

September 2, 2018  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Serving the People of God  
Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

1101 S. LAFAYETTE, FT. WAYNE, IN 46802

FATHER PHILLIP A. WIDMANN, *Pastor*

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm

## Parish Office

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## St. Mary's Soup Kitchen Director

Diane Day ..... (260) 426-1217

## Soup Kitchen Volunteer Coordinator

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Dottie Carpenter ..... (260) 424-3355

## Prayer Line

Dottie Carpenter ..... (260) 705-1690

## Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council

Jennifer Hayes ..... (260) 450-2193

## Sacraments

### Matrimony

Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.

### Sick and Communion Call

Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

### Baptism

For details please call the Church Office. Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.

### Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR  
Anytime by appointment.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Call Parish Office for information.

## Parish Pastoral Council

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 1st Sunday, after Mass

## Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 pm

Call or email submissions.

## Parish Mission Statement

*"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."*

## Parish Membership Welcome

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

New Parishioner  New Address  New Phone Number  Moving, remove from list

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Judgment tends to have a bad reputation. We often associate it with condemnation, and in the Gospels, we associate it with the Pharisees. Today's Gospel features the Pharisees doing exactly what we expect. "They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands." The Jewish people had strict purification laws that applied to all areas of life. The Pharisees attempt to accuse Jesus of not following the ancestral traditions. Jesus doesn't take offense at their judgments per se. He instead points out the hypocrisy of their words. "You hypocrites? this people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

From there, Jesus turns his attention to the concerns of the heart. "The things that come from within are what defile." He lists off a number of sins, including some the Pharisees were likely struggling with, including evil thoughts, envy, and arrogance. When we examine the list, perhaps we're reminded of our own trips to the confessional! As we strive to follow Jesus and live with integrity, we must be aware of our hearts. We must judge our own actions. Are they leading us closer to

God or away from Him? Are we growing in love of our neighbor, or are we becoming more closed in on ourselves?

As we move into this week, consider the state of our own heart. Perhaps you are overly scrupulous in less important areas. Perhaps there are large areas of overlooked sin that you've excused for too long. Whatever it is, the judgment of God need not cripple us. He offers us a share in His mercy as soon as we turn to Him. This week, allow your heart to be transformed!

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*May God Bless us in His Mercy.*

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc)

**Sunday, September 2**

Sacristan: Sue Koester

Commentator/Petitions: Tom Rumschlag

Servers: Payton Hinsey, Aric Koenig, Jasmin Myles

First Reading: Andrea Thomas-Numbers 6:22-27

Second Reading: Joe Miller – Galatians 4:4-7

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Koester, Tom Vodde, Carol Vodde, Joanne Miller, Jennifer Hayes, Pat McBride, Peggy Neidhart, Angela Greven

Ushers: Gary Grider, Val Vorndran, Antonio Salazar, Christine Myles

Greeters: James and Karstan Ball

**Sunday, September 9**

Sacristan: Chuck Luther

Commentator/Petitions: Greg Gemperline

Servers: Katy Parrott, Nathan Johnson, Val Vorndran

First Reading: Metrice Smith

Second Reading: John Barnett

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Chuck Luther, Susan Berghoff, Maureen McCon, Dottie Carpenter, Prosper Batinge, Judy Wagoner, Theresa Spencer, Jane Wick

Ushers: Andy Johnson, Katrina Johnson, Kera Parrott, Julie Huth

Greeters: Mary Ashby, Malachi Johnson

Coffee & Donuts: Angela Greven, Rosemary Mausser

**NOVENA FOR PROTECTION OF LIFE**

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3-September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at: [www.usccb.org/pray/](http://www.usccb.org/pray/)

*"to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven"*

*"a time to be born..."*

*"a time to love..."*

*"a time to be healed..."*

*Please pray for the sick of our Parish*

*Larry Manier and Nancy Wiggin*

*"a time to die"*

*"and a time for peace"*

*and in our world, all people, both military and civilian who are in the midst of war or natural disasters.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1f*



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." Mk 7:14-15 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001,

**Readings for the Week of September 2, 2018**

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/

Mk 7:31-37



## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, September 2**

10:45 am for the People of St. Mary Mother of God

**Sunday, September 9**

10:45 am Jane Czech



## Altar of Service

**Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen**

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for...INSTANT POTATOES.

**Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers**

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Saturday, September 1: Leslie House, Todd, Mitchell

Sunday, September 2: Fairman's, Mike & Steve R., Sierra  
Matthew & Liam OttenwellerSaturday, September 8: Christ Church @ Georgetown, Mitchell,  
Cindy & Hadley

Sunday, September 9: Shanebrooks, Jasmine &amp; Christina Myles

Thank you for volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. Please call me if you are unable to make your scheduled day.

Val Vordran 625-5757 or 450-5170

**AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS****Peanut Butter and Crackers****HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**

Do you feel a calling to minister to our shut-ins? Please call the church office at 424-8231 or Sue Koester at 493-4282 for more information, or if you know of a parishioner who may be homebound and in need of communion brought to them.



## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, September 2**

25th Anniversary of the 1993 Fire  
Commemoration after Mass

**Thursday, September 6**

- Choir Practice 6:30 pm in Sanctuary

**Sunday, September 9**

- Second Collections are for St. Vincent DePaul and Catholic Communications
- Mary's Kids program resumes for 2018-2019 year

**RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS  
(RCIA) IS STARTING SOON**

Any adult who would like to learn more about the Catholic Church is asked to call the church office, 424-8231. The first class begins **September 9th after the 10:45 am Mass**. Classes will continue to meet every three weeks till Easter.

## Parish Announcements

**A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, COMMEMORATING  
THE DESTRUCTION OF THE 3RD CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**

marks the twenty-fifth or ("silver") observance/commemoration of the tragic fire which destroyed our beautiful gothic church which had served this parish so well for some 106 years. To observe this event, our Mass today, is (with the permission of our Bishop), the Votive Mass of our patron saint, Mary, Mother of God (instead of the Mass for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) and following Mass, we will gather outside (under the canopy for a moment of silence and prayer. Make sure to get a commemorative prayer card and join us under the canopy after Mass.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL RESUMES**

Choir rehearsal will resume on Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Choir is a great way not only to get to know fellow parishioners, but also a way to give of your time, talents, gifts, service and witness to our Lord. This is a fun group of people who not only sing together, but also lift each other up in friendship and in prayer. We know that long term commitments are difficult, but at rehearsal we work ahead. We have a warm up on Sunday at 10:00 a.m., so you will have yet another opportunity to look at the music before mass should you have to miss a rehearsal. Please consider serving God and our parish by singing. For questions feel free to contact Greg Childs at 260-466-8770 or cgregoryc@outlook.com

**NOTICE: PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN**

The Children's Ministry Program, Mary's Kids, will begin **Sunday, September 9** for the 2018-2019 school year. Our program is for children in Kindergarten up through High School. Mary's Kids sessions will begin at 9:15 on Sundays in Oechtering Hall. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Area near the entry doors. Come join us as we learn about our faith, pray together, and grow in Christ's love. If your child is preparing for First Communion or Confirmation, or RCIA, our program is an important part. For more information contact Therese Spencer at 747-4242 or by email at tandjspencer@frontier.com.

**St. Mary's Soup Kitchen Fundraiser****FIESTA THEME**featuring **CHRIS WORTH & COMPANY**

Saturday, October 20, 2018 7:30- 10:30pm

Music, Dancing, Silent and Live Auction

Cash Bar (Beer &amp; Wine), &amp; Margaritas

Food and Snacks Available

\$10 per person, \$25 per family, \$100 reserved table for 8

Held at St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church

1101 Lafayette St. Ft. Wayne

**for tickets call 450-5170 or 424-8231**