



July 18, 2021
16th 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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Parish Staff & Volunteers

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Music Director

Greg Childs.....(260) 424-8231

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Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council

Joanne Miller.....(260) 492-9273

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

July 18, 2021-16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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TODAY'S READINGS

(Please refer to the Today's Missal in the pews.)

First Reading: *Jeremiah 23:1-6 (107B)*Second Reading: *Ephesians 2:13-18*Gospel: *Mark 6:30-34*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Kindly pray for...

† *All the unborn, all expectant Mothers, and those who celebrated their Birthday this past week.*† *Those who celebrated their Wedding Anniversary this past week.*† *Mike Mowan, Metrice Smith, John Webster, Judy Zern, Marilyn Horrell, Dr. Jeanine Childs, Chuck Luther's parents Don & Sharon, Rita Berghoff, John Martin, Ken Lehto, Pam Mitoraj, Mary Ellen Nolte, Don and Kathy Magner, Linda Stabler's granddaughter Kaylee, Barb Chmiel's brother Ralph, Gemma Maria-granddaughter of Susan & Irv Arnold, Eugenia Barnett's sister Elfrida Wilson, George Bachinsky's cousin Nancy Jo Lauso, Amy Miller, and all who are suffering from COVID-19.*† *All who have died especially Pear Curtis, mother of parishioner Louise Yahne, and all who have died as a result of COVID-19*† *Our world, all people, both military and civilian who are in the midst of war, natural disasters, or social unrest.*

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READINGS

Readings for the week of July 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15



LITURGICAL ROLES

**Sunday, July 18, 2021 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Sacristan:** Sue Jehl**Commentator:** Carmen Doyle**Servers:** Katy Parrott, Luisa Koenig**First Reading:** Dottie Carpenter**Second Reading:** Melinda Reyes**Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Sue Jehl, Jennifer Hayes**Ushers:** Andy Johnson, Katrina Johnson, Dennis Doyle**Sunday, July 25, 2021 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Sacristan:** Katrina Johnson**Commentator:** Dottie Carpenter**Servers:** Aric Koenig, Victoria Koenig**First Reading:** Maxine Stovall**Second Reading:** Joe Miller**Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Judy Wag-
oner, John Barnett**Ushers:** Mike Rorick, Carol Taylor, Patrick Swartz

MASS INTENTIONS

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Sunday, July 18 10:45 am – Paul & Carol Smith
Richard Carpenter
Sunday, July 25 10:45 am - Fr. Phillip A. Widmann

If you would like to request a Mass Intention on a specific day for a deceased loved one or for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office at 424-8231. Two or more names may be submitted for one Mass if they are related, (i.e. husband/wife; father/son, etc.). The Mass stipend is \$10 per mass. Envelopes are available in the Gathering Area.



When did you last offer a Holy Mass? Mass intentions are valuable opportunities to offer in thanksgiving to our Father in heaven:

- *Birthday's for yourself or family members
- *Wedding Anniversaries
- *A special need or intention for yourself or another
- *Repose of a loved one's soul

Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incal-



Altar of Service

SAINT MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

Please mark your grocery lists for our SoupKitchen.
This week we are asking for

Noodles

SOUP KITCHEN WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS

Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am-Noon

Sunday, July 18: Fairmans, Kathryn Lyons

Saturday, July 24: UAW, Paula

Sunday, July 25: Fairmans, Renee Buskirk

Saturday, July 31: Christ Church @ Georgetown, Cyndy

AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS
Individually wrapped snacks

Church Offertory

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July 18 Weekly Church Offering

July 25 Weekly Church Offering

You may mail in your offerings to the parish office, P.O. Box 11383, Fort Wayne, IN 46857-1383, or you may use the Online Giving option on the parish website (www.stmarysfw.org). Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Parish Council ballot is included with this bulletin. If you are a registered parishioner, please VOTE! Voting will be from July 11 through July 25. The ballot is also available online at www.stmarysfw.org. Any questions? See Becky Silkworth or Joanne Miller or contact the Parish Office at 260-424-8231.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH FATHER-SON RETREAT

Join Bishop Rhoades for a father/son retreat to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph! The retreats are open to boys aged 13-17 and their father/male relative. A retreat in Spanish will be held on Sunday, August 1st, from 2-8 p.m. at St. Patrick's County Park in South Bend. A retreat in English will be held on Sunday, September 19 from 2 - 8 p.m. Bishop Rhoades will be speaking on the life of St. Joseph as a model for men, and the retreat also will feature hiking, woodworking, birdwatching, conversation, prayer, grilling and games. The cost of the retreat is \$20 per family and includes the entry fee to the park, snacks, dinner and a keepsake crucifix. To register, please go to diocesefwsb.org/joseph-retreat.

USHERS NEEDED

Have you ever thought, "I could be an usher but no one has asked me?" Well we are asking you now! The already short list has been reduced by several graduates. If interested, please contact Rosemary Mausser at rdmausser@msn.com or call 705-0494.

