

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 7, 2021 - Third Sunday of Lent

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR MARCH 6 – MARCH 14

ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	For the health of Jerry Gasser
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+ Dwight Severs Birthday Remembrance
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Thomas & Loretta (Kuntz) Garvey
	6:30 p.m.	+Mary Witt
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Lou Ann Wagner
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Francis & Mildred Witt

ST. AGNES

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

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

Monday, March 8

Wednesday, March 10

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 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the C.R.

8:15 a.m. Mass

Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.

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 Volunteer

Special Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Friday, March 12

Sunday, March 14

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, March 15

Wednesday, March 17

Friday, March 19

Rosary & Communion Service 8:15 a.m.

8:15 a.m. Mass

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

Solemnity of Saints Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 a.m. Mass

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OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in March:

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2515.00

The Mirror: We have received the bill for The Mirror subscriptions from the diocese. Our bill is \$ 2660.00. At this time we have only collected \$679.00 for the subscription to The Mirror. If you have not paid yet please do so as soon as possible. **We ask that everyone pay for their subscription so that the church does not have to pick up that expense. Thank You.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Ken Garrison, Kathy Heidlage, Theresa Heidlage, Jerry Gasser, Charlotte Sloan, 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:

During Lent, each Friday we have Stations of the Cross at 2:00 for the children.

After missing two weeks of school for all of that snow and ice we are now able to find our rhythm and get back to teaching and learning. We have missed a total of nine school days this winter. This coming week we will begin making them up by having school on Monday.

Preschool - Pre-Kindergarten registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year. This is to register for our three year old program and for our four year old program. If you have or you know of someone with a student who will be three or four years old by August 1st send them by to talk with us about our proven effective programs. We are now registering students from surrounding Catholic parishes.

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!

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

MARCH APPOINTMENTS

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

Saturday, March 6 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski
Ushers: Michael Abramovitz, Larry Carver

Sunday, March 14 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Rachelle Brown, Jennifer Eaton
Ushers: Levi Cooper, Ellis Motley

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

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller
Ushers: Doug Witt, Bryan Stellwagen

Sunday, March 7 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Michael Myers, Cody Washam
Ushers: Dereck Washam, Rick Washam

Saturday, March 20 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Beverly Miller, Madeline Ceselski
Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan

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

Readers: Heather Gripka, Michael Myers
Ushers: Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet

Saturday, March 13 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller
Ushers: Leonard Fenske, Larry Gasser

Sunday, March 21 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Joe Crowell, Denise Crowell
Ushers: Jim Barchak, Ian Brottlund

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
Ps 19:8-11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-25

Monday March 8
2 Kings 5:1-15b
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday March 9
Daniel 3:25,34-43
Ps 25:4-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday March 10
Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9
Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday March 11
Jeremiah 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Luke 11:14-23

Friday March 12
Hosea 14:2-10
Ps 81:6c-11ab,14,17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday March 13
Hosea 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4,18-21
Luke 18:9-14

The final paragraph of the Gospel reading is very revealing: Jesus did not "trust" himself to the converts whose faith in him was based on the signs and wonders that he had done. The reason: He did not want anyone to testify (i.e., spread the faith) about the limitations of human nature.

Faith based on signs and wonders is human nature: It's easier to put faith in what we can humanly see, touch, and hear than to believe in a God who is invisible and who usually sounds very silent. There is nothing supernatural about this kind of faith, but God is very supernatural.

What happens to our faith when we pray and pray and pray for God's intervention and there are no signs indicating that we'll get what we want? Our reaction to unanswered prayers is an indicator of how natural or supernatural our spiritual life really is.

Jesus knew that his physical presence was the greatest sign of all, but it would soon be taken away. Don't we sometimes wish that Jesus would appear in front of us and make himself audible to our human ears? We think it would make our faith stronger.

Typically, we base our faith on many signs: prayers being answered, love being evidenced, peace and happiness filling our hearts, etc. But what happens to our faith



when we enter the dark night of trials and difficulties? Do we continue to trust God when we can no longer see or feel signs that he cares?

The kind of faith we need when faith matters most comes from trusting God for who he really is and how much he really cares, rather than on what the evidence seems to say.

To succeed in this, we need supernatural faith. When we're united to the divinity of Christ, we join ourselves to his faith. We then trust him so much that we don't need signs.

Remember this the next time you receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Not only are you consuming his body, you are also uniting yourself to his divinity. And he is uniting himself to you! What he wants to give you most of all is HIS ALL.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What signs do you rely on to believe that God truly cares?
2. How do you feel when those signs are taken away? Are these feelings based on the reality of God's love or on fear?
3. Have you ever wished that Jesus would appear to you? Why? Did God provide what you needed some other way?
4. How do you remind yourself that God cares during those difficult times when you can't see it or feel it?