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Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am  
Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ♦ MARCH 7, 2021

## Against Split Lives

– Dcn. Dennis Walters –

Probably all of us to one degree or another put our lives into compartments, the spiritual on one side and the ordinary on the other side. The spiritual side is what brings us here on weekends to Mass. It leads us to take up commitments to prayer and devotions like the Rosary or (during Lent) acts of penance by giving things up. The ordinary side is what we do with the rest of our time and attention. It's when we go about our daily occupations with little thought of the Lord or what He has to do with our business. And at times, we may even find ourselves doing or thinking things that contradict what we say we believe. In other words, to some extent our lives have spit ends.

Today's readings address that split on both a corporate and a personal level.

Our first reading in this weekend presents us with the Ten Commandments from Exodus 20. People often comment that all but two of these commandments are phrased in the negative. The reason seems to be that it's a lot easier to forbid a few actions that are never to be done than to command everything that people should be doing. It's not hard to turn the Thou Shalt Nots to Thou

Shalts: honoring God and his name, and doing what it takes to respect the lives, relationships, reputations, and properties of our neighbor. However phrased, these commands form the core of the covenant with God that you and I are baptized into. They outline its moral aspects. All Christians are expected to govern their behavior according to them.

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## St. Mary Fish Fry 2021



**St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar u March 6-14, 2021**  
Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

**SAT. MARCH 6** *Lenten Weekday*

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 • Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

3:30-4:30pm Confessions

† Stations of the Cross prayed 20 min. before Mass

➤ **5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the Third Sunday of**

Lent: ☩ **Tom Kladzyk** [*Betty Cummings*]

**SUN. MARCH 7** *Third Sunday of Lent*

Ex 20:1-17 or 8-8:15 and 10:00-10:15am Confession

20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 † Stations of the Cross prayed 20 min. before Masses

1 Cor 1:22-25 ➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Rev. Fr. Louis Madey**

Jn 2:13-25 [*St. Mary Parish*]

➤ **10:30AM MASS: For the people**

**MON. MARCH 8** *Lenten Weekday*

(opt. mem. St. John of God, Religious)

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

Lk 4:24-30

➤ **12:10pm MASS:** ☩ **Grace Waldecker**

[*Lynn Waldecker*]

12:45pm Lenten Bible Study / FFH

3:30-4:45pm Rel Ed classes / PC

**TUES. MARCH 9** *Lenten Weekday*

(opt. mem. St. Frances of Rome, Religious)

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Mt 18:21-35

➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Martin Brogley, Sr.**

[*Betty Cummings*]

7:00pm Lenten Bible Study / FFH

**WED. MARCH 10** *Lenten Weekday*

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Mt 5:17-19

➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Wilma Lentz**

[*Kathy & Martin Brogley*]

4:00pm Staff Meeting / FFH

7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg / FFH

**THUR. MARCH 11** *Lenten Weekday*

Jer 7:23-28

Lk 11:14-23

➤ **8:30am Mass:** ☩ **Tom Kladzyk** [*His wife*]

**FRI. MARCH 12** **MEATLESS FRIDAY** *Lenten Weekday*

Hos 14:2-10

Mk 12:28-34

➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Tom Burch**

[*Pat Fitzgerald*]

3:30-7:00pm FISH FRY DINNER

(DRIVE THRU-TAKE OUT / PC)

† 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

8:00-9:00pm Confessions

**SAT. MARCH 13** *Lenten Weekday*

Hos 6:1-6 • Lk 18:9-14

3:30-4:30pm Confessions

† Stations of the Cross prayed 20 min. before Mass

➤ **5:00pm VIGIL MASS for the Fourth Sunday of**

Lent: **For the people**

**SUN. MARCH 14** *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14-21

† Stations of the Cross prayed 20 min. before Masses

➤ **8:30am MASS:** ☩ **Eddie Walz** [*Norman & Laurie*

*Childs*]

➤ **10:30am MASS:** ☩ **Dick Krzyzaniak** [*His loving wife*

*Shirley Krzyzaniak*]

**DCN. DENNIS' ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:**

*Against Split Lives*

**Our gospel reading** is John's account of the cleansing of the Temple, an incident recorded in all four gospels. In John's version, Jesus drives the animal sellers and money changers out of the Temple saying, "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." But Jesus' concern with the purity of the Temple is more than with its use as a market. The presence of money changers and sellers of animals for sacrifice in the Temple's outer court – the court of the Gentiles – was, after all, permitted by the Temple authorities as a convenience to Jewish pilgrims. Jesus' real concern is shown by how the other gospels report what he said: "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of thieves."

