

September 23, 2018
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

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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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The Oscars. The Super Bowl. TV talent shows. Your son's Little League championship. We live in a culture set on competition. The desire to "be the best" goes beyond hobbies and into politics, the corporate world, and parenting comparisons at the park. This desire is as old as the human race, and it surely arose in Jesus' day. While Biblical society was significantly less open and upwardly mobile than our own, power was attractive. From what we know, many of Jesus' disciples had come from lowly backgrounds. Now they followed an increasingly popular rabbi who seemed primed to do something big.

Jesus does his best to dissuade their high hopes by prophesying his own defeat. "The Son of Man is to be handed over and they will kill him." Internalizing the message proves challenging for the disciples, and their attention remains fixed on earthly glory. "They [discuss] among themselves on the way who was the greatest." True to style, Jesus

flips their pretensions on their heads. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

We have heard these Biblical principles before. Do we believe them? In our professional lives, do we do whatever we can to get ahead, or are we concerned with the entire team succeeding? In the lives of our children, are we more concerned with victory or with building character? Jesus doesn't condemn success, but he reframes it.

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Today's Gospel is a reality check. In God's eyes, our success will not be measured by worldly output alone but by how much love and service we offer to others in the process.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord upholds my life.



Liturgical Roles

Sunday, September 23

Sacristan: Susan Berghoff

Commentator/Petitions: Dottie Carpenter

Servers: Jennifer Hayes, Michele Obioma, Michael Obioma

First Reading: Katie Lamee

Second Reading: Steve Sullivan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Susan Berghoff, John Barnett, Eugenia Barnett, Maxine Stovall, Andrea Thomas, Judy Wagoner, Angela Greven

Ushers: Adam Huth, Julie Huth, John Peterson

Greeters: Liz and John Peterson

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

"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..."

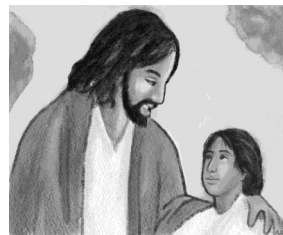
pray for parishioner Jim Huth

"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



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Readings for the Week of September 23, 2018

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:9:30-37

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35] Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1] /Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/

Ps 138:1-2ab, cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

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

Banns of Matrimony #2

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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 23

10:45 am *Lawrence Endress*

Sunday, September 30

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...NOODLES

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

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

TOILET PAPER

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 23

- Mary's Kids 9:15 am
- RCIA -11:30 - Topic is *Scripture*

Parishioners Richard and Rita Berghoff

Will celebrate their 75th Wedding Anniversary on
September 25.

Please remember them in your prayers

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 food provides you with a stein!

For more information call: 260-432-8966.

**RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING
OCTOBER 14 -9:30 AM**

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*

WHITE MASS

A White Mass will celebrated be on Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 6 p.m. for all healthcare workers, and their families. A dinner will follow at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Oechtering Hall. Special guest speaker: Dr. Brandon Brown, speaking on "Caring for the Least Among Us."

Contact: Julie Bryan (260) 222-6978

jabbryan@juno.com

<http://fortwayne.cathmed.org> - Cost: \$15 dinner

ANNIVERSARY MASS

A Special Jubilee Mass with Bishop Rhoades to honor all couples celebrating 25, 50 and 60 years of marriage in 2018 will be celebrated Sunday, Oct. 21, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. A reception will follow at St. Mary Mother of God Parish. Anniversary couples who register will receive two free tickets to the reception. Family members may attend at \$10 per person. Please call or e-mail tmburns@diocesefwsb.org for tickets.

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