

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 10 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

5:30 p.m...Fay Lenz (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, March 13

12:00noon...Agnes Bowen (*St. John's*)

Thursday, March 14

5:30 p.m...All Souls (*St. Mary's*)

Friday, March 15

10:00 a.m...Robert Heiser (*Bridgewater Centre*)

Saturday, March 16

5:00 p.m...Louisa Wilson (*St. John's*)

Sunday, March 17

8:30 a.m...Jess & Olive Huggins (*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:

Resisting Temptation

Written by: Rev. Mark Suslentko

God's merciful love is real. And the Church, for all of its flaws, is far greater than the human beings who labor in its vineyard. There is a life and treasure in the Church that can bring depth and light to a human heart in a way that nothing earthly is able to do. The response to our psalm cannot be more apropos: "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble." We are in trouble, and God is with us.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

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.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S MARCH 16 & 17

Sat., 5p.m...Cameron Rinker & Mason Merkel

Sun., 8:30...Juan Velasquez & Laurel McVicker

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

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

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.

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 11: Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18; Mt 25: 31-46

March 12: Is 55: 10-11; Mt 6: 7-15

March 13: Jon 3: 1-10; Lk 11: 29-32

March 14: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7: 7-12

March 15: Ez 18: 21-28; Mt 5: 20-26

March 16: Dt 26: 16-19; Mt 5: 43-48

March 17: Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18; Phil 3: 17-4: 1; Lk 9: 28b-36

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[DT 26: 4-10; PS 91:1-2, 10-15; ROM 10: 8-13; LK 4: 1-13](#)

And so it begins — the holy and, for some, daunting, season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection.

Jesus, by His own example in today's Gospel, demonstrates the necessity of setting aside a period of time devoted especially to prayer and fasting as a means of strengthening our spiritual muscles. Just before the launch of His public ministry, He is "led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." In imitation of Jesus, we should ask the Holy Spirit to lead us into the desert, too — the desert of our interior lives where our thoughts and desires reside.

While our Lord was strong enough to withstand the temptations of the devil on His own, we most certainly are not! We must turn to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to show us where we need to grow, and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance throughout these 40 days of growth. Perhaps we will be led to take on a spiritual reading program, or a daily time of meditation on the Scriptures. Maybe we'll be inspired to fast from our favorite food or social media fix and find a project that serves the poor in this community.

If these spiritual exercises hurt a little, that means we are doing them right! At the end of this season, we will be prepared to enter into the grace-filled days of the Triduum and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS

The Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group, Christeens, will again this year be collecting food for the food pantry during the 40 days of Lent. If you would like to contribute, place your non-perishable canned food items or hygiene items in the boxes at either church entrance. Thank you.



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.

LENTEN DAY RETREAT

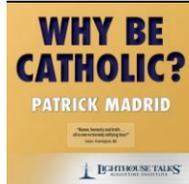
Saturday, March 16-8:30-3:00pm Led by Fr. Jerry Schweitzer Cost \$35.00. Register by 3/9/19 Reflect upon the Easter Vigil Readings and their impact upon your faith. Join us for a Retreat at Lindenwood in Donaldson, IN To register krodgers@poorhandmaids.org or call 574-935-1761

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.

Understand, Live, and Share your Faith!

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE CD:



For those who aren't Catholic, it may not be apparent why one should embrace the Catholic Faith. In this inspiring presentation, bestselling author Patrick Madrid gives compelling biblical and historical reasons for why he embraces the faith as a lifelong Catholic. He shares valuable insights into the beauty of the Catholic Church and its claim to contain the fullness of the deposit of faith given by Christ.

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

LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON ENCOUNTER NORMA

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community?

ENCOUNTER PRAYER INTENTION

For Norma, whom we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and all young mothers who struggle to put food on the table, that they may provide a healthy lifestyle for those they care for. We pray to the Lord.

For members of our own community who are hungry and do not know where their next meal will come from, that we may encounter them in their need. We pray to the Lord.

THIS WEEK:

- Monday 11, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's
- Tuesday 12, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's
- Forgiven Lent Program 6pm at St. John's
- Wednesday 13, RCIA 6pm at St. John's
- Thursday 14, Forgiven Lent Program 6pm at St. Mary's
- Pastoral Council after Program at St. Mary's
- Friday 15, Stations of the Cross 5:30pm at St. John's
- Saturday 16, Reconciliation after Mass at St. John's
- Sunday 17, Bible Study 9:30am at St. John's



Friday, March 22 and April 5, 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



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

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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.