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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

SUN 2/21	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
MON 2/22	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
TUE 2/23	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
WED 2/24	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
THR 2/25	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
FRI 2/26	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
SAT 2/27	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
SUN 2/28	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Sunday:	1 st Sunday of Lent
Monday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Tuesday:	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!

Mass Intentions

Week of 2/20—2/28/2021

Saturday, February 20, 2021

4:00pm † For the Parish

6:00pm † Deceased Members of
the Olley Family

Sunday, February 21, 2021

8:00am † For the Parish

10:30am † Pauline Schmidbauer
† Lou Popp

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

8:00am † Pauline Schmidbauer

Thursday, February 25, 2021

9:30am St. Mark Intentions

Video Mass

Friday, February 26, 2021

† Ann Castiglia

† Margaret Desris

Saturday, February 27, 2021

4:00pm † For the Parish

6:00pm † Alice Defazio

Sunday, February 28, 2021

8:00am † For the Parish

10:30am † Rebecca Unze

Looking for a Parish?

If you are new to the area or looking for a parish, please consider joining us. Call the parish office to receive more information.

Normal Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:

8:30AM - 3:00PM

Friday:

8:30AM - 12:00PM



THE GIFT OF SUNDAY

Lenten Missions

St. Mary Parish | Wednesday, March 3, 2021 | 7:00– 8:30 PM

Being held at 18 Parishes throughout the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be hosting Lenten Missions at 18 parishes on the evening of March 3rd. This Mission is based on The Gift of Sunday, a theological reflection issued by Archbishop Jerome Listecky. The evening will be held to in the context of a prayer service and will highlight the importance of Sunday Mass in living out our faith on a daily basis.

Due to limited seating, people are asked to register in advance for the Lenten Missions at www.archmil.org/Lenten-Missions
Contact: Rosalita Villa, villar@archmil.org or 414-758-2217 if you have questions or need further information.

MEN OF CHRIST

LIVE YOUR FAITH BOLDLY

All men and their sons aged 12 and up are asked to join us for a Kenosha version of the Men of Christ conference, on

Saturday March 20th at Holy Rosary parish. Because of COVID, this year's MOC conference will be held regionally, in each county. The topic this year is "Live Truth, Defend Truth". Come join the other men of our community in refreshing and lifting ourselves in our Catholic faith.

The conference will begin at 7:15am with an optional Rosary, then Mass at 8am, followed by the opportunity for reconciliation, DVD presentations, and a live presentation. The conference ends at 12:30pm. Attendees are asked to wear your mask and keep socially distant at all times. The only fee is \$10 for lunch. For questions, contact Joe Kmiec at either 262.331.0018 or josephkmiec123@gmail.com. You should register at https://gatheringline.com/events/holy_ros_keno. Print and bring your ticket if you are able.

21st CENTURY STEWARDSHIP: One More Way to Make a Difference

Did you know that each year, St. Mary Parish receives gifts of stock as a form of contribution and support? For some donors, this type of gift alleviates capital gains tax associated with a stock sale. Others enjoy the benefit of a pretax charitable contribution of required distributions from their retirement funds. Speaking with your tax preparer or retirement and/or brokerage account representative is a great first step to finding out if making this type of contribution is right for you.

If transferring stock to St. Mary is a good option for you, it is a simple process and usually can be completed over the phone or via email. Please contact Steve Hejnal in the Parish Office at 262-694-6018 ext. 4172 or at shejnal@stmarycatholic.org, and he can provide you with details and instructions.

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting St. Mary Parish!

February 21, 2021



Financial Aid for Catholic Education

St. Mary's Congregation is offering financial aid in support of families sending their children to St. Joseph Catholic Academy and All Saints Catholic School. These programs are open to all registered, active members of the Parish.

The Tuition Assistance grant is to families that might not be financially able to send their children to St. Joes or All Saints. This program is not limited to either school or to any particular grade level but is based on need. The amount to be given is at the discretion of the Pastor with the assistance of the selection committee. Tuition Assistance applications are available in the parish office and can also be found on the Parish's website. The Application with all required supporting documents are due in the Parish Office by noon on April 30, 2021. If you have any questions regarding the Tuition Assistance program you can contact Fr. Roman at the parish office (262)694-6018.

