

September 16, 2018
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm



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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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We know the signs of defeat: slumped shoulders, downcast eyes, a chastened demeanor. For those of us sincerely trying to follow Jesus, defeat is inevitable. We commit to spending more time with our kids, but that one project still looms. We resolve to be a good person, but our selfishness strikes again. It can be easy to get discouraged over our moral failures. Today's Gospel is a small, intriguing look at this process in the life of St. Peter.

First, Jesus' questions get the Apostles thinking about his true identity. This results in a confession of faith from Peter: "You are the Christ." Eager faith characterizes Peter's relationship with Jesus. First to follow, first to leap out of the boat, and, we know, first to deny. It's the latter tendency that manifests itself later in the Gospel. When Jesus predicts the Passion, "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Jesus' rebuke in turn is stinging. While Peter's caution to Jesus is in private, Jesus intentionally turns back

to the others as he declares, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Like Peter, we rarely get it right all the time. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but he had a false concept of what that Messiah would accomplish. Jesus wants to make sure the rest of the disciples don't follow down the wrong road. The Christian life is a difficult one, as Jesus later tells the crowds. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Yet the mercy of God is abundant. If we renew our trust and our efforts after a fall, every defeat is transformed into redemptive grace. "Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

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!



Sunday, September 16

Sacristan: Sue Jehl
 Commentator/Petitions: Rena Zirille
 Servers: Noah Johnson, Nicole Obioma, John Peterson
 First Reading: Maxine Stovall
 Second Reading: Carmen Doyle
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Jehl, Maureen McCon, Ken Yahne, Louise Yahne, Melinda Reyes, Rosemary Mausser, Barb Chmiel, Celeste Streicher,
 Ushers: Liz Peterson, Megan Horrell, Dennis Doyle, Greg Gemperline
 Greeters: Cliff & Jane Kimmel

Sunday, September 23

Sacristan: Susan Berghoff
 Commentator/Petitions: Dottie Carpenter
 Servers: Jennifer Hayes, Michele Obioma, Michael Obioma
 First Reading: Katie Lamee
 Second Reading: Joel Lamee
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Susan Berghoff, John Barnett, Eugenia Barnett, Maxine Stovall, Andrea Thomas, Prosper Batinge, Judy Wagoner, Angela Greven
 Ushers: Adam Huth, Jim Huth, Julie Huth, John Peterson
 Greeters: Liz & John Peterson

Banns of Matrimony #1

In accordance with CANON 1061 of the Catholic Code of Canon Law, we announce the impending marriage of Elizabeth Koester and Brad Harmening on October 6. Please pray for Brad and Elizabeth as they prepare for the sacrament of marriage.

"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..."

"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 with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35
 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2018

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/
 Mk 8:27-35
 Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1 Cor 11:26b]/
 Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [3]/Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/
 Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/
 Mk 9:30-37



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 16

10:45 am *Doris Van Meter*

Sunday, September 23

10:45 am *Lawrence Endress*



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

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

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Sunday, September 16, : Brice Hahn, Thomas, Matthew, Raul

Saturday, September 22: Mitchell, Raul

Sunday, September 23: Jasmine & Christina Myles, Matthew

Saturday, September 29: Mitchell, Sierra

Sunday, September 30: Nina Gerry, Thomas Sierra

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

Face Cloths & Dawn Dish Detergent

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 Weeks Ahead

Save the Date: Friday, October 5th! 6-10:00 PM.

Oktoberfest Fundraiser for Miss Virginia's Food Panty at Deer Park Pub. 1530 Leesburg Rd. Family friendly. A silent and a live auction will be conducted. Bratwurst, German lagers and live Music. A cover charge of \$5.00 and 6 cans of provides you with a stein! For more information call: 260-432-8966.

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 & Wine), & 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**

Parish Announcements

CHOIR REHERSAL

Choir rehearsal is each Thursday 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

FRIENDS OF THE POOR

The Friends of the Poor Walk is a national special event to raise awareness and funds for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Join the walk on Sunday, Sept. 23, at Parkview Field with registration at 1 p.m. and the walk starting at 2 p.m. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/2v2dwsx>.

Parkview Field

1301 Ewing Street

Fort Wayne Indiana,

Contact: (260) 456-3561

SVDPthriftstore@hotmail.com

Cost: NONE - Please make a donation and get sponsors for your participation.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR REJOICE! RETREAT

Attention ladies of the Diocese— Are you looking to start your Advent season off right? Registration is now open for Rejoice! Women's Retreat which takes place November 30 – December 2, 2018. The featured speaker is Dr. Mary Healy. Mary is professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and an international speaker on topics related to Scripture, evangelization, healing, and the spiritual life. Register online at www.diocesefwsb.org/rejoice or call Melissa Belleville at 260-399-1447. Registration opens September 17, 2018 and will close when full.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

This unit will provide an overview of the important themes and story lines of the Old and New Testaments. A special focus will be on the relationship of the Old Testament to the New Testament and how to interpret Scripture according to Catholic principals. No cost but registration is required. Course dates are October 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S Clinton St.

<http://diocesefwsb.org/Education-for-Ministry-Program>

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