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a clean
HEART
in me.

PSALM 51

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Mass Times

Weekend: Saturday 5PM

Sunday 8:00AM & 10:45AM

Weekday Mass

Tues., Wed., Thurs, Friday: 7:30AM

Holy Day

See Bulletin



March 21, 2021



**5TH SUNDAY
OF LENT**

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."
- Jn 12:23-24

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every: Fri 8:00a –8:30a

Sat 3:30p-4:30p

Additionally:

"Be Reconciled" Wed.

March 24 9a-8p

Sat. March 27, 3:00p-4:30p

Mon. March 29, 6:30p-7:30p

Tues. March 30, 10:00a-11:00a

(Last Confession time before Easter)

Be Reconciled

*'His mercy
endures
forever.'*

Psalm 118

**Come to
confession March 24.**

I want to personally invite all Catholics to the sacrament of confession anytime on Be Reconciled Day, Wednesday, March 24. Whether it's been a few months or many years, come to confession and Be Reconciled. We look forward to seeing you.

*Bishop David Malloy
Diocese of Rockford*



Visit a Catholic Church near you.

For confession times and locations call 815/399-4300 or go to <https://www.rockforddiocese.org/be-reconciled/>



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Tuesday 3/23 7:30am

Daniel & Mary O'Shea † S O'Shea

Wednesday 3/24 7:30am

Donald Bybee† Family

Thursday 3/25 7:30am

Joyce Wills † A Cash

Friday 3/26 7:30am

Bruce & Ann Hickman † Family

Palm Sunday

Saturday 3/27 5pm

Francis Henry † K Bybee

Sunday 3/28

8am For the People

10:45am Robert & Nancy Davis †
Kruse Family

But we will give ourselves continually to
Prayer
and to the ministry of the word. Acts 6:4

*Please Pray for those who need our
Prayers*

For those who are Sick;

Matt Henkle

Kathy Marinelli

Bradley Billiter

Bill Hogan

MaKenna Budd Connors

For those who have died :

All those on our Prayer List

All those who have asked for Prayers

For all teachers, aids, and support staff

For all the essential Workers

For all those unable to see there loved ones

* For all those who are homebound, and
In a nursing home, and unable to attend Mass

*For all those who are having surgery

*Please pray for our First

Responders; Police, Fire and

Paramedics and all our Civil

Servants. All those serving to Protect us
Doctors & Nurses all those on our prayer
list and all those serving in the Military or
our priest, and all priests.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Throughout the holy season of Lent the words of the Psalm that we sing this weekend has been our spiritual focus, "Create a clean heart in me, O God".

Through prayer, fasting and charity we have asked God to help us see our faults and to learn from them, so that we may follow Jesus more closely.

These spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting and charity have encouraged us to focus on the love of God and the ways that we, by our human weaknesses, have turned away from that love. For our sins we ask pardon and peace.

We as Catholic Christians have the wonderful Sacrament of Penance that Jesus gave us to, in a true and powerful way, ask and feel God's forgiveness in our lives. Many who have not celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for a while, may feel uncomfortable or even scared to return to this sacrament of healing; but I would offer you one thought to think about in reflection: God always welcomes us home! God longs for us to be in close relationship with Him. God longs for His children to feel his mercy. God is like the father in the parable of the prodigal son who stood on the porch for just a glimpse of his child, waiting so he could welcome him home. In the same way, we should long to be with our Father, who is waiting for us to return and say we are sorry. To ask God to not only help us recognize our sins, but to learn from them, so that we can make different choices in the future.

On Wednesday, March 24, all the parishes of the Diocese of Rockford will be offering the Sacrament of Penance for an extended period. **"Be Reconciled"** is a day of invitation for Catholics to come into any Catholic church throughout the diocese and feel God's forgiveness and healing. Here at Saint Mary, Byron we will be celebrating the sacrament from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm. You are invited to come, hear, and feel God's mercy and healing: for God to create a clean heart in **YOU**, God's child.

Peace always,

Fr. Rich



If you or know someone that needs help direct them to

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

815-406-8368

- **Sign up for the whole Month of March & April**
- **SIGN UP FOR EASTER NOW**
- **Cancel if you are unable to attend- PLEASE**
- **If you sign up to Sanitize please check in Before Mass.**
- **WE NEED PEOPLE TO HELP!**

Mass times Sat-5pm, Sun 8,10:45 & Daily Mass

Please Sign up for daily Mass and each Mass you attend.

You may call office to sign up also

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CACA82BA4FB6-mass>

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Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm (closed 12-1) Fri 8-12pm



2021 St Vincent DePaul in Action:

January 1 to current: Over sixteen families were given aide with various needs totaling over \$13,000, including rent, utilities, food, prescription, auto repair and gas. One family was helped with furnace replacement and another with frozen water pipe repairs.

