

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 29, 2020**

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> – APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>**

**ST. MARY'S**

Saturday + Dale Parrigon Birthday Remembrance  
Sunday St. Mary's Parish Family  
Monday Rosary & Communion Service  
Wednesday +Joe Rosewicz Birthday Remembrance  
Friday +Harold Mettlach  
Saturday +Gene & Rose Marie Gasser and Jeannie McInnis  
Sunday +Robert & Rose Ann Knott

**ST. AGNES**

Tuesday  
Thursday  
Sunday

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Friday, April 3 **No Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8 Kids \$3 (ages 6-12) 5 & under free. Sponsored by the St. Mary's Home & School**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**YOUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in April: Tim & Patty Osterloh**

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$

**The Mirror:** We have received the bill for The Mirror subscriptions from the diocese and it is for 200 subscriptions at \$14 each. Our bill is \$ 2800.00. At this time 76 Families have paid for their subscription to The Mirror. Thank you. If you have not paid yet there is still time. **The Diocese strongly recommends that every family receive The Mirror. We ask that everyone pay for their subscription so that the church does not have to pick up that expense. We are still short \$1738.00 Thank You.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESE:** Concerning the directives from the diocese on the COVID-19 Virus you may visit their webpage at [www.diocecg.org](http://www.diocecg.org) or visit their Facebook page Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

**PICNIC PLANNING FOR JUNE 2020 ---33<sup>RD</sup> YEAR ---ARE UNDERWAY!!!** Plans have begun for our 2020 Old Fashioned Church Picnic which will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2020. We are asking for donations towards raffle prizes by April 1<sup>st</sup> to have raffle tickets printed in time for presale. Cash or items are welcome! Make monetary donations with a check payable to St. Mary's. If you would like to donate, please call the rectory at 417-476-2827, Mellanie Carder at 417-737-2812, or Frances Boman at 417-693-0174 and we can arrange to pick up. Donations can also be mailed or taken to the parish rectory. We are always looking for ideas and ways to add to the picnic so, if you have any –please share! We want the day to be full of fun, family activities so parishioners can enjoy the day visiting with family and friends from our parish family and surrounding communities. Thank you for the hard work and dedication in years past and we're looking forward to having another great picnic this year!!!

**PCCW NEWS:** If you have not paid your PCCW dues of \$5.00 please do so as soon as possible. Thank you. The PCCW has served three funeral dinners recently. Circles 4, 5, and 6 have served these dinners. If you are on one of these circles please submit your donation as soon as possible. The families we serve are always so appreciative of the dinners. Thank you.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Ps 130:1-8  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45

### Monday March 30

Daniel 13:1-9,15-30,33-62  
Ps 23:1-6  
John 8:1-11

### Tuesday March 31

Numbers 21:4-9  
Ps 102:2-3,16-21  
John 8:21-30

### Wednesday April 1

Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95  
Dan 3:52-56  
John 8:31-42

### Thursday April 2

Genesis 17:3-9  
Ps 105:4-9  
John 8:51-59

### Friday April 3

Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Ps 18:2-7  
John 10:31-42

### Saturday April 4

Ezekiel 37:21-28  
Jer 31:10-13  
John 11:45-56

Lent is not about suffering and sacrifice. It's a corridor to new life. Good Friday is not about pain and death. It's the door that Jesus opens to invite us into that new life.

Yes, suffering is part of the Lenten journey (which can be experienced at any time of the year). Yes, Lent includes the sacrifices of fasting and abstinence, almsgiving and extra time in church. But these are just vehicles for the trip.

God uses our sufferings (if we let him) to help us grow in compassion, persistence, and ministry. Our sacrifices teach us discipline (which is discipleship) so that we can purify our will and grow stronger in holiness. But the trip is not the destination.

Lent is all about reaching the resurrection: renewing our faith, entering a new life free of old sins, reconciling damaged relationships, and living

in the Spirit of God more than we ever did before.

Which day is more important to your faith: Good Friday or Easter? That horrid day on Calvary was necessary for Easter, but we are living in the resurrection! Catholics are an Easter people. This means that nothing bad can ever happen to us that will not be transformed into blessings if Jesus is the Lord of our lives.

He proved himself to be the Resurrection and the Life by displaying his power over life and death. Now he wants to prove it again – to you and to all those who are watching.



### Reflect & Discuss:

1. We can personalize the first reading by understanding that God will open our graves (whatever is dead inside of us) and will place his Spirit of Life within us. How does the Holy Spirit help us discover healing and hope amidst daily sufferings?
2. In the scripture from Romans, we are reminded again of the Holy Spirit within us. Since the Spirit is alive in you, what affect does this have on your Lenten journey? What is being purified, strengthened, and renewed?
3. In the Gospel, Jesus proves his power over death just before he enters Jerusalem and heads toward Calvary. How does this prove to you that your own sufferings and sacrifices will not lead to permanent disaster?

### Lenten Activity:

What needs to be resurrected in your life? What will you do this week to accept the death of what has ended so that you can prepare for the new life that Jesus is preparing for you?

FOR WEBSITE

FROM FR. MATT.

