

**St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches**

**Mass Schedule for February 13<sup>th</sup> – February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.	Parishioners (Visn) (DD)
Sun. 14 <sup>th</sup> 7:45 a.m.	Bill & Virginia Pegg (SM) (DD)
Sun. 14 <sup>th</sup> 9:45 a.m.	Mildred & Gene Ramsey (SJ) (GV)
Sun. 14 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.	Living & deceased of the Furrey family (Visn) (GV)
Mon. 15 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Sister Marianna Rumpke (Visn)
Tues. 16 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Intention of Betty Eales (Visn)
Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> 12 noon	Living & deceased of the Victor May family (Visn)
Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.	Robin Broxterman & Brian Schira (Visn)
Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.	Parishioners (SJ)
Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m.	Parishioners (SM)
Thurs. 18 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Frank Howard Copenhaver (Visn)
Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Melvin Wohlfrom (Visn)
Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Barbara Wessel (Visn)
Sat. 20 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.	Leona & Royal Harris (Visn) (DD)
Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup> 7:45 a.m.	Bill & Virginia Pegg (SM) (DD)
Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup> 9:45 a.m.	Parishioners (SJ) (DD)
Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup> 11:30 a.m.	Living & deceased of the Furrey family (Visn) (DD)

***Confessions Saturday 4:00 – 4:30pm Visitation  
Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm Visitation***

***Thank you for your continued support of our  
parishes through your donations.***

Offertory January 31, 2020  
Visitation \$2997.00 St. John \$271.00  
St. Mary \$515.00

**It's not too late!** You can still join us for a bible study, '**Jesus The Truth and The Life**' in the Visitation church hall. A new and fresh look at Jesus – who he is, what he is really like, what he taught and what he did for our salvation. You can attend on Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm, beginning February 9, or on Wednesday mornings, 10am, beginning February 10. To register, contact Dianna Metzger at 937-672-1524 or [mmetzger16@woh.rr.com](mailto:mmetzger16@woh.rr.com).

**February Meetings/Activities**

**Parish Council meetings**

*February 15 St. John 7p.m.*

**Holy Hours**

*February 18 St. John 7p.m.*



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**LENTEN FISH FRY**

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**DRIVE THRU ONLY**

DATE: FEB. 26, MAR. 5, 12, 19, 26

TIME: 4:30pm TO 7:30pm

LOCATION: VISITATION CHURCH, EATON

COST: \$9.00 OR 12 AND UNDER \$5.00

Beer Batter Fresh U.S.A. Pollack, Hush Puppies

French Fries, Vegetable and Dessert.

Gluten and Dairy Free available upon request.

See [preblecountycatholics.org](http://preblecountycatholics.org) or the Catholic

Community of Preble County Facebook page

for Menu.

**On Ash Wednesday, we will have a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.** Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries still struggling to recover from former communist rule. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have thoroughly enjoyed facilitating the “Biblical Walk Through the Mass” by Dr. Sri with all those present on Saturdays at 10 AM. If you did not have the chance to attend, I would like to invite you to our new opportunity for the next 8 weeks or so. Yes, all of Lent on Saturdays at 10 AM, at Visitation Church Hall, I will be facilitating a discussion on Bishop Barron’s great video-series titled “The Mass.” This time spent together will continue to help us all better answer “Why I go to Mass?”

During this Lent, please take opportunities to grow in fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Some ideas for starters would be always treating every Friday as a day abstinence and fast. Only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are traditionally the days when we abstain from a few meals. I am looking to improve my health and receive proper food nutrition throughout this Lent 2021. So, you are not going to be alone in giving up the “sweets” or more this Lent. Perhaps attending a Faith Formation opportunity at our parishes, going to an ONLINE retreat (formed.org), or just blocking out time in your daily routine to sit in quiet and pray. If you don’t take time for prayer...time will take your prayer away. Last and not least, consider volunteering your time or talents to organizations helping the poor in our communities. Would you also consider giving in a more generous way to our Sunday collection to help support your church? If the Lord has blessed you with that moment of blessing will you consider the sacrificial gift that helps the Catholic faith remain strong in Preble County? Let God’s generous love guide our thoughts and hearts this Lent. May it be the Best Lent ever.

God Love You,  
Fr. David Doseck

**Lent is almost here!** Take a few minutes a day and use the special Lenten edition of ***The Word Among Us*** to grow closer to the Lord. Free copies are available at the church entrances.

### **Fast and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**

are days of *abstinence* from meat and also days of *fast*, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat for Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from age 18 to 59. We should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion.



We will host the E6 Catholic Men’s Conference as a live-streaming event at Visitation Church Hall on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am – 3:30pm, for any man, father, and son from our parishes that would like to attend. No Cost. For more details go to [www.e6catholicmensconference.com](http://www.e6catholicmensconference.com). Feature speakers are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Jason Evert and Patrick Coffin.

### **Led by the Spirit - 40 Days to Grace and Glory:**

Go to [FORMED.ORG/LENT](http://FORMED.ORG/LENT) to sign up for free daily Lenten reflection with Dr. Tim Gray. Each day you will receive a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scripture, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life.

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from our parishes who has pledged to the 2021 **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. These important local ministries depend on our help each year. You will find extra pledge envelopes at the church entrances for your convenience this weekend. To make a donation online, please visit [www.AOCstewardship.org](http://www.AOCstewardship.org). Thank you!