

February 28, 2021 • Second Sunday of Lent

Saint Mary

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

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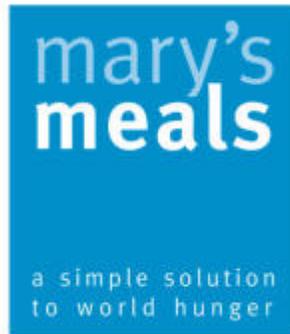
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St. Mary Parish: Feeding Body, Mind, and Spirit.

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.

*"These little acts of love - your little acts of love - are not little at all. They are making the lives of countless children and families so much better."
- Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow*



Candle Memorials:

Emiel Engels

Worship Schedule

Tues	4:30 pm	Rosary by Zoom
Tues	5:30 pm	Sadie Byrnes Family
Wed	8:00 am	John Brunkhorst
Thurs	8:00 am	Sadie Brynes Family
Fri	8:00 am	Erin Delaney
Sat	4:30 pm	Reconciliation
Sat	5:15 pm	Phyllis Carlin
Sat		Stations of the Cross aft Mass
Sun	8:00 am	Nicholas Demuth
Sun	10:00 am	For the People
Sun		Stations of the Cross aft Masses
Sun	4:30 pm	at Wartburg Chapel

Daily Mass cancelled if funeral scheduled.

Prayer Concerns: Gertrude Boeckman, Jeffrey Traeger, 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, Bill Camlin

Please pray for the family of...

Tom Lawler, husband of Elaine Lawler, who died Feb 13.

Rayla Leary, wife of Denny Leary and mother of Marty (& Christa) Leary, who died Feb 18.

Reconciliation: Instead of a communal reconciliation service, we have additional opportunities for reconciliation:

- Friday, Mar 5 & 12, 8:30-10am
- Sat, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, 3:00-4:45pm
- Tuesday, Mar 30, 6-7pm

Thank you to everyone who helped with the food backpacks in February! St Mary will deliver again in Nov 2021.



Second Sunday of Lent

One of the courses I taught regularly at Loras College was called "Jesus and the Gospels." It was an opportunity to explore how we might respond if we're ever asked the question, "What would Jesus do"? Early in the course I tried to show that, while each of the four gospel writers has his distinctive theological point of view (for instance, Mark portrays Jesus as the crucified Son of God; for Matthew, Jesus is the one greater than Moses, the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets; Luke emphasizes the divine compassion and forgiveness present in Jesus; and John writes about Jesus as the eternal Word of God communicating light, truth, and grace); nevertheless, each gospel gives us a substantially accurate portrayal of who Jesus was, what he taught and did, on the dusty roads of Palestine so many centuries ago.

After my presentation on the historical reliability of the gospels, a student in the class raised her hand and, her voice trembling with indignation, skeptically asked, "So what you're trying to say is he really did exist?" In her world, Jesus was a made-up character, part of a fable, with no basis in history; and she was quite exasperated I was trying to lead the class astray with claims of his historical reality. I replied to her, "If you take only one thing from this course please let it be that, yes, I am claiming Jesus really did—and does—exist."

During Lent we are invited to draw closer to Jesus, whom the faith of our Tradition claims is fully divine and fully human, in the words of the Nicene Creed, "consubstantial with the Father" and "by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary." Each year the gospel passage for the second Sunday of Lent presents an account of the Transfiguration, in which, before his Passion, the human Jesus is manifest as the divine Son of God. The story of the Transfiguration is a powerful and dramatic moment. The disciples are true to form on that mountain: they miss the point, they are distracted by things that do not matter, babbling on endlessly. Then the message: LISTEN TO HIM. In order to live as a follower of Jesus, you have to listen to everything he says. Not just what works for you; not just what you like. There are no special exception or exemptions. Perhaps a question for each of us in Lent is "What words of Jesus aren't we hearing"? Forgiveness; peace; service; compassion; mercy; love? When we miss the point, when we are distracted or babbling on endlessly, the message comes; LISTEN TO HIM.

The disciples of Jesus had to place a lot of trust in Jesus. He was always leading them to unknown places, saying things they did not understand, making choices that put them in new situations. On the mountain they see Jesus is the promise of God to always be with us. For a brief moment, they see very clearly and it is easy to trust God's presence. They want to stay where it is safe and easy; the voice from heaven wakes them up. Disciples of Jesus must go down the mountain, to the ruts and routine of life, to darkness and difficulties. It is the role of the disciples to show others, that appearances to the contrary notwithstanding, Jesus is here.

