



THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF

# Immaculate Conception of the BVM “St. Mary’s”

# Saint Rita’s Parish

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**Mass Schedule** • Saturday • 5:00pm | Sunday • 8:00 & 10:30am  
Weekdays • 8:00am • Saturday • 8:00am  
Vigil of the Holy Day 6:30pm (except for 12/31 5:00pm)  
Holy Day 8:00am & 6:30pm

**Confessions** • Thursday after the morning Mass  
Saturday 3:30 to 4:30pm

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**Mass Schedule** Saturday • 4:30pm Sunday • 8:30 & 11:00am  
Weekday • 9:00am Vigil of the Holy Day 6:30pm  
(except for 12/31 4:30PM) Holy Days 9:00am & 6:30pm

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00 to 4:00pm  
& Tuesday Morning After Mass

**The Sacrament of Baptism** Please call the parish office to schedule. **The Sacrament of Marriage** is celebrated throughout the year. Diocesan policy requires that engaged couples begin sacramental preparations with a priest at least nine to twelve months before the desired wedding date. Please call the parish office for details at 717-642-8815.



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2025



## Our Stewardship

*August 17, 2025*

### St. Mary

Weekly Budget .....\$4,300<sup>00</sup>  
 Sunday Collection     \$2,770<sup>00</sup>  
 Holy Day                 \$1,273<sup>00</sup>  
 Average .....\$4,446<sup>00</sup>

### St. Rita

Sunday Collection     \$3,162<sup>00</sup>  
 Holy Day                 \$914<sup>00</sup>



<i>St. Mary</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
8/30 5:00pm	D. Sanders/B. Liska/B. Miller	M. Grist	Volunteers	L. & J. Ritter
8/31 8:00am	H. & C. Stehmer/D. Sprinkle	S. Ranney	Volunteers	Volunteers
8/31 10:30am	M. Powell/A. Bohn/P. Leister	B. Carr	Volunteers	B. Kocsis/B. Fritts
<i>St. Rita</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Money Counters</i>
8/30 4:30pm	A. Sanders	H. Brennan	Volunteers	8/31 F. Ganoe
8/31 8:30am	E. Luttrell/J. Lowrie	M. Rathvon	Volunteers	9/7 M. Lawrence
8/31 11:00am	P. & L. Crawford	J. Orlando	Volunteers	9/14 J. Kenney

### St. Mary Mass Intentions

Saturday 8/23	8:00am	Intentions of Anne Bohn
	5:00pm	† Roger & Gertrude Topper
Sunday 8/24	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	† Mary Ann Carr
Monday 8/25	8:00am	† Michele Maturo Piper
Tuesday 8/26	8:00am	† Stuart Ranney
Wednesday 8/27	8:00am	Intentions of Kathleen Gerstner
Thursday 8/28	8:00am	Intentions of Nancy Sias
Friday 8/29	8:00am	Intentions of Idelsa Garnett
Saturday 8/30	8:00am	Intentions of Marian Campolong
	5:00pm	† Charles Balkan
Sunday 8/31	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	† Chris Polvinale

## Scripture Readings

*For the Week of August 24, 2025*

Sunday	<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	<b>Memorial of Saint Monica</b> 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	<b>Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist</b> 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

### St. Rita Mass Intentions

Saturday 8/23	9:00am	† Wendy Petruzzi
	4:30pm	Intentions of Kristen Morrow
Sunday 8/24	8:00am	† Patricia Helmstetter
	11:00am	People of the Parish
Monday 8/25	9:00am	† Patti Pheobus
Tuesday 8/26	9:00am	† Rebecca A. Rathvon
Wednesday 8/27	9:00am	† Marlene Ulrich
Thursday 8/28	9:00am	Intentions of Kevin Bilder
Friday 8/29	9:00am	† Bill Gillard
Saturday 8/30	9:00am	Intentions of Delores Vandergrift
	4:30pm	† Antoinette Flook
Sunday 8/31	8:30am	Intentions of Betty Ferguson
	11:00am	People of the Parish

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Rita**



**St. Rita's Altar Flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion. The dates available are **August 31, Oct. 19, November 9.** Cost for the 2 altar vases is \$50 - Donation may be placed in an envelope marked flowers with your intention and preferred date. Please call the parish office or email maryrita256@comcast.net to confirm date.

