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MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS				August 23, 2026	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday	August	22	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Kenneth Marcotte by Kenton & Linda Brown
Sunday	August	23	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	All Parishioners
			10:30 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Roy Hamel by Norm & Cindy Francis
Tuesday	August	25	8:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Roxana Marcotte by Pat Istas
Wednesday	August	26	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	+JoAnne Balthazor by Larry & Sandra Chaput
Thursday	August	27	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	+Elmer Finkbiner by Stan & Ann Marshall
Friday	August	28	7:00 a.m.	St. John, Clyde	+Jerry Sorell by Maxine Boling & Scott
Saturday	August	29	5:30 p.m.	St. John, Clyde	Gerri Piscitelli By Ron Girard Family
Sunday	August	30	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary, Clifton	Barb & John Leiszler by Ruth Klumpe
			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
August 23	Francis Cox	Diane & Hank Steinbrock	Susan Bechard	Jim Leiszler	April Fahey Monica Wurtz Sue Long	Warric Gelino Marci Taddiken	Susan & Steve Bechard	Matt Schwab Stan Marshall	Matt Schwab Travis Wurtz
August 30	Stephen Kieffer	Travis Wurtz Family	Deanne Jackson	David Leiszler	Susan Bechard Stephen Kieffer Deanne Jackson	Annika Wernecke Charly Steinbrock	Wade Knoettgen family	Shawn Taddiken Dennis Alexander	Lindsey Leiszler Nicolette Taddiken

St. John Liturgical Assignments:

Date	Rosary	Greeters	Cross Bearer	Reader	EMHC	Servers	Gift Bearers	Money Counters
August 22	Karen Leiszler	Kenton & Linda Brown	Brenda Koch	Karen Leiszler	Kristi Koch Bernard Debes	Cooper Girard	Derek Drake Family	
August 23	Choir	Rusty & Becky Sikes	Jody Sipe	Jeff Koch	Guy Steier MaryLynn Delude	Ryan LeClair	Lucas Bulleigh Family	John & Cindy Chavey
August 29	Stephanie Girard	Noel Garrison & Kathleen Sorell	Steve Biery	Steve Rogers	Norm Francis Cindy Francis	Cohen Girard Remy Girard	Ron Girard Family	
August 30	Choir	Guy & Julie Steier	Greg Askren	Gary Sipe	Audra Walter Curtis Walter	Zach Bulleigh	Stan Bergstrom Family	Jeff & Jennifer Koch

Finance totals: St. John August 16th - Plate: \$235.00, Envelopes: \$2,960.00

St. Mary August 16th - Plate: \$152.00, Envelopes: \$845.00

Homebound Ministry: Kara Nobert

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. Mary: Tuesday, August 25 at 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration at St. John: Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Outreach Ministers for August: Circle Two- Loretta Koch, Pat Pearson & Nicole Drake

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

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.

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting: We will have a Confirmation parent & student meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday 8/26 in Clyde and 7 pm on Wednesday 9/2 in Clifton. Please attend one of them (St. John grades 7-10 and St. Mary grades 5-10).

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.

Adult Education 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. We will likely rotate week from week between St. John and St. Mary and 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.

Parish News

St. Mary CCD Parent Meeting- Sign your students up for CCD this Sunday, August 23rd after Mass. This is for students PreK through 8th grade.

St. Mary CCD Teacher Meeting- Teachers and substitutes will meet August 30th after Mass.

Knights of Columbus- Copies of the work schedule for the Watermelon festival can be found in the entry ways and online with the bulletin.

Watermelon Festival Desert Stand- St. John Parish Members, the chairpersons of the funeral groups will be calling you to donate pies, cakes and your favorite desserts. If you cannot make a dessert, please put \$10.00 in the collection marked Watermelon Festival and your name. Volunteers needed to serve the dessert area. The signup sheet will be located in the south entrance of the church.

Watermelon Festival Pasta Bar Fundraiser – St. Mary Parish Members, the fundraiser will be on Saturday, September 5th. Sign-up sheets for work shifts and donations needed are at the back of church and on Sign Up Genius. If you have any questions, contact April Fahey at 785-313-2573.

Oh, the Depths: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings:

Isaiah 22:15, 19–23

Psalm 138:1–3, 6, 8

Romans 11:33–36

Matthew 16:13–20

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” Paul exclaims in today’s Epistle. Today’s Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter.

With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God’s temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7).

What Jesus calls “my Church” is the kingdom promised to David’s son (see Isaiah 9:1–7). As we hear in today’s First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David’s kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God’s people.

Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom’s keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as holy father of His Church.

His Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the “rock” of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see 1 Peter 2:5).

Abraham was called “the rock” from which the children of Israel were hewn (see Isaiah 51:1–2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see Matthew 3:9).

The word Jesus uses—“church” (*ekklesia* in Greek)—was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the “assembly” of God’s children after the Exodus (see Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30).

His Church is the “assembly of the firstborn” (see Hebrews 12:23; Exodus 4:23–24), established by Jesus’ exodus (see Luke 9:31). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see 1 Corinthians 10:1–5).

Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.