

THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

MARCH 22, 2019

HOLY THURSDAY

As we prepare to celebrate this wonderful liturgy, we begin by entering into a new movement. As this liturgy begins, Lent has ended. Our 40 days of Lent helped us "prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with mind and heart renewed." Now we come to three liturgies which help us experience what is offered us in the new Passover. Each liturgy helps us enter more deeply into the mystery and meaning. Holy Thursday evening takes us to the heart of the gift and to our mission.

The Word. To begin to prepare, let us read the readings of this Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Our chewing starts here, as does our nourishment. The Exodus account of the Passover tradition reminds us of the exit, the liberation, of the people in slavery in Egypt, and meal that commemorates it. "This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate." During our Lenten journey, we have desired greater freedom, and a deeper liberation from the patterns that keep us from being free. We want to come to the Holy Thursday memorial with those desires alive with hunger and thirst.

The word, "eucharist" means "thanksgiving." To come to this night prepared to celebrate, we can reflect on all the reasons we have to be grateful. The Spirit of Jesus uses the gift of gratitude to gather us for Eucharist.

The Foot Washing. It is not enough for us to simply hear the gospel and homily. Our tradition is to engage us in the drama of this ritual. So, it is not enough to simply go to the Holy Thursday liturgy and "watch" it happen. We need to prepare.

In the ritual we will experience on Holy Thursday, Jesus washes our feet, through the representatives of our community. Each of us needs to "feel" the resistance of Peter. We have to "let" Jesus wash our feet, let Jesus give himself to us, let him be our servant. One of the best preparations is to "taste" my resistance, my independence, my rationalizing which almost convinces me that I don't need washing or healing or saving.

In the ritual, Jesus gives us a "mandate", the one commandment of the gospel, "Love one another, as I

have loved you." He gives his very self to us, is broken and poured out, and calls us to give our very selves, to be broken and poured out, in love for others. It is important for us to "taste" our resistance to love. We can come to Holy Thursday prepared by our reflection on how difficult it is to love some people. The liberation happens when we let ourselves have our feet washed by Jesus. Then Eucharist flows from our gratitude. Gratitude is the seed for great loving - the "return" I can make to the Lord for his great love for me.

Just as the foot washing isn't just about those representatives, it isn't just about me and the family and friends I need to love. The love of Jesus is for all of God's people, we need to come with the whole world in our hearts. The mandate to love, as Jesus loves, calls us to be people whose self-giving love reaches out to all who need liberation and the dignity God desires.

The Table of the Lord. Now we are prepared for the Eucharist. Now we can say, with a much louder voice, "It is right to give God thanks and praise!" Now, when we remember and celebrate how he loved us, the words are joined to the ritual of foot washing, servanthood, ministry for others. Now, when we open our hands to receive his body and blood, we can feel, with great devotion, the power of this gift and the meaning of its mission.

The Stripping of the Altar and Sanctuary. Our final preparation is to be ready to appreciate the ritual of transition with which Holy Thursday concludes. The Body and Blood of Jesus, which we share at this Eucharist is taken to a special place, so that we might continue to be nourished with this Sacrament on Good Friday. Then our liturgy engages us in a rich ritual. The altar and the whole sanctuary are stripped bare. With this solemn gesture, we ritualize what we as a community are doing to prepare for Good Friday. We strip our focus down to Jesus alone. All the signs and symbols are put aside. We are left with the taste of the Eucharist and the gratitude in our hearts. We leave in focused silence. We leave with the image of Jesus, as servant for us, our hearts readied to celebrate the mystery of his passion and death for us.

GOOD FRIDAY

We enter the liturgy on Good Friday in silence. We don't need a "gathering rite." It is as though we have been "gathered" since the night before.

We can prepare to begin the Good Friday celebration by reflecting upon ourselves with all the feelings we want to identify and pay attention to. I might feel awe, gratitude, guilt, powerlessness, all at once. In my reflection preparing for Good Friday, I may want to simply remind myself that "I know this is all for me; thank you." The scripture readings take on a special power today, from the quiet and solemnity of the service.

