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MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS:	**WEEKENDS:**
Mon. 8:00 Am Visitation	Saturday:
Tues. 5:30 PM St. Mary's	4:00 PM Visitation
6:00 PM Adoration	5:45 PM St. Sebastian
Wed. 8:00 am Sacred heart	Sunday:
Fri. 8:00 am St. Sebastian	8:00 AM Sacred Heart
	10:00 AM St. Mary's

Confession Times- Sat - 3:00-3:40 pm Visitation
Tues.-6:00-6:30 pm St. Mary's
Other times by appointment

Pastor's Pen

"LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR"

This Sunday's Gospel brings us to the heart of the Christian life. A scholar of the law asks Jesus a question: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" Jesus answers by joining two commandments together: _ "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,"_ and _"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."_ Then he adds: _"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."_

Jesus does not separate love of God from love of neighbor. The two belong together. We cannot say that we love God while treating people badly. At the same time, Christian love of neighbor is not simply being nice. It flows from our relationship with God. The more deeply we allow God to love and change us, the more capable we become of loving others.

The first reading makes this very practical. God tells Israel not to mistreat the stranger, the widow, the orphan or the poor. These were people who could easily be ignored or exploited. God identifies himself with them. He hears their cry. So, love of neighbor is not only about loving the people who are easy to love. It also means paying attention to those who have no power, those who are struggling and those whom society can easily overlook.

This is where the Gospel becomes challenging. It is easy to love humanity in general. It is much harder to love the person who annoys us, disappoints us, disagrees with us or has hurt us. Jesus does not say, "Love the neighbor you like." He simply says, _ "Love your neighbor." _ And elsewhere in Matthew's Gospel, this love even extends to the enemy.

We can also misunderstand the words _ "as yourself." _ Jesus is not asking us to hate or neglect ourselves. Healthy love begins with recognizing that our life is also a gift from God. But love cannot stop with us. The person beside me has the same dignity before God that I do. His pain matters. Her need matters. Their dignity matters.

Sometimes we measure our faith by how many prayers we say, how often we attend Mass, or how much we know about the Church. These things matter. But Jesus gives us another measure: How do I treat people? What happens to my religion when I leave the church building? How do I speak to my spouse, my children, my coworkers, the cashier, the immigrant, the poor person, or someone whose opinion is very different from mine?

There is something beautifully simple about today's Gospel. We do not need to make Christianity complicated. Love God with everything you are, and let that love become visible in the way you treat people. The two commandments cannot be separated. Love of God without love of neighbor becomes empty religiosity. Love of neighbor without God can easily lose its deepest foundation.

So today we can ask ourselves two questions: Does my life show that I truly love God? And can the people around me feel that love through the way I treat them? Jesus tells us that everything else hangs on this. A Christian life that gets this right has understood the heart of the Gospel.

May God bless His words in our hearts, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Koinonia of Springfield to celebrate 50th anniversary

This year, Koinonia of Springfield is observing its 50th anniversary. The event will be marked with an observance **Sunday, Nov. 15**. Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Worker parish in Chatham (700 E. Spruce St) at 2 p.m., followed by refreshments, fellowship and historical exhibits in the parish hall. Priests who have made TECs and/or Koinonias are welcome to concelebrate the Mass. **Please let Gail Eck know (217-971-3883).** There is abundant parking and no stairs to navigate. A free-will donation will be accepted to cover costs. Please join us. Invite a friend and offer him or her a ride!

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Chatham invites you to their annual Mostaccioli & Sausage Dinner & Bake Sale on **Sunday, Nov. 1, from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm**. The meal includes mostaccioli, sausage, salad, bread, and a drink. The cost is **$10 for adults, $5 for children ages 4–11, and free for kids under 4**. Carry-out options are available. Come enjoy a wonderful meal and support our bake sale!

Parish Offering as of October 23, 2026

	SM	SH	V	SS
Weekly Total	$11,238	$1,522	$384	$250
YTD Giving	$43,073	$20,469	$11,160	$8,291
YTD Budget	$38,114	$26,131	$12,812	$10,426
YTD Net	$4,959	-$5,662	-$1,652	-$2,135

Online Giving QR Codes

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Important Dates

Nov. 2-Pastoral Council Meeting-6pm
Nov 4-Finance Council Meeting-6pm

Pray for our Sick Parishioners

Janet Blankenship, Sarah Simpson, Louise Lenn, Sue Lowder, Kathy Gordon, Barb Johnson, Mary Lee Staley, Lisa Richardson, Mary Hemberger, Roseanne Hartley, Calyssa Richie, Mary McCray, Heather Boudreau, Sy Haber, Donna Reichart, Joyce Henn, Paul Sweet, Carol Bold, Nancy Blankenship, Jackie Hamilton, Kathy Norman, Russ Adams, Suzanne Berry, Carol Peterson, Alice Greenwood, Matt Cumby, Kevin Howell, Todd Smith, Kathy Able.



Do you have a sick family member who would like to receive Communion at home? Please call the parish office and leave your address and we will be happy to schedule a visit

We are looking for new members who are male Catholic gentlemen, 18 years of age or older, who have an interest in enhancing their church and local communities. Contact Kevin Kirsch at 217-685-1819.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	10/26	† Jackie Hermes *(JR & Allinson Hermes)*
Tues.	10/27	† John Workman *(Karen Workman)*
Wed.	10/28	† Dec'd Members of James Wahl Family *(Pam Blackorby)*
Thurs.	10/29	**No Mass**
Fri.	10/30	† Joe Gaston *(Jane Kollins)*
Sat.	10/31	
4:00 PM		† Andy Johnson *(Rich Johnson)*
5:45 PM		† John Kollins *(Janie Kollins)*
Sun.	11/1	
8:00 AM		† Tom Bergschneider *(Bob Johnson)*
10:00 AM		† Dec'd Members of KC #4372

Sacred Heart Coffee & Donuts will be served Sunday **November 1** after Mass in the Parish Hall.
Donut & Cleaning Committee for November are Emily Fuchs and Judy Norris.

St. Mary's Coffee & Donuts will be served Sunday **November 1** after Mass at the parish center. Thank you to the Knight of Columbus for hosting this month.



Fully stocked shelves this week! Great job St. Mary's!

Bishop's Brunch Sign-Up: Please sign up on the seet in the back of church if you plan to attend the celebratory brunch during the Bishop's visit on **Sunday Dec 13.**

Vocations Corner

Before your (grand)children can discern their own vocations, they need to see you living your faith actively. Do they see religious artwork and crucifixes on the walls of your home?