

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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February 21, 2021 - First Sunday of Lent

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 28

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Rose Anna Abramovitz
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Msgr. Richard Rolwing
	6:30 p.m.	Justice & Peace
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Rodney Hanley Jr.
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Gene & Rose Marie Gasser and Jeannie McInnis
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family

ST. AGNES

Tues.	8:30 a.m.
Thur.	8:30 a.m.
Sun.	10:30 p.m.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Sunday, February 21

First Sunday of Lent

Special Collection: Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Feast of The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR/CCD Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Mass

St. Mary's School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.

8:15 a.m. Mass

Fish Fry - 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8 Kids \$3 (ages 6-12) 5 & under Free. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus - Day of Abstinence (No Meat) Dine in or Carry out.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Lead by a volunteer

Monday, February 22

Wednesday, February 24

Friday, February 26

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, March 8

Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, March 3

8:15 a.m. Mass

PSR/CCD Classes 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Mass

Knights of Columbus Meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the C.R.

8:15 a.m. Mass

Fish Fry - 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8 Kids \$3 (ages 6-12) 5 & under Free. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus - Day of Abstinence (No Meat) Dine in or Carry out.

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Lead by Fr. Matt

Friday, March 5

OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in February: Tom & Sharon Swift

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1450.00

The Mirror subscription is due. The diocese wishes that all families receive The Mirror-please help defray costs by paying the \$14 toward your subscription. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Deena Abramovitz, Theresa Heidlage, Fr. Peter J. Morciniec, Jerry Gasser, Charlotte Sloan, Louise Bellm and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

OVER 65 DINNER- The over 65 dinner will be held on March 28, 2021. Due to Covid-19 and social distancing, the dinner will be PICK UP ONLY. You must sign up to receive a dinner. You may sign up in the back of church or through the church at 476-2827. If no answer, please leave a message. You may also sign up via email at st_marys@live.com. The deadline for signing up is March 19, 2021. The dinners may be picked up at the cafeteria door between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. on March 28, 2021.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Exciting news! We will begin the registration period for our 2021-2022 Preschool and Pre-K programs. We will have some registration forms in the back of the church. Please take one if you have a youngster ready for a good 3 year old or 4 year old program.

FEBRUARY APPOINTMENTS

If you are unable to make your appointment, please find a replacement

Saturday, Feb. 27 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller
Ushers: Bryan Stellwagen, Bill Seufert

Sunday, Feb. 28 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Cody Washam, Heather Gripka
Ushers: Dereck Washam, Rick Washam

2021 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY WORK LIST

All shifts start @ 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

If you are unable to work please find a replacement to work!

February 19, 2021

Alex Barchak
Jared Barchak
Jason Barchak
Tommy Cahalan
Jim Barchak
Wendell Parrigon
Jarrod O'Hara
Drew Landoll

February 26, 2021

Juan Salazar
Robert Mitchell
Brian Green
Chris Jasumback
Dale Jasumback
Chad Forgey
Jerry Forgey
Kevin Kleinman

March 5, 2021

Scott Sangston
Andy Hogenmiller
Daniel Kristek
Roger Wolf
Harold Lombard
Ronald Dunaway
Ralph Abramovitz
Riley Parrigon

March 12, 2021

Darren Brown
Jeffry Cavner
Dustin Avondet
Jason Chapman
Steve Chapman
Jacob Saffer
Bryan Stellwagen
Jesse Cooper
Michael Gollhofer

March 19, 2021

Brian Abramovitz
Philip Elbert
Todd Forgey
Mike Velten
Ian Brottlund
Mike Sloan
Doug Witt
Kenny O'Hara
Daryle Fenski

Head Cook Staff: 2:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m.

Monroe Rosebrough Rex Cooper Jimmy Parrigon Carl King Andy Parrigon Joe Crowell Brad Gripka Dave Cox

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15
Ps 25:4-9
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

Monday February 22
Chair of St. Peter
1 Peter 5:1-4
Ps 23:1-6
Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday February 23
Isaiah 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-7,16-19
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday February 24
Jonah 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday February 25
Ester C:12,14-16,23-25
Ps 138:1-3,7c-8
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday February 26
Ezekiel 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-8
Matthew 5:20-26

Saturday February 27
Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

Today's Gospel reading shows us the first thing that Jesus did after his baptismal anointing in the Jordan River: He wrestled with temptation.

His baptism had marked the moment of his complete surrender to the Father's will. As he arose from the water, he began a new life of ministry.

The Father responded by telling him that he was very pleased, and the Holy Spirit filled his humanness. Jesus as God already had the Holy Spirit (he and the Spirit were the same God), but Jesus the fully human Son now came fully alive in the Spirit. We can imagine how this experience in the Jordan River gave him the feeling of an elated spiritual high. And the next thing that happens is an attack of the devil.

The same pattern repeats itself in our lives. As soon as we experience new growth in our faith, or a new calling to do the Father's will, we run smack into a situation that tests the strength and sincerity of our faith. However, if this didn't happen, how would we find out that we've spiritually matured? How would we know that we are ready to make a significant difference for the kingdom of God?

Sometimes without consciously thinking it, we decide that if we're going to be tested and we might lose, wouldn't it be better not to start something new? Well, that's another temptation!



Lent is the perfect time to examine the temptations that we face every day and turn them into new growth that will strengthen our faith.

Every time we face a sin and seek God's forgiveness, we become stronger. And if we take it a step farther by walking into the confessional with it, we also receive powerful graces directly from Jesus, through the priest, that will render temptations much more powerless.

And this makes us more useful to God in the mission of conquering evil in the world and helping his kingdom spread into the lives of the people around us.

Think of temptations as blessings in disguise: Use them as opportunities to become more like Jesus and grow powerful in the faith.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How well do you recognize temptation?
2. How quickly do you rely on the faith that God has given you to say no to the devil's tricks?
3. Describe a time when you experienced a spiritual high and then faced a strong temptation.
4. How did you handle it?
5. What role did (or will) Jesus play in overcoming this temptation?