

September 9, 2018
23rd 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



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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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"Jesus went by way of Sidon into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. "He has done all things well."

In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. "Be opened!" Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such sav-

ior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised.

As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give yourself permission to drop your expectations and assumptions. Ask Him to renew your faith to show you how, in your life, "He has done all things well."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul.

NOVENA FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE

Each Friday, August 3-September 28, answer the U.S. bishops' call to education, fasting, and prayer for the legal protection of human life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray/!



Liturgical Roles

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

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

"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



Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"-that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. - Mk 7:34-35 Excerpts from the Lectionary

Readings for the Week of September 9, 2018

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/
Mk 7:31-37

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5, 5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4]
/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24
[24b]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your warm regards to me in the recent loss of my mother. I felt your pastoral comfort and blessings. You are such a caring people and I am forever stronger having you all at my side. The outpouring of support to my family has been extraordinary! Thank you dear souls!

-- Tony Henry



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 9

10:45 am *Jane Czech*

Sunday, September 16

10:45 am *Doris VanMeter*



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

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

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Saturday, September 8: Christ Church @ Georgetown, Mitchell, Cindy & Hadley

Sunday, September 9: Shanebrooks, Jasmine & Christina Myles

Saturday, September: 15 Mitchell, Thomas, Annemarie & Messiah, Raul

Sunday, September 16, 2018: Brice Hahn, Thomas, Matthew, Raul

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 Jelly

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 9

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

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 REHEARSAL

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

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.



Join us for Our 2nd Annual
Friends of the Poor:
Walk a Mile in my Shoes 5K Walk
Sunday September 23, 2018

Register to Walk OR Sponsor at <http://bit.ly/2v2dwsax>
Day of Walk - Registration @1:00 pm

Registered Walkers with Pledges reaching \$100 will receive
a 2018 Friends of the Poor T-Shirt

Questions Contact:

SVDPTHIFTSTORE@HOTMAIL.COM 456-3561



Church Support

Monthly & Fiscal Year-to-Date Summary

	<u>Aug 2018</u>	<u>July 1-Aug 31, 2018</u>
Adult Collection-Actual	\$ 11,248	\$ 26,404
Adult Collection-Budget	\$ 15,000	\$ 33,750
Loose Collection-Actual	\$ 1,114	\$ 2,714
Loose Collection-Budget	\$ 1,400	\$ 3,150
Average % Envelopes Used	28%	30%
SVDP Collection-Envelopes	\$ 407	\$ 1,028
SVDP Collection-Loose	\$ 68	\$ 195

Many thanks for your support of St. Mary Mother of God.