



St. Mary's Catholic Church



25th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

9-18: Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—8:30 A.M.: The World r/b Lana Fortin

Saco - 12:30 P.M: The Fortin Family r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

9-19: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: No Mass

9-20: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: No Mass

9-21: Malta - 8:30 A.M. No Mass

9-22: Malta - 8:30 A.M. No Mass

9-25: Malta—8:30 A.M.: LaVonne Grant r/b Lana Fortin

9-24: Malta - 4:00 P.M. Poor Souls in Purgatory r/b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00,**
Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon; and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 9 to 10 AM after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.

Knights of Columbus
Council 2124

Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

9/18: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday; Amos 8:4-7; Psalms 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

9/19: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr; Proverbs 3:27-34; Psalms 15:2-5; Luke 8:16-18

9/20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs; Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Luke 8:19-21

9/21: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist; Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Psalms 19:2-5; Matthew 9:9-13

9/22: Thursday in the 25th week in Ordinary Time; Ecclesiastics 1:2-11; Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14 and 17; Luke 9:7-9

9/23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; Ecclesiastics 3:1-11; Psalms 144:1-4; Luke 9:18-22

9/24: Saturday in the 25th week in Ordinary Time; Ecclesiastics 11:9—12:8; Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14 and 17; Luke 9:43-45

9/25: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Migration Week; Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalms 146:7-10; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; /Luke 16:19-31

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Saco— 12:30 p.m.



New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Cleo Phillips, John Becker, Alexa LaBrie, Theresa Henry, Darlene Flesche, Doreen Taylor, Tana Mount, Cory LaBrie, Eric Riggs, those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Greg Skiff, Julia Cebulski, Curt Kron, Lew McNamara, Ray Shores, Jerry Depute, Eleanor Emond, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 and Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Great Falls DCCW Newsletter - Summer 2022

GREETINGS to ALL!

The Great Falls-Billings Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Board

is so very excited to announce that there is

going to be a 2022 Conference

—- Live and In Person —

September 23rd & 24th, 2022

at St. Mary's Parish in Malta!

Plans have been in the works the last several months for all of our women to get together face-to-face and share their sisterhood as CCW members and we are very excited about everything. It will be almost 4 years since the members have been able to/or feel comfortable about coming together as a group but sincerely believe that with caution and consideration it is time!

President Marybeth Dallenger has been busy visiting with different people planning exciting and informative presentation programs for the two days. Bishop Adjutor Jeffrey Fleming is our keynote speaker; Thomas Dotterweich, Director of the Office of Lifelong Formation will be doing a presentation on the education of Catholic members in our Diocese and newly appointed Spiritual Commission Chair, Mary LaFond, will be doing a special workshop.

The Board has also cut the cost of registration to \$85.00 per person to help encourage attendance. The registration cost covers the Madonna Luncheon on Friday, Friday Fun Night Snacks, Saturday morning continental breakfast and the Saturday evening banquet. Lunch on Saturday will on your own.

It has been a long time since we been able to get together and it will be a great time to “see” each other. So... mark your calendars and plan to join us at St. Mary Parish in Malta for our “WOMEN IN FAITH...TOUCHING S WORLD IN NEED”!

Fr. Felix

XXV Sunday (C): Am 8:4-7; I Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Today's liturgy reminds us that we are God's stewards, and that God expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. They challenge us to use our God-given talents and blessings wisely to attain Heavenly bliss.

In the first reading for today, Amos, the Prophet of social Justice, condemns the crooked business practices of merchants of Judea. The corrupt business community exploited the poor while the priests ignored both the corruption and the poor who suffered from it. In those days, commercial activities were forbidden on the Sabbath and during days around the New Moon. But these merchants did not respect the Sabbath. Their business methods were completely irreligious and unethical. Hence, the Lord God, through His Prophet Amos, warned them of the coming downfall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel because of its lack of Covenant morality. In the Covenant relationship between God and his people, loving compassion, and concern for the unfortunate, honesty, and integrity were supposed to be the qualities in the community. Thus, through the prophet God reminds the Israelites and us today, to be faithful to our Covenant with Yahweh by practicing justice and mercy as God's faithful stewards.

In the second reading, we come to know that St. Paul struggled to get Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians to respect each other and live happily as children of same God, and not to categorize God's salvation. Hence, he reminds Timothy and his congregation that God's concern extends to all people, not just themselves. In this passage, St. Paul insists again that he has been called to take the Gospel to all peoples. He requests prayers for civil rulers and those in high positions, so that all people may live a quiet and peaceable life and come to salvation through the one mediator, Christ Jesus.

