

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year  
Catechetical Sunday  
September 17 & 18, 2016



Mass Intentions

**Saturday**  
5:00 PM ✠ Barbara Lowitz / Altar Society  
**Sunday**  
8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners  
10:30 AM ✠ Margie Kings / Dianne Redmond  
**Monday**  
8:00 AM Jill Caudill (birthday) / Florence Wabnitz  
**Tuesday**  
8:00 AM ✠ Margie Kings / Dianne Redmond  
**Wednesday – Feast of St. Matthew**  
8:00 AM Special Intention / Anonymous  
**Thursday**  
8:00 AM Stephen McCandless / McCandless  
**Friday**  
8:00 AM Ann Everman Family / M. Schwieterman  
**Saturday**  
5:00 PM ✠ Jerry Chubb / Patricia Chubb

For Mass intentions for a deceased loved one or for a special intention, contact the office (251-962-3649).

Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kindly pray for our parish family and all those who are journeying in a special way with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Fran Bouchard, Pat Chubb, **Jim** & Dot Davis, **Diane Dickerson**, Lorraine Dellinger, Ed Dubin, Elizabeth Edwards, Nicole Fehn, **Harry Fletcher**, Jo Flynn, Antonietta Geronilla, Myrtle Graver, Rhettia Giuli, **June Henderson**, Margaret Henson, **Judy Jordan**, Joe Lacoy, Cece LaManna, Mary Link, Evan Linville, Monk Manning, **Sara Manning**, Larry Miller, Bob & Margaret Nail, Marsha Porter, **Merlin “Babe” Rohan**, Nan Santine, Margaret Schaff, **Rick Van Norden**, Cece Vaness, **Theresa Wilmeth**

~ Prayer Requests ~

Terry Danson – 251-961-2165 or tsdanson@gmail.com

If you are ill or know someone who is ill, due to have surgery, or is in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor, please call the rectory.

First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail	✠ James E. Link	Living & Deceased Kilday Family
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families	✠ Deacon John Cretaro	Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families	✠ Anita Warriner	Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families	✠ Joseph LaManna	Living & Deceased Kearns & Patterson Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families	✠ Doris Mullek	Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families	✠ Frank Mullek, Jr.	The Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Living & Deceased Shields & Self Families	Mignon Kilday	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Living & Deceased Cretaro Family		

This Week's Schedule

Monday 8:30 AM Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall  
Wednesday 9:00 AM Adult Faith Formation  
Bible Study – IM Hall  
We are studying Exodus.  
All are welcome to come.  
Wednesday 10:30 AM Choir Practice – Church  
Wednesday 11:30 AM Chair Aerobics – IM Hall  
Wednesday 4:30 PM Catechism Class – IM Hall

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5 PM = 73 8 AM = 63 10:30 AM = 87 Total = 223

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Gift for September 11 = \$2,312.26

Maintenance = \$265.00

Second Collection – TODAY – Catholic University  
(envelopes are in the pews)

*A word of appreciation* ~ to all who responded so generously to our request for help for the flood victims in Louisiana.

**PRIESTS' BURSE CLUB** ~ Thank you for your generous support for our seminarian's education. Envelopes are available in the vestibule and wing entrances if you still wish to make a contribution. For more information, call Hannah Gale at 850-567-2227. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and priestly vocations.

GUARDIAN ANGEL APPARITIONS AT FATIMA

This year is the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the three apparitions of the Guardian Angel in 1916** at Fatima, Portugal, to the three shepherd children of Fatima — Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. During the apparitions, He taught them to pray in adoration and reparation to almighty God as follows: **1)** "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask pardon of thee for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love thee." **2)** "Pray, pray very much," and "Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High." **3)** "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the sacrileges, outrages and indifferences by which He Himself is offended. And Through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners."

Gospel Reflections

**PRIORITIES** ~ In the first reading, the prophet Amos rages against all those whose greed is so great that they would close their eyes and hearts to the needs of the poor among them. To make a buck is one thing, Amos is saying. To make it on the backs of the helpless is quite another.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of our charge and duty to pray. He issues a call to more expansive prayer—prayer that should mark the daily lives of Christians.