- Fr Doug Wathier

Just for fun... Tax day was looming, &

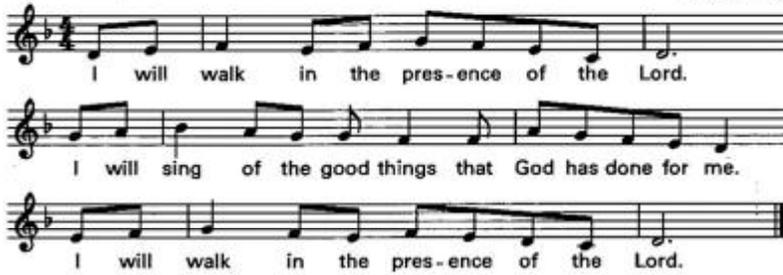
an elderly woman stopped at the IRS. She requested a thick stack of tax forms. "Why so many?" asked the IRS agent. "My son is overseas," she explained, "He asked me to pick up the forms for the soldiers on the base." The IRS agent exclaimed, "You shouldn't have to do that! It's the commander's job to make sure his troops have access to the forms they need." The woman nodded, "I know. I'm the base commander's mother."

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:

PSALM 116: IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Tom Kendzia



Verses: Lent

1. In my grief, in my pain
I believed in you.
How precious is our death to you,
how precious in your eyes.
2. Here I am, your servant, Lord,
free to speak your name.

- Words of thanks and praise be on my lips,
and ever in my heart.
3. I will pay my vows to you,
here among your people.
In the presence of your faithful ones,
I give my life to you.

Text: Based on Psalm 116:1-10, 15-18.
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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) Sacred silence, holy ocean, gentle water, washing over me; help me listen, Holy Spirit. Come and speak to me.

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We will not be passing a collection basket. **Donation Boxes are available at both church entrances** for your convenience & safety. Thank you for your gifts to St Mary's ministries.

Reading I Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
 God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

Reading II Rom 8:31b-34
 Brothers and sisters:
 If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Stewardship of Treasure
 Weekly offertory budget \$8,913
Gifts Feb 15-21, 2021:
 Offering Gifts..... \$5,233
 On-Line Offering..... \$4,371
 Food Pantry Gifts..... \$315
 Loose Offering..... \$220
 Easter Offering..... \$170
 Mary's Meals \$1,710
 Outreach to those in Need \$160
Fiscal Yr July 2020 - Feb 21, 2021:
 Offertory Received \$316,246
 Budget Yr-to-Date \$294,144
Overage + \$22,102

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Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?
It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?
Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—
who also is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us.

Verse Before the Gospel Cf. Mt 17:5

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.
Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.
Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!
Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.
Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."
Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.
As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.
So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

"Paychecks & Playchecks": Virtual Fraternal Benefits Night featuring Tom Hegna highlighting topics from his books about retirement planning. For more info or to register contact the Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisor Walter Witt #563-419-0400; walter.witt@kofc.org

- 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: Mar 1-7:

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

Tues: Faith Formation Commission, 6:30pm, room B
Exodus, 8pm, room A

Wed: K-4th Faith Formation, 4:30pm

Thurs: Zoom Story Time w/North Star, 10:30am
Lenten Small Group, 7:45 am, room B

Fri: 1st Fri Women's Group, 8:30am, room B
Zoom Story Time w/North Star, 12:45am

Sat-Sun: Food Pantry Collection in our hall
Stations of the Cross after Masses

Sun: Lenten Small Group, 9am, room B
Chosen (10th), 6:30pm, hall
Chosen (10th) & Parents Reconciliation, 7pm



Have difficulty hearing the Mass?

Pick up a hearing aid **AND** ear buds at the back of church (north side). You will be able to hear the sound system directly thru the ear buds. Return the hearing aid box to the table and **KEEP** the ear buds for next week. If you have any questions, contact the office.

Totus Tuus Missionaries Needed

Catholic, college-age men & women disciples needed to serve on teams during the 2021 summer for Totus Tuus. Lead songs, teach, perform skits, & share witness talks with children & youth in parishes of the Archdiocese. Paid position with training, most expenses covered. Application & info at DBQArch.org/TotusTuus

Archdiocesan Men's Conference, Mar 13, in-person at Xavier Catholic High School, Cedar Rapids or virtual option. Keynote speaker Patrick Madrid, breakout sessions, Mass with Archbishop Jackels & more. Register: ArchMensConference.org

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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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