

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



Our Lenten Worship Schedule

LITURGY SCHEDULE

March 8, 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 9

9:00 a.m...No Mass (*St. John's*)

Tuesday, March 10

5:30 p.m...Bill & Pat Schantz (*St. John's*)

Wednesday, March 11

12:00noon...Betty Cain (*St. John's*)

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

12:00noon...Jess Huggins, Jr. (*St. John's*)

Saturday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 15

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

10:30 a.m...Matt Pitman (*St. Mary's*)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH:

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Lenten Weekly Prayer Corner:

RENEW US LORD

I know that at times I will be troubled, I know that at times I will be belabored, I know that at times I will be disquieted, but I believe that I will not be overcome.
--St. Julian of Norwich

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

To fulfill one of the Lenten obligations, we are urged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Lent to prepare for the Easter Celebration.

St. John's will hold a Lenten Reconciliation and Penance service this Tuesday following 5:30 Mass. Extra priests will be available for the Sacrament.

Other Lenten opportunities to receive the Sacrament in our deanery:

Tuesday, March 24, 7pm, Immaculate Conception, Portland

Wednesday, March 25, 1:30 & 6:30pm, St. Mary, Anderson

Monday, March 30, 6pm St. Mary, Muncie

Wednesday, April 1, 2 & 6:30pm, St. Paul, Marion

St. Mary's Altar and Rosary will meet this Monday at 6pm. All ladies of the parish are invited.

NEW-TO-YOU

Spring is around the corner and the New-To-You Shop is ready with their winter clear-outs and spring move-ins. Come check out the huge selection of merchandise and see what bargains you can find!

Regular hours are back:

Thursday 11-5, Friday and Saturday 11-2.

If you wish to put someone on the prayer chain, please contact Janice Jackson at 348-1521.

THIS WEEK:

Monday 9, Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. John's

Tuesday 10, Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Lenten Reconciliation following Mass at St. John's

Wednesday 11, Pivotal Players DVD series on the Saints 6-7:15pm at St. John's

Friday 13, Stations of the Cross 5:30pm at St. John's

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

Saturday 14, "Spring Gardening for the Soul" Lenten Retreat 10am-12:30pm at St. Mary's

Sunday 15, Lectio Eucharist DVD Session 8 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

Food Pantry at St. Mary's

LEARN TO LIVE LIKE A SAINT

Lent is a time to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. The saints were a living example of how this can be accomplished. This Lent join us as **St. John's will host a six session DVD series each Wednesday from 6-7:15pm in the parish hall on the lives of the saints** presented by Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Barron unlocks the truth behind the Catholic Church's most influential people. From St. Francis of Assisi to Catherine of Siena, from St. Thomas Aquinas to Michelangelo, all the way to Blessed John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton, Christ's Incarnation is on display through the minds and lives of his Church's members. Each session is approximately 60 minutes. Q and A will follow and lite snacks will be served.

This Week's Saint: Thomas Aquinas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 9: [*St. Frances of Rome, religious*] Dn 9: 4b-10; Lk 6: 36-38

Mar. 10: Is 1: 10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12

Mar. 11: Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28

Mar. 12: Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16: 19-31

Mar. 13: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

Mar. 14: Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

Mar. 15: Ez 17: 3-7; Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8; Jn 4: 5-42



SPRING GARDENING FOR THE SOUL

"Lent is here! – our second session of "soul gardening" parish retreat:

Saturday March 14 at St Mary's, 10-12:30: "weeding and commitment".

There will be Scripture for prayer and reflection, conversation and quiet reflection time. Light snack will be available. All are welcome, even if you know nothing - or everything! - about gardening!

Call the parish office (348-3889) or Sr Rita Musante (260-402-5034) to register and if you have any questions. This is a free retreat. Bring a friend!

[GN 12:1-4A; PS 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 TIM 1:8B-10; MT 17:1-9](#)

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us Christian stewards



motivation to continue on our 40-day journey towards deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram's response is an ancient example of a good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is gift from God, puts his trust in God and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let us take these two verses, "Listen to him," "Rise, and do not be afraid" to heart. Let us rely on God's strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God's gifts to us.

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

BRING LENT TO LIFE

We are called—Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the U.S.—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl from the bookcases and back tables at either St. Mary's or St. John's. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

MEET TRINH:

Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather?

PRAYER: May we follow Jesus' example in the feeding of the 5,000 and gather all around the table to share in the bounty of the Lord. May we never forget that an empty seat at our table is a missed opportunity to make someone feel at home, where food is shared and community is had.

"GIVE AND TAKE" FOR LENT

St. John's will have a Lenten "give and take" table at the back of church.

Place on a slip of paper and put in the "give" basket something you wish to give up during Lent that is holding you back from Jesus. (No names please).

The "take" basket will have different slips of paper in it for you to draw an action and act on it sometime during Lent. These will be centered around prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You are not limited to one, feel free to take one each time you're at church. The basket will be refreshed each week with new action cards.

PARENT SESSIONS IN MUNCIE

The next *Parenting with Grace: How to Raise Catholic Kids in the Modern World* session:

March 15: **Parenting and Technology**, at Elm Street Brewing Co., 519 N. Elm St., Muncie

The cost for this program is free. Please register online at <https://parentingwithgrace.eventbrite.com>

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S MAR. 14 & 15

Saturday, 5p.m...Matthew Aulbach & Bryson Michael

Sunday, 8:30a.m...Jenna Payne & Catalina Velasquez



They're back! The Knights of Columbus Fish Fries
March 13 & March 27, 4:30 pm-7:00pm
St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall
Cost \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12
Includes: all you can eat fish, potatoes, coleslaw, dessert, and a drink.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MASS

The Lectio Eucharist DVD series continues this week. Everyone is invited to attend! Refreshments of coffee & doughnuts will be available.

This week's DVD:

8. The Last Supper and the Cross: The New Passover of Christ

Next week's DVD:

9. The Mass: Emmaus and the Mystery of the Eucharist

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Feb. 23: \$1,027.00

Flowers: \$92.00

Central & Eastern Europe: \$238.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$3,620.00

Building Fund: \$176.00

Food Pantry: \$123.00

Catholic Moment: \$76.00

Central & Eastern Europe: \$119.00

Flowers: \$131.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

"Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

St. Paul's Church, Marion, and Holy Family Church, Gas City is sponsoring a Young Adult (ages 18-35) Lenten Bible Study led by Fr. Roberts and St. Mary's and St. John's young adults have been invited to join the group. Sessions will be held at Holy Family Rectory each Tuesday 6-7:30pm throughout Lent. Dinner and childcare will be provided.



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, by appointment
St. John, the first Saturday and third Saturday 4:00pm.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Paul 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.