

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2020

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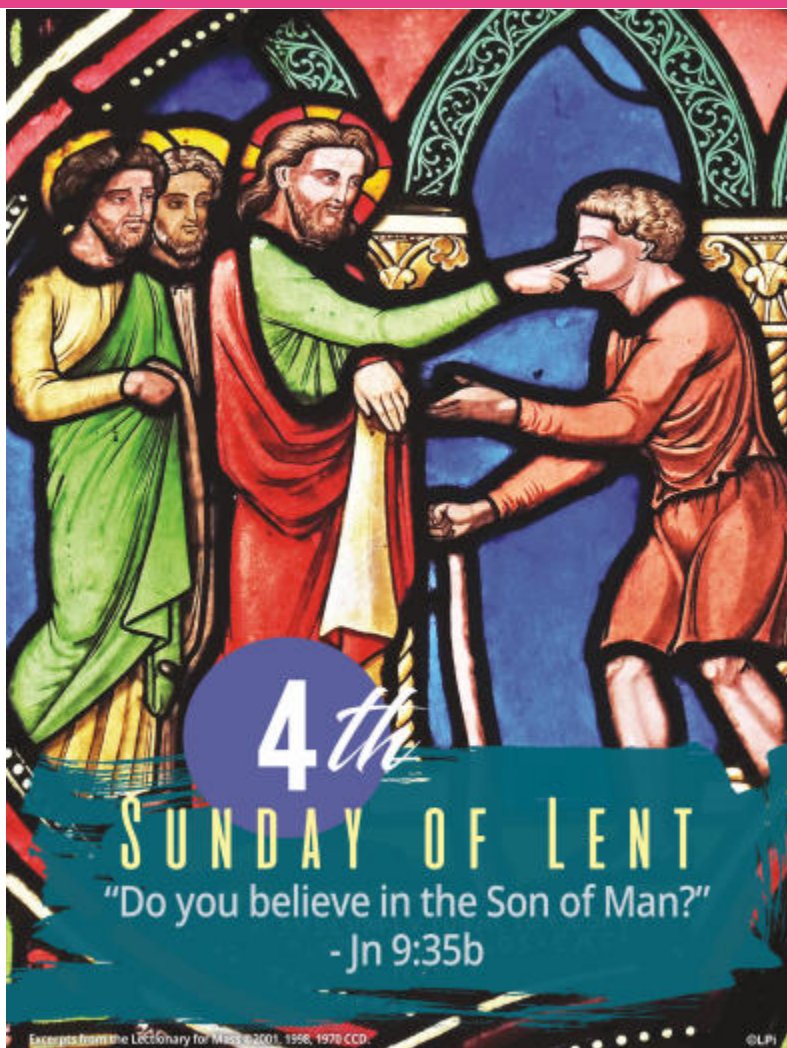
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Fr. Joe: times vary Tues-Fri.

Holly & Kim: Tues.-Thurs.

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Bulletin Deadline: Monday



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:15-3:45 when Mass is held at St. Mary and 8:40 am to 9:10 am on Sunday when no Saturday Mass is held at St. Mary or anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please contact parish office or pastor at least six months prior to proposed wedding date so that preparations can be completed. No weddings during the six weeks of Lent.

INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE INFANT BAPTISM ARE REQUIRED: Sessions are as announced or pre-arranged with the Pastor. Sessions meet only if appointment has been made with the pastor. If possible, please complete a green baptismal request form (located in the vestibule), and return it to the parish office before attending sessions. Parents need to attend, God-parents are encouraged to attend. Godparents and parents should be active in their faith and at least one Godparent should be Catholic.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS! Please call the Parish Office to register.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mon	Mar. 23	No Mass	Lenten Weekday (Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54)
Tues	Mar. 24	6:30 pm	Lenten Weekday (Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16)
Wed	Mar. 25	8:00 am	The Annunciation of the Lord (Is 7:10-14, 8-10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38)
Thurs	Mar. 26	8:00 am	Lenten Weekday (Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47)
Fri	Mar. 27	8:00 am	Lenten Weekday (Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30)
Sat	Mar. 28	4:00 pm	Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sun	Mar. 29	9:30 am	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45)

INTENTIONS

Clara Schneider
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, March 28th - 4:00 pm Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Allison, Dee Kahrhoff, Peggy Mauch, Pete Schumacher, Christy Venhaus, Dana Weh

Servers: K of C Members

Lector: Karen Pakosta

Musician: Dineen Czar

Sunday, March 29th - 9:30 am Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Lanctot, Marilyn Meyer, Melanie Reinhardt, Kevin Wiegmann, Carol Wiegmann, Ron Wiegmann

Servers: K of C Members

Lector: Ryan Olier

Musician: Mary Klein

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, March 23rd

7:00 pm - Catholic Campaign Meeting (Parish Office)

Thursday, March 26th

8:30 am - 2:00 pm - Quilting (Rectory Basement)

Sunday, March 29th

3:00 pm - Reconciliation Service at St. Francis in Aviston

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

March 14 & 15, 2020

64 Weekly Envelopes	\$3059.00
24 Online Donations	\$805.00
Weekly Plate	\$165.00
Total	\$4029.00
Religious Education	\$10.00
Easter Flower Fund	\$150.00
Sister Parish	\$70.00
Catholic Relief	\$15.00

Thank you for your contributions to St. Mary's Church!



