

Monday, March 15

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM ADORATION
9:00 AM - NO MASS

Tuesday, March 16

Funeral @ St. Patrick's

Wednesday, March 17

9:00 AM MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S

Thursday, March 18

9:00 AM Marge & Carl Myer +

Friday, March 19

9:00 AM In Reparation of Our Sins

9:30 AM Bible Study

5:30 PM Stations of the Cross followed by Confession

Saturday, March 20

5:00 PM Marge Fagerlund +

Sunday, March 21

10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Patrick's

March 20 & 21

5:00 PM Julie Heise

10:00 AM Jodi Hogan



March 27 & 28

5:00 PM Jim Schreck

10:00 AM Missy Kluesner

PARISH SUPPORT MARCH 6 & 7

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$3,150.00
VIGIL CANDLES	445.00
OFFERTORY	244.00
EASTER FLOWERS	55.00

MARCH DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR CHURCH SUPPORT (41 Families)	\$3,524.00
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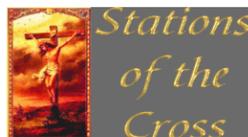
MARCH DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR BLDG MAINTENANCE (11 Families)	\$614.00
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IF POSSIBLE REMEMBER ST. MARY'S IN YOUR WILL!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LECTORING DURING HOLY WEEK**

Holy Thursday @ 7PM
Good Friday @ Noon
Holy Saturday @ 8PM
Easter Sunday @ 10AM

Anonymous Confession: I will now be sitting inside the confessional before the weekend Masses so that people will be able to go to confession anonymously. Fr. Fasnacht



The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday of Lent at 5:30 pm at St. Mary's. Confession will be available after the Stations.

FATHER'S MESSAGE

"Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." Jn 3:14-18

God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but rather to save the world through Jesus. God loved us so much that he gave his only Son so that we might be saved through him. God the Father loves us and wants to save us. He saves us through our faith in Jesus. If we believe in Jesus we will be saved. What does it mean to "believe" in Jesus? Jesus tells us in scripture that to believe in him means to follow him faithfully, obey his commandments and do the will of the Father. Those who do not believe in Jesus will be condemned.

The main point is that God loves us and will save us if we follow his Son. That is really great news! We must focus on God's love and seek it out. The Father's love has the power to lift us up and carry us through this spiritually dangerous world. God's love is right there for all of us to receive in many ways: the Eucharist, scripture, prayer, sacraments, from other people and many other ways. So then let us focus on the great gift of God's love for us and let it feed our thirsty souls.

God bless, Fr. Fasnacht



Confession afternoon: On March 21, I will be hearing confessions at St. Mary's from 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

Come & enjoy God's mercy, healing and forgiveness.

Thanks, Fr. Fasnacht



Were in need of someone to cover Holy Hour from 9:00 - 10:00 AM starting on March 29th.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION....**

This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief & support for struggling communities & to work for peace & reconciliation among our marginalized brothers & sisters here & around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.uscch.org/catholic-relief.

General Safety Reminders:

When coming forward for Holy Communion, please keep a 6 foot distance between each person & parishioners are asked to receive in the hand. If someone still wishes to receive on the tongue, they should be near the end of the communion line.

People are asked to not shake hands or greet each other by touching.

The Diocesan Safety Regulations advise that those who are 65 or older or have health issues to stay home but each person should make their own decision.

Please wash your hands often, use hand sanitizer and sneeze or cough into your elbow.

Due to Governor's face mask law, Minnesotan's must wear a face mask in indoor public settings unless you have an exemption or are under 5 years old. Some of our staff have a health exemption. Thank you.



Sani-Wipe Team: we will be making Sani-Wipes every Wednesday after the 9 AM Mass. We will make less at a time so they don't dry out. Thank you!



UP-DATE - - Thanks for the ongoing support of food for the St. Joseph's Table this Lent. Over 31 lbs. of food has been delivered to the Food Shelf so far for our neighbors in need.

Please consider supporting Five for Food as well during March.



St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council was presented with a Star Council Award. In order to achieve this award, a council must earn the Father McGivney, Founders, & Columbian Awards.

The **Father McGivney award** recognizes excellence in membership growth.

The **Columbian Award** recognizes excellence in the councils programming & charitable outreach.

The **Founders award** recognizes excellence in the councils promotion of the Knights of Columbus top rated insurance products & Fraternal Benefits.

MERCY IN MOTION CAMPAIGN...

Visit the Imprisoned: 'The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; He has sent me to bring good news to the afflicted, to bind up the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, release to the prisoners' (Is. 61:1).

This week, answer Christ's call to Visit the Imprisoned by 1) Praying for an end to human trafficking and the use of the death penalty;

2) Fasting from social media and unnecessary phone use;

3) Writing to prisoners. For more ideas on how to put Christ's Mercy in Motion this Lent, visit www.ccsomn.org/mercyinmotion.



March 17 Grades 1 - 4

March 24 Grades 5 - 8

FAITH FORMATION March 31 No Class

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Totus Tuus will be coming to St. Mary's the first week of August.

CAMP SUMMIT INFORMATION:

Open to anyone going into 6th-8th grades. This year will be 1 day event: **Tuesday August 3 from 8 AM to 5:30 PM** (This means would have to leave church parking lot at around 630 AM.)

A \$75 deposit will be required but returned if the student attends. **Please let me know by March 31st so I can reserve enough spaces.**

Anyone going into 9th - 12th grade can go as a high school leader. There will be 1-day training. Tentative dates for this are July 17th or 18th in St. Charles. **If interested, please let me know by March 31st so I can reserve a spot for you.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Rach.Raths@gmail.com or 651-345-4134

**GARAGE SALE...May 5, 6, 7, 8...**

We will be having a garage sale this spring. So if your doing any downsizing or have items your not using anymore please save them for our sale.

Vaccine statement from the U.S. Bishop's Conference:

- Of the three available vaccines, Moderna and Pfizer have produced vaccines that were produced in an acceptable manner to Catholics. The vaccine from Johnson & Johnson was not, and should be avoided when other vaccines are available.

- Catholics continue support for a vaccine that has absolutely no connection to aborted fetal cell lines. The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines do have a connection to cell lines from an aborted fetus, but those connections come through confirmatory tests, not the production of the vaccine. This connection "is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion," and in the absence of other vaccines with no connection, and in the face of a dangerous pandemic, these vaccines are morally acceptable for Catholics.

If one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Modema's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

FATHER FASNACHT'S 10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS can be viewed livestream or the recorded version on Father Fasnacht's Youtube Channel. At this time we are unable to stream on Facebook but go to Parish Website to watch.