The General Intercessions These prayers, and their style, are perhaps the oldest liturgical ritual we have. They link us to the prayer of our sisters and brothers down through the centuries. They also give us a sense of our long tradition of public prayer.

Adoration of the Holy Cross. We adore the cross upon which our Savior gained for us the salvation of the world. We do that concretely by venerating an actual cross in our churches, which represents that divine act of love.

We revere and venerate the wood of the cross, because our Savior was nailed there, and gave his life for us there. We want to be prepared to touch, kiss, embrace the cross with the greatest devotion we can express. We want our gesture to be able to ritualize our acceptance for the love, forgiveness and everlasting life that flows from that cross. We want to feel the love of Jesus, to feel it as being "for me," and to express our grateful response as reverence.

Receiving the Eucharist from the Holy Thursday Celebration of the Lord's Supper. We fast from celebrating the Eucharist today, but we are gathered by the Spirit to re-connect with our celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. We do not want to forget what that liturgy continues to mean for us. This is the bread that gives life. This is his self-giving love for us. This is our nourishment for our mission.

Departing in Silence, Again. With closing prayer and a blessing, we again depart in silence. We are a people who are full of faith, but who continue to wait for the fullness of our redemption. Our leaving in silence links this celebration to the Easter Vigil, as our beginning in silence connected us with Holy Thursday.

After the celebration, the altar is stripped but the cross remains with two lit candles.

EASTER VIGIL

Darkness. The Easter Vigil begins with darkness. It represents all darkness, and all the meanings of darkness - devoid of light; evil thoughts, motivations, deeds; all that is hidden and secret, deceitful and dishonest, divisive and abusive, immoral and sinful. It's the darkness of our world, and the darkness in my heart. Then a light is struck. It breaks into the darkness.

The Light of Christ The candle lit from the new fire is then processed into the community, and we receive its light and experience the power of that light as it grows. When the candle is brought front and center, we hear the Easter Proclamation, or Exultet.

The Word of Our Salvation History There are nine readings and eight psalms or songs that have been prepared to help us with our night's vigil. Each reading is followed by an invitation to pray in silence, which is followed by a special prayer designed for that reading. After the last reading from the Old Testament, the candles are lit and the bells ring as we sing our Glory to God. Now we are ready to hear the New Testament word in the light of Christ, and the good news, "He has been raised!" At this point in the liturgy, we want to be prepared to be exultant with joy at the resurrection of Jesus - the victory of our God over sin and death - for us.

The Liturgy of Baptism The Presiders and ministers go to the font of baptism, thereby drawing us together there. Those who are to be baptized are called forward, along with their sponsors. In our excitement for them, we realize that this is very much about the renewal of our whole community. Initiation and revitalization become one this night.

The Litany We turn to the community of saints in glory to ask for their help. As we turn to each of these saints we recall how these very special women and men journeyed in situations very much like ours and let God transform their lives, and that they are now in glory interceding for us.

The Blessing of the Water The Presider now blesses the water. These wonderful prayers are like a mini lesson, both for those about to be baptized, and for us. When the priest inserts the candle in the water and pulls it out and lifts it up, we experience the ritual that announces the meaning of our baptism into these waters - one with him in dying that we might be one with him in rising.

The Profession of Faith and Renunciation of Evil We have renewed our baptismal promises many

times. We can prepare to make the Easter Vigil a powerful experience of grace if we make each of the renunciations and professions with a meaning that is personal to us. Now I am ready to profess the faith of the Church, choosing to believe in the One who gives me life.

Baptism and the Rites Explaining Baptism The candidates are baptized. Even if our church isn't able to immerse the baptized into the water, the ritual of pouring water over their heads is meant to be a sign of their entry into the waters of baptism. We should feel the power of this moment and open our hearts to its joy, for them and for ourselves. The newly baptized are anointed with oil, and finally, they receive a candle lit from the Easter fire.