In the Gospel, Jesus describes the wholehearted effort of a crafty servant who sees “downsizing” heading his way. Jesus finds him a marvel and puzzles over why such cleverness is limited to the world of commerce. Jesus wonders why those who seek a “position” in the reign of God lack such wit and wherewithal.

**THE RUMMAGE SALE** is October 27, 28 & 29. We will be setting up on October 24, 25 & 26. Help is needed – call Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499 or Hannah Gale at 850-766-1645. Keep collecting your “stuff.” We will not be accepting any donations after October 24. Let us know if you need someone to pick up your items.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Thursday, **September 29 – 6 PM-7 PM** is being offered at St. Joseph Church in Immaculate Mary Hall to anyone interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about their faith. Please call the office if you are interested.

**CHAIR AEROBICS** – An exercise class for seniors (men and women) will be held every Wednesday at 11:30 AM in Immaculate Mary Hall. Participants are asked to bring light hand weights. Lucille Willis is the instructor. There is no charge, but a donation is welcome to pay instructor's gas expenses.

**ONE HARVEST FOOD MINISTRIES** is hosted by Catholic Social Services, who partners with churches and agencies to help **anyone** with affordable, prepaid, prepackaged quality food boxes. See September Menu and Thanksgiving Special flyers in the vestibule. For more information, call Phyllis Beam at 251-947-2384.

Church Cleaning Calendar – September

Restrooms, etc. – Charlene & Jason Crump  
Floors/Pews – Venessa Williams & Harriet Shields  
*A revised calendar is posted on the bulletin board. To help anyone who is scheduled, just give them a call.*

<u>Sept. 24 &amp; 25</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ext. Ministers</u>
<b>Sat.:</b> 5:00 PM	S. Williams	J. Caudill / Sr. Therese
<b>Sun.:</b> 8:00 AM	B. Specht	B. & M. McCandless
10:30 AM	R. Fortunati	B. & Willie Zielinski

Annual Stewardship Renewal Sunday  
September 25

STEWARDSHIP ~ Rooted In God's Word

Imagine: God's Word can work on us, even when we may not be aware of it and may not always understand or comprehend it, but God's word can change us. “Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joint from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Heb. 4:12). The Bible is not just for other faiths, but it is essential to living a solid Catholic spiritual life.

**RENEW YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT** – Please pick up a ministry card in the vestibule, indicate how you are willing to express your Christian vocation of Parish Stewardship, and place it in the offertory collection or bring it to the office. For more information, contact Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499.

BOX OF JOY SUNDAY – September 25

“Joy is prayer – joy is strength – joy is love – joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.” St. Mother Teresa Be a part of God's mission to the world and wrap up this Jubilee Year of Mercy with a **Box of Joy**. Boxes and instructions will be available in the vestibule after all Masses next weekend. “*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*” – Galatians 6:09

2016 – An Extraordinary Year of Mercy

The great tragedy of the Year of Mercy will be that God was ready to give out untold graces, but because they were not asked for, they were not received. A large part of the reason for this is because the faithful weren't properly informed of these graces. A true experience of God's mercy in our own personal lives should lead us to desire to lead others to this mercy. So you who know what the Year of Mercy means have a greater responsibility to spread the information. Don't be idle. Don't grow weary. Don't think you have done your share. Realize that there are unlimited graces that God is just waiting to be asked to give, and through our prayers, our longing, and our crying out to God for those mercies, He will respond.

**“He will do for you what you would not even know how to ask for.”** –Our Lady

**The Old Country Philosopher Sez** - Bob Nail  
“Sticks and stones may break my bones,”  
These words are old but true.  
But though you try, sometimes you cry  
At what others say and do.

<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
P. Chubb / M. Graver	F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
D. Holman / D. Oshana	R. Geiger / P. Peterson
B. & J. Johnston	J. Crump / B. Jarveis