The second program is the St. Mary's Scholarship program that the parish has offered for a number of years to worthy eighth grade students who will attend St. Joseph Academy as a ninth grader for the 2021-2022 school year. The Parish is again offering two one-time scholarships of \$500.00. Scholarship applications are available in the parish office, and at All Saints School and St. Joe's upper campus. Applications can also be found on the Parish's website as well as the St. Joe's and All Saint's websites. The Application and the necessary supporting documents must be received at the Parish office by noon on April 7, 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Higgins at (262)945-8744 or jhiggins001@wi.rr.com.

Contributions

Thank you for your continued support of the Church through this difficult time.

-Fr. Roman

10-Feb through	16-Feb	wk33	YTD
	Budget	\$15,490	\$511,183
	Gave	\$15,402	\$674,574
	Difference	(\$88)	\$163,391
	Last year	\$17,870	\$652,207



Its that time of year!!!!

Fish Fries are on the horizon.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting 3 more Fish Fries;

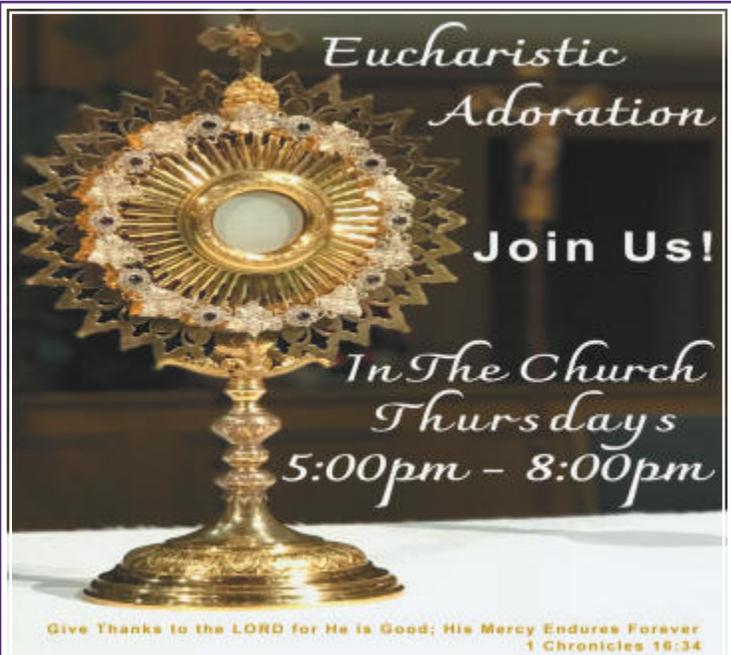
Friday February 26th

Friday March 12th

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We are offering Baked or Fried Cod with choice of Baked Potato or Baby Red Potatoes. Cole slaw, Applesauce, and Cookies. **\$10.**

Also Grilled Cheese with the same choices. **\$5.**



St. Mary's currently has a part-time Communications Specialist position available that was vacated just before the Pandemic hit. This is a temporary position with the possibility to go permanent. We are looking for someone who has experience and enjoys working with video technology and various social media outlets, that can utilize their skills to help us continue to keep our Parish Community connected and well informed. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 262-694-6018 ext. 0 for a complete job description and information on how to apply.

DESERT JOURNEY

From the dawn of recorded history, the dry, barren desert has been a place of formation for God's people—both as individuals and as a community of believers. Some encountered God there, while others were spiritually born or re-born there. We recall the generations spent in the desert by the Israelites after being freed from slavery in Egypt. Their desert experience formed them into a special people. Jesus too was led into the desert where he encountered both evil and goodness, and after his ordeal, emerged with clarity and urgency, certain of his mission.

Lent promotes a desert experience by calling us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving as guides in our search for God.

We often find ourselves on a desert detour. Life experiences can create a dry period when our lives lack meaning, and we struggle to find purpose and direction. Some deserts are of our own making, when our journey takes a detour and we realize we made a wrong turn. At other times, a

desert experience can provide us with sacred space, where we clearly see our path and find the courage to continue our journey in the right direction. It is at these times that our desert wanderings provide us the needed diversion to get us back on track.