The Celebration of Confirmation The newly baptized and those who are about to be received into full communion are ready to "share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit." We all pray in silence, and feel the power of God's Spirit among us. And in silence, the Presider lays hands on each person. As they are anointed, we can imagine the gifts of the Spirit that we have received and can let ourselves feel the grace offered us to be strong witnesses to the union with Jesus in mission that we are offered. The newly confirmed take their places in the assembly of the faithful, ready to join us for the first time at the table of the Lord.

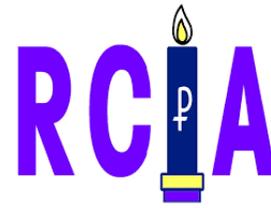
The Eucharist All our preparations, all the power of this night's rituals and sacraments, lead us to celebrate the Eucharist, to "give God thanks and praise." As the newly confirmed receive the final Sacrament of Initiation, the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are ready to celebrate Easter. The tomb is empty. There is Light in the midst of our darkness. We've been fed by the Word and given new life in the waters of baptism. Now we eat his Body and drink his Blood and receive the life in him that he promises.

Alleluia, Alleluia! --onlinemistries, Creighton University

EASTER

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection, the culmination of Christ's mission and the foundation of our faith. Easter is also the oldest Christian holiday, and regarded as the greatest feast of the liturgical year.

Further, Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day celebration. It begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Catholic Church.



3 TO ENTER CHURCH AT EASTER VIGIL

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.

We begin with the Catechumens and Candidates with whom we have been journeying all year. This is the time to become conscious of and sensitive to the Elect, in our community and around the world. Through the rites of Acceptance and Election, our brothers and sisters have grown to "hunger" for communion with us. We prepare to welcome them, bless them, anoint them, and care for them as our own at the Easter Vigil.

Catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and Candidates (those already Baptized) have spent time learning about the beliefs of Catholics and introduced to the Catholic way of life through Scriptures and Catholic teachings. They have chosen a sponsor to provide individual support, and the parish community will continue to welcome them and pray for them. This stage culminates in the celebration of the Rite of Election where they are officially accepted for the Easter Sacraments.

The Candidates are currently in the PURIFICATION & ENLIGHTENMENT stage of RCIA, which coincides with the season of Lent, and is a time of final preparation for initiation. The "Elect" engage in prayer and reflection about their growing relationship with Christ and the Church. They discern how they will live out that relationship in their everyday lives. Some additional rituals called "Scrutinies" will help them in this process. This period climaxes with their sacramental initiation at the parish Easter Vigil liturgy on the night before Easter.

Even though we are in the homestretch for those in the RCIA program leading up to full participation in the Church at the Easter Vigil, we each never stop learning and growing in our Catholic faith formation. Let us pray for Kevin, Billy and Beth as they continue their faith journey as well as pray for each other as the journey never ceases.

CHRIST, OUR LIGHT, DWELL IN US

(From 100 Prayers, Reflections by Fr. Leo Piguet)

Christ, our light, we are all blind sinners.

Come with your vision, your insights, your perceptions, and heal our darkness.

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of your dying and rising, heal our shortsightedness.

Reconcile us to those we have judged; turn our very lives around.

May you dwell in our hearts and awaken us to follow you more deliberately.

In the power of your Spirit we pray. Amen.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the land where this great story unfolded. Since the time of St. Paul, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked. While it has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land, these challenging times in the Middle East make it even harder and more complex than ever.

Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Christians there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Thank you.

Inspired by Mary:
Living by Her Example



"INSPIRED BY MARY: LIVING BY HER EXAMPLE"

On Tuesday, April 30, 2019, the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center will offer a day program entitled "Inspired by Mary: Living by Her Example." Father Edward Looney, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, will lead this day in presenting three main themes that will help participants live by Mary of Nazareth's example: How did Mary love? How did Mary live virtue? How do we listen to Mary through her apparitions?