In January members made calls to 25 Friends in Need that we helped over the past year to see how they were doing. Response was heartwarming and only three asked for additional assistance.

In February around 30 calls were made to parish members we haven't seen for a while to say hello.

We purchased 12 fish dinner tickets that were given to families we felt could use a nice hot meal.

On March 12, our members delivered 15 fish dinners and a small vase with St Patrick's Day flowers to parish homebound. It was a truly rewarding project.

On March 19th, twenty families we have helped over the past year will receive Spring Thinking of You cards signed by our members, a small gift and a \$25 food gift card to help with their Easter meal.

Thank you for your donations in January: \$3,031 and February \$662. SVDP will continue to be good stewards with the generous donations of our parishioners throughout the community.

This year the Byron Conference of St Vincent DePaul was blessed to have a spectacular \$25,000 matching pledge initiative. We mailed letters to our parish family to participate in the Matching Grant opportunity. Over 100 families donated for approximately \$16,652 so far. Thank you for supporting local families with needs of rent, utilities, food, etc. You can still mail your donation or drop in basket at Church.

We know it is hard to ask for help, but if you or anyone you know needs a little help, please reach out to us on our St Vincent de Paul phone. 815-406-8368.

SVDP Conference St. Mary Byron

EASTER MEMORIALS As we journey into the light of Easter joy, we take time to remember those who have gone before us and recognize that each of us is on a journey to Christ. As we praise God during this Easter Season, may we also give praise to Him in remembrance of those who have touched our lives. Your donation will go toward the cost of our church decorations and flowers to keep our church vibrant for the 7 weeks of our Easter Season. Your donation will go toward the cost of our *Seasonal Church Decór here at St Mary. Byron*. You are, however, welcome to donate any amount that you would like, to support our Seasonal Church Decór Fund. *You can use your Flower fund in your envelops also.* Please complete the form below and return it to the Office, along with your donation, by March 28, 2021. Thank you for your continued support. *Kris & Nettie*

Yes, I wish to make an Easter Memorial Donation in memory, honor, or thanksgiving of

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6:30 PM**

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Watch and read your Flocknotes with
 Class information



**Sundays
 6-8pm**



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit
www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Adult Choir— See Mary Pearson

Knights of Columbus Tuesday 4/6 7:30pm Zoom

SVdP Society April 15, 8:30am Here & Zoom

Drive up Fish Fry 3/26 5-7pm Prepaid tickets only

Stations of the Cross 3/19, 3/26,

April 2 @ 7pm Church

Youth Group 6-8pm Sundays

Living stations Sunday 3/28 7pm

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH
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Envelopes \$ 2777.00

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 name on it if using Cash.

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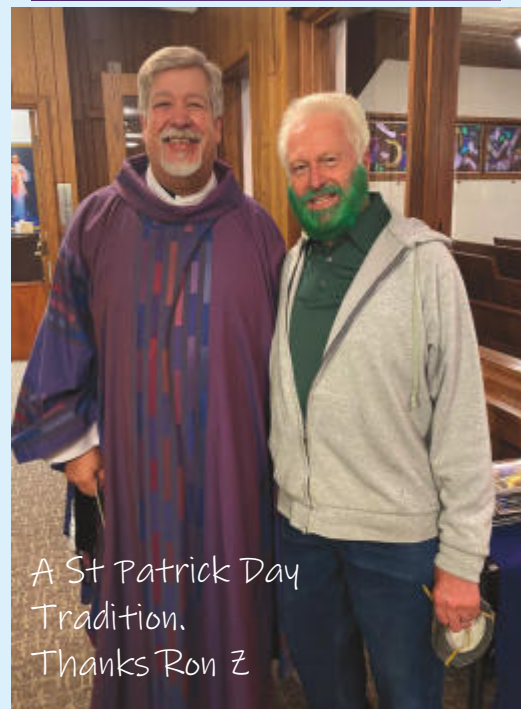
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Please Make checks to Knights of Columbus

Brass Family Chowder

The Knights will have for sale at the 3/26 The Brass Family Chowder for sale. Each cup will be \$2.00 CASH.



A St Patrick Day Tradition.
Thanks Ron Z

Holy Week Schedule 2021

Palm Sunday March 27/28 5pm, 8am, 10:45am

Holy Thursday April 1 7pm adoration until 10pm

Good Friday April 2

Passion and Veneration of the Cross 3pm
Stations of the Cross 7pm

Holy Saturday April 3

Blessing of Easter Food 10:30am Church

The Great Easter Vigil begins at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday April 4

Mass times 8am, 9:30am, 11am

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Youth Group
Living Stations
Sunday 4/28
7pm
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Stations of the Cross St Mary, Byron

FRIDAYS IN LENT @ 7PM

February 19 | February 26

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March 26 | April 2



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