St. Mary's Catholic Church

Parish Staff:

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Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday St. Mary Rectory (815) 237-2230

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!

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time , Sunday, October 8, 2023

Mass Intentions:

10/7/23 Sat. 5:30pm Parishioners

10/12/23 Thurs. 8:30am +Zephyr Benoit (Adrien & Collette Raymond) 10/14/23 Sat. 5:30pm +Ray O'Donnell (Family)

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

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 10/07/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Melinda 10/14/23 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bill



Holy Father's Intention for the month of October: General Intention: For the Synod. We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Weekly Income:Sunday Collection\$ 845.00Maintenance\$ 300.00Thank you, your Offering is mostappreciated.

Prayers for Sick Debbie Turner, Emma "Mickey" King, Ann Koehler, Tim Richie, Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, and Michael Mullen

Baptism Congratulations-The newest member of St. Mary's that was Baptized last week is Theodore James Hogan, son of Will & Lauren. May God always hold her in the Palm of His Hands!

The Parish Office is closed Monday, October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

Reminder—Daily Mass has resumed on Thursday mornings at 8:30am.

Undy Sunday-St. Mary's is helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet by collecting **Children's Underwear (2T or larger), Pull-ups (2T – 5).** Oct 1 – Oct 22. If you would prefer to send a monetary donation, please mail it to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet/Undy Sunday 16555 Weber Road Crest Hill, IL 60403 Monetary donations can also be made online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. Thank you

Fall Utility Collection— Today is the Fall Utility Collection. The money will be used to help cover the utility expenses for St. Mary's and 20% of the rectory expenses. Thank you for your generosity.



The Catholic Church designates October as the Month of the Holy Rosary. During this month the faithful venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary especially under her title of Our Lady of the Rosary, and make special effort to honor the Holy Rosary with group recitations and rosary processions. St. Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Order of Preachers, is the saint to whom Our Lady famously appeared and gave the prayers of the Holy Rosary to assist him as a spiritual weapon in combating heresy and leading souls back to the one, true Catholic faith.

Collection for Veterans Exiting Homelessness. Collection Dates: October 21st-29th. Knights of Columbus is helping out Military Outreach USA to collect household items to assist our Veterans exiting homelessness. Collection bins will be in the back of the Church. See our Church bulletin board for examples of items in need.

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 for area families, PTA donator, a free outdoor movie, support for the Reddick volunteer firefighters, and a number of other activities. The selection this year is as follows: **Butter Braids \$16.00** – Apple, Bavarian Crème, Blueberry and cream Cheese, Cherry, Raspberry, Four Cheese and Herb, Strawberry and Cream Cheese, and Cinnamon. **Cookies \$16.00** – Classic Chocolate Chip, Cranberry Oatmeal Medley, Peanut Butter Perfection, Snickerdoodle, Sweet Macadamia Nut, Triple Chocolate. **Cinnamon Rolls \$16.00**. **Cake Rolls \$16.00** – Chocolate Crème, Lemon Crème, Pumpkin, Red Velvet, Carrot Cake, Strawberry Cheesecake. **Soft Pretzels or Pretzel Bites \$18.00**. **All to be delivered before Thanksgiving!** Please contact one of the following members if you are interested in ordering: Jane Arends, Kelli Joyce, and Gayle Joyce or call 815-365-4489 to leave a message and place an order. Thank you for supporting our organization!

2023 Public Square Rosary Rally-St. Margaret Mary Church, Main Street, Herscher, IL on October 14, 2023. Rosary will begin at 12:00 Noon. Please join us in praying for our Nation. Please bring a lawn chair. For more information, please contact: Cindy Gagnon (815) 933-4077; Rhonda Berns (815) 426-5015; Kathy Meli (815) 928-8988. (In case on inclement weather, we will gather in the church hall).

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 08 Oct. 2023 **Vineyard and Cornerstone.** The Bible stories today are pretty straightforward. We are the vineyard – the owner is God. The cornerstone is Jesus – we are the building. What does it mean to be the cherished plant – to be watered and pruned and hoed by God? What does it mean to be laid brick by brick on the one and sure foundation of Christ Jesus? How will I be fruitful, be generous, be good? How will I stay attached to Jesus? How will I cherish my chosen place on vine and in building?