Lent promotes a desert experience by calling us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving as guides in our search for God. It is important to embrace these Lenten practices with the proper focus. We do not fast during Lent because fasting is good for our health, like a workout in the gym. Rather, fasting interrupts our ability to eat whenever and whatever we wish and reminds us of the many who fast involuntarily in a world where feast and famine are neighbors. We give alms for the same reason—to increase our awareness of the poverty of others, and to become more detached from things and more focused on God. The prayers we offer during Lent are often prayers of repentance and reparation. This focus is important, but prayer must direct us toward our chief spiritual focus: bringing the image of Jesus to perfection within us.

Our yearly Lenten desert experience nurtures our quest for God, not because he is lost or forgotten, but because we have yet another chance to find him and deepen our relationship with him. To seek God becomes our greatest adventure; to find him our greatest achievement, and to fall in love with him our greatest romance. Many of us spend too much time looking for God in the wrong places. The late Cardinal Avery Dulles, Jesuit theologian and author, believed that *“theologically, it is correct to say that the very desire to find God is evidence that God is drawing us to himself. To find him, in the last analysis, is to be found by him.”*

As we begin our Lenten journey, we look forward to rediscovering God. Lent is designed for that purpose. So we begin our search again, knowing that discovery will be easier if we fill our minds with prayer, renew our efforts to share, and keep our stomachs less full. The prophet Jeremiah reminds us that no matter where in our desert travel we find ourselves, *“When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, your God.”* [Jeremiah 29:12-14.]

---Deacon Wilson Shierk



The Human Concerns Committee is offering families two ways to celebrate our 2021 Lenten journey adjusted to comply with COVID 19 concerns. The Matthew 25 weekly collection supporting parish ministries, and the annual Rice Bowl Program.

MATTHEW 25 COLLECTION (based on Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 25, 33ff)

WEEK 1 FEBRUARY 21

“I was hungry and you gave me food.”

Support a local food pantry by donating food and/or funds during this first week of Lent.

WEEK 2 FEBRUARY 28

“I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.”

Support the St. Mary Elizabeth Ministry by making a donation of baby formula or funds during the second week of Lent.

WEEK 3 MARCH 7

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Gather your immediate family together frequently and pray for a family member or friend in need of prayer during the third week of Lent.

WEEK 4 MARCH 14

“I was naked and you gave me clothing.”

Support the St. Mary Elizabeth Ministry by making a donation of baby items or funds during the fourth week of Lent.

WEEK 5 MARCH 28

“I was sick and you took care of me.”

Support the St. Mary Parish SVDP Outreach Program by donating hygiene items or funds during the fifth week of Lent.

ANNUAL RICE BOWL COLLECTION

Beginning the first weekend of Lent the Human Concerns annual Rice Bowl Program will begin. *“Rice Bowls allow us to reach beyond our own parish and beyond national boundaries to become a truly Catholic parish.”* [U. S. Bishops, 1997] Rice Bowls will be available on the first Sunday of Lent and during that first week of Lent in church or in the parish office. Use the Rice Bowl Program to share a part of your wealth with the needy and hungry of the world. Rice Bowls will be collected during Holy Week. Catholic Relief Services sponsors the “Operation Rice Bowl” Program. They ask that we pray for the poor of the world and share some of our resources with them.

Welcome to St. Mary!

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1. Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays & Holy Days.
 2. Regular support through envelopes or direct withdrawal system.
 3. Participate in one parish spiritual program, ministry or organization.
 4. For 6 months being a registered member of the parish.
- All criteria subject to the discretion of the Pastor.*

Being an Active Member entitles you to use various facilities and services including the Church for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and other sacramental events. Parishioner status is used at the local Parochial schools.

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Steve Hejnal..... Ext. 4172
Administrative Assistant
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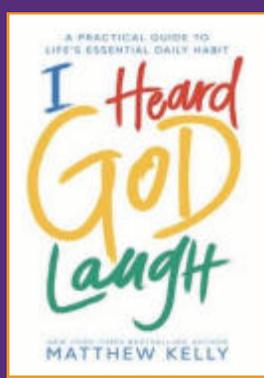
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