

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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**September 24, 2017 ~ 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## Ministry Schedule for Sunday, October 1 (8:30 a.m.)

EM: Tony Ritter & Dean Quackenbush  
Lector: Paula Baxter  
Ushers: Ed Baxter & Mark Gibson  
Servers: John & Jace Kleindl  
Sacristans: Jodi DeCamp  
Music: Choir

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, September 26 – 8:30 a.m.**

+ Mary Faith

**Sunday, October 1 – 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.

**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 \$16,473.85.

**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!

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

**Hall Cleaning will take place this Wednesday & Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Faith Formation Classes** will be held on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</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.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & WOMEN NEWS:** Dues envelopes are in back of Church for you to pick up.

--We will pray the Rosary at 8 a.m. next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

--**Christian Mothers & Women New Member Installation:** As some of the women interested in joining the Confraternity of Christian Mothers & Women were not able to make it to the July meeting, we will have the Ritual of Solemn Reception on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> after Mass, in the front pews on the south side of Church, where we will ask everyone to gather right after Mass. I will try to call everyone who was interested in joining last July, but were not able to come. If we don't connect, please call the Church office or Sandi Marlow-Weber (324-7209) if you plan to join on October 1<sup>st</sup>. As I've said previously, this is more of a spiritual organization than anything. We have one meeting a year and dues are \$5.00. Praying together once a month after Church is our main function.

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

**A New Member Welcome will be held on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> after Mass.**

**Life and Dignity Sunday Set for October 14-15:** Bishop Kettler is encouraging all parishes in the Diocese of St. Cloud to focus attention on our civic responsibilities as Catholics and to provide parishioners with the opportunity to register for the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC) Catholic Advocacy Network. The network aims to be a "Voice for Life and Dignity in Minnesota," helping us to consider issues in Minnesota through a solidly Catholic, nonpartisan lens while also providing concrete opportunities to make a difference.

Next weekend, there will be a one-page explanation of the network and *Life and Dignity Sunday* Registration Day in our parish bulletin. Please read it and then prayerfully consider registering for the **MCC Catholic Advocacy Network on October 14-15**. There is absolutely no cost to join!

If you signed up to be part of the Catholic Advocacy Network last year, but haven't been getting the emails, check your Spam Quarantine, as they have probably gone there. Because there are now 40,000 members of the Catholic Advocacy Network, when they send out emails, they go to spam and they haven't been able to change that. To get the emails, you have to move one of their emails out of the quarantine to your inbox. Then click at the top when the email is in your inbox to make the Catholic Advocacy Network a safe sender. Don't change any of your settings in the Spam Quarantine, as you may change something that allows "spam" you don't want to come into your inbox. If you have any questions, give me a call. *Sandi*

**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 are in the back of Church for you to pick up.** 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!

