

**The Catholic Church Of  
St. Mary**

**Parish Mission Statement**

*The Church of St. Mary, followers of Christ, are inspired by our Catholic faith to build on our traditions through the Eucharist, prayer and education. As the family of God, and with one another, we desire to live our faith in the world.*

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**Confessions :**Wednesday & Friday:

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday from 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday : 8:00 a.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Wednesday ...5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Please join us in Prayer

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

Please call the Parish Office at

1-815-8958-3422

**Sacrament of Marriage:**

Please contact the Parish Office 6 months prior to your wedding date.

**Sacrament of Anointing**

: During Mass on the First Friday of September and November

For **anointing of the homebound or in the hospital** please call the Parish office at **1-815-858-3422** . In emergency call the Parish number any time-day or night



**Readings for the week of September 12, 2021**

Sunday, September 12, 2021.....Mk 8:27-35

Monday, September 13, 2021..... Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 14, 2021..... Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday, September 15, 2021.... Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday, September 16, 2021..... Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 17, 2021..... Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 18, 2021..... Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 19, 2021..... Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37



**September Schedule**

September 12, 2021

6:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m. Family and Youth

September 26, 2021

6:00-7:45 p.m. Youth Only

## Seven Sorrows of Mary—

The devotion has its origin in the gospels of John (19, 25 Mary standing at the foot of the cross) and Luke (2:35 Your own soul a sword shall pierce).

There are Seven Sorrows and should not be confused with the five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

The Sorrows are often depicted as seven daggers stabbed into the Virgin's heart.

The Prophecy of Simeon

The Flight into Egypt

The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem

Mary's meeting Jesus on the Via Dolorosa (not found in the New Testament)<sup>1</sup>

The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary

Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross.

The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea

It is a tradition for Catholics to say one Our Father daily and seven Hail Marys for each Sorrow

## Mass

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines Mass in this way: “The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church’s life, for in it Christ associates His Church and all its members with His sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once and for all on the cross to His Father; by this sacrifice he pours out the graces of salvation on His Body which is the Church” (No. 1407).

We are the body of Christ and through the celebration of the Mass, we participate in the most important act during our earthly lives and by receiving His Body and Blood we become more fully reunited with Christ. Through the celebration of the Eucharist the Church becomes most fully what she is.

How to get something out of mass? In Post Vatican II Church, being a critic of the Mass has become somewhat of a hobby. Many Catholics prefer the Latin language used during mass. In any case, we ought not to allow ourselves to be distracted from the gifts that God wishes to bestow upon us during the sacred celebration of the Mass. We have to realize that at the root of whatever our heart desire may be it is our communion with God!

There is time, during mass, to hear what the word of God has to say to us. When we refuse to recognize Him as the expert of what is best for us, we are like those in Luke’s Gospel: “Let me go and bury my father” (9:59). In other words, what we say, is this: I like what you are saying, but you know, I know what I need right now.” Our churches would have been different places if we would only remember that in an atmosphere of expectancy, Jesus can make miracles! In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus was unable to do any of his wonderful deeds because the local people were scandalized that Jesus, the one they knew, the one who came from a background like themselves, should have anything to say to them (Mark 6:5). They rejected the Prophet, and they rejected the miracles. Jesus’ intent is to promote faith through his miracles. The people of Nazareth despised them because they knew his family. When we gather together for worship and see no other point of view but our own, we will see no other. If we come together with open hearts, loving Christ, with a desire to love each other, even the most widely separated will come together in Jesus Christ.

When we come to Mass, hungry to hear Jesus’ words, enjoy each other’s company, He will fill us with a wealth that will satisfy our deepest desires.

**Is there an area in your life that is keeping you away from God?**

Fr. Joachim

**All about Grandparents Day September 12, 2021**



Celebrating grandparents was a fairly new idea when West Virginian native, Marian McQuade, pressed the U.S. Senate to proclaim a special day for grandparents in 1978.

That same year, President Jimmy Carter signed the bill into law proclaiming special recognition for grandparents throughout the land.

As the popularity of Grandparents Day caught on, forget-me-nots were designated the official flower of Grandparents Day.

**Mass Intentions for Week of September 11-19, 2021**

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

4 p.m. S.J. † Jason Zeal by Dollar General Employees

6 p.m. † Maury Berlage by Deb Altfillisch family

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

8:30 p.m. For the people of St. Mary

10:15 a.m. S.J. † Joan Sullivan by Bob Gable

**Tuesday, September 13, 2021**

5:00 S.J. † Julius Flynn by Jim Irwin

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

8:30 a.m. † Ken Berlage by Marilyn Berlage

5:00-5:45 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation

6:00 p.m. For the living members of the Buckley family

**Thursday, September 16, 2021**

8:30 a.m. S.J. † St. John Purgatorial Society 2020

**Friday, September 17, 2021**

8:30 a.m. † Ken Berlage by Marilyn Berlage

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

4:00 p.m. S.J. For the people of St. John

6:00 p.m. † Benjamin Duffy by the Duffy family

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

8:30 a.m. † Ricky and Jesse Reese by Karla Grube

10:15 a.m. S.J. Wally and Leah Duzansky wedding anniversary by the Duzanskys'

**Liturgy and Safety**

Saturday, September 18, 2021

6:00 p.m. Lector/Com.....Tracy  
Sanitizing.....Tracy

Sunday, September 19, 2021

8:30 a.m. Lector/Com  
1st reading/response....Cora  
2nd reading /prayers.....Rosie

Sanitize Pews after Mass:Staff

**Stewardship Report Week of September 6, 2021**

**No report at publication date**

**Family Faith Formation**

The Religious Education Program for 2021-2022 is "Finding God"--a family catechesis program invit-

ing parents to become primary catechists of their children.

"Finding God" Family Catechesis combines family group meetings and grade specific instruction by catechists with at-home sessions guided by parents. This program is unique in that it helps parents grow in their own faith while they guide their children in core faith formation.

**SPECIAL REQUEST TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:**

To support our families in this unique program, would you consider being a one-time 'Kitchen Helper' for the Family Faith Formation program? Just come on your chosen Sunday night and help out!

Sign up in the rear of the church please

**Country Fair in Galena is still on as of this printing**

October 9th and 10th, 2021

Raffle tickets are in back of church to help support the cause. Fill them out and put in offertory basket and the office will take care of it. If you want to work please call the office and information will be provided.

Galena Country Fair provides grants to non profit organizations for various projects. In the past St. Mary has received monies to help people in need of various things such as gas, rent etc.

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