - Teresa of Jesus*



St. Mary's CCD Registration is on Wednesday, September 7th from 7-8:30pm in the St. Mary's Church Hall. Registration Fees are \$25 per student OR \$40 per family. (Additional \$25 for sacrament years—First Communion). CCD will be on Wednesday evenings. If you have any questions, please contact Bridget Hoffman at 815-343-3257. Thank you!

Next weekend, Sept. 10/11, please welcome Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Missionary. **Father Thomas Tiscornia** will be at the parish for the annual missionary cooperative appeal and collection for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Father Thomas Tiscornia, will speak at all the Masses. Father Tiscornia has served as a missionary in Kenya & Tanzania, and will invite us to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ and His Gospel to all people. While at the parish, Fr. Tiscornia will be happy to talk with any parishioners who are interested in doing overseas mission work.



Labor Day—Dignity of Labor—On the first Monday in September, America celebrates Labor Day. It is a day of parades, picnics and political speeches, a time when we recognize the millions of Americans who make up this nation's work force. Labor Day means traditions to some, a holiday to others. Just what is it we are celebrating? Why does labor deserve such recognition? Throughout America's history, we have recognized the importance of labor. From its inception, this nation has been dedicated to the principle of work. The labor of millions of men and women has brought unequalled prosperity to our land. Only as we recognize and maintain the value of true, hard work can we remain a strong and determined people. Someone has said that there are three kinds of people: **those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, those who have no idea what happened.** Today we need fewer watchers and more doers! King Solomon said, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might. "God's principle for man is work. God tends for us to work.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast day: **Sept 08** The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

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 – 04 September 2022 Wisdom 9:13-18b. Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17. Philemon 9-10, 12-17. Luke 14:25-33. **What Does It Take to Be a Disciple?** Jesus is relentlessly traveling to Jerusalem. He urges the following crowds to be relentless disciples. How? (1) Be loyal to me and my Father. (2) Carry your own cross – every day. (3) Don't let possessions get in the way. What does my loyalty to God expect of me? What cross will I carry today, tomorrow, and each day this week? What of my possessions will I share in merciful ways?

