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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS				September 6, 2026	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday	September	5	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Colleen & Shane Hoesli by Mary Gilstrap
Sunday	September	6	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	All Parishioners
			10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	Larry & Linda Nobert by Robbie & Linette Robben
Monday	September	7	8:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Kenneth Marcotte by Connie Tate
Tuesday	September	8	8:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	No Mass
Wednesday	September	9	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	No Mass
Thursday	September	10	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	No Mass
Friday	September	11	12:05 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Jerry Sorell by Gary & Mary Lou Channell
Saturday	September	12	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Virgie Baldwin by Michael Baldwin
Sunday	September	13	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	+Darwin Knox by Verna Mae Knox Family
			10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	All Parishioners

St. Mary Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gifts Bearers	Collection	Money Counters
Sept. 6	Mike Kantack	Daniel & Judy Deaver	Susan Bechard	Stephen Kieffer	Linda Kantack April Fahey Barb Lange	Remi Wurtz Grady Wurtz	Shawn Taddiken Family	Rocky Fahey Stan Marshall	Barb Lange Kalli Deaver
Sept. 13	Francis Cox	Drew & Kalli Deaver	Diane Steinbrock	Mike Kantack	Stephen Kieffer Monica Wurtz Sue Long	Brad Schwab Warric Gelino	Tim & Barb Lange	Dennis Alexander Travis Wurtz	Kristin Oestrich Jamie Rogge

St. John Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
Sept. 5	Karen Leiszler	Curtis Walter Family	Remy Girard	Cathy Koch	Bernard Debes Kristi Koch	Cooper Girard	Travis Leclair Family	
Sept. 6	Choir	Stan & Beth Bergstrom	Ian Bergstrom	Jackie Koch	Jennifer Koch Mary Lynn Delude	Ryan LeClair	Douglas Koch Family	Derek & Dana Sandmann
Sept. 12	Stephanie Girard	Noel Garrison & Kathleen Sorell	Scott Seifert	Karen Leiszler	Norm Francis Cindy Francis	Cohen Girard Remy Girard	David Girard Family	
Sept. 13	Choir	Jeff & Lori Bulleigh	Jody Sipe	Greg Askren	Audra Walter Curtis Walter	Zach Bulleigh	Adam Juneck Family	John & Cindy Chavey

Finance totals: St. John August 30th - Plate: \$329.00, Envelopes: \$1,435.00

St. Mary August 30th - Plate: \$155.00, Envelopes: \$1,195.00

Homebound Ministry: Fr. Andrew Rockers

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. Mary: No Exposition

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. John: No Exposition

Outreach Ministers for September: Circle Three -Jackie Askren, Lori Bulleigh and Carolyn Debes

Sacrament of Reconciliation: St. John- 4:15-5:15 p.m. Saturday and 30 mins before daily Mass.

St. Mary -7:45-8:15 a.m. Sunday and 30 mins before daily Mass.

Pastor Notes

Clergy Renewal Days: This week all the priests of the diocese will be gathered in Wichita for our bi-annual clergy renewal days. Daily Mass will be Monday at 8 am and Friday at 12:05 pm, both at St. John. No Eucharistic Exposition Tuesday or Wednesday, although Adoration is still available 24/7 in the church!

OCIA: Begin thinking about and encouraging any non-Catholics you know to consider learning more about Catholicism by attending OCIA. They don't have to be committed to becoming Catholic to come and learn. Classes will be Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30, beginning September 17. Classes will be in Clyde on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month and in Clifton on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Please let me know of any individuals who may be interested!

Catholic Faith Explained Classes: This year in addition to OCIA, I will be offering a similar class for parishioners who want to grow in their knowledge of the faith. This will be a basic overview of Catholic beliefs and practices. The classes will be recorded so it's okay if you miss one from time to time. I encourage everyone to attend! Classes will be Thursday evenings 7:45-8:45, beginning September 17. Classes will be in Clyde on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month and in Clifton on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

Ip Ipso Prayer Classes: In Ipso is again offering classes on prayer and the spiritual life in our area. These are excellent opportunities to grow in your faith and relationship with God. They begin the week of September 14. Check them out! Both are available in person or online through Zoom. <https://in-ipso.org/god-within/> and <https://in-ipso.org/divine-intimacy/>. Let me know if you have any questions.

Parish News

Parish Office- has been moved to the south classrooms in the main St. John church building. Regular hours are Tuesday – Thursday 9am-4pm. Also, new to the office is a mail slot available for parishioners to drop documents off after hours.

St. John Religious Education- Student registration forms are available online. Please drop the completed forms off at the parish office, or through the office mail slot by September 13.

St. Mary's Altar Society- No donut Sunday or meeting in September. The next donut Sunday is October 4th, circle one in charge. The next meeting will be October 13th at 4:00 pm.

To Win Them Back: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Ezekiel 33:7–9

Psalms 95:1–2, 6–9

Romans 13:8–10

Matthew 18:15–20

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see Galatians 6:16).

He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see Leviticus 19:17–20; Deuteronomy 19:13). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers—similar to those given to Peter (see Matthew 16:19). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name (see John 20:21–23).

But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depend on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, so the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father.

But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well.

Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them.

This is the love that Paul in today's Epistle says we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths.

We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm—urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, the rock of our salvation.