

November 4, 2018
31st 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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"You are not far from the kingdom of God." What does it mean to be close to God's kingdom? In today's Gospel, Jesus is in a dialogue with teachers of the law. They know well the Law of Moses, with its complex codes, expectations, and punishments. What will Jesus say?

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus effortlessly distills all the books of law into two commands. The simplicity of the Gospel message doesn't mean it's easy to follow. Far from it! The simplicity of the Gospel indicates its totality. Anything that requires the passions of our heart, the choice of our soul, the reason in our mind, or the strength of our body - all of this ought to be animated by love. As you can imagine, that means pretty much everything! The love of God and love of neighbor is meant to flow into our entire lives.

The Gospel can appear complicated because life is complicated. Not every outcast is easy to love. We lack the knowledge or compassion to heal everyone who suffers. Personal sacrifice is not always noticed or valued. In the face of the unknown, fear can be easier than faith. Life's circumstances can seem like obstacles to God's love, not opportunities. And yet Jesus' command still stands. As you reflect this week, examine those areas where it's easy to love. Thank God for them! But take some time to consider the people and circumstances that challenge you. Ask God to show you what it means to love there. How is He inviting you to enlarge your heart, strengthen your soul, open your mind, and persevere in your strength? How is He inviting you to love?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength .



Sunday, November 4

Sacristan: Sue Jehl

Commentator/Petitions: Greg Gemperline

Servers: Payton Hinsey, Aric Koenig, Nathan Johnson

First Reading: Metrice Smith

Second Reading: Katie Lamee

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Jehl, Jennifer Hayes, Maureen McCon, Kate Brogan, Barb Chmiel, Celeste Streicher, Dottie Carpenter, Judy Wagoner

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

Greeters: James and Karstan Ball

Sunday, November 11

Sacristan: Chuck Luther

Commentator/Petitions: Tom Rumschlag

Servers: Katy Parrott, Noah Johnson, John Peterson

First Reading: Carmen Doyle

Second Reading: Maxine Stovall

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Chuck Luther, Pat McBride, Jane Wick, Rosemary Mausser, Ken Yahne, Louise Yahne, Peggy Neidhart, Kathleen Smith

Ushers: Dennis Doyle, Liz Peterson, Kera Parrott, Julie Huth, Greeters: Christy & Malachi Johnson

Coffee & Donuts: Ave Maria Chili Cook-Off

ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM - St. Mary Mother of God Church offers this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offerings to the Church automatically through your checking or savings account. To obtain the necessary form, please contact Julie Crouch at the Parish Office (jcrouch@stmarysfw.org, or 260-424-8231). You may also go to www.stmarysfw.org, click the "Donate" link, and complete the Authorization Agreement for Direct Payment form. Mail or put the form in the Collection Basket. Thank you!

"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..."

Therese Spencer, Don Ferguson, Jim Horrell

"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



The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32,

Readings for the Week of November 4, 2018

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28 /Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 4

10:45 am *Jane Czech*

Sunday, November 11

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



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

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

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Saturday, November 3: Brad, Leslie House, Alexander Kaufman

Sunday, November 4: Carrie Brinkman, Aiya Miller, Lynn B.

Saturday, November 10: Grant Leeper, Alexander K. Jim Schmidt

Sunday, November 11: Shanebrooks, Brice Hahn, Andy, Bianna, Benjamin P. Chelsea Sheer.

Saturday, November 17: Jim Schmidt, Cindy & Hadley, Steve Mick, Christ Church @ Georgetown

Sunday, November 18: Fairmanns, Chelsea S.

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

Dawn Dish Liquid

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, November 4

- Mary's Kids 9:15 am
- RCIA 11:30 AM Topic is Prayer
- Parish Council Meeting after Mass

Wednesday, November 7

- Planning Session for Thanksgiving Dinner 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 11

- Mary's Kids 9:15 am
- Second Collection is for St. Vincent de Paul

GOBBLE, GOBBLE....

The final planning session for the annual citywide Thanksgiving dinner will be **November 7th (Wednesday)** at 7:00pm in Oechtering Hall. New volunteers are always welcome. For additional information call Pat McBride at 484-8005



Parish Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT

Bishop Rhoades and bishops nationwide are joining in seven days of prayer and fasting prior to their general assembly in November, where they will make critical decisions regarding the tragedy of clergy abuse. A letter with more details from Bishop Rhoades is included with today's bulletin.

ANNUAL MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE

It remains important for our church to protect children and young people from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the Diocesan website www.diocesefwsb.org under "Youth Protection".

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (260)399-1458, email: mglowaskie@diocesefwsb.org, or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390 Fort Wayne Indiana 46801 or at (260) 399-1419, email: mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

Only 4 pledge cards were turned in last Sunday, which is very disappointing. Then I realized that the likely reason was that I did not have pens with the pledge cards so that you could fill out your pledge! So I remedied that this week with some pens located with the pledge cards in the Gathering Area next to the pledge boxes. If you want to take a pledge card home to fill it out, please feel free to take a pen with you (but only if you're going to use it to fill out a pledge card!) and return the pledge card next Sunday (you can even keep the pen!). I really don't want to have to make 45 phone calls asking about pledge cards! Questions: you can reach me at any time at (260) 1889. Ken Yahne

ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER

The Soup Kitchen fundraiser committee would like to thank the sponsors, parishioners and volunteers whose contributions helped to make this year's fundraiser a success. Net proceeds were \$21,157. The money will be divided among the Soup Kitchen, Ave Maria House, St. Vincent DePaul Society, and St. Martin dePorres society.