

# Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard on  
Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.  
before the 4:00 p.m. Mass  
and also by appointment.

## BAPTISM

For information, please contact the  
rectory at 440-359-8205 Monday– Friday  
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"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault  
between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have  
won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

**Mass Intentions—Saint Mary**

Saturday, September 9th

3:00 p.m. .... Confession

4:00 p.m. .... Mary &amp; Chuck Szabo

Sunday, September 10th

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:15 a.m. .... Edmund J. Seebauer

Tuesday, September 12th

**NO MASS**

Wednesday, September 13th

**7:30 a.m. - Rosary**

8:00 a.m. .... Jim Berry

Thursday, September 14th

**7:30 a.m. - Rosary**

8:00 a.m. .... Carl Femc, Sr.

*Novena to the Miraculous Medal*

Saturday, September 16th

3:00 p.m. .... Confession

4:00 p.m. .... Mary Ann &amp; John E. Taylor

Sunday, September 17th

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:15 a.m. .... James, Mary &amp; Mirta Karlak

REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

**PATRIOT DAY*****Please Remember In Your Prayers . . .***

William Allen, Nancy Belsito, Gen Cannella, Pat Christian, Eric Corwin, Scarlett Grace Collins, JoAnn Conway, Deb David, Robin Davis, Tina Ferenac, Danny Forsythe, Darillinn Grubbs, Mary Hills, Dolores P. Hovan, Ken Hudak, Danny Hudson, Helen Husky, Cindy Jerick, Carlotta Jones, Carol Kainec, Matt Kish, Judy Kobus, Kelly Kostilo, Ken Krawczyk, Corey Kurilko, Ryleeann Kurilko, Cindy Lowe, Pat Lucas, Wilett Lynch, Ryan Martin, Mary Jo Mattie, Greta Moore, Richard Moore, Marcy Nero, Delores Nose, Lucille Novak, Michelle Palcisko, Rusty Palcisko, Virginia Pfeffer, Conner Press, Casimina Radicelli, Mary Riley, Clara Rizzo, Dolly Rohal, Monica Roha, Charles Saraniti, Jonathan Sedor, Bill Shephard, David Shostek, Jessica Simpkins, Diane Skinner, Anna Marie Slaby, Ema Slaby, Special Intention, Madysen Strohl, John Szabo, Ed Thorsby, Betty Lou Tomko, Jean Vasquez, Evelyn Volin, Jim Waldron, Diane Whitelaw, Carl Wilson Jr., Gwen Yates, Patricia Zak, Jim Ziak

***Please get permission from the family before asking us to add someone to the Prayer List.***

**Mass Intentions—Our Lady of Hope**

Monday, September 11th

8:00 a.m. .... Donald Wondolowski

Friday, September 15th

8:00 a.m. .... Sr. Irene Mraz

Sunday, September 17th

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

11:00 a.m. .... Lino Rivera

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of

**Dolly Hovan**

who was buried from our church this past week. May her soul and all the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

**ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITY**

Our Lady of Hope and Saint Mary parishioners are invited to participate in a 6-week bible study based on the Little Rock Scripture Study Program. The topic will be **Angels in the Bible**. Each session will consist of scripture passages and discussion. Sessions are as follows:

**Week 1:** Studying Angels is Studying God**Week 2:** Angels Before God's Throne**Week 3:** Angels as Messengers of Joy and Guidance**Week 4:** Angels as Controlling Spirits of the Elements and Nations**Week 5:** Angels as Ministers of God's Judgement**Week 6:** Guardian Angels

All sessions will be held on Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Church. Dates are: September 20th, 27th, October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. If anyone would like to participate, there will be sign-up sheets in the gathering spaces of Saint Mary and OLH. The deadline to sign up is September 10<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost to attend.

