

CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday: 5:00pm at St. John's

Sunday: 8:30am at St. John's

10:30am at St. Mary's

MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK

LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 19

12:00 noon...No Mass (St. John's)

Tuesday, March 20

5:30 p.m...James Weilhammer (St. John's)

Wednesday, March 21

12:00noon...Sherri Bartrom (St. John's)

Thursday, March 22

5:30 p.m...All Souls (St. Mary's)

Friday, March 23

11:00 a.m...Bill & Pat Schantz (Miller's Merry Manor)

Saturday, March 24

5:00 p.m...Alivia Viellieux (St. John's)

Sunday, March 25

8:30 a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's and St. John's (St. John's)

10:30 a.m...Martha Kistler (St. Mary's)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH:

Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

If you need to put someone on the prayer chain, please call Janice Jackson, 348-1521. Thank you.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

- **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence**

- **Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence**

On days of Fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken but should not equal another full meal. No eating between meals, but liquids are permitted. Persons age 18-60 are bound by the Law of Fast.

On days of Abstinence, no meat is allowed. Persons 14 years of age and older are bound by the Law of Abstinence.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

Please remember in your prayers Martha Kistler, parishioner of St. Mary's, who recently passed to eternal life. May she rest in peace and may her family be comforted by your prayers.

HELP US DECORATE

It's time to change the church decorations over to Easter. We will be doing this Good Friday at 5pm at St. John's. If you have an interest in this ministry, we would love your help. Thanks

WALK WITH JESUS THROUGH LENT

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday of Lent beginning at 5:30pm at St. John's. Walk with Jesus through this Holy Week experience.

REPENT AND BELIEVE

Each week we will have a reflection question to help guide you through these 40 days.

What most keeps me from hoping to share Christ's life now?

PRAY THE ROSARY

Let us pray the rosary that we can see God's image in others and find ways to show others His love and grace.

SERVERS FOR ST. JOHN'S FOR MARCH 24-25

Sat., 5p.m...Mason Merkel & Cameron Rinker

Sun., 8:30a.m...Brianna Elkins & Laurel McVicker

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$720.00

Food Pantry: \$220.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$52.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,238.00

Building Fund: \$165.00

Flowers: \$122.00

Food Pantry: \$197.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$275.00

Holyland: \$2.00

Catholic Moment: \$22.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

THE ELATE 8 ... Almost!

How is your study of the saints going? Here is a list of this week's saints in the Elate 8 round: Peter, Esther, Martin, Maria, Anna, Phocas, and Richard. Only one spot left between Eglantyne and Catherine. Watch the bulletin to see who makes the Faithful 4.

SERVER TRAINING...WE NEED YOU!

There will be an additional server training at St. John's this Sunday following religious ed classes: 10:30-11am in church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 19: [St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary] 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a

Mar. 20: Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 21-30

Mar. 21: Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8: 31-42

Mar. 22: Gn 17: 3-9; Jn 8: 51-59

Mar. 23: [St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop] Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42

Mar. 24: [Blessed Oscar Romero, bishop & martyr] Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56

Mar. 25: [Palm Sunday, Passion of the Lord] Mk 11: 1-10; Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Mk 14: 1-15: 47

RCIA

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of learning about the Catholic faith and reflecting on one's personal faith journey using Scripture, prayer, questions, and discussion. We will meet each Wed. between now and Easter, in the parish hall at 6pm. The Rite of the Elect is a finalizing step in the RCIA process.

Please continue to keep Carol and all the RCIA candidates in your prayers as they journey through their faith process.

UP FOR A DAY TRIP?

To Ladies of our cluster parishes: You are cordially invited to visit and tour the Victory Noll campus in Huntington, Indiana on Saturday, April 7.

Come and see Sister Rita's motherhouse, the "Victory Noll Center" for retreats and conferences, "St Anne Retirement Community at Victory Noll" and the "Acres at Victory Noll Land Trust". We will be guests of St Anne's for lunch and there is no other fee for the day; donations are accepted.