**In this saying, Jesus alludes to** two Old Testament sources. The first is from Isaiah 56:7: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples," both Jews and Gentiles. The problem was that the massive outer Court of the Gentiles was supposed to be a place for non-Jews to come and pray, since they couldn't go into areas reserved only for Jews. But much of their court was taken over to accommodate the mobs of Jewish pilgrims jostling their way past the sellers' stalls to buy for themselves, crowding Gentiles aside.

**The second passage that Jesus alludes to** is from Jeremiah 7:11: "Has this house which bears my name become in your eyes a den of thieves?" Jeremiah refers to a superstition that because God's presence resides in the Holy of Holies, nothing can happen to the Temple of the Lord. It was built at God's initiative, and God would never allow any harm to come to it. That presumption had the effect of giving people a false sense of security. They could be good Israelites by worshiping in the Temple on the Sabbath, and spend the rest of the week flouting the Commandments in their "real business" outside. "Do you think," Jeremiah asks, "you can steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, sacrifice to Baal, follow other gods that you do not know [all grave violations of the Commandments], and then come and stand in my presence in this house, which bears my name, and say: 'We are safe! We can commit all these abominations again!'" (vv. 9-10)? He concludes that only by obeying the Commandments, keeping the covenant, will the Lord let the Temple stand.

**Because the liturgy addresses the entire Church,** these readings can apply on two levels. The first is corporate: The Church can't presume on Jesus' promise that the "gates of hell won't prevail against" her if her members are not following the Commandments. God's threats of punishment (and his deliverance on those threats) in the Old Testament were not intended to destroy Israel but to purify it. The Church is always in need of purification. The goal of the trials the Church is now going through, brought on by scandals among the hierarchy, loss of faith among laity, confusion of teaching by theologians, and persecution from unbelievers, is not to destroy but to purify. The Lord is cleaning house.

**Likewise, on a personal level,** we can't rely for our salvation on the fact that we're baptized Catholics if we're not being faithful to our baptismal covenant by keeping the Commandments. The sufferings we endure are intended for our purification and growth in holiness. We're much better off if we use this Lent as a time to

consider whether we have compartmentalized our lives and do what we need to do to integrate them, so that our "ordinary" conduct matches what we profess in our spiritual lives.

**We're about at the halfway point of Lent.** From here on, the focus of Lent turns toward the passion of Jesus. Yet it remains a time of personal penance. Penitence is an ongoing relational reality for God's people as we seek to worship and serve the Lord. It communicates our utter dependence on Him, our constant need for Him, and our ongoing desire to turn away from the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to turn to Him alone. †

*Banns of  
Marriage*

**I. Jacob Bauer &  
Riley Kent**

*March 27, 2021*

Pray the Stations of the Cross



Fridays at 7:30 pm and 20 minutes before each weekend Mass



**"The word of God is at work in you who believe"**

This weekend is our Diocesan Services Appeal Commitment Weekend. All members of our parish community are invited to join in support of our annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$ 28,871.00.

No gift is too small... every dollar donated helps those in our parish and in our unified efforts in the wider church. Further, one-half of all paid contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned to our parish for our local use here at St. Mary Parish.

You can submit your DSA pledge envelope during Mass this weekend – or take your DSA envelope home to prayerfully consider your gift decision. Those paying by cash or check are invited to return your completed pledge form, in the DSA envelope, to our parish office. Those who wish to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer may enter your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa). Every one of our parish households is encouraged to reflect on the many blessings we have received from the Lord and share these blessings through a generous gift to our DSA.

