

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 17
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

5:30 p.m...Holly Bullard (St. John's)

Wednesday, March 20

12:00noon...Bill & Pat Schantz (St. John's)

Thursday, March 21

5:30 p.m...No Mass (St. Mary's)

Friday, March 22

11:00 a.m...Rosemary Helm (Miller's Merry Manor)

Saturday, March 23

5:00 p.m...Alivia Viellieux (St. John's)

Sunday, March 24

8:30 a.m...June Holcomb (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:

Glory & Sacrifice

written by Anna Carter

This Lenten journey — and our Christian life — is both a juxtaposition and a symbiotic relationship between glory and sacrifice. We fast, we offer funds and volunteer hours, we commit to additional prayers. We feel the strain and pull at our normal life through the out-of-the-ordinary sacrifice. Yet through our gifts and self-denial, we brush something extraordinary.

FOOD FOR THE POOR...

Wishes to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's for the welcome you extended to Fr. Victor Karls on his recent visit to our parishes.

"On behalf of our brothers and sisters throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, we thank you for your compassion and care. We are all blessed by and grateful for your generosity."

In Christ, The Food For The Poor Family

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S MARCH 23 & 24

Sat., 5p.m...Matthew Aulbach & Kellee Merkel

Sun., 8:30...Lance Manley & Jenna Payne



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.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 19, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Forgiven Lent Program 6pm at St. John's

Wednesday 20, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 21, Forgiven Lent Program 6pm at St. Mary's

Friday 22, Stations of the Cross 5:30pm at St. John's

K of C/A&R Fish Fry 4:30-7pm at St. John's

Sunday 24, Bible Study 9:30am at St. John's

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

March 18: [St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church] Dn 9: 4b-10; Lk 6: 36-38

March 19: [St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary] 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1: 16, 18-21

March 20: Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28

March 21: Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16: 19-31

March 22: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21: 33-43

March 23: [St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, bishop] Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

March 24: Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9

LENT MADNESS, a fun study of Saints and history. Want to be inspired by some saintly souls this Lent and have fun along the way? Join in Lent Madness.

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.

The Saints advancing this past week to fill the first half of the Saintly 16 are: Martha of Bethany, Nicodemus, Ignatius of Loyola, Marina the Monk, John Chrysostom, Ephrem of Nisibis, William Wilberforce, and Richard Allen.



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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's March 3

Collection: \$889.00

St. Mary's March 10

Collection: \$889.00
Food Pantry: \$184.00
Ash Wed.: \$213.00
Flowers: \$135.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's March 2 & 3

Sunday Collection: \$2,811.
Building Fund: \$155.00
Food Pantry: \$162.00
Catholic Moment: \$42.00
Votive: \$173.00

St. John's March 9/10

Collection: \$1,731.
Building Fund: \$140.
Food Pantry: \$120.
Ash Wed.: \$388.89

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom?

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 this week even if you missed week one. You are always welcome.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[GN 15:5-12, 17-18; PS 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; PHIL 3:17-4:1 or PHIL 3:20-4:1; LK 9:28B-36](#)

In last week's Gospel, we followed Jesus into the desert where He fasted and prayed. This week, He leads us up a mountain to witness His



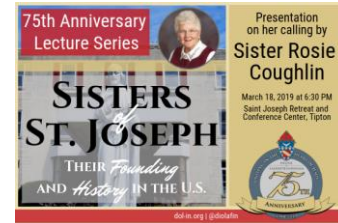
Transfiguration. Why both of these experiences?

He is preparing us to go with Him in a few short weeks to a hilltop — Golgotha — where He will lay down His life for our sake, and then finally to take us to an empty cave where He triumphed over sin and death once and for all.

Jesus perfectly understands our humanity. He knows we need desert experiences — times of self-denial and testing — in order to arrive at mountain-top moments when we see and feel His glorious presence in our lives. The purpose of these two types of experiences is summed up in the description of the Apostles who were with Jesus at that mountain-top experience in today's Gospel: "Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory...."

The reason for all of our fasting and prayer and almsgiving during lent is to be reawakened to all God has done for humanity, and to all that He has done for each of us personally. It is all too easy to get lulled into complacency in our daily routines, to "sleepwalk" through life, getting up and getting ourselves out the door, going to work, returning home for dinner and dishes, meetings or sports activities, and finally flopping on the couch to watch TV until bedtime. While there is nothing inherently sinful in this routine, as Christian stewards, we are called to so much more!

This lent, let us train ourselves, or more precisely, allow Him to train us to say "Yes" to His will and to offer our lives back to Him in gratitude. In so doing, we, too, will become "transfigured." This is what it means to live fully awake; this is a stewardship way of life and it is glorious indeed.



This month we have 2 different lectures taking place as part of the 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Monday, March 18, 6:30 PM

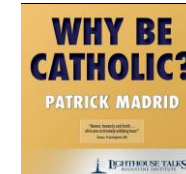
Sister Rosie Coughlin on the History of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Saint Joseph Retreat and Conference Center, 6:30PM

Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 PM

Vocation to the Priesthood; Panel Discussion, All Saints Catholic Church in Logansport, 6:30PM

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.

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE ENCOUNTER ANNET

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

ENCOUNTER PRAYER INTENTION

For Annet and her family, whom we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and all refugees in search of safety and security, after fleeing violence and hardship. We pray to the Lord. For those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes for safety or better opportunities. We pray to the Lord.



2nd 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.