Father Looney was ordained in 2015 for the Diocese of Green Bay. Fr. Looney, a member of the Mariological Society of America, quickly became known for his excellent writings and inspiring talks on Mary. Father Looney's writings have been featured in the pages of *Catholic Digest* and *Missio Immaculatae*, in addition to the web on Catholic Exchange, Aleteia, Church Pop, and Homiletic and Pastoral Review. He is the author of the best-selling Catholic devotionals, *A Rosary Litany* (OSV), and *A Heart Like Mary's* (Ave Maria Press). Father Looney can be heard regularly on EWTN Radio's Morning Glory.

Please join us Tuesday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET for this very special program. Cost is \$50 per person; includes lunch, refreshments and Mass with Father Looney. Please bring your rosary.

For further information and to register, visit Lindenwood.org. Lindenwood is a ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and a part of The Center at Donaldson

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB

Our cluster parishes of St. Mary's and St. John's now has a website. Check us out at: stmaryjohn.org.

MARCH CHALLENGE BY K OF C

“So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.” (Gospel for Mar. 31, Lk 15:20)

My brothers and sisters, here we encounter upon some of the most stunningly beautiful words in the entire Gospel: the reunion of the prodigal son with his father. As Jesus describes the scene, I invite you to put yourself in three different sets of shoes. First, imagine that you are the father, seeing your own flesh and blood, your son, coming home. Second, imagine that you are the prodigal son, expecting the worst, but finding that your father is moved with compassion. Third, imagine that you are the hard-working older brother, watching this reunion from a critical distance. Becoming the person we are means that we can learn from all three: embracing others with the mercy of the father; running to our heavenly Father like the Prodigal, and with the older brother, hearing the father’s words spoken to us—that “all that I have is yours’.”

MARCH CHALLENGE by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to be like the Prodigal Father by making the first move: take the first step toward another person in your life to encourage or forgive them. Secondly, I challenge you to prayerfully write a list of things in your life for which you are grateful.

--Knights of Columbus.org



Friday, April 5, 4:30-7pm

Knights will host their final Lenten fish fry in the parish hall at St. John’s Church

with desserts provided by Altar & Rosary

All-you-can-eat Fish, potatoes, coleslaw, dessert, and a drink

\$9 Adults; \$5 kids under 12

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

5 Gary & Bernadette Elkins

10 Ryan & Megan Trissel

23 Jacob & Diana Holsten

BIRTHDAYS:

2 Kathleen Inman

6 Jack Cain

12 Genevieve Trissel

16 Donna Schuck

22 Bethany Elkins

30 Max Uggen

30 Will Uggen

If you would like to be included in the birthday and anniversary listings, please drop us a note. We would be happy to share it through *The Good News Letter*.



UNPLANNED NOW SHOWING

The Office for Family Life is glad to share with you information about the movie UNPLANNED that will be shown in Muncie and other places in our Diocese. It is a great resource in our common efforts to support the culture of life in our communities.

This wonderful movie is the story of Abby Johnson who was a center director and spokesperson for Planned Parenthood who converted to pro-life and has been a fervent advocate for pro-life issues since. Please do not be put off by the R rating: there is no nudity, profane language, or sex. Ironically, the violence of abortion is what gained the movie the R rating which means no one under the age of 17 can attend the film without a parent, though in most states a woman under 17 can have an abortion without her parent's consent or knowledge! A legal advisor for the film said that the rating is good as it is a movie that every mother should take her teenage daughter by the hand and march to the theater with her. There actually is very little gore so please do not let that stop you from seeing and supporting this great film. It is a true, up-lifting, inspiring story that anyone who is pro-life should see.

The movie Unplanned will be showing at **AMC Muncie 12 in Muncie on March 28 at 7pm and March 29, 30 & 31 at 7:20pm.**



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

There will be numerous opportunities this Lenten season to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout our deanery. As we use the season of Lent to prepare our hearts and minds to draw closer to the Lord, examining our conscience and asking for forgiveness are a necessary part of that preparation. From confession God shares His love and mercy with us that we may know the true peace and freedom that only He alone can provide. Take the opportunity now to receive this sacrament.

There will be a special Lenten opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Tuesday, March 26 at St. John's. Confessions will be available beginning at 6:15pm with extra priests available. Mass will be offered at 5:30.**

March 26, 6:15pm St. John, Hartford City
April 1, 7:30pm St. Joseph, Winchester
April 2, pm Immaculate Conception, Portland
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

REFRESHER ON HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all of the saints, whatever good you do and suffering you endure, heal your sins, help you grow in holiness, and reward you with eternal life. Go in peace.

--Rite of Penance, no. 93

- ✦ Preparation: Begin with prayer, reflect on your thoughts, words, and actions and how you have neglected to live by Christ's commands. Review of the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes may be helpful.
- ✦ Greeting by priest and Sign of the Cross by you and priest followed by "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [length of time] since my last confession."
- ✦ Confession: Confess your sins and conclude with "I am sorry for these and all my sins."
- ✦ Penance: The priest will propose an act of penance.
- ✦ Act of Contrition: Pray an Act of Contrition expressing sorrow for your sins. (Prayer cards are available in confessional.)
- ✦ Absolution: The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution followed by your "Amen."
- ✦ Praise: The priest will usually praise the mercy of God then off dismissal of "Go in peace."

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, "Do not fear" (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you and cards are available in the confessional.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH—ST. JOHN'S

Saturday 5:00 pm Readers: Vince Cimino 6, 13, 20, 27, Lisa Rinker 13, Fred Hoffman 20 **Gifts:** Lisa & Scott Hutson **Announcements:** Barbara Houseman 6, Fred Hoffman 13, 27 **Communion Ministers:** Kellee Merkel 6, 13, 27, Barbara Houseman 20, Sarah Montgomery, Tina Johnson, Mary Ford, Dale Cunningham

Sunday 8:30 am Readers: Religious Ed 7, Bernadette Elkins 14, Claire Aulbach 14, 21, 28 **Gifts:** Religious Ed 7, Kiara & Damien Shields 14, 21, 28 **Announcements:** Cristi or Anya Aulbach 7, 28, Shea Aulbach 14, 21 **Communion Ministers:** Amy Henderson, Megan Trissel, Susan Lannoy, Karen Shields, Eric Aulbach

Holy Thursday, April 18, 7pm Reader: Sarah Montgomery **Gifts:** Pat Dee **Communion Ministers:** Mary Ford, Tina Johnson, Anna Cimino, Claire & Tom Aulbach

Good Friday, April 19, 3pm Readers: Vince Cimino & Claire Aulbach **Communion Minister:** Tom Aulbach



SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE EVENTS

Come and See the Sisters of Providence

Where is God calling you? Are you a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18 and 42? The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, invite you to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods for a Come and See Retreat. The retreat begins at 7 p.m., April 12, and concludes at 2 p.m., April 14. Explore where God is calling you. Learn what life is like as a Sister of Providence. Meet the newest sisters in the Congregation. Get to know more about foundress Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, and spend time in prayer and reflection.

Sisters of Providence to host 21st annual Earth Day Celebration

The 21st Earth Day Festival and Crafts Fair at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, April 27. Join the Sisters of Providence for fun at our family friendly celebration, which will include hands-on activities and eco-demonstrations, a children's activity zone, more than 50 exhibitors, craft and food vendors, alpacas, nature trail tours, a bake sale, cooking demonstrations and so much more. Admission is free, but donations will be warmly welcomed.

Find greater meaning, community as a Providence Associate

Are you looking for spiritual enrichment, support, a community, or a sense of mission? God may be nudging you to become a Providence Associate of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. The Sisters of Providence are inviting persons of all faith traditions to apply to become a Providence Associate. Applications are being accepted for this year until May 31.

Learn more at ProvidenceAssociates.org for any of the above activities.



**"FIRST COMES FAT TUESDAY,
THEN ASH WEDNESDAY,
FOLLOWED BY TEMPTATION THURSDAY."**

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST

Apr. 1-Pope Francis I
Apr. 2-Bishop Timothy Doherty
Apr. 3-Fr. Dave Newton, St. Mary Dunkirk and St. John the Evangelist Hartford City
Apr. 4-Fr. Gerry Borawski, retired
Apr. 5-Fr. Michael Bower Our Lady of Grace, Noblesville
Apr. 6-Fr. Phil Bowers, retired
Apr. 7-Fr. David Buckles, Franciscan Health Lafayette
Apr. 8-Fr. Pat Click, St. Louis de Monfort Fishers
Apr. 9-Fr. Paul Cochran, Sorrowful Mother, Wheatfield & St. Cecilia, DeMotte
Apr. 10-Fr. John Cummings St. Joseph, Reynolds & Sacred Heart, Remington
Apr. 11-Fr. Cole Daily, St. Lawrence, Lafayette
Apr. 12-Fr. Donald Davison, St. Augustine, Rensselaer
Apr. 13-Fr. Christian DeCarlo, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel
Apr. 14-Fr. Andrew DeKeyser, Diocesan Chancery & Diocesan Tribunal, Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette
Apr. 15-Fr. James DeOreo, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Zionsville
Apr. 16-Fr. Brian Doerr, St. Francis of Assisi, Muncie
Apr. 17-Fr. Richard Doerr, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Carmel
Apr. 18-Fr. Andrew Dudzinski, St. Mary Muncie
Apr. 19-Fr. Brian Dudzinski, St. Patrick, Kokomo
Apr. 20-Fr. Ted Dudzinski, Vicar General; Blessed Sacrament, West Lafayette
Apr. 21-Fr. Daniel Duff, St. Mary, Alexandria
Apr. 22-Fr. Stephen Duquaine, St. Lawrence, Lafayette
Apr. 23-Fr. Cajetan Ebuziem, Emmaus House Lafayette
Apr. 24-Fr. Dale Ehrman, Sacred Heart, Cicero
Apr. 25-Fr. Dennis Faker, St. Cecilia, DeMotte
Apr. 26-Fr. Michael Ford, St. Thomas Aquinas West Lafayette
Apr. 27-Fr. Tom Fox, retired
Apr. 28-Fr. Alan Funk, retired
Apr. 29-Fr. Sam Futral, St. Joseph, Covington & St. Francis Xavier, Attica
Apr. 30-Fr. Daniel Gartland, Holy Spirit, Fishers

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST?



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH—ST. MARY'S

April 7: **Reader:** Sandy Doyle **Gifts:** Christa Stigleman **Communion Ministers:** Loretta Wilson & Kelli Grady **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

April 14: **Reader:** Dan Watson & Bob Banser **Gifts:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Communion Ministers:** Connie Hartnagel & Amy Grady **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Jane Crouch **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

April 21: **Reader:** Laverne Watson **Gifts:** Dean & Loretta Wilson **Communion Ministers:** Colleen Bicknell & Danette Hamilton **Greeter:** Phil & Jane Crouch **Counters:** Kathleen Inman & Angie Burress **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely

April 28: **Reader:** Dan Watson **Gifts:** Kevin & Wendy Stout Family **Communion Ministers:** Laverne Watson & Susan Louck **Greeter:** Colleen Bicknell **Counters:** Dan Watson & Danette Hamilton **Song Leader:** Amy Blakely



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Lord's Day Liturgy

SATURDAY: 5.00 pm at St. John's

SUNDAY: 8:30 am at St. John's

10:30 am at St. Mary's

- Weekday Liturgy: Please consult inside the bulletin. -

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WEEKS OF LENT



Weeks 1 & 2

Returning to God

"Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding
in steadfast love..."
- Joel 2:13

Weeks 3 & 4

Repenting to God

"Create in me a clean heart, O
God, and put a new and right
spirit within me."
- Psalm 51:10

Weeks 5 & 6

Refocusing on Christ

"They came to Philip, who was
Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to
him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."
- John 12:21b

NEW-TO-YOU REOPENING

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

April 4: 11-5, April 5 & 6: 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. We wish to especially thank Claire Aulbach and Renee Gillis for their several years of service and offer Donna and Karen our support and prayers as they continue this parish and community ministry of St. John's.

THANK YOU ALL!!