

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

April 7

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

5:30 p.m...Larry Bogenschutz, Jr. (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, April 10

12:00noon...Gerard Merkel (*St. John's*)

Thursday, April 11

5:30 p.m...Parents of Dean & Loretta Wilson
(*St. Mary's*)

Friday, April 12

11:00 a.m...Agnes Bowen (*Miller's Merry Manor*)

Saturday, April 13

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

Sunday, April 14

8:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's
(*St. John's*)

10:30 a.m...Don Martin (*St. Mary's*)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR APRIL:

Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have someone to put on prayer chain, please contact Janice at 348-1521 and please leave a message if no answer.

SUNDAY CONNECTION:

Find Serenity in Jesus

written by Douglas Sousa, S.T.L.

In many ways, both large and small, we choose sin over God's love. We fall prey to the false promises of love, pleasure, and inner peace that sin offers us. And in the process, we lose touch with our heavenly Father who is the source of all love. However, that does not need to be the end of the story. We can always turn to Jesus to find forgiveness.

LENTEN CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are still a few opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout our deanery prior to Easter:

April 8, 6:30pm St. Mary, Muncie

April 10, 1pm Holy Cross School, Anderson

April 10, 6pm St. Ambrose, Anderson

April 10, 6:30pm St. Lawrence, Muncie

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S APRIL 13 & 14

Sat., 5p.m...Cameron & Kelli Rinker

Sun., 8:30...Anya Aulbach & Madison Henderson

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's March 31

Collection: \$1,098.48

Catholic Relief Services: \$104.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's March 30 & 31

Sunday Collection: \$2,156.00

Haiti: \$317.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$205.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP

If you are regularly attending St. Mary's or St. John's Parish and have not registered with the office and would like to do so, sign-up forms are located on the bookcases at each Church. Return completed form via collection basket or deliver to office.

FORGIVEN: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION

The final session in the five-week series will take place this week. Even if you have not been able to join in the other four weeks, plan to attend as this session will answer common questions regarding this very powerful sacrament.

Join us Tuesday at St. John's in the parish hall or Thursday at St. Mary's, both after 5:30pm Mass. The session will last about an hour and will consist of DVD presentation and discussion.

THIS WEEK:

Monday 8, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary's

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

Forgiven Lent Program 6pm at St. John's

Pastoral Council 7:15pm at St. John's

Wednesday 10, RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 11, Forgiven Lent Program 6pm at St. Mary's

Friday 12, Stations of the Cross 5:30pm at St. John's

Sunday 14, Palm Sunday

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

Food Pantry at St. Mary's

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

April 8: Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8: 12-20

April 9: Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 21-30

April 10: Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8: 31-42

April 11: [*St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr*] Gn 17: 3-9; Jn 8: 51-59

April 12: Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42

April 13: [*St. Martin I, pope & martyr*] Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56

April 14: Lk 19: 28-40; Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Lk 22: 14—23: 56

HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in Disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just drop your envelope in by Easter.

Understand, Live, and Share your Faith!

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE CD:



This talk is practical. It is for everyone—beginners and masters in the spiritual life. We all know that growth in holiness is largely about growing in trust in our Lord Jesus Christ. But how does one do that realistically?

In this talk, Bismarck Diocese Vocations Director Fr. Tom Richter will describe in concrete terms what the interior act of trust looks like, and what we must choose in order to grow in trust.

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



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.

HOPES AND DREAMS OF A BETTER LIFE— ENCOUNTER ONA

We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers?

ENCOUNTER PRAYER INTENTION

For Ona, whom we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and those struggling to find meaningful work in Gaza, that their God-given gifts be used for the common good. We pray to the Lord.

For workers everywhere, that they be given fair payment for their work, safe conditions in which they are entitled, made in the image and likeness of our God who labored. We pray to the Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

[EZ 37:12-14](#); [PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8](#); [ROM 8:8-11](#); [JN 11:25A, 26](#); [JN 11:1-45](#); [JN 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33B-45](#)

Once again this week, we are reminded of what a loving and merciful God we serve. The theme of the readings for this fifth Sunday of Lent are summed up beautifully in today's Gospel passage from Luke, which recounts the story of the woman caught in



adultery. After all those who would have stoned this woman leave the scene Christ says to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

When we turn to God for forgiveness, He is indeed gracious and merciful. So much so, that not only will He forgive our sins without condemnation, He will make us completely new creations in Christ.

What is more amazing is that this all-perfect and holy God of ours draws so very near to us. Our sins do not drive Him from us, but rather to us so that He can set us free from them. Look carefully at Christ's actions and posture in the Gospel reading as He deals with both the crowd of people, the Scribes and Pharisees, and the adulterous woman. "All the people started coming to Him and he sat down and taught them." "He bent down and began to write with His finger." He "straightened up" when He confronted the Scribes and Pharisees about their own sins. And he "straightened up" when He assured the woman that He did not condemn her for her past. Like a skilled teacher, or loving "big brother," Christ bends down to where we are, He sits among us, He stands to confront us when needed and He stands to look us in the eye to remind us of our true dignity.

We're all unworthy of the great privilege of serving Him. But that is simply cause for greater joy in serving Him with all our hearts.

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

RCIA

Through the RCIA program this year we will welcome three new members to our Catholic faith family at the Easter Vigil: Kevin Stout from St. Mary's and Billy and Beth Crider from St. John's.

Let us continue to pray for them as we prepare to welcome them, bless them, anoint them, and care for them as our own at the Easter Vigil.



NEW-TO-YOU REOPENING

A sure sign of spring is the reopening of our New-To-You Thrift Shop.

Thursdays: 11-5, Fridays & Saturdays: 11-2

Under new direction of Donna Schuck and Karen Uggen, the shop will reopen with a new look and many new items collected over the winter months.

Stop by to check out the new selections.

As always we appreciate our volunteers and the donations received.

A huge thank you to Fred Hoffman, Jake Holsten and Steve Schuck for installing the carpet in the New-to-You. Also, to Diana Holsten for the curtains and Karen Sulit for loaning us the tools we needed.

LENT MADNESS, a fun study of Saints and history.

The Elate 8 are out of the gate: Martha, Photini, Ignatius, Gobnait, John, Zenaida, Nicholas, William, and Pandita.

How are your brackets? Who will receive the Golden Halo? More importantly, what are you learning from these saintly souls this Lent?

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Nathan Moore, Jr., stepfather-in-law to Jack Cain, who passed to eternal life this week. May his family be comforted by your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.



5th 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.

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.