WE ARE ENTERING INTO THE SECOND WEEK OF WHAT IS BEING CALLED SOCIAL DISTANCING, AS WE ENTER INTO THE FIFTY WEEK OF LENT. I AM PRAYING THAT THE SEMI QUARANTINE WILL BE LIFTED VERY SOON. THE SEPARATION FROM YOU AT MASS IS ALMOST UNBEARABLE, NOT JUST BECAUSE IT IS A MATTER THAT I DON'T GET TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE CARE OF SOME OF YOUR TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT VIA SERMON. IT IS BECAUSE, AT THE CONSECRATION DURING MASS, YOU ARE CHRIST'S MOTHER, MARY, HER SISTER, MARY THE WIFE OF CLOPAS, MARY MAGDALINE AND THE BELOVED DISCIPLE, JOHN, WHO ARE AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS. NOT HAVING YOU PRESENT IS A MULTIPLICATION OF THE AGONY OF CRUCIFIXION SUFFERED IN SAYING MASS.

FOR ALL OF US THERE IS A WITNESS OF THE THREE HOURS OF DARKNESS THAT CAME OVER THE LAND, FROM NOON UNTIL THREE. MT. 27:45 THIS IS A SHARING IN THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST. IT IS GENERALLY BEFORE US IN THE MASS, EXPERIENCED IN THE DEPTHS OF OUR SOULS, BUT THIS LENT, THERE HAS BEEN A PHYSICAL ASPECT ADDED. PRAY IN THESE THREE HOURS OF DARKNESS, UNITED TO CHRIST SUFFERING AND DYING. IT WILL BRING ABOUT A GREATER SHARE IN HIS RESURRECTION. WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT WOULD COME ABOUT IN THIS WAY AT THIS TIME?

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE THE TIME TO UNITE YOURSELF TO OTHERS IN PRAYER. IT IS DONE VIA THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AT THE BEGINNING OF PRAYER, AND SPIRITUALLY PLACING YOURSELF IN CHURCH WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS (AS WELL AS YOUR PRIEST) WHO LOVE YOU WITH THE HEART OF CHRIST. WE ARE TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY IN PRAYER. I KNOW IT IS NOT THE SAME. WE DO AS WE CAN. IT IS A LONGING FOR RESURRECTION.

IF AVAILABLE, TAKING ADVANTAGE MASS ON TV, OR VIA WEB ETC., IS A GIFT. PLEASE REMEMBER THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION, NOT JUST SUNDAY, DAILY! OF COURSE, AS I MENTIONED, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ONE REMEMBER TO MAKE THE PERFECT ACT OF CONTRITION BEFORE HAND. AS AN ACT OF CHARITY TO THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING THE RAVAGES OF THE VIRUS, THE POPE HAS ASKED FOR US TO PRAY THE ROSARY FOR THEM AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE WORKING TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERINGS OF THOSE AFFLICTED. HE HAS DECLARED THE GRANTING OF A PLENARY INDULGENCE TO THOSE WHO DO SO. THE ORDINARY CONDITIONS APPLY, THE VARIANT BEING, ACT OF CONTRITION MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR CONFESSION, UNTIL ONE IS ABLE TO MAKE CONFESSION, SPIRITUAL COMMUNION IS SUFFICIENT UNTIL SACRAMENTAL COMMUNION MAY BE RECEIVED. IT IS NECESSARY THOUGH TO BE INTERIORLY DETACHED FROM ALL SIN, EVEN VENIAL. ONE MAY GAIN THE INDULGENCE ONCE A DAY. AN INDULGENCE MAY BE APPLIED TO ONE'S SELF OR FOR THE DEPARTED.

A FURTHER REMINDER. THE BISHOP HAS DIRECTED THAT CONFESSIONS BE DONE BY APPOINTMENT. IF IT IS YOUR DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT, GIVE ME A CALL. THE SAME APPLIES TO THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK. AS I HAVE SAID MANY TIMES AT MASS, I DON'T WANT MY PEOPLE TO GO TO SURGERY OR SERIOUS ILLNESS WITHOUT THE GRACE OF THE SACRAMENT. IF YOU CAN'T GET TO ME, I'LL GET TO YOU.

IN THE MEANTIME, KNOW THAT I HAVE TAKEN IT TO MYSELF TO SAY ONE "OUR FATHER," ONE "HAIL MARY," AND THE "GLORY BE....." FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE PARISH. AS MY MOM OFTEN SAYS, "THERE IS METHOD IN THE MADNESS OR MADNESS IN THE METHOD!" HERE IT IS. EACH OF YOU IS SAYING AN ACT OF CONTRITION. FOR THE TIME BEING, IT IS DEEMED SUFFICIENT FOR CONFESSION. WHEN ONE COMES TO ME FOR THAT SACRAMENT, I GENERALLY ASSIGN A PENANCE CONSISTING OF, ONE OUR FATHER AND ONE HAIL MARY FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHURCH. (IF YOU SHOOT MY MOM, YOU MIGHT GET 100 ROSARIES TO SAY - LESSON: DON'T SHOOT MY MOM!) IT IS MY PRACTICE TO SAY THE SAME PENANCE FOR THE PERSON(S) TO WHOM I ASSIGN THE PENANCE BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP. I DON'T KNOW OR CARE IF ANY OTHER PRIEST DOES THIS, I DO. I MUST BE WITH YOU IN PENANCE.

ONE OF THE GREAT UNFORSEEN BENEFITS THAT CAME OUT OF THE RECENT NEW PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORIES AND UPDATED HISTORY THAT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN WORKED SO HARD TO BRING TO US IS THAT I HAVE A PRETTY ACCURATE LIST. COURSE I WILL THROW A FEW EXTRA, JUST FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOOD OF ALL.

ENOUGH OF ALL THAT FOR NOW. WE GOT THIS! WE WILL CALL IT GOOD.

GOD BLESS