

# St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

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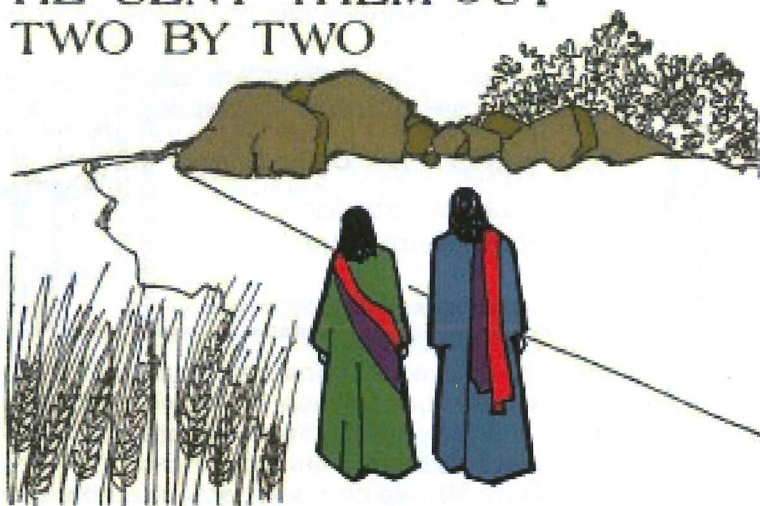
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### HE SENT THEM OUT TWO BY TWO



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JESUS SUMMONED THE  
TWELVE AND BEGAN TO SEND  
THEM OUT TWO BY TWO AND  
GAVE THEM AUTHORITY OVER  
UNCLEAN SPIRITS. THE  
TWELVE DROVE OUT MANY  
DEMONS, AND THEY ANOINTED  
WITH OILS MANY WHO WERE  
SICK AND CURED THEM.

MARK 6:7-13

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:45 PM at St. Joseph  
or by appointment.

**RCIA:** Please contact the Rectory.

**Baptisms:** Make personal arrangements at the  
Rectory. Parents & sponsors must be practicing  
Catholics.

**Marriages:** Couples should apply at the Rectory  
at least 4 months in advance. Pre-Cana or  
Engaged Encounter Conferences are necessary.

### Mass Schedule

**St. Mary's Cattaraugus:** 11:15 AM Sunday

**St. Joe's Gowanda:** 8:30 AM Weekdays  
(Thursdays—Communion Service Only)

4:30 PM Saturday

8:00 AM Sunday • 9:30 AM Sunday

July 15, 2018

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 11:15 AM

1. Edna Butzer+ by The Wilder Family
2. John Illig+ by Patrick and Joan Cullen

Sunday, July 22, 2018 at 11:15 AM

1. John Illig+ by Mary Jane Skeels
2. Makowski, Jablonski, McSherry Families  
by Tom and Charlene Makowski

### OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Regular Collection                      \$ 564  
Buildings and Properties              \$ 60

Thank you for your continued generosity!

### Last Week's Attendance

89 worshipers at 11:15 AM Mass on 7/8

Daily/Weekly Reflection: This week, we are invited to place our trust in God as we respond more and more deeply to the invitation of Jesus to be his disciples. Being his disciple means being connected with him in a bond stronger than any other bond in our life—one which may set us at odds with others. Seeking self-fulfillment will always be frustrating and unattainable. Letting go of ourselves for Jesus' sake brings a fulfillment beyond our imagining.

It is not enough to be part of a wonderful family or outstanding parish community. We need to make our own commitment. Being smart or clever is not what is required of us. Jesus asks us to be childlike: trusting, dependent, open to learning and receiving. Being his disciples means that we come to Jesus with all our needs, especially for the resources we need to serve him. It is as companions of Jesus' own mission that the burden of our mission will become lighter and quite easy. Coming to Jesus will bring refreshment and peace. A sign of our discipleship will never be self righteousness or judging others. What he desires is that our hearts become like his: full of mercy and love. His own heart is moved with pity for those who are wandering, without direction, as though shepherd-less. How can we find intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives, while reflecting on our discipleship? By letting these precious messages of Jesus to us settle into our hearts. If we really hear them, they will become a part of us this week. It doesn't take much time; just more focus. Each day, we can let these words of Jesus' interact with what is going on in our daily lives. The call to be bonded with him might strike a chord in our hearts: I might recognize that my bond with Jesus is weak, and I have a desire for a deeper intimacy. Or, I might hear the invitation to let go of my need for self fulfillment in order to find real meaning in life and the true self within me. Perhaps I might feel the call to repent or to be more trusting and childlike—or to be less judgmental and more merciful.

All we need to do is to begin each day simply naming these desires that the readings reveal in us. Then, throughout the day, in the in-between times—dressing, showering, walking from one place to another, finding myself alone here or there—I can have brief conversations with Jesus asking for these graces. In particularly difficult times, or in times when my weaknesses reveal themselves to me, I can recognize that desire more deeply and express that to the Lord, growing in gratitude for the intimacy and grace I am experiencing each day.

Creighton University Weekly Prayers—<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer>

## 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time

### OUR PRAYER CORNER

*Please pray for those who are ill or recuperating, especially:*

Sandy Agnew, Sr. Margaret Carney, Pat Casseri, Patrick Cullen, Barbara Cuzydlo, Donna DeBruyne, Dave Elling, Suzanne Erhart, Kenneth Fabiani, Casey Felt, Michael Ferguson, Zach Fisher, Madison Fox, Jennifer Gardner, Mary Geise, Art Gernatt, Rosemarie Grainer, Michelle Goth Granger, the Hallett family, EmJay Hannold, Lori Hinsvark, Robert Hooper, Marian Illig, Melissa Illig, Jack Iovannone, Kathy Kaminski, Joey M. Kehr, the Kehr family, Mickey Kissane, Merrie Lankow, Lee Lawton, Rick LeFever, Adeline Marak, Julia Maxwell, Sandy McCord, Bev Mercer, Daniel Minner, Leo Minner, Diane Moore, Duane Moore, Emily Moore, Pat Mosher, Richard Musell, James Parisi, Greg Powers, Nancy Reid, Duke Reynolds, James Ritter, Debbie Rivet, Jennifer Schneider, Lynn Sellick, Jane Szarlan, Richard Szarlan, Tonya Tackentien, Brynn Taylor, JoAnn Termini, Rock Termini, Jay Walker, Chris Waugh, and Sandy Young.

Please pray for all those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, especially Pat Vogl.

Please remember in your prayers those who have died, and those in the military or in service to our country and their families who mourn them.

Please take a moment to call and request that a family member or dear friend be added to or taken off the prayer corner in the bulletin. Thank you for continuing to inform us of parishioners, family and friends in need of prayers.

**OUR SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
*is burning for  
special intentions.*



If you would like to remember a loved one or if you have a special intention, please call the Rectory or put a note in the collection with the name/reason for the Sanctuary Candle intention and your name. The cost is \$5 for one week. Please contact the Rectory if you would like to verify your request. Thank you.

### FR. JOE'S WALK—THANK YOU!

Thank you for everyone's assistance on the walk on July 8th. It was a wonderful community event for a great cause! A special thanks for the generosity shown by all in the amount of gift baskets, people present and the monetary donations to the ambulance fund. Fundraising is still continuing and checks can be made payable to: Father Joe's Walk, c/o Community Bank.



**THANKS**