Today's Gospel story tells us about a crooked, but resourceful, manager and challenges us to use our blessings wisely and justly so that they will serve us for our good, in eternity. The parable

points out that Christians should be as prudent and resourceful in acquiring goodness as the steward was in acquiring money and making his future safe. Christians must give more attention to things that concern their souls than the things that concern worldly matters. In saving our souls and spreading the Good News, our Lord wants us to apply the same effort that other people put into their worldly affairs. In other words, our Christianity will begin to be real and effective when we spend more time and effort on spiritual matters than worldly activities. So, we are to use our material possessions for the good of others, wherein lie the real and perma-

nent values of life. A man's way of fulfilling a small task is the best proof of his fitness or unfitness to be entrusted with a larger task. Finally, "No servant can serve two masters." Once a man chooses to serve God, every moment of his time and every atom of his energy belong to God. As Christians, we are called to serve God first, Amen.

Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

"Cain vs. Abel"

"Brother kills brother. Like the first fratricide, every murder is a violation of the "spiritual" kinship uniting mankind in one great family, in which all share the same fundamental good: equal personal dignity. Not infrequently the kinship "of flesh and blood" is also violated; for example when threats to life arise within the relationship between parents and children, such as happens in abortion or when, in the wider context of family or kinship, euthanasia is encouraged or practiced" (John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n.8).

Gospel Meditation

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real “god” we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon’s influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over “never having enough,” an “I can’t afford it” mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world’s problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those suc-

cessful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

“Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God’s will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)” This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God’s kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God’s kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.



Sacrificial Giving for 9-11

9-11

Direct Deposit

Malta:	\$1,694.50	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$175.00	\$0.00
Saco:	\$N/A	\$50.00

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Please send bulletin announcements to office@SaintMarysMalta.org by Thursday evening. Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS—9-18-2022

- **The Diocesan Conference of Catholic Women is holding their conference here at St. Mary's on September 23rd & 24th. Registration Forms are in the back of the church. Registration is \$85. per person and St. Mary's PCCW will cover that fee for (Malta/Saco/Dodson) members. We feel there is a tremendous benefit to our parishes from attending, please let Toni know when you register or just put a note "to be paid by St. Mary's PCCW" in the check area. For more information, check the bulletin.**
- **DCCW will be selling raffle tickets in the back of the church. The proceeds will go for more programs and scholarships.**
- **Bishop Fleming will be speaking Friday afternoon & at the Saturday evening Banquette.**
- **Fr. Felix will be gone for a priest assembly Sept. 19-22**
- **Bishop Fleming will be meeting with the Parish Council, Finance Council and Staff on Friday Sept. 23rd at 6:30 in the GN Lodge Room**
- **Bishop Michael has assigned Fr. Kiran Bernard as Parochial Vicar to the Churches of St. Paul Mission in Hays, St. Thomas in Lodgepole, Sacred Heart in Ft. Belknap , St. Joseph in Zortman as well as St. Gabriel in Chinook, St. Thomas the Apostle in Harlem and St. Thomas Aquinas in Hogeland Beginning October 1, 2022, under the direction of Fr. Michael Schnieder as Pastor. Bishop Michael has assigned Fr. Kiran's residence at St. Mary's in Malta with Fr. Felix.**
- **We had our last Mass at Hi-Line this week. Please keep the residents and their families in your prayers.**

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September 18,

Where does the Eucharist fit in the divine plan of salvation?

The Eucharist was foreshadowed in the Old Covenant above all in the annual Passover meal celebrated every year by the Jews with unleavened bread to commemorate their hasty, liberating departure from Egypt. Jesus foretold it in his teaching and he instituted it when he celebrated the Last Supper with his Apostles in a Passover meal. The Church, faithful to the command of her Lord, “Do this in memory of me” (1 Corinthians 11:24), has always celebrated the Eucharist, especially on Sunday, the Day of the Resurrection of Jesus.

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Eucharistic Revival is a project of the Diocese of Great Falls - Billings.

This first year of the Eucharistic Revival is considered the “diocesan year” where efforts are focused at the diocesan level. The Diocesan Committee on Discipleship has been hard at work, and continues to put events together for the coming year. As of right now there are two major events which I draw your attention to.

May 5th and 6th 2023 in Billings: Dr. Scott Hahn has accepted an invitation to present a conference on the Eucharist. The specifics of this event are still in the

Please join St. Mary's in praying for our nation

October 15th, 2022

12:00—NOON

Veteran's Memorial Park

Please join the 2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Contact Tom Golik 406-654-2670

