

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm at St. John's
Sunday: 8:30am at St. John's
10:30am at St. Mary's



LITURGY SCHEDULE MARCH 3 8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, March 4

0:30 a.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)

Tuesday, March 5

5:30 p.m...Sue Oswalt (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, March 6

12:00noon...All Souls (*St. John's*)

5:30 p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's
(*St. Mary's*)

Thursday, March 7

5:30 p.m...Don Martin (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, March 8

11:00 a.m...Holly Bullard (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

Saturday, March 9

5:00 p.m...Rollin & Helen Waters (*St. John's*)

Sunday, March 10

8:30 a.m...Tony & Genny Wesolowski (*St. John's*)
10:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's
(*St. Mary's*)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH:

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

To see about a ride to Church call the Church office at 348-3889 or contact a Knight.

SUNDAY CONNECTION:

Cultivate Good Fruits

written by Br. Silas Henderson, S.D.S.

As we look toward the season of Lent, our Gospel this Sunday invites us to look at our lives with clear eyes and to reflect on the fruit of our lives. Are there areas in our lives that need to be more carefully nurtured and tended? Are their "branches" that need to be pruned, so that other areas of our lives — including our prayer and ministry — can be more fruitful?

LENTEN DAY RETREAT

Saturday, March 16-8:30-3:00pm Led by Fr. Jerry Schweitzer Cost \$35.00. Register by 3/9/19

Reflect upon the Easter Vigil Readings and their impact upon your faith.

Join us for a Retreat at Lindenwood in Donaldson, IN To register krodgers@poorhandmaids.org or call 574-935-1761



Walk with Jesus through Holy Week each Friday of Lent through the STATIONS OF THE CROSS. They will be held each Friday at St. John's at 5:30pm.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is a day of fast and abstinence, as is Good Friday.

Fast, for persons age 18-60, is where only one full meal is allowed. Two other meals may be taken but should not together equal another full meal. Also, no eating between meals; however, liquids are allowed.

Abstinence is for all ages 14 and older. No meat is allowed on days of abstinence which include Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

RESTORE THE CHURCH, BUILD THE FUTURE

Wednesday's collection will benefit the Church in Central and Eastern Europe who for 70 years was oppressed under the Soviet regime. Help bring the light of Christ and strength of his healing to the people of this region through your aid.



Next weekend, March 10, we spring forward. Don't forget to move your clock forward one hour on Saturday night so you arrive at Sunday morning Mass on time.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Collection: \$1,171.40

Catholic Moment: \$120.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,325.00

Haiti: \$313.15

Food Pantry: \$63.00

Catholic Moment: \$370.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Ash Wednesday's emphasis on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is an invitation to take a closer look at our stewardship. It is a time to reassess how we are using the gifts God has entrusted to us and to resolve anew to use our time and resources in the service of His Kingdom.

CATHOLIC MOMENT

It's time to renew your subscription to the Catholic Moment. Envelopes can be found in your packets. Please help us continue to provide this Catholic news service to each of our households by subsidizing the month cost with your renewal.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 4: [*St. Casimir*] Sir 17: 20-24; Mk 10: 17-27

March 5: Sir 35: 1-12; Mk 10: 28-31

March 6: [*Ash Wednesday*] J1 2: 12-18; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

March 7: [*Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs*] Dt 30: 15-20; Lk 9: 22-25

March 8: [*St. John of God, religious*] Is 58: 1-9a; Mt 9: 14-15

March 9: [*St. Frances of Rome, religious*] Is 58: 9b-14; Lk 5: 27-32

March 10: Dt 26: 4-10; Rom 10: 8-13; Lk 4: 1-13

FORGIVEN: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION from Augustine Institute comes to St. John's and St. Mary's this Lent. Fr. Dave and Sr. Rita will team up to lead the five-week program each Tuesday at St. John's in the parish hall and each Thursday at St. Mary's, both after 5:30pm Mass. The sessions will last about an hour and will consist of DVD presentation and discussion. Please plan to join us beginning March 12 and 14.

LENT MADNESS Bracket Sheets are in this week's bulletin.

Want to be inspired by some saintly souls this Lent and have fun along the way? Join in Lent Madness.

Here's how: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each paring remains open for 24 hours and participants read about and vote for one to move to the next round. We start with 32, move to the Saintly Sixteen, then the Elate Eight and the Faithful Four before two advance to the Championship to see who will receive the Golden Halo. Those advancing each week will be posted in the bulletin, so complete your brackets now and track your results.

Plan to join in on the fun and learn about the love and devotion of 32 saints as God worked through their lives to bring the message of Christianity to others.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S MARCH 9 & 10

Sat., 5p.m...Madison Merkel & Kellee Merkel

Sun., 8:30...Kayli & Madison Henderson



Friday, March 8, 22, April 12, 4:30-7pm
Knights will host their annual Lenten fish fries in
the parish hall

with desserts provided by Altar & Rosary
All-you-can-eat Fish, potatoes, coleslaw, dessert,
and a drink

\$9 Adults; \$5 kids under 12

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNERS:

St. John's and St. Mary's will team up for a special prayer opportunity this Lent. If you would be interested in participating put your name and address (and any prayer requests if you so wish) on a piece of paper and drop it in next week's collection basket. These names will be taken to the opposite parish the following weekend where you then draw a name from the basket at the back table and pray for that person each day of Lent. At Easter you then send a card to that name and address to reveal who you are as that person's prayer partner. What a special way to meet one another through the power of prayer.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

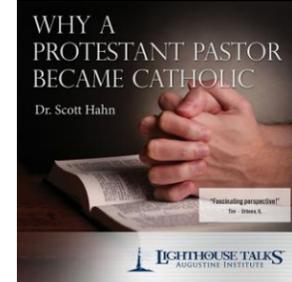


The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks." Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, Twitter, Facebook and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, is a reflection of what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well. In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him. Then all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

Understand, Live, and Share your Faith!

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE CD:



Dr. Scott Hahn explains through his legendary testimony how he was militantly anti-Catholic but self-driven to seek the truth. This ultimately led him into the Catholic Church. He soon became an ardent defender of the Faith and one of its most passionate promoters.

These items are located on the kiosk in the parish hall.

ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the US in a life-changing Lenten journey with Operation Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl from one of the bookcases at either of our churches. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world.

ENCOUNTER PRAYER INTENTION

Trusting in the mercy and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who calls us forth from the desert to encounter resurrection, we voice our own petitions, asking for what we need and for the needs of our brothers and sisters all over the world, saying, "Lord, may we love as one human family."

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 5, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 6, Ash Wednesday Mass:
12noon at St. John's
5:30pm at St. Mary's

Thursday 7, Reconciliation 6pm at St. Mary's

Friday 8, K of C/A&R Fish Fry 4:30-7pm St. John's
Stations of the Cross 5:30pm at St. John's

Sunday 10, Bible Study 9:30am at St. John's
Food Pantry at St. Mary's



8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:
St. Mary, the first Thursday 6:00-6:30pm
St. John, the first Saturday 1:00-1:30pm and third Saturday after 5:00pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Dave is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades pre3-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

The Clustered Parishes Of

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**St. John the Evangelist,
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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information.