Carpooling will leave St John's parking lot at 9 am, returning around 3 or 3:30 pm. For any questions call Sister Rita at 260 - 402 - 5034. RSVP to Sr. Rita or Diana at 348-3889 by Wednesday, March 28.

LENTEN RETREAT

The final session of the Lenten retreat on the Mass as center and heart of our parish and individual lives will be held on **Wednesday, March 21** at St John's parish hall, 12:30 – 2 pm, **or Thursday, March 22** at St Mary's parish hall, 6 – 7:30 pm. **All are welcome** to come, pray, reflect, be enriched! Led by Sr. Rita Musante. No charge, donations if desired.

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 20, Women's Bible Study 9-11am at St. John's

Wednesday 21, Lenten Retreat 12:30-2pm St. John's RCIA 6pm at St. John's

Thursday 22, Lenten Retreat 6-7:30pm at St. Mary's

Friday 23, Stations of the Cross 5:30pm at St. John's

Saturday 24, Haiti at St. John's

Sunday 25, Bible Study 9:30-10:30am at St. John's

Haiti at St. John's

GOD OF THE JOURNEY, WE ENCOUNTER YOU IN FARMERS...

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

SHARE THE JOURNEY: Nutritious food is vital to a dignified life. If none is available, families may be forced to migrate.

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Join our faith community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the US in a life-changing Lenten journey. **Pick up your rice bowl from the bookcases at either church.**

LENTEN PENANCE OPPORTUNITIES END THIS WEEK

Lent is a time for conversion, a time for change, a time to turn from all that causes us to sin, both in our inner attitudes and our outer actions. Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are offered during Lent throughout our deanery.

- † March 17, After 5pm Mass at St. John's
- † March 19, 6:30pm at St. Mary, Muncie
- † March 21, 2pm at St. Lawrence, Muncie
- † March 21, 7pm at St. Lawrence, Muncie
- † March 22, 2pm at St. Paul, Marion
- † March 22, 7pm at Holy Family, Gas City

This Lent let us take a look at ourselves each day and tell ourselves that now, with God's help, I will "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

SPRING RUMMAGE MARCH 24... Tables rent for \$10 each. You keep your own profits. What a great way to get rid of the spring clean-out items. Contact Megan Trissel or the parish office to reserve your table(s). This is open to all.

HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Envelopes can be found in your packets.

THE STORY

The Bible as one continuing story of God and his people began March 13 and continue each Tuesday, at 6:30pm at Grace United Methodist Church in the fellowship hall. The study will feature video introductions, reflections and discussion. All are invited to any or all sessions. No cost unless you wish to buy the book which can be purchased from the church office for \$5. Call 348-2801 for more information. This week's topic: Creation.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:



Easter Sunday is but two weeks away (April 1). In our First Reading from the prophet Jeremiah, we hear God tell us, "I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more." To affirm that forgiveness, St. Paul has this to say in the Second Reading: "He (Jesus) became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." There is a connection between these two statements which present forgiveness as the way to salvation.

The Lenten season is one of penance, reflection, prayer, almsgiving, and fasting, perhaps even in that order, so we can better prepare ourselves for Easter Sunday and beyond. Lent reminds us that God is gracious and merciful. God's divine mercy is a central theme of Lent.

One might say that the priceless gift of God's mercy is highlighted and celebrated in the Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. That should be a key part of our Lenten journey. As mentioned only two weeks remain on that journey so getting to reconciliation is important if we have not yet done so. Sacramental confession allows God's loving mercy and His grace-filled absolution to be confirmed to us through a priest. God sees us with love, mercy, and an abundance of forgiveness. Christ, through the priest, helps us to let go of anything that gets in the way of our relationship to God. St. Isidore wrote, "Confession heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin. All hope consists in confession. In confession there is a chance for mercy."



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation. The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as:
St. Mary, the first Thursday 6:00-6:30pm
St. John, the first Saturday 1:00-1:30pm and third Saturday after 5:00pm Mass.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Dave is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades pre3-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

The Clustered Parishes Of

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**St. John the Evangelist,
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PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information.