

ST. MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. – Closed - Call the Rectory for sacramental emergencies
Please only use for sacramental emergencies (illness or death). Thanks 276-228-1019
Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9 am – 5 pm Fri. 9 am – 3 pm

MASS SCHEDULE: **Fridays 12:00 pm unless otherwise posted differently; Confessions immediately following or by appointment.**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.

St. Edwards: Sunday 11:00 am

St. Marys Weekly Calendar

Saturday, September 30 5:00 pm Liturgy Presider-Fr. Louis Benoit

Liturgy Intention-Tim Cummings

Sunday, October 1 9:00 am Liturgy Presider-Fr. Louis Benoit

Monday, October 2 Office Closed

Wednesday, October 4 Office Closes at Noon

Thurs., Oct. 5-Fri. Oct. 5 Office Closed

Friday, October 6 No Noon Liturgy

Saturday, October 7 5:00 pm Liturgy Intention-John Young, Jr.

6:00 pm Parish Gathering

Sunday, October 8 9:00 am Liturgy Intention-Chris Clark

Liturgy Intentions for Sat., Sept. 30th are in loving memory of Tim Cummings given by Dottie & Colleen Cummings.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

October 14-15 “Special Collection”

October 21-22

St. Marys Capital Improvement

Catholic Schools of the Diocese

World Missions

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION: *Our women and men religious offer gratitude.* A sister shares, “I thank the Lord for all who give. I don’t think we would make it without them.” Thank you for donations of \$600.00 to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more how your gift helps, visit www.retiredreligious.org.

Thank you to Barnett and Grubb Funeral Homes for their continued support of our bulletins!!

Barnett Funeral Home

Tom & Judy Reese

325 S. Church Street/PO Box 558

Wytheville, VA 228-3121

Grubb Funeral Home

6th & Spring Street

Wytheville, VA 228-3101

Helping families in time of need

FROM THE OFFICE: The office will close early on Wed., Oct. 4th and will be closed on Thurs. & Fri., Oct. 5th & 6th. It will reopen at noon on Tues., Oct. 10th. Messages will be checked periodically. Contact the Rectory for emergencies.

PARISH GATHERING: The next parish gathering is scheduled for **NEXT Saturday, October 7th immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass.** Please bring your favorite dish to share. Everyone is welcome.

RCIA 2023-24: If anyone may be interested in joining the Catholic Church, classes have begun. Please plan to attend on Saturdays at 4 pm in the Pastoral Center. For questions, please contact Kay Early at 276-699-1333.

FATHER BOAT’S TRIP HOME: THANK YOU to Father Louis Benoit for presiding over the Masses for the month of September. Father Boat returns on Oct. 6th. **Friday noon Masses will resume on Oct. 20th.**

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTION: On Oct. 14-15, Bishop Knestout invites your participation in the *Learn to Lead* Capital Campaign that will strengthen the ministry of our Catholic schools. Our schools shape the lives of more than 7,000 young people – helping them realize their greater purpose – succeeding and serving God, their families, churches, and communities. If you have been blessed by a Catholic education or believe in the importance of its mission, please give generously. There are students of our parish that attend St. John Neumann Academy in Blacksburg, and a parishioner that is a teacher. To learn more about this campaign or **make a secure online gift now**, please visit www.learn-to-lead-campaign.org. At the time of the collection, all checks will be made payable to “Learn to Lead Campaign”, not the parish. More information to follow.

Sacrificial Offering

September 23-24, 2023

Operating Funds **\$1,400.00**

Retired Religious **\$600.00**

Mission Cooperative **\$750.00**

Please see the current financial information posted on the bulletin boards.

HOPE PACK PROGRAM: We continue to accept donations for the Hope Pack Program in memory of Deacon Charles May. The baskets and envelopes are in the gathering space and at the Monroe Street entrance. **Please make all checks payable to Hope, Inc and designate in the memo for Hope Packs in memory of Deacon Charles May. Plastic shopping bags continue to be accepted. Please keep in mind that they pack the food every Wednesday evening at 5 pm. Feel free to join anytime.** Thank you for your continued support.

THE AGAPE FOOD PANTRY: *Requested for the third quarter of 2023 is cereal, rice, and vegetables. Please be sure that all donated foods ARE NOT EXPIRED, the pantry does not accept expired food, it will be thrown away. Thank you for your continued support.*

DOG/CAT FOOD AND CAT LITTER DONATIONS: URGENT REQUEST: Brother John is continually accepting cat and dog food donations. Please leave them at the Monroe Street entrance. He is grateful for your continued support. **Please pass the word.**

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER: Along with the needed items on the list on the wall above the bin, packaged plastic silverware is also needed. They can use this along with all other paper products when they must house a family in a motel. **Please leave your donations in the designated container in the gathering space.** Thanks.

Please continue your prayers for our sick and homebound: Brother John, Jeri Clarkson, Helen Conrad, JoAnn Detta, Gene Deshler, Charlotte Driggers, Yvonne Grothues, Greg Hash, Cathy Miller, Suzanne Molloy, Bill Mutschler, Sister Mary Ellen, Dennis O'Donnell, Fran Parks, Raymond Raffinier, Evelyn Smith Reese, Carl Sealander, Michele Sealander, Judith Sweeten, Larry Wise, Joan Word. **If there is anyone that you would like to add to or can be removed from the list, please email, or call the office. Thank you!**