**Angels, Demons, Heaven, Hell**

If you cannot attend the 5 sessions in person during Lent, that introduce you to the reality of angels, demons, heaven and hell, you can see and hear them online—on your computer or smartphone—at your own pace. By attending in person, you will hear stories from parishioners who have encountered the supernatural realm of angels. These stories are amazing. We all want to get to heaven. If you're curious about how to do it, START NOW. Go to the parish website and type, click or tap the link provided: [https://1drv.ms/u/s!Aku2ORF4gf9wgYBOuuJ7NMEml1L\\_\\_Q?e=dYuTXr](https://1drv.ms/u/s!Aku2ORF4gf9wgYBOuuJ7NMEml1L__Q?e=dYuTXr)

Then explore. Open the resource document entitled 1\_OPEN THIS FIRST - OR - you can get direct 'click' access to this restaurant menu of additional videos by clicking the green button "Resources for the five Lenten Sessions" at the parish website - then open the file. New video sessions will be added every week. Don't pass on this opportunity. Many parishioners are doing this and are astonished with what they have discovered. —Bill Kwolek

**Free Food Box Giveaway at Sharon Church**

On Sat., March 13 from 10am-noon, anyone & everyone is welcome to pick up boxes of free food at Sharon United Methodist Church, 19980 W. Pleasant Lk Rd (enter via the Pleasant Lake driveway and exit via M52). Limit 5 boxes. "Receive a blessing – pass along a blessing." For more info, call the church office at 734-428-0996. ■

**The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:**

- PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...**
- 1) For the repose of the soul and in loving memory of +Tom Kladzyk (Jim & Marja Warner)
  - 2) For the repose of the soul of +Martin Brogley, Sr. (Tim & Kim Gouwens)

**Birthday Blessings!**

- March 7 ... Michael DeLucia  
 ... Patricia Fitzgerald  
 ... Sean Sangster  
 ... Charley Young  
 March 8 ... Gayle Antonelli  
 ... Lisa Brothers  
 March 10 ... Eoin Flaherty  
 March 11 ... Rosalie Boyd  
 ... Craig Coltre  
 ... Wyatt Young  
 March 12 ... Celeste Sangster

**Please Pray for...**

- Clara Petersen
- Loretta Widmayer
- Ed Z. (father of Therese Bossory)
- Bibian Sangster
- Roxanne Rickert Bush
- Eunice Scully
- Christy Woody
- Jerry Kripas
- Melody Binkerd
- Joe Novak
- Luise Kienzle
- James Strong
- Annie (sister of Lynn Waldecker)
- Paula Saft
- Leon Ball
- Bruce Sommers
- Patrick Muldoon
- Duane Beuerle
- Joyce Stein
- Mary Ann Coval
- Connie Stancato

**St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION: Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021**

Sunday Env (41)	\$ 3,270.00
Welcome & Loose	165.00
Utilities/energy (1)	20.00
E-giving (8)	390.58
Combined toward budget:	\$ 3,845.58
Budget goal:	5,300.00
Amt BELOW goal:	-\$ 1,454.42
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	
Bldg & Maint (1)	\$ 20.00
Black & Indian (11)	295.00
Evangelization Fund	556.00
Poor Box	65.41
Votive candles	37.00



**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for Your grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Diocese of Lansing Seminarian**  
**Joshua Luttig, Most Holy Trinity, Fowler**



Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful women to become Brides of Christ and serve Your people. Lord, we pray that Your grace and love be enough for this woman in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist; Sr. Sophia Ruiz**

**NEED HELP? ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION:**  
 Call (800) 57WOMAN (800-579-6626) – OR – Text for Help: "HELPLINE" to 313131

**Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL** (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email [nlc@resurrectionlansing.org](mailto:nlc@resurrectionlansing.org)

**NEED HELP? "COURAGE"** is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email [caverart@comcast.net](mailto:caverart@comcast.net)

**NEED HELP? An "AA" group meets Fridays at 7:00pm at Emanuel Church, 324 W Main St. (next door to St Mary's)**



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