

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 21, 2021 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR MARCH 20 - MARCH 28

### ST. MARY'S

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Maury McDunner
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+ Rose Anna Abramovitz
Monday	8:15 a.m.	Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 a.m.	+Ken Garrison
Friday	8:15 a.m.	+Charles & Anna Velten
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Gene & Rose Marie Gasser & 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:

Monday, March 22

Wednesday, March 24

Thursday, March 25

Friday, March 26

Sunday, March 28

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 the Annunciation of the Lord

8:15 a.m. Mass

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

Home & School 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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Over 65 Dinner - The dinners may be picked up at the cafeteria door between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. (This is PICK UP ONLY and you must have signed-up to get a dinner)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, March 29

Wednesday, March 31

Thursday, April 1

Friday, April 2

Saturday, April 3

Sunday, April 4

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.

Holy Thursday - St. Mary's No Mass St. Agnes 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - St. Mary's 7:00 p.m. St. Agnes 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday - St. Mary's 7:00 p.m. St. Agnes No Mass

Easter Sunday - St. Mary's 8:30 a.m. St. Agnes 10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt after Mass. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

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

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00

Last Week's Collection: \$ 4886.00

**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 \$873.00 for the subscription to The Mirror. We are still short \$1,787.00 of covering our bill. 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** Pauline Whitman, Theresa Heidlage, Jerry Gasser, Charlotte Sloan, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**CEMETERY ANNOUNCEMENT:** Per the St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Cemