

St. Mary Catholic Church

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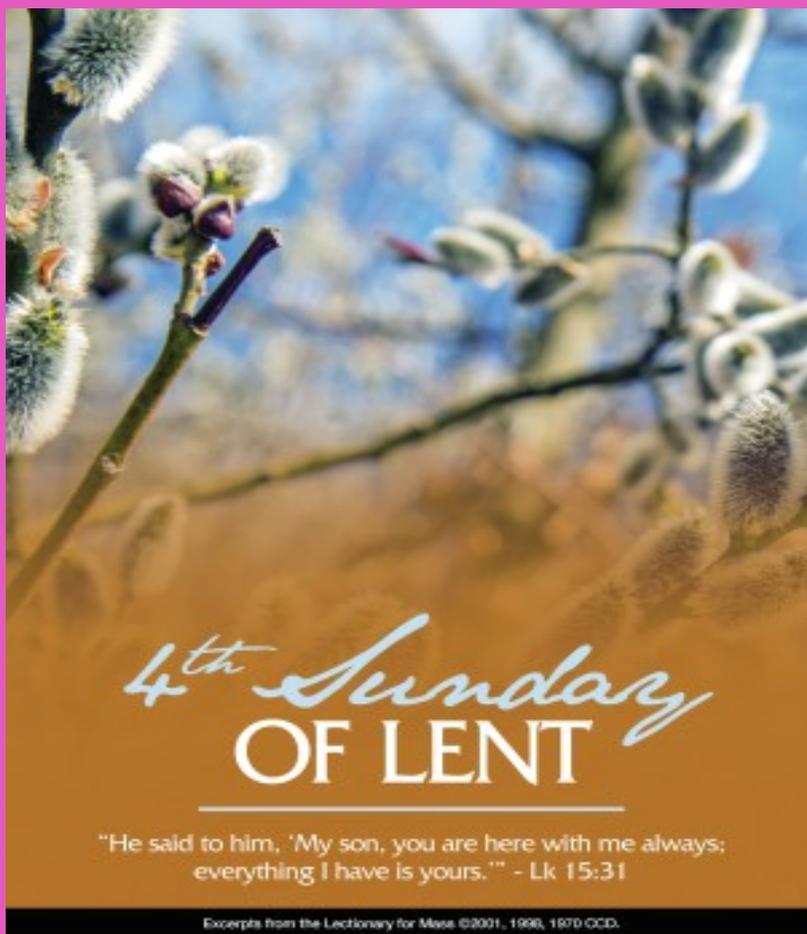
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VISION:

Love God, Love others, and form disciples for Jesus.

MISSION:

To build a Catholic Community that discovers Jesus, follows Jesus, worships Jesus, and shares Jesus with others.



March 31, 2019

Call Parish Office For Sacramental Prep
Baptism • Marriage • RCIA
(920) 487-5005 Ext#100

Confessions according to schedule
and Confessions and Sacrament of Anointing
anytime by request.
Contact Father Amadi (920) 487-5005 Ext# 3

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Parish Access
Code:
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St. Mary Mass Schedule



Saturday, March 30

5:30 pm † James & Matthew Wehausen

Sunday, March 31

8:15 am For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 am Adoration

8:05 am Keith Haasch

Wednesday, April 3

8:05 am Mass at Holy Rosary, Kewaunee

Thursday, April 4

7:00 am Adoration

7:40 am Pray the Rosary

8:05 am † Maisie Cal Ray

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Adoration & Confessions

Friday, April 5

7:00 am Adoration

8:05 am Joy Schabow

Saturday, April 6

7:00 am Adoration

8:05 am Harold Ebert

8:45 am—10:00 am Confessions

5:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 7

8:15 am † Esther Mraz



Readings for the Week of March 31, 2019

Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



Saint Mary Parish Lights March 31—April 6

Steeple: Carol Paradise

Tabernacle:

Grotto :

This Week at St. Mary

Monday, April 1

10:00 am –Scrip order is due in the parish office; pick-up will be the following week-end after masses.

When school is in session, on hand scrip is available for sale on Thursdays in the school office from 2:45 to 3:15 pm.

Tuesday, April 2

6:00 pm - Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, April 3

6:30 pm - Adult Catholic Christian Formation

Thursday, April 4

9:15 am - Bible Study “The Sunday Scriptures” in the Rosary Society Room.

All are invited, come join us every Thursday!

6:00 pm - Rosary Society Meeting in the Rosary Society Room. April Committee Chairpersons: Rita Paape and Kathy Reiderer. Committee Members: Virginia Panger, MaryAnn Ancheta, Beth Feuerstein, and Kathy Wolfe. New members are more than welcome to attend.

Friday, April 5

4:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

4:30 pm—6:30 pm Trout Boil



All dinners include baby red potatoes, boiled onions, coleslaw, pickles, rye bread, homemade desserts, coffee or milk.

(Sodas available for purchase)

Carry Outs Available

Adults \$10.00 Children under age 12 \$5.00

Proceeds go to St. Mary 8th Grade Class

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Catholic Order of Foresters

SEROOGY'S St. Mary School students are selling Seroogy's chocolates & coffee. If you'd like to order, contact a school family or the school office. Orders are due April 1 and will be delivered the week of April 15.



Bishop's Appeal 2019

Our Bishops appeal goal is \$27,049.00. As of March 26, 2019, 117 St. Mary Parishioners have contributed \$ 25,820.00 in cash and pledges. **Please consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal.**

Parish Support



March 23 & 24

Stewardship & Loose Collection	\$	4,470.27
School Operating Support	\$	0.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$	100.00
Easter Collection	\$	250.00
World's Poor	\$	150.00



The Rosary Society will be sponsoring an all parish bake sale on April 13 & 14.



**Welcome to our new Parish
Administrative Assistant
Susan Dean!**



If you are interested in being the school secretary, please contact the school at 487-5004.

The Laity in the Church today

The Laity's expertise in child welfare, jurisprudence and criminal investigation, is a blessing for the Church in the face of calls for increased responsibility, transparency and accountability in Church governance. The global Church would be doing a disservice to herself if she did not take these into account. If the call for the laity to oversee bishops, however, is a veiled suggestion that it is time to get rid of the hierarchy altogether, the suggestion is simply wrong-headed. One wonders if we can truly be a church without the ordained, just as the reverse is equally an ecclesiological anomaly. Besides, there are enormous theological problems with it.

Firstly, overthrowing the hierarchy would go against the Church's self-understanding of its nature and way of being. The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, 18 elaborates: This Sacred Council, following closely in the footsteps of the First Vatican Council, with that, Council teaches and declares that Jesus Christ, the eternal Shepherd, established His holy Church, having sent forth the apostles as He Himself had been sent by the Father and He willed that their successors, namely the bishops, should be shepherds in His Church even to the consummation of the world. And in order that the episcopate itself might be one and undivided, He placed Blessed Peter over the other apostles, and instituted in him a permanent and visible source and foundation of unity of faith and communion. And all this teaching about the institution, the perpetuity, the meaning and reason for the sacred primacy of the Roman Pontiff and of his infallible magisterium, this Sacred Council again proposes to be firmly believed by all the faithful. Continuing in that same undertaking, this Council is resolved to declare and proclaim before all men the doctrine concerning bishops, the successors of the apostles, who together with the successor of Peter, the Vicar of Christ, the visible Head of the whole Church, govern the house of the living God.

Furthermore, the decree on the Apostolate of the Laity states with disarming simplicity: "Christ conferred on the Apostles and their successors the duty of teaching, sanctifying, and ruling in His name and power."

Secondly, on the issue of discerning charisms and gifts that the Holy Spirit freely bestows on the faithful for the building up of the Body, the same document entrusts to pastors the responsibility of making "a judgment about the true nature and proper use of these gifts not to extinguish the Spirit, but to test all things and hold to what is good". With regard to works and institutions in the temporal order, the hierarchy also possesses the role of teaching and authentically interpreting "the moral principles to be followed in temporal affairs". To them also belongs "the right to judge after careful consideration of all related matters and consultation with experts, whether or not such works and institutions conform to moral principles and the right to decide what is required for the protection and promotion of values of the supernatural orders. Put simply, the role of the ecclesiastical hierarchy is irreplaceable in the life of the Church.

Through baptism, the laity participate in Christ's roles of Priest, Prophet and King. As priests, they are called to offer spiritual sacrifices of their lives and play their part in illuminating the secular order with the light of Christ. Their role as prophets endows them with the responsibility of speaking God's truth in a world threatened by ideology and fake news. It is spiritually enlivening that many are not bashful about making their voices heard today. The church, which is always in need of reform (*ecclesia semper reformanda*), is aided in this endeavor by listening to the criticisms of the laity as long as these flow from a place of love. In their role as kings, they are invited to work ceaselessly to bring about the reign of God by striving for justice and peace. All ministerial endeavors, catechetical projects and evangelical efforts that conduce to achieve this supernatural goal form an integral part of the Lay Apostolate. They are to be encouraged and nurtured. The vision that informed the Decree on the Lay Apostolate of the Second Vatican council needs, today more than ever, to be rediscovered.

Fr. Amadi