

The mission of St. Mary Parish is to make Christ real in our communities by living the gospel, worshipping together, & serving others.

February 21, 2021 • First Sunday of Lent

Saint Mary

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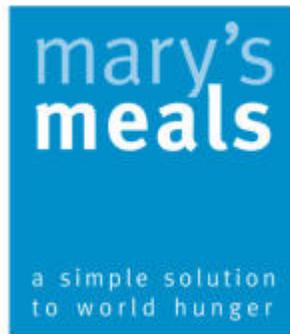
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St. Mary Parish:
Feeding Body,
Mind, and Spirit

This year for our Lenten outreach project we have chosen to sponsor Mary's Meals at Tafika School, the primary school in Mambwe, Zambia in Africa. The school currently has an enrollment of 408 pupils (195 boys and 213 girls). Our goal is to raise \$8,568 during the 6 weeks of Lent. This is \$21 per student, which will provide each of these students with a daily meal for a year.

Mambwe is located in the eastern province of Zambia.

How you can support the project:

1. Place your donation in an envelope marked Mary's Meals and drop it in the collection boxes in the hall (or drop off the envelope through the parish's outside mail slot).
2. Donate online at www.stmarysfamily.com. Select On-line Giving and choose Lent Mary's Meals as a fund.
3. Go online to Mary's Meals directly at: <https://www.marysmealsusa.org/en/get-involved/fundraising/>

Select the button that says "search for a friends" and type in St Mary and you will see our project.

Our goal - \$8,568
to provide daily meals
to 408 school children
in Tafika, Zambia for
one year.



Candle Memorials:

Emiel Engels

Worship Schedule

Tues	4:30 pm	Rosary by Zoom
Tues	5:30 pm	Lavern & Mary Norton
Wed	8:00 am	Sadie Byrnes Family
Thurs	8:00 am	Phyllis Ross
Fri	8:00 am	Patricia Howell
Sat	4:30 pm	Reconciliation
Sat	5:15 pm	Mike Fay
Sat	6:15 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sun	8:00 am	For the People
Sun	9:00 am	Stations of the Cross
Sun	10:00 am	Sadie Byrnes Family
Sun	11:00 am	Stations of the Cross

Daily Mass cancelled if funeral scheduled.

Prayer Concerns: Gertrude Boeckman, Jeffrey Traeger, Rayla Leary, Donna Nelson, Carter Stevens, Ruth Schissel, Megan Smith, Carol Bolton, Bill Rechkemmer, Fr Lou Jaeger, Harold Iverson, Joanne Zrostlik, Virgil Birgen, Rhonda Kalainoff, Maureen Blonigan, Mary "Cookie" Dreesman

Mass Update... The Vatican has ordered a small change in the English translation of the Mass prayers. At the end of the Opening Prayer, the presider has said: "one God, for ever and ever." But, beginning on Ash Wednesday 2021, the presider will say: "God, for ever and ever" (the word "one" has been removed). The Vatican insists on a literal translation from Latin into English, and the word "one" does not appear in the Latin text. This won't affect any of the speaking parts for the congregation; only for the presider.

Just for fun... Fr O'Malley was planning a wedding at the end of Saturday Mass. He planned to call the couple to the front, before everyone was dismissed, but he couldn't remember the couple's names. After frantically flipping through his notes to no avail, he smiled and asked, "Will those wanting to get married please come to the front." Immediately, 9 single women, 5 single men, 3 widows, and 4 widowers came to the front.

First Sunday of Lent

M&Ms, especially the peanuts variety, are among my favorite foods; and I tend to think their adverts are very entertaining and, occasionally, borderline brilliant. I'm much taken by a current ad that suggests you can do almost anything as long as you have a bag of M&M's to ask for forgiveness. It features a series of apologies including kicking someone's airplane seat on purpose, "mansplaining," calling someone a "Karen," and holding a messy and explosive gender reveal party. One apology even shows a man stepping out of a confessional, offering the priest a package of M&Ms and saying, "Sorry you had to hear all of that."

It seems an appropriate reminder of the importance of the sacrament of Penance as we begin the season of Lent. It's a time for us to examine where we've been spiritually in the past year, especially through the challenging months of the pandemic, as we open ourselves to the grace Christ offers for conversion and change of heart. To be clear, no priest expects or needs M&Ms for hearing your confession. No matter what you confess, if it's in a spirit of honesty and sincerity, the confessor is happy to stand in as the presence of Christ and to extend absolution and reconciliation on behalf of Christ and the Church. This is compensation enough.

