



**March 7 & 8, 2020**  
**(Second Sunday of Lent)**

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm Reconciliation / 4:30 pm Rosary  
5:00 pm (Intention: Tim Russell)

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am Mass (Intention: † Mary Mattingly)  
9:45 am @ St. Lawrence  
11:30 am @ St. Lawrence

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS**

**6:00 pm** Lent Reconciliation Service @ St. Lawrence

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 Noon Mass @ St. Lawrence

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am (Intention: † To End the Evil of Abortion)

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM Mass @ St. Lawrence

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Mass (Intention: The Wells Family)  
2:00 pm School Stations of the Cross  
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet  
4:30 pm Fish Fry in the Activity Center  
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm Reconciliation / 4:30 pm Rosary  
5:00 pm (Intention: St. Mary & St. Lawrence)

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> (THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT)**

8:00 am Mass (Intention: † Souls in Purgatory)  
9:45 am @ St. Lawrence  
11:30 am @ St. Lawrence

**St. Mary Prayer List**

\*Aloisia Mattl, \*Louis Hill, Jr., \*Vernon Myers; \*Jodi Jerger,  
\*Travis Miller, \*Becky Meyer Clark, \*Ron Bradford, Vaughn Fischer,  
\*Christina Nelms, Gary Manford, Tim Heller, Neil Selley, Caroline  
Seaver, \*Brenda Murr, \*Pete Squibb, \*Marilyn "Jane" Borth, Hayle  
Brashears, Jared Hodgkins, Stefanie Veale, Nate Groh, Michael  
Renner, Larry Hagan, McKayla Schmits, Kelly, Gary Wainscott, Ruth  
Kern, Colton Mattingly, Agnes Kelnhofer, Tinker Walston, Ron Brunner,  
Payton Maurice, Kate Grossmann, Joan Fuch, Karen Kistner, Mark  
Chase, Velinda Seaver, Rebecca Hyde, Rose Donk, B&L Dunseth,  
Jessica McKittrick, Kristie Bockhorst Gilb, \*Candi Elsen, Barb  
MCMurray, Chris Strautman, \*Mary Leyendecker, Rebecca Oelker,  
Debbie Walker Russell, Dottie Fedroff, Eugene Armbruster, Judy  
Edwards, Brenda O'Neal.

**Please remember our Troops and their families in your prayers.**

**St. Mary's Parish Collection Information**  
**February 29 & March 01, 2020**

Weekly Collection	8,594.00	Attendance	398
St. Vincent	305.00	Envelopes	106
School	220.00	Right to Life	5.00
Ash Wednesday	489.00		



**Ministry Schedule: March 14 & 15: Team 3**

**5:00pm**

**8:00am**

**USHERS & GREETERS**

B. & B. Ickenroth  
J. Merrilees  
K. Gigerich

R. & J. Tyler  
S. & T. or B. Fairfield

**EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER**

A. Hollingsworth  
S. Hollingsworth  
J. Miller

C. DeVille  
J. Hagedorn  
M. Schewe

**LECTORS**

K. Merrilees  
K. Simon

G. Schewe  
F. Schmits

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Will & Elana Hollingsworth  
Evan Meek & Lauren Simon

Ben & Elizabeth Zigan  
Rachel Zigan

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

**03/08/20** Jeff Grove

**03/15//20** Vincents

**COUNTERS**

**03/09/20: Team 4:** J. Miller, J. & P. Cleeter, T. Hetzer

**03/16/20: Team 5:** G. Manford, G. Glenn, D. Manford,  
E. Hollander



**March 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM @ St. Lawrence**

**LA ROSA'S BUDDY CARD** available in the parish office @ \$10.00 each. Please call Anna Townsend @ 812-926-0060 if you're interested. Proceeds will go towards our Youth Group Steubenville Conference this summer.

**MEN OF ST. MARY'S INVITED TO SING:** St. Mary's men are invited to participate in a men's choir at St. Lawrence for the Good Friday afternoon liturgy and Easter Sunday Masses at 9:45 and 11:15. Rehearsals for Good Friday will be held after St. Lawrence's Way of the Cross on Friday evenings (approximately 6:30 P.M.). Rehearsals for Easter Sunday will be on Monday evening, March 30 and Monday evening April 6 at 7:30 P.M. For information, please contact Ted Walter at terrafermata@aol.com.



## School Biz

The first Fish Fry of the season was a huge success! Thanks to all who prepared for the fry and all who worked on Friday night. This Saturday the 5/6 grades will compete in the Oldenburg Academic meet. March 31st is an important Principal Open Meeting in the cafeteria. future plans concerning the school will be presented. Meeting will begin at 6:30. A fantastic Grandparents Day is being planned and will occur on April 8th. The day will begin at 1:15 and include smoothies from Sister Sweets Nutrition. I am a regular customer and they are fantastic! We will have a picture area that will have a beautiful backdrop. Make plans to attend whether you are a grandparent or not, all are welcome. If you are taking a child home from the event, we will have a sign out sheet in the Activity Center. The Pre-K plans are moving forward, we need little bodies. Ages 4/5 are in demand! The eighth grade will be attending the CASA, (Community Advocating Substance Abuse Awareness) event on 3/31. Activities are upbeat and students from all the area schools attend the event held at the L-Burg event center. Numerous substances are discussed in small groups by high school age trained representatives from our area high schools.