**Parish Support  
for 9/3/2023**

Church Support	\$1546.00
Parish Improvement	<u>\$1685.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3231.00</b>

**MASS COUNTS**

<b>SM:</b>	4 pm—83; 9:15 am—82	Total—165
<b>OLH:</b>	4 pm—52; 11 am—78	Total—130

*Thank you for your continued generosity*

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners,

This Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom. He lived from 347-407 AD, and he was a Doctor of the Church and the bishop of Constantinople (modern day Istanbul, Turkey). Saint John was born in Antioch, Syria, and he studied both law and theology. Beginning early in life, Saint John was ascetical and punished his body with strict fasting. Extreme mortification was common among the early saints, and it frequently led to serious health problems later on. We need to acknowledge that one can live a pious life while still taking care of one's body! Saint John wanted to become a monk early in life, but his poor health prevented him from doing so. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Flavian of Antioch in 386 AD at the age of 39. Saint John was known for his great oratory skills and powerful homilies, and he was given the title of "golden-mouthed" which is "Chrysostom" in Greek. In 389 AD, he was made Bishop of Constantinople, only three years after ordination to the priesthood. Such a quick elevation to bishop would never happen that quickly today!

Within a short time after being named bishop, Saint John regretted the decision. The Byzantine imperial court was filled with intrigue and the aristocracy resented his calls for reform. The Empress Eudoxia considered many of John's sermons personal attacks on her government. It didn't help that his references to the lurid Queen Jezebel and the impious Herodias (the one who asked for Saint John the Baptist's head) were associated with the Empress. John's homilies often contained harsh criticism of the selfish wealthy class and the excesses of the Byzantine court. So, over time, he ended up angering most of the people he was preaching to. Eventually, John was exiled to a rugged part of Asia Minor (modern Turkey), and he died September 14, 407. John Chrysostom's preaching by word and example exemplifies the role of the prophet to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable. In exile John wrote the following: "*Let the world be in upheaval. I hold to his promise and read his message; that is my protecting wall and garrison. What message? Know that I am with you always, until the end of the world. If Christ is with me, whom shall I fear.*" Those are good words for us to hear as well.

Christ's peace, Father Joe

**RCIA CLASSES FOR SAINT MARY AND OUR LADY OF HOPE**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process of conversion whereby unbaptized adults and baptized Christians of other faith denominations can enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at St. Mary or Our Lady of Hope. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please call the office or see me after Mass. RCIA classes typically start at the beginning of September, and we meet in the choir room at OLH after the 11 a.m. Mass.

**FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you to everyone who donated food and money to the August food pantry. We collected \$443. Your kindness is appreciated by those in need.

**PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED**

Both Saint Mary and Our Lady of Hope are looking to hire a part-time office assistant for 10-16 hours per week. Duties would include computer data entry, filing, upkeep of records, and answering the phone. If you are a people-person with good communication skills and want to serve your parish, please call Father Joe at the office or see him after Mass.

**LADIES GUILD**

St. Mary Ladies Guild meetings have a new starting time of **6:30 p.m.** Our upcoming meeting is Wed., Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the Walton Hills Village Hall, 7595 Walton Rd., at the corner of Walton Rd. and Alexander Rd. All ladies are welcome to attend, even if you are not a member.

**MISSION APPEAL**

This weekend, the Very Rev. Pradeep Puthenveetil, (O.S.S.T.) will be at Saint Mary and Our Lady of Hope for a mission appeal. Reverend Pradeep is the Vice-Provincial of St. Michael of the Saints Vice-Province India. At each Mass Father will ask for our prayers and financial assistance as his Order works to expand its ministry of Catholic education in Kamrup (Assam) India. Please consider supporting the work of the Trinitarians in India as they continue to spread God's mercy and redemption in this remote part of the world. Checks and donations can be made out to Saint Mary or Our Lady of Hope.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

**Is there a family you know who needs food assistance? Please let them know that our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 3-4:30 p.m. with outside pick-up only.**



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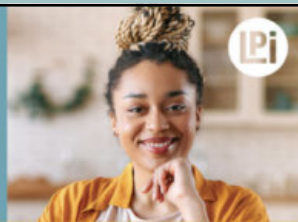
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