Lent is a time for us to be intentional about moving forward. On the road of life, Jesus is our True North, and our compass is the cross. This Lent we are encouraged to look to the cross. Setting our sight on the cross can shake loose in us the love that "casts out fear." The love that is "patient and kind, is not jealous or boastful, is not arrogant or rude, does not insist on its own way, is not irritable or resentful, does not rejoice at wrong but only in the right, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor 13:4-7). And we look to what followed the cross. We can take comfort and courage in knowing Jesus has conquered death - and death does not have the last word. That is what Lent is leading us to - the great message of Easter, the triumph of the cross.

This Lent, for the sake of the cross, we need to give up not paying attention. We need to give up not hearing God. This Lent, in the spirit of conversion and repentance, we need to give up doing the same things again and again and expecting a different result. Lent is a time for prayer and fasting and generosity. In addition, we need to make Christ's voice alive, through our own voices and through our actions. The temptation is to make excuses, to place blame on someone else. Lent is about asking Jesus to help us resist the temptations and trusting that with the cross as our guide the road ahead will open for us.

Lent is the time to open our hearts, to become more like Jesus, and live in hope that the grace of God is the source of life. May this Lent be large in loving. It sure beats giving up M&Ms.

- Fr Doug Wathier

CONFITEOR: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, (*strike breast*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I ask Blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

BE WITH ME

Psalm 91 Marty Haugen

Be with me, Lord, when I am in
trou-ble, be with me, Lord, I pray.

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (bow) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary (up), suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION: (Refrain) Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord. I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my master, ready to do your will.

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During Communion, a minister will come to your row. As you are approached, stand to receive the Body of Christ. Please leave your masks on until the minister passes by.

Reading I Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Reading II 1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, 8 in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Verse Before the Gospel Mt 4:4b

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. 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."

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly offertory budget \$8,913

Gifts Feb 8-14, 2021:

Offering Gifts.....\$5,035
On-Line Offering.....\$4,901
Food Pantry Gifts..... \$145
Loose Offering.....\$46
Easter Offering.....\$10

Fiscal Yr July 2020 - Feb 14, 2021:

Offertory Received \$309,869
Budget Yr-to-Date \$294,144
Overage + \$15,725

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**We need HELP to
deliver Food
Backpacks to WSR
Schools!**

**Thursdays of Feb at
8:30 am!**

St Mary will deliver kid-friendly food provided by the Food Bank to just inside the WSR schools' doors (no need to enter the school to ensure social distancing). Meet in our hall at **9am** **Thursdays of Feb** to help children over the weekends, who are on free & reduced lunches.

Scholarship for High School

Seniors... The Knights of Columbus are again offering a scholarship of \$500 for up to 3 applicants. Apply on our parish webpage by **Mar 10** at: StMarysFamily.com/knights-of-columbus

Weather Cancellations

Weekday & weekend cancellations or closings are posted on KWWL, our parish webpage & Facebook page.

If W-SR school is cancelled or out early due to weather, parish events and afternoon/evening Mass are cancelled.

If W-SR school starts late due to weather, morning Mass is cancelled.

As always, if you are uncomfortable with road conditions due to weather, please stay home. Your safety is most important.

- I Want to join St Mary Parish**
- I have a new email, phone # or address**
- Candle Memorial \$10** - Include name of person & month preferred.
- Mass Intention \$5** donation

Return in collection box or office.

Calendar: Feb 22-28

Mon: Lenten Small Group, 7pm, room B & zoom

Tues: Phase 2 Planning Mtg, 7pm, room B
Exodus, 8pm, room A

Wed: EDGE, 6pm, virtual

Thurs: Lenten Small Group, 7:45am, room B
Deliver food backpacks to WSR schools.

Volunteers meet in our hall at
8:30am. Note time change!

Sun: Lenten Small Group, 9am, room B



Congratulations to
Teddy Mashek,
who received the
Light of Christ
Boy Scout award at
last weekend's
Mass. Teddy's
parents are Chuck
& Kim Mashek.



James Heine completed his initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist last weekend. His sponsor was Jon Elsamiller.

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We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.
-1 John Chapter 4

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