

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

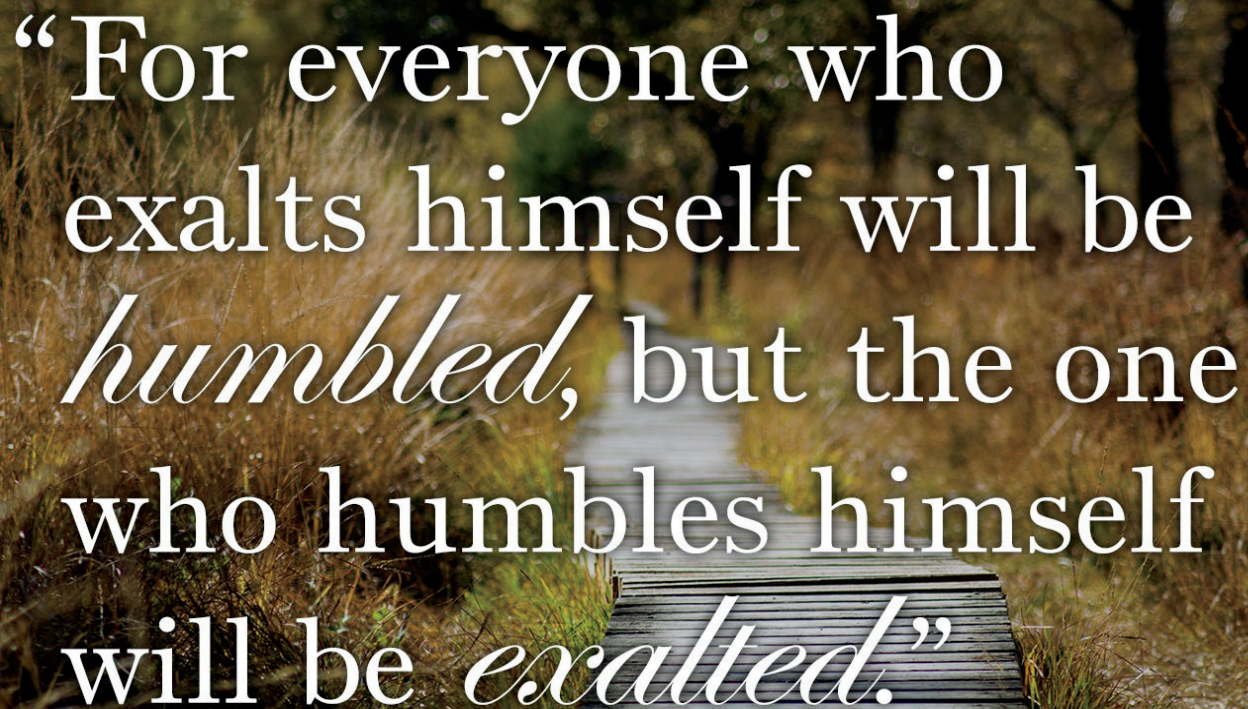
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& Tuesday Morning After Mass

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.



“For everyone who
exalts himself will be
humbled, but the one
who humbles himself
will be *exalted*.”

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2025



Our Stewardship

August 24, 2025

St. Mary

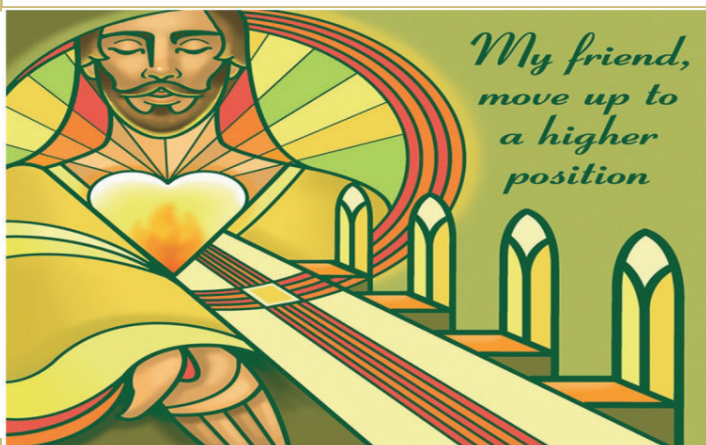
Weekly Budget\$4,300⁰⁰

Sunday Collection \$2,898.⁰⁰

Average\$4,446⁰⁰

St. Rita

Sunday Collection \$2,448⁰⁰



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Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 31, 2025

Sunday

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday

Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
9/6 5:00pm	B. & R. Miller/D. Ritchie	M. Grist	Volunteers
9/7 8:00am	D. Lehmer/D. Heibel/B. Lamb	K. Farabaugh	Volunteers
9/7 10:30am	P. Leister/B. Carr/D. Sprankle	A. Bohn	Volunteers
St. Rita	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
9/6 4:30pm	M. White	A. Shepard	Volunteers
9/7 8:30am	D. Fawks/J. Lowrie	M. Brennan	Volunteers
9/7 11:00am	P. & L. Crawford	P. Cliber	Volunteers
			Money Counters
			9/7 M. Lawrence
			9/14 J. Kenney
			9/21 A. Hauryski