Our Parish family extends our deepest sympathy to the family of Rex Bell who passed away last week. May our gracious God welcome Rex to his new life and give comfort to his family and friends who mourn the loss of their loved one.

Dear Parishioners,

After consultation with my oncologist, I have been advised to not preside at Mass for a few weeks until we know more about the coronavirus epidemic progression. I am sad to have to follow his advice since celebrating the Eucharist with you is the highlight of my priesthood and week. I will attempt to get substitutes for those Sundays, but if not we may have to celebrate the official church approved Rite of Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest. There is a possibility that all Masses in the Diocese of Belleville will be canceled, also, You are reminded if you have any indication of feeling ill or are immune compromised (like me) you have been given permission by the Bishop to not attend Mass. If there are no Masses, you are also excused from the obligation to attend Mass and should pray at home in spiritual communion with other Catholics. I'll keep you updated. If you have access to Facebook check our page at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarytrentonil/>. Below is a prayer you can pray for the gift of "spiritual communion" when unable to receive sacramental communion. I'll be available for emergencies if possible. If you desire to go to Confession, please contact me and we will set up a time when we can meet with appropriate "social distancing" and protect the seal of confession. Parish meetings are canceled. PSR will resume when appropriate. Kim Moss and I are in discussion about First Communion and Confirmation. Until we know more, let us pray for one another and protection from disease. Let us not give into fear and hoard food and items. Find ways to help others, especially the elderly. I'll be back with you at Mass when I can. Please, pray for me to and thank you to all who have been helping me in my situation..

fr. joe

Capital Campaign News!

- Capital Campaign letters have been mailed. Please return your pledge card in the envelope provided as soon as you can. If you do not receive one, please contact the Parish Office.
- 100% of all contributions/pledges to St. Mary's Capital Campaign will **REMAIN** at St. Mary's
- Additional Pledge cards are available at the entrances of the church.
- **Next meeting will be Monday, March 23rd at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office**

Thank You to Committee Members: Tom Rakers, Carolyn Franey, Pete Schumacher, Phillip & Melanie Reinhardt, Dale Zurliene, Eva Missey, Deacon John Mote, Ruth Spurlin, & Kevin & Carol Wiegmann for all their dedication and hardwork in rolling out the Capital Campaign. Thanks to all the parishioners who helped in getting the Campaign letters mailed out.

Due to Precautionary measures from the Coronavirus the following events amongst our church have been cancelled.

- All PSR classes until further notice
- Stations of the Cross
- Walking in the Parish Center until further notice
- Church Cleaning for Monday, March 23th.
- Knights of Columbus Cards in the PM on March 29th
- The St. Mary Holy Name Society Ham Bingo on Monday, April 2th.
- All Knights of Columbus Events until further notice

The Church will be open for private prayer on Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Station booklets will be available at the entrances.

All events from around the community, posted in previous bulletins, have been CANCELLED



Coalition for Life St. Louis is the local host of 40 Days for Life, which brings together thousands of Christians for 40 days of continuous prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil in front of the abortion facility. This Spring, 40 Days for Life will run February 26th – April 5th. St. Mary's Parish has adopted **April 2nd** to be the loving presence of Christ outside the abortion facility at 317 Salem Pl, Fairview Heights, IL. We pledge to stand (or bring your lawn chair) there 7am-7pm in peaceful, prayerful witness for all those at risk for abortion. Contact Holly at the Parish Office to sign up for your hour(s).

In response to the Covid-19 crisis, Catholic Urban Programs has made some modifications to the way in which it provides services to the community. In an effort to preserve the health and well-being of the staff, volunteers, and clients, the Human Services Office is closed to walk-in services. Please use the following guidelines for those seeking support:

- **Utility Assistance:** This program is currently on hold as Ameren Illinois and Illinois American Water have placed moratoriums on utility shut-offs for lack of payment during this crisis.
- **Rental Assistance:** Individuals should call 618.398.5616 to speak with a case manager about their needs. At that time, it will be determined if an in-person appointment should be scheduled.
- **Food program:** in order to practice social distancing, CUP is now having food pantry clients pull up to the back door and ring the door bell. Volunteers and/or staff will bring food boxes outside for clients. For the safety of CUP volunteers and staff, we ask that people who are experiencing symptoms of any respiratory illness to remain at home. Individuals ***not*** currently enrolled in our monthly food program should call 618.398.5616 to speak with a case manager. Clients with questions about modifications to our services should call the main office: 618.398.5616.



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