

September 30, 2018
26th 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

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm

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Dottie Carpenter (260) 705-1690

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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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As we go about our days, we necessarily label, classify, and prioritize. What's "in" and what's "out" on our priority list? Because humans are social beings, we tend to do the same thing with people. We can only invite six people to the dinner party. Our young child wants to invite certain friends to her birthday, but we're keenly aware of who the parents are, and the prospect of spending several hours with them is enough to give us pause.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples face a classification problem. They've seen another person driving out demons in the name of Jesus. They recognize him, a non-Apostle, as clearly "out." And yet "Jesus replied, 'Do not prevent him? whoever is not against us is for us.'" Jesus recognizes real faith in the would-be exorcist. In our own lives, Jesus invites us to recognize others' good intentions. They should not be cut off simply because they do not line up with all our personal preferences. What, then, is deserving of such a fate?

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off? if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out."

When his listeners blame others, Jesus tends to pivot the conversation to their own lives. In this case, the message is clear. What we really need to cut out is that which keeps us from Jesus. If over-commitment causes us to lose patience with our family, doubt God's providence, and become consumed with self-reliance, cut something out. If certain friendships lead us time after time into gossip and slander, cut it out. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to live intentionally in our discipleship. Are we ready?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Banns of Matrimony #3

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.



Liturgical Roles

Sunday, September 30

Sacristan: Chuck Luther

Commentator/Petitions: Carmen Doyle

Servers: Tommy O'Neil, Lauren O'Neil, Carl O'Neil

First Reading: Theresa Spencer

Second Reading: John Brennan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Susan Berghoff, Pat McBride, Dottie Carpenter, Rosemary Mausser, Kate Brogan, Jane Wick, Barb Chmiel, Louise Yahne

Ushers: Ken Yahne, Dennis Doyle, Angela Spencer, Joe Spencer

Greeters: Sue & Irv Arnold

Sunday, October 7

Sacristan: Sue Jehl

Commentator/Petitions: Tom Rumschlag

Servers: Payton Hinsey, Aric Koenig, Nathan Johnson

First Reading: Ann SeCheverell

Second Reading: Rosemary Mausser

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Jehl, Joanne Miller, Jennifer Hayes, Maureen McCon, Peggy Neidhart, Barb Chmiel, Celeste Streicher, Dottie Carpenter

Ushers: Andy Johnson, Katrina Johnson, Gary Grider, Megan Horrell

Greeters: Liz & Frank Cantello

"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..."

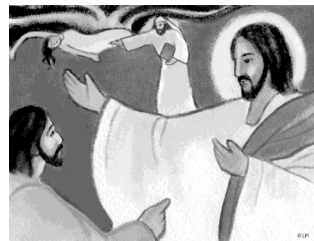
"a time to die"

Parishioner Nancy Wiggin

"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



Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." - Mk 9:39a, 40-41 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Readings for the Week of September 30, 2018

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8 [3]/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab
[24b]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130
[135]/Lk 10:17-24

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR OCTOBER

Evangelization: The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 30

10:45 am *Jane Czech*

Sunday, October 7

10:45 am *For the People of St. Mary Mother of God Parish*



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 29: Mitchell, Sierra

Sunday, September 30: Nina Gerry, Thomas Sierra

Saturday, October 6: Leslie House & Ephrim

Sunday, October 7: Camile, Fairmans, Mary

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

TOILET PAPER AND PAPER TOWELS

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 30

- *Mary's Kids 9:15 am*

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

IT'S TURKEY TIME

The first planning session for the **Thanksgiving** dinner will be October 10th at 7:00 P.M. in Oechtering hall. New volunteers are always welcome. For additional information call Pat Mc Bride at 484-8005 between 5:30 and 10:00 P.M. See you there.

Parish Announcements

Your Attention Please

While it is not specifically wrong to speak to our neighbor in the Church proper per say, it is there that our primary attention should be on our conversation with God through prayer. A number of people have asked me to say something about this. These people prefer to stay in Church after Mass (or before) and spend some quiet in prayer with the Lord and this is their right!. At present, this is next to impossible, what with all the clapping and chatter that takes place in the Church proper immediately before but most especially following Mass. That being the case, I respectfully request that in Christian charity, everyone who wishes to converse with their neighbor following Mass, (or before Mass) to please take your conversation out into the "Gathering Space."

St. Mary's is blessed with a nice, spacious "Gathering Space" complete with new, comfortable places to sit and enjoy each others company – so please let's use it for what it was intended. Thank you, *Fr. Phil*

BISHOP'S APPEAL

"It is once again time for the Annual Bishop's Appeal. The video will be shown this morning and letters and brochures will be sent out next week, along with a copy of your pledge card. Please return pledge cards as soon as possible so that follow-up communications are minimal. If you have any questions at all about the Annual Bishop's Appeal, please contact Appeal Chairperson Ken Yahne at (260) 484-1889. It is important that everyone make a financial commitment to support the Appeal. Thank you for doing your part. **Ken**

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

In light of the "Abuse Scandal" that has hit the Church, our Bishop has called for a "DAY OF PRAYER & PENANCE" for our Diocese this coming FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018. Due to the fact that so many of our parishioners live some distance from the parish, we will hold our "officially scheduled events" here at the parish to a minimum. We shall begin with a 7am Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, followed by a Holy Hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament with a variety of prayers interspersed along with some quiet time for prayer and reflection. Our "scheduled" events here at St. Mary's will conclude at 9 am, however all the faithful are encouraged to spend the balance of the day in prayer and reparation either in another parish church close to them or by themselves and/or their families.