St. Mary Mass Intentions		
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
Monday 9/1	8:00am	† Chris Wagner
Tuesday 9/2	8:00am	† Antoinette Flook
Wednesday 9/3	8:00am	† Karen Venzin Evans
Thursday 9/4	8:00am	† Vernon Speelman
Friday 9/5	8:00am	† Bernard Hrycenko
Saturday 9/6	8:00am	† Elizabeth LaPlante
	5:00pm	† Paul Macuirles
Sunday 9/7	8:00am	† Terry Sites
	10:30am	People of the Parish

St. Rita Mass Intentions		
Saturday 8/30	9:00am	Intentions of Delores Vandergrift
	4:30pm	† Antoinette Flook
Sunday 8/31	8:00am	Intentions of Betty Ferguson
	11:00am	People of the Parish
Monday 9/1	9:00am	Intentions of Marty Schorn & Family
Tuesday 9/2	9:00am	† Petronela Haki
Wednesday 9/3	9:00am	† Mary & Richard Main Sr.
Thursday 9/4	9:00am	† Ronald Koller
Friday 9/5	9:00am	† Linda Shultz
Saturday 9/6	9:00am	† Grace & Frank Leibold & Catherine & Arthur Lowrie Sr.
	4:30pm	† Mary & Frank Prochazka
Sunday 9/7	8:30am	Intentions of Kate Leibold
	11:00am	People of the Parish

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Rita

Second Collection Today

A special collection at both Churches to support relief efforts for Gaza. The money will provide emergency food, shelter, medical care, and emotional support.

There will be a Second Collection next weekend

at both Churches for the repairs and maintenance of the property.. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Mary's Pastoral Council Meeting

there will be a meeting on Thursday, 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.

Donut Social after the Sunday morning Masses at St. Mary's September 7th. All are invited.

St. Rita's Ladies Society Meeting

next meeting will be Wednesday, September 10th, at 9:45AM in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

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 or 642-5100

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

St. Rita's Flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of all the parishioners living & deceased.

St. Mary's Flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of JB Barefoot donated by his family.

Religious Education registration forms **MUST BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED TODAY AUGUST 31 NO LATE REGISTRATIONS MONEY NEEDS PAID AT TIME OF REGISTRATION. MUST BE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S OR ST. RITA'S.** Call/text Allie Harris at (717) 977-8516 or Email stmaryschurch.religioused@gmail.com for more information. If your child is part of a sacramental class (grades 2nd and 8th), please reach out to receive additional information. The first day of class will be Sunday, September 14th at 9am.

Pro Life Corner .. For those grieving after a miscarriage, may they be comforted by God's everlasting love and his presence amidst their sorrow.

Forty Hours at St. Mary's We are happy to have Fr. Michael Pray, Parochial Vicar, from St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg to be our preacher for Forty Hours beginning Sunday, September 14 after the 10:30AM Mass and ending Tuesday, September 16th with the closing ceremony at 7PM. He will preach each night with Sunday's time at 730PM and the other two nights will be 7PM. Please sign up for an hour of Adoration and invite a friends and family to the evening service.

Knight of Columbus Assembly will hold an important meeting on Wednesday, September 3 at 6:00PM, Rosary will begin. Elections will take place. A new beginning.

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.

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

Ruth's Harvest - students at the Fairfield schools eligible for the free lunch program are also eligible to receive food for weekends from Ruth's Harvest-Fairfield, a local non-profit entering it's 11th year. St. Mary's will have the first of five collections for this school year on Sep. 13-14. All food must be single servings and not require refrigeration. Some of the most needed items are plastic cups of pears, corn, mandarin oranges, and macaroni & cheese, peanut butter to go, and animal crackers or teddy grahams. Last year St. Mary's contributed 2435 servings of food donated by parishioners or purchased with parishioner donations. Each week 40 children received a bag with over 20 food items. If you would like to volunteer with Ruth's Harvest please contact Karen Graff at 717-408-5537 or piratefans@comcast.net. Thank you!

"Back to the Future" That Man Is You (TMIY) will returning on September 13, 2025 This year's sessions will be a new version of the original **Year 1** that helped to launch TMIY into one of the largest men's programs in the country. ". They have kept the heart of the original: the biblical message on manhood and leadership, the wisdom of the saints, the 7 steps, the powerful Lenten Journey, and many of Steve Bollman's most impact full talks. But now you'll hear from multiple dynamic speakers each sharing personal stories and insights that speak directly to the challenges men face today. This program is for men, husbands, and fathers. Sat. 13th at 6:15 AM St. Mary's Hall. Any questions contact contact Dick Heibel at 717-338-2044.



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