**St. Rita's Book Club** Please join us to discuss the book, *Sermon on the Mount* by St. Augustine of Hippo on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 26th @ 6:30pm** in St. Rita's Parish Hall. All adults welcome. For more information please email [dianerobertson77@yahoo.com](mailto:dianerobertson77@yahoo.com)

**The Knights and Men's Club** want to thank all the volunteers who made the Spaghetti Dinner very successful. We served over 200 dinners. A special thank you to the PCCW, whose desserts were a hit as usual. In fact many people have begun to eat dessert first.

**Thank you** To all who partook in the Parish Picnic and the Spaghetti Dinner. They were great get-togethers. Fr. Peter

**St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting** there will be a meeting on Wednesday, September 4th at 7PM at the Church. All members please attend.

**St. Rita's Pastoral Council Meeting** there will be a meeting on Thursday, September 11th at 7PM in the Parish Hall. All members please attend.

**St. Rita's Flowers in the Sanctuary are** in memory of Donald Miller donated by his wife Darlene Miller.

**St. Mary's Flowers in the Sanctuary are** in memory of Dorothy Drechsler.

## Religious Education registration forms are now available for the 25-26 school year for students Preschool (4 years old) through 8th grade that are St. Mary's or St. Rita's parishioners

Please email [stmaryschurch.religioused@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschurch.religioused@gmail.com) or call/text Allie Harris at (717) 977-8516 for more information. If your child is part of a sacramental class (grades 2nd and 8th), please reach out to receive additional information. **Forms need to be returned by August 31st** for materials and books to be ordered. The first day of class will be Sunday, September 14th at 9am. Registration fee needs to be paid

**Pro Life Corner** ... May the Lord generously provide for the needs of mothers as they dedicate themselves to caring for their children.

**Legion of Mary Prayer Group and Rosary** We meet on Sunday's mornings after the 10:30AM Mass in one of the classrooms on the 1st floor. We also pray the Rosary Sunday mornings at 7:30AM before Mass. Next Rosary outside is at Clementina's pizza on 116 September 6, at noon. If it rains we are welcome to go inside. If you would like to join us to visit homes and hospitals and public events please contact Bryce Miller at 717-640-1971.

## SHARE YOUR STORY OF FAITH

See flyer in St. Mary's vestibule about sharing your story of faith. Stories do not need to be completed by August 31. Wish only to have 12 persons willing to share by August 31, 2025.

**Two New Saints** After the Masses at St. Mary's on Aug. 30/31, the Knights of Columbus will be showing videos of the lives of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. These two will be canonized on September 6, 2025. Both Churches are invited.

**NEW! PHONE APP FOR OUR PARISH!** St. Mary's/St. Rita's members may download the **myParish App** to quickly access important, time-sensitive info and to receive messages about events, weather-related Mass cancellations, etc. Included are many Catholic resources: daily reading, Saint of the day, Catholic news, Bishop Robert Barron homilies, and our Catholic prayers. Find fast access to the weekly bulletin and a drop-down menu in top left corner that includes a same day Help link. Text **App** to 55321 to download to your Android or iPhone. Flyer and business cards with more info in church vestibules.

**Blue Ridge Summit Food Pantry Needs your Help** School is about to start. Families with school age children need small packaged non-refrigerated food items for lunch containers and backpacks. Fruit cups, tuna meals, crackers, etc. are good. Anything in your pantry can make a difference. Place items in St. Rita's church vestibule in marked boxes. Thank you, Faith Ulzheimer, Coordinator

**Second Collection** Pope Leo has called for a ceasefire, noting with sorrow that "Gaza is starving. We will take up a special collection the weekend of August 31st at both Churches to support relief efforts. The money will provide emergency food, shelter, medical care, and emotional support.

**Woman's Faith Study will begin Wednesday, September 10** at 7:00 p.m. All ladies are invited to attend the 5-week study of "A Biblical Walk Through The Mass". Questions? Contact Kelli Powell at [mapkmp17@msn.com](mailto:mapkmp17@msn.com) or 642-5100

**Parish Office** will be closed Friday, August 29th & September 1st for the holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, September 2nd. Thank you.

**All Bulletin Announcements** must be submitted to the parish office 10 days before the bulletin date. Thank you

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