

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

LITURGY SCHEDULE
February 28, 2021
2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 1 at St. John's
 10:00a.m...Herman & Rozella Hoffman
Tuesday, March 2
 0:00a.m...No Mass
Wednesday, March 3 at St. John's
 12:00noon...Deceased of Lannoy Family
Thursday, March 4, at St. Mary's
 5:30p.m...Special Intention
Friday, March 5, at Holy Family
 9:00a.m...Margaret Wilson
Saturday, March 6, at St. Mary's
 5:00p.m...Phillip Crouch
Sunday, March 7
 9:00a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family at St. John's
 11:00a.m...Johnny Herrera at Holy Family

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR FEBRUARY:

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



In reflecting on the different traditions and practices that make up our Lenten journey, here are some brief thoughts and history on the Way of the Cross. It is of course better known as the Stations of the Cross or also in Latin *Via Crucis* or *Via Dolorosa* (the Way of Sorrows). The object of these statues, paintings, and images of Christ's passion are meant to allow the faithful to do a miniature pilgrimage to Jerusalem without leaving their own town. It is a beautiful devotion that is based on our desire to visit the sites of Jesus' road to Calvary, which opens our road to heaven. Tradition tells us that Mary would visit the places of Her Son's passion, so this would make it other than the Mass, one of the oldest devotions of the Church.

Pilgrims from Jerusalem inspired by visiting and praying at the different places of Jesus' Passion, brought back their experiences and over time inspired artists to make representations of these in monasteries and Churches and the devotion grew. Interestingly, there have been additional stations and so the number was not always fourteen, with some variations up to 31 including stations that focused on Mary's school and the houses of Herod and Simon the Pharisee and some that included the Agony in the Garden. Regardless, this is a great devotion not just for Friday's in Lent, but for every Friday of the year. Also, if you cannot come physically to the Church to pray them, we have book and online versions to pray as well. Let us continue to grow closer to Jesus this Lent and allow His Passion to inspire us to serve our parishes and communities as well.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

WALKING WITH CHRIST THROUGH LENT

Reflection: Notice how dependent you are on God through your prayer, fasting and generosity toward those in need.

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Lk 6: 36)

My Offering to God:

When I am tempted to fault someone, I will remember a time I experienced God's mercifulness.

RITE OF ELECTION THIS WEEKEND

The annual Rite of Election for those wishing to join the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil will be held this weekend at the cathedral in Lafayette with Bishop Doherty. Pray for Nathan Booher from St. John's who is making the trip to Lafayette in preparation to join in the Catholic faith at Easter.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Repent and turn away from sin by praying the rosary during Lent for forgiveness and conversion of ours and all souls with Mary as our mentor.

The rosary is prayed each Sunday at 4pm with Divine Chaplet and each Wednesday at 4pm with recitation of 15 decades at Holy Family.

St. Mary's will pray the rosary each Saturday prior to Mass beginning at 4:40pm.

St. Mary's Altar & Rosary will meet Monday, March 8 at 6pm beginning with the rosary. All are invited to fellowship and planning for our new year. COVID precautions will be in place.

DIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

Easter Duty: All the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

Fast: Ages 18-60 are allowed one full meal on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken, but they should not together equal one full meal. No eating between meals, but liquids are allowed.

Abstinence: Ages 14 and older are allowed no meat each Friday of Lent, unless health would seriously be affected.

In addition, acts of penance are to be chosen by each person according to circumstances; including increased prayer life, greater effort in the pursuit of virtue and voluntary surrender of pleasures.

Parents are to see to it that minors are educated in an authentic sense of Penance.



FISH FRIES ARE HERE....

The Knights of Columbus at St. John's will conduct their annual Lenten fish fries again—as drive thru only—next fish fry: March 5th, 4:30-7pm

Fish, potatoes, applesauce and cookie

Adults - \$9; Under 12 - \$5.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—MARCH 5

This is a world-wide ecumenical event – the largest in the world. Set aside time Friday to pray for our communities, our country and our world with our brothers and sisters of all Christian faiths.

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the shelves in the back of each of our churches. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

First Week of Lent: Better Meals in Madagascar

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food?

