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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: LOVE COMES FROM GOD

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon

God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts,

sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

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OCT. 2	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	E. Vince Scarbin† <i>Dean & Gina Hoops</i>
OCT. 3	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Fred Hicks† <i>Lucille E. Hicks</i>
10:00 a.m.	Matthew Hicks† <i>Lucille E. Hicks</i>
OCT. 4	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Skrzypek Family living & deceased <i>Carolyn Gordon</i>
OCT. 5	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Vince Scarbin† <i>Roger & Kathy Frame</i>
OCT. 6	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Bob & Bernadine Miller† <i>Miller/Porter families</i>
OCT. 7	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Semon & Phyllis Prado <i>Danny Prado</i>
OCT. 8	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Bob & Bernadine Miller† <i>Miller/Porter families</i>
OCT. 9	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	James & Elizabeth Silver† <i>Lucille E. Hicks</i>
OCT. 10	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Mary Nadolski† <i>Nadolski Family</i>
10:00 a.m.	Charles Freeman† <i>Mary Sue Rodriguez</i>

THE 2022 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

The Sanctuary Candle beside the tabernacle burns this week for Bob and Bernadine Miller

SJI Live Simply, Devoutly

This is the second in a series offered by Sr. Agatha about her religious order located in Zimbabwe.

SJI Congregation Governance

The SJI Congregation is governed by an elected leadership team that is led by a superior general. The team is responsible for the sisters' welfare, including shelter, food, clothes, health, and education. All wages/salaries earned by the Sisters go to the congregation, and the general council oversees the congregation finances. The only property SJI sisters can claim are her clothes and shoes.

Communities of the SJI Sisters

SJI Sisters live in community. There are about 50 SJI communities in Zimbabwe, four in Mozambique, and two in the United States--one in Charleston at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral and the other at Immaculate Conception in Clarksburg. Communities are further grouped into deaneries, where at least two or more communities gather for meetings to ensure no community feels isolated.

Initial Formation

Generally, girls who join the SJI congregation do so after high school. Initial Formation is the first stage a girl undertakes to prepare herself for first profession of religious vows. Initial formation includes candidateship, postulancy and novitiate. Each group lives in its own house of formation under the guidance of a formator (candidate mistress, postulant mistress and novice mistress). In the first stage of formation, the candidate or aspiring girl undergoes intensive Christian formation so that she becomes a strong Catholic Christian before she embraces religious life. Depending on the background of the girl, one may need four years of

formation. She will also learn other skills to live in a group. The candidateship period normally is two years, after which the girl requests to be accepted into postulancy for a period of one year. After postulancy, the girl requests to become novitiate for two years. Novices learn about the congregations' constitutions, religious vows, community life, prayer life, and other skills including cookery, sewing, gardening, and flower arrangement. After the novitiate period, a novice can request to make her first profession of religious vows. Final vows are made in the sixth year of religious life—when a sister pledges to be a permanent member.

Spiritual Ongoing formation

Sisters must attend seminars given by experts from among the sisters and from outsiders. There also are special seminars for teachers and ancillary staff sisters, nurses, and for sisters engaged in pastoral ministry. Ancillary staff sisters include secretaries, clerks, accountants, and cooks in hospitals or schools. Every sister must make an annual retreat to deepen her relationship with the Lord.

Prayer Life of SJI Sisters

A community prays morning praise (Divine Office Lauds) before Mass or after depending on each community's circumstances. If possible, sisters pray together Midday Divine Office. Sisters must pray evening prayer (Divine Office Vespers) and night prayer (Compline) together every evening. In some communities, sisters pray night prayer before going to bed. An SJI also must commit at least 30 minutes daily to meditation on a scripture passage.



Postulants in royal blue, novices in slate gray, and sisters in pale blue gray.

Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Bob Balgo, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Dianne Ferraro, Celeste Evans, Ted Scarbin.

CALENDAR

Mondays until Nov. 8	INFANT of PRAGUE NOVENA St. Joseph Cathedral 7 p.m.
Begins Sept. 29 & Sept. 30	EIGHT-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ROMANS Wednesdays 9 a.m. Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Church Hall
Oct. 5	MENTAL ILLNESS PRAYER SERVICE St. Michael Parish - 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 7 & 8	CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS instant-scheduling.com
Oct. 16 Church Lot	COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN EVENT Noon- 3 p.m.
Monday Oct. 18 Xavier Hall	K of C Council #1907 BLOOD DRIVE Schedule at 1-800-733-2767 or RedCrossBlood.org (Enter the word KNIGHTS)

SCHEDULES OCT. 9 & 10

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
4:00 p.m.	D. Evans / D. Prado
8:00 a.m.	L. Whitelatch / D. Remke
10:00 a.m.	R. Patrone / L. Yoho
ALTAR SERVERS	
ALL MASSES - Please Step Up	
SACRISTY - Please Volunteer	
Linda Miller / Butch Miller	

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Attendance	162

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SFX Parish Participating in Pope’s Call to Listen, Discern

Pope Francis is asking all of us to discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us to grow as a Church in the third millennium, and our diocese and parish are answering that call.

“For a Synodal Church; Communion, Participation, and Mission” is the theme for the synod Francis has called and that will open in the Vatican and in every diocese throughout the world Oct. 9.

The synod will follow a three-stage process aimed at involving the whole church at the diocesan,

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP to get your photos taken for the church directory. There are still openings throughout the day Oct. 8. Sittings are free, and there is no obligation to buy. Parishioners can schedule directly on line through our website or call the office. If you cannot make an appointment, please send us your own picture, and we will use it instead.

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT your faith? Our Parish School of Religion is looking for one or two people who would be willing to share their passion with our school-age children for an hour a week. Pope Francis reminds us to “not be afraid of what God asks of you! It is worth saying ‘Yes’ to God.” Please contact Father if you are willing to help with our PSR. Meanwhile, families still wishing to register their children for classes can show up Sunday at 9 a.m.!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):
Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):
Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

national, and continental levels. Loretta Niemiec and Rick Targosky will be coordinating our parish’s efforts in the coming months so that we can practice synodality through listening, dialog, and community discernment. A key part of Loretta’s and Rick’s work will be facilitating our listening sessions. The synod in Rome will continue until October 2023. The diocesan phase will continue until April 2022. Please pray for Loretta and Rick as they prepare to guide us in this important work.



A COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE IDA AID is being taken up this weekend. Giving goes to the Bishop’s Emergency Disaster Fund to assist with long-term recovery on all fronts.

DIocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Rosary Rally for Life!

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. It is also Respect Life Month.

Use the QR code below to **PLEDGE YOUR COMMITMENT** to say the USCCB’s Pro-Life Rosary every day in October!

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” – Jeremiah 1:5

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.
REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:
Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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