

Monday, March 8

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

Tuesday, March 9

9:00 AM Jenny & Kory Blaschko - Living Intention

Wednesday, March 10

9:00 AM Dave McKenzie - Living Intention

Thursday, March 11

9:00 AM Sara Knee - Living Intention

Friday, March 12

9:00 AM Tom Pomahac +
9:30 AM Bible Study
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross followed by Confession

Saturday, March 13

5:00 PM Norman Rotter +

Sunday, March 14

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

March 13 & 14

5:00 PM Ann Schreck
10:00 AM Bob Wenger

**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 FEBRUARY 27 & 28

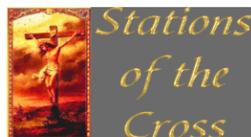
ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$5,135.00
VIGIL CANDLES	30.50
OFFERTORY	283.00
BUILDING FUND	175.00
MARCH DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR CHURCH SUPPORT (41 Families)	\$3,524.00
MARCH DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR BLDG. FUND (11 Families)	\$614.00

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. Fasnach



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 him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah." Mt 16:17-20

There is an interesting spiritual attitude that exists in our culture. An attitude that expresses itself in a phrase that some people say, "I'm spiritual not religious." It is an attitude that holds that one can be in a good relationship with Jesus and in a bad relationship with the Church that he created and gave authority to.

This is ridiculous of course if one reads the bible a little bit. It is impossible to love the bridegroom and hate the bride (Jesus calls himself the bridegroom and his Church his bride). If you said that to a groom who loved his bride, he probably would not associate with you anymore. We also cannot love someone's head and hate their body, "I love your face but I hate your body." That is a rejection of the whole person. You either love them or you don't. Scripture says the Church is the body of Christ and Jesus is the head,

People dislike the Church and love Jesus because they create Jesus in their own image and likeness. "Jesus thinks the way I think." That is not true of course. "My thoughts are not your thoughts says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth are my thoughts above your thoughts." Is 55:8. Therefore, when we are angry at the Church because of a teaching, we are angry at God. The Church is only handing down the teachings it received from God. If we hate the message, we are really mad at the author not the messenger. Thus we must love the Catholic Church because it is Jesus' bride and he created it to be our means of salvation.

God bless, Fr. Fasnacht



Confession afternoon: On March 21, I and Fr. Glenn Frerichs will be hearing confessions at St. Mary's from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Fr. Frerichs will be here from 2:00-3:00 and I will be here from 2:00-4:00. Come and enjoy God's mercy, healing and forgiveness.

Thanks, Fr. Fasnacht

**ADORATION.....**

In need of someone to fill in for Adoration on March 15th from 7 - 8PM & at 8PM would need to close Adoration for the night.

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP OUT.

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!

**SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER.....**

St. Patrick's Church, West Albany is having a shoe fundraiser from March 1st to April 30th. All sizes and styles of footwear accepted (infant to adult- -slippers to snow boots) There will be a box for the shoes in the gathering space.



Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 8th, 7:00 PM in the dining hall.

We are looking for new officers for CCW.



KC MEETING..... Until we resume having a meal at our meetings we are going to a later start time so men have time to eat at home. Starting on Tuesday, March 9th, we will say the Rosary at 7:00 PM followed by the meeting



MISSION SEWING..... will be held on Tuesday, March 9, from 9AM - Noon. Come and help tie quilts.



March 10 Grades 5 - 8

March 17 Grades 1 - 4

FAITH FORMATION March 24 Grades 5 - 8

March 31 No Class

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

MERCY IN MOTION CAMPAIGN....

Visit the Sick: 'There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. . . She said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.' Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction' (Mk. 5:25, 28-29).

This week, answer Christ's call to Visit the Sick by

- 1) Meditating on the story of the Woman with a Hemorrhage;
- 2) Fasting from sweets, desserts, and/or junk food;
- 3) 3) Calling or sending a card to someone in a nursing home.

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

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 Moderna'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.