

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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## September 17, 2017 ~ 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Ministry Schedule for Sunday, September 24 (8:30 a.m.)

EM: Rich Weber  
Lector: Sandi Marlow-Weber  
Ushers: Keith & Maria Marty  
Servers: Reilly & Landen Gibson, & Makarian Schott  
Sacristans: Keith & Maria Marty  
Music: Donna Berlinger

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, September 19

+ Ann & Paul B. Dorweiler

#### Sunday, September 24 – 8:30 a.m.

+ Deceased & Living Pete Leuthardt family

**RECONCILIATION:** Half an hour before Mass

**Ave Maria Church, Wheaton, Mass Schedule is as follows:** Monday @ 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday @ 8:30 a.m.; Saturday @ 5 p.m.; Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. There is Mass at the Traverse Care Center on Thursday following the 9 a.m. Rosary.

**Please remember in prayer:** Jeanne Hofland, Rita Schuster, Delores Eul, Chelsie Leuthardt, Liz Ritter, Rose Anne Grossman Bowe, Evelyn Schwebach, and all who are ill. Please call when a name should be added or removed from the prayer list.

**If there is anyone who would like to be a Lector, Altar Server, Choir member, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, or Sacristan,** please contact the office or let Fr. John Paul know. Thank you!

**CATHOLICISM:** We have someone already who is interested in becoming Catholic. If you or someone you know has interest, give us a call at the office (324-2680). Classes will start sometime this fall.

**POLKA MASS & DIP IT DINNER:** Thanks to everyone who made hot dishes, salads, or bars, who worked before, during, and for clean-up (what a multi-generational crew!). Special thanks to the choir for giving of their time to practice and for playing the polka-style hymns with lots of meaning. Finally, thanks Fr. John Paul for supporting our efforts. It was a successful event! We raised \$1,133 and made a profit of \$1,113, which will go toward the Hall improvements. God Bless You, *Mary Lou & Sandi, co-chairs*

**Christian Mothers & Women Dues envelopes** are in back of Church for you to pick up.

**FLOORING & TABLE PROJECT:** If you would like to make a donation towards the flooring & table project, you can put your donation in an envelope, drop it in the collection, and mark it as such. The goal is to raise \$35,000 for both projects. So far, Guild and other donations have totaled \$16,453.85.

**Fall Decorating:** The fall decorating, outside and inside, will take place soon. If you have any items such as pumpkins, squash, gourds, apples, potatoes, flowers, plants, etc., that you'd like to donate to the decorating committee, please leave them at the back of Church. Thank you!

**Bloodmobile:** Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Please give!



**Faith Formation Classes** will be held on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> after Mass and snack.

**The Faith Formation Fellowship Sign-up Sheet** is in the back of Church. Please sign up to bring a snack or serve. Thanks!

**St. Mary's Guild** will meet on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> in the Hall after Mass.

**Choir Practice** will begin on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. All members are welcome!



**Pictorial Directory:** Thank you to all who participated in the photography sessions for our new directory! If you weren't able to get your photograph taken, you can submit a 4" x 6" photo to the Church office by Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, and you will receive a free directory also. We can submit 20 photos at no charge. After that, there will be a \$10 charge. The new directories should arrive by Thanksgiving!

**Also,** as part of our new pictorial directory, all participants received \$5 off their purchase (with a *Feed the Need* food shelf item donation.) If you did not bring a food shelf item to your photo session, you can drop it off in the back of Church by September 24<sup>th</sup>. These items will be given to the Stevens County Food Shelf.

**Our new directory will look different than our previous directories.** This new style allows us to have *Lifetouch* return any time within the next 4 years for a free photo retake session, when we have 15 solid appointments. If you have changes in your family and would like to have your photo retaken, contact the Church office (324-2680) to get your name on a list. Everyone who participated in our directory, will then receive another free directory with the new photo changes.

**Parish Council Elections** will take place on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Nominations take place today. If you will be gone and would like to vote, please call the office to get a ballot. Thanks!

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary's Bazaar** will be held Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Let's make this a successful event again this year! The Wednesday Craft Group is busy making projects, and welcomes new members. If you make crafts at home, they are always welcome. Other items you can provide include bake sale & country store items (be thinking about produce from your garden), grab bag items, and garden vegetables for the soup.

**Catholic United Raffle:** The Raffle will be held on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. It is time to be thinking of a prize that you might like to donate to the CUF Raffle for the Fall Bazaar. Catholic United will again match up to \$1,000 for our Faith Formation program. We have always made enough to receive the entire matching grant each year, so we will try to get it again this year. Please e-mail Deb at the Church, [stmarych@fedtel.net](mailto:stmarych@fedtel.net), or call Barb @ 324-7114 with any prize that you would like to donate. If there is interest, we can do the Pot-of-Cash again as well. **The raffle tickets will be in the back of Church for you to pick up next weekend.** Please keep track of your tickets and turn your sold or unsold tickets into the collection. Thank you for your continued support of this cause!

### Stewardship Report- Sept. 10, 2017

Weekly budget expenses from 2017-2018

Budget: \$1,634.62. *Thank you for your sacrificial offering.*

**Adult:** \$1,815.00

**Youth:** 4.00

**Loose:** 74.00

**Faith Formation:** 75.00

**Assumption:** 20.00

**Dip-It-Dinner:** 1,113.00

**Flooring:** 520.00

**TOTAL:** \$3,621.00

**Other:**

*Hurricane Relief:*

\$641.00