SUNDAY HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC VISITS

Are you, or someone you know, in need of a Sunday Eucharistic Visit? There is a team at St. Mary's that will provide the Eucharist to the homebound. If interested, please contact Rosemary Mausser at rdmausser@msn.com or call 705-0494.

*By wisdom is a house built,
by understanding it is made firm;
and by knowledge are its rooms filled with every
precious and pleasing possession.*

—Proverbs Chapter 24 Vs. 3,4



WEEKLY EMAIL PARISH UPDATES

Are you interested in receiving a weekly email about happenings at St. Mary's? It includes late breaking news, updates on people in need of prayer and upcoming events. Contact Rosemary Mausser to get on the list or to update your email address. rdmausser@msn.com or call 705-0494.

ANDREW DINNERS FOR YOUNG MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD

This summer, the Vocation Office will host three Andrew Dinners for young men age 16-30 to come and learn more about seminary and the priesthood. The dinners will be at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne at 6:00 PM, and August 6 in Spanish at St Vincent de Paul, Elkhart at 6:00 PM. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, talk to your pastor for more information RSVP Required

AVA'S GRACE SUPPORT GROUP

If you have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss and would like to gather online with others who know this deep pain, you are most welcome to attend our monthly ava's grace online support group. The support group meets over Zoom on the third Wednesday evening of the month from 8-9:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Please email Lisa Everett at leverett@diocesefwsb.org for the Zoom meeting link and password. For more information about ava's grace, the diocesan ministry supporting those who are grieving the loss of a baby before or after birth, visit diocesefwsb.org/avasgrace.

INDIANA SCHOOL CHOICE CHANGES

Are you a household of four earning less than \$147,075? Or six earning less than \$197,469? Or eight earning less than \$247,863? Then you meet income eligibility criteria to receive a scholarship at one of our diocesan Catholic schools! While other criteria apply, starting with the 2021-22 school year, students of Hoosier families whose household income is within 300% of federal Free or Reduced Price Meals guidelines and meet eligibility criteria may qualify to receive an Indiana School Choice and/or SGO scholarship to help cover the cost of private school tuition. Learn more and find a school at diocesefwsb.org/schools.

BASEBALL

I'm the new coordinator of the St. Mary's Tin Caps outing. I have a group of tickets purchased for Saturday, August 14th game starts at 6:30. Tickets will be sold before and after Mass on July 25th and August 1st. Tickets are 14.00 each.

Rebecca Koday



ONLINE NFP SUPPORT GROUP

Are you looking for some support and fellowship in using natural family planning? Marriage & Family Ministry is marking National NFP Awareness Week by launching a monthly online support group for NFP users in the diocese! We will meet over Zoom on the 4th Wednesday evening of the month from 8:00 to 9:30 PM Eastern Time. Our first gathering will take place on Wednesday, July 28th and we will be looking at what the Church really teaches about responsible parenthood and how to live it in your marriage. Email Caty at cburke@diocesefwsb.org for the Zoom meeting link and passcode.

UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES REGARDING MASS

We have been provided additional guidance by the Indiana Bishops as to how to deal with COVID-19 and its impact upon our Sunday Mass.

LIFTING OF THE GENERAL DISPENSATION

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has announced that the general dispensation from the Sunday obligation will expire effective June 11, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Because the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian Life, all Catholics are required to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation unless a serious obstacle prevents them. Let us unite, abiding together in hope. **According to the directives, those who have some symptoms of cold, fever are dispensed or on health concerns pastors could dispense them individually.** For more details and updated liturgical directives, including information on exemptions, masks, social distancing and more, visit www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19.

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

Anytime you are in the Church building, at Mass or any other time, wearing a mask is recommended but not required.

Some pews will have open seating. The number will depend upon the number of people attending Mass. Social distancing of 3 feet is still required in the pews and also when entering and leaving the Church.

SIGN OF PEACE - OFFERTORY - COMMUNION

The Sign of Peace may be extended to worshippers by means of words or gestures, handshakes and/or embraces should only occur within your family unit.

Offertory envelopes and contributions will continue to be collected in baskets at the back of Church; Gift bearers at the Offertory will not be used. We will continue to only distribute the Eucharist under the form of the Body of Christ.

Ministers (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Lectors & Servers) are asked to continue using masks.

St. Mary Mother of God Live-Stream Mass

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/237495779612838>
called St. Mary Mother Of God Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana (Official Page)

YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsPPPuN77xcFklya-fnJEDA/> , called St. Mary Mother of God Parish Fort Wayne.

FORT WAYNE AREA TELEVISED MASSES:

7 am: WPTA Ch. 21.3 (MyTV) | Frontier: 9, 509 | Comcast: 252, 1024, 1172 | DirecTV, 22
10 am: WISE CW Ch. 33.1 | Frontier 6, 506 | Comcast 19, 1033 | DirecTV 33 | Dish 34

PRAYER TO MAKE A "SPIRITUAL COMMUNION"

Saint Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Please contact the Church Office with any questions.