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### MEN'S LENTEN FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Beginning Ash Wednesday and every Wednesday during Lent at the **Aurora Lion's Club, @ 6:00 PM**. Dinner cost is \$10.00/person. You **must** make reservations by the Sunday before the date. Please call Randy Tyler @ 812-584-3024 or Mike Page @ 812-926-3124.

### WOMEN'S LENTEN FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

It will begin on **Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM at the Aurora Lions Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Main Street**. Each week we will have a guest speaker and special music. Dinner cost is \$9.25 and will be catered by Doug & Linda Rump. Please call Bonnie Nocks @ 812-926-0895, the Sunday before dinner for reservation.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELA

Daughters of Isabela Meeting will be on **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ the Recruitment Branch, St. Lawrence's Sister Mary Cecille Room @ 11:00 AM**. Please bring covered dish and friends. For more information, please call Shirley Heyob @ 812-926-3962.

### IT'S TIME FOR A NEW PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY!!!

TO OUR ST. MARY'S FAMILY: I AM POSTING THIS INFORMATION IN ADVANCE JUST SO YOU COULD INCLUDE THESE DATES IN YOUR SUMMER PLAN. OUR PARISH PHOTO SESSIONS SCHEDULE ARE AS FOLLOWS: **JUNE 4, 5 & 6 AND JULY 14 & 15**. PLEASE CONSIDER THESE DATES IN MIND WHEN YOU SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY SUMMER VACATION. **PHOTO SESSION HOURS FOR WEEKDAYS ARE FROM 2:00 PM UNTIL 9:00 PM AND SATURDAYS ARE FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL 3:00 PM**. I WILL PUT OUT THE SIGN-UP FORM AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. THANK YOU.

### A note from Father Ben Syberg

*Friends in preparing for this bulletin column, I read the Pope's Homily for Ash Wednesday, and I thought - well this is better than anything I could write. Below are excerpts from Pope Francis's Homily.*

We begin the Lenten Season by receiving ashes: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return (cf. *Gen 3:19*). The dust sprinkled on our heads brings us back to earth; it reminds us that we are dust and to dust we shall return. We are weak, frail and mortal. Centuries and millennia pass and we come and go; before the immensity of galaxies and space, we are nothing. We are dust in the universe. Yet we are *dust loved by God*. It pleased the Lord to gather that dust in his hands and to breathe into it the breath of life (cf. *Gen 2:7*). We are thus a dust that is precious, destined for eternal life. We are the dust of the earth, upon which God has poured out his heaven, the dust that contains his dreams. We are God's hope, his treasure and his glory.

Ashes are thus a reminder of the direction of our existence: a passage *from dust to life*. We are dust, earth, clay, but if we allow ourselves to be shaped by the hands of God, we become something wondrous. More often than not, though, especially at times of difficulty and loneliness, we only see our dust! But the Lord encourages us: in his eyes, our littleness is of infinite value. So, let us take heart: we were born to be loved; we were born to be children of God.

The ashes we receive remind us of a second and opposite passage: *from life to dust*. All around us, we see the dust of death. Lives reduced to ashes. Rubble, destruction, war. The lives of unwelcomed innocents, the lives of the excluded poor, the lives of the abandoned elderly. We continue to destroy ourselves, to return to ashes and dust. And how much dust there is in our relationships! Look at our homes and families: our quarrels, our inability to resolve conflicts, our unwillingness to apologize, to forgive, to start over, while at the same time insisting on our own freedom and our rights! All this dust that besmirches our love and mars our life. Even in the Church, the house of God, we have let so much dust collect, the dust of worldliness.

Let us look inside, into our hearts: how many times do we extinguish the fire of God with the ashes of hypocrisy! *Hypocrisy* is the filth that Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that we have to remove. Indeed, the Lord tells us not only to carry out works of charity, to pray and to fast, but also to do these without pretense, duplicity and hypocrisy (cf. *Mt 6:2.5.16*). Yet how often do we do things only to be recognized, to look good, to satisfy our ego! How often do we profess to be Christians, yet in our hearts readily yield to passions that enslave us! How often do we preach one thing and practice another! How many times do we make ourselves look good on the outside while nursing grudges within! How much duplicity do we have in our hearts... All this is dust that besmirches, ashes that extinguish the fire of love.

We need to be cleansed of all the dust that has sullied our hearts. How? The urgent summons of Saint Paul in today's second reading can help us. Paul says: "Be reconciled to God!" He does not simply ask; he begs: "We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (*2 Cor 5:20*). We would have said: "Reconcile yourselves with God!" But no, Paul uses passive form: *Be reconciled!* Holiness is not achieved by our efforts, for it is grace! By ourselves, we cannot remove the dust that sullies our hearts. Only Jesus, who knows and loves our heart, can heal it. Lent is a time of healing.