Let us Pray: For expectant and new mothers around the world, that their children may grow and reach their full God-given potential, and for our community, that we may support mothers here and around the world so that all children experience the care they need to thrive.

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Wednesday, Mar. 3: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family
Thursday, Mar. 4: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's
Friday, Mar. 5: Stations of the Cross 6pm at St. John's

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Sunday, Mar. 7: Religious Ed & Bible Study 10-11am at St. John's

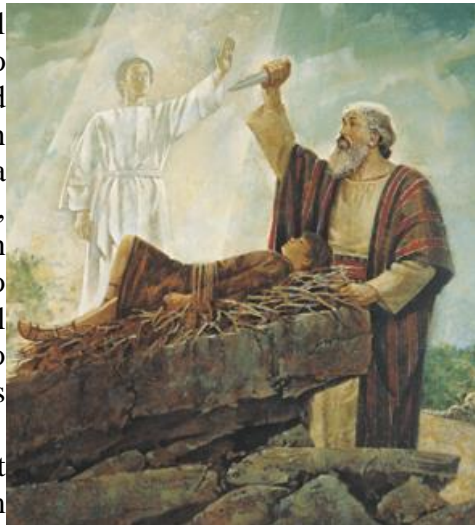
Religious Ed 9:30-10:45am at Holy Family
 Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:

GN 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; PS 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; ROM 8:31b-34; MK 9:2-10

Today's readings are a powerful testimony to God's profound love for each one of us. It is a reminder for us, as Christian stewards, to surrender all that we have to the Gracious Giver.

The First Reading from Genesis is the



infamous story of God putting Abraham to the test. God commands Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, to the Lord as a sacrifice. Abraham obeys the Lord. Yet, a messenger of the Lord cries out at the last moment to stop him. Because of Abraham's faithfulness and surrender to the Lord, he is blessed abundantly.

We can only imagine how Abraham felt, offering the life of his son, not understanding why, but blindly obeying. Yet, Abraham's response of total surrender to God's plan is a testament to trust in God's deep love for us. As Christian stewards, we are called to surrender all to the Lord — our time, our talents and even our material possessions. We should willingly give God our entire lives with the confidence that He will take care of us.

St. Paul echoes this message so beautifully in our Second Reading. He says, "He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son who suffered, died and rose for us. He has given us His very best. Can we not entrust our entire lives to Him knowing He will continue to pour out His love on us? As we continue our journey through Lent, let us reflect on God's profound love for us.

WEBSITE FEATURE: Find Bishop Barron at the bottom of our home page for daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Lenten reflections, and rosary.

Our bulletins, newsletter, monthly calendar, Mass schedule and online payments are all available on the website.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 1: Dn 9: 4b-10; Lk 6: 36-38

Mar. 2: Is 1: 10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12

Mar. 3: [St. Katharine Drexel, virgin] Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28

Mar. 4: [St. Casimir] Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16: 19-31

Mar. 5: Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

Mar. 6: Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

Mar. 7: Ex 20: 1-17; 1 Cor 1: 22-25; Jn 2: 13-25

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$477.00

Catholic Moment: \$85.00

Central & Eastern Europe: \$220.00

Flowers: 35.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$1,192.00

Building Fund: \$20.00

Catholic Moment: \$194.00

Central & Eastern Europe: \$145.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,893.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$100.00

Catholic Moment: \$282.00

Votive: \$36.00

Central & Eastern Europe: \$70.00

Propagation of Faith: \$50.00

Religious Retirement: \$500.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial?

Everyone is welcome to the DVD series, "*Eucharist: Discovering The Mass In The Bible,*" which will continue each Sunday barring inclement weather. We meet in the parish hall downstairs 9:55-11am. Coffee and doughnuts are available.

Mar. 7- Session 7: Bread of Life Discourse: John 6 and the Real Presence



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation.

The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass. May God continue to bless you and your new little one.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as: St. Mary, 5-5:30pm each Thursday; 4-4:30pm each Saturday

St. John, 8-8:45am each Sunday prior to Mass
Holy Family, 12noon-1pm each Sunday; 8:30-8:55am each Friday.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Please contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley 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 K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

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Holy Family, Gas City

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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