

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, September 11, 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:

9/10/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Zephyr Benoit (Don & Norma O'Brien)
 9/15/22 Thurs. 8:30am No Mass
 9/17/22 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

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

9/10/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda
 9/17/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill



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 \$ 800.00

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!

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 this weekend Sept. 10/11. Maryknoll is the popular name for the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, which was founded in 1911 to follow Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all the nations. They serve principally among the poor in places where the Church is unknown or in great need. Welcome Father Thomas Tiscornia!

Stewardship Prayer for September-Heavenly Father, September is a month that offers hope for things to come: our daily life has a new rhythm, there are new beginnings and new encounters, and a new energy is seen in the parish community. In this month of accelerating activities, keep us mindful that we live for Christ and not for ourselves. Give us the strength and the wisdom to be "Doers" of Your Word, and not just listeners; to be good stewards of the Gospel each and every day. In this month of transition help us find a deeper spiritual balance in our lives that takes time for you, listens to the promptings of your Spirit and give us hope that the body of Christ has well begun the transformation of a troubled world. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

"Three things are necessary to everyone: truth of faith which brings understanding, love of Christ which brings compassion, and endurance of hope which brings perseverance." –St. Bonaventure

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

Show your appreciation
 Sunday, September 25th
Priesthood Sunday

Bring a note or card to Mass for Fr. Stan to show your gratitude for all he does for us and our Parish.



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 Sept 2022 Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14. Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. 1 Timothy 1:12-17. Luke 15:1-32. **Why Hang Around with the Lost Ones?** We can read Luke Chapter 15 as parables of lost sheep, lost coin, and lost child. But basically, they are stories of joy resulting in lavish parties for what is found: a full flock, a complete dowry, a returned relationship of parent and child. Ultimately, they show God's desire to be reunited with anyone who becomes lost in little or big ways. It needs to be our desire, too. For whom will I go looking who needs to be found? Who am I called to hang around (I may be surprised)? How will I be like the generous father standing on the porch awaiting the return of _____?

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast – Wednesday, 14 September 2022 Numbers 21:4b-9. Psalm 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38. Philippians 2:6-11. John 3:13-17. **How Shall I Not Forget?** The empty cross reflects the self-emptying of Christ Jesus to not hang on to life at all cost. He gave it up for our benefit. The result – the salvation of the world and everything and everyone within it. How will I glory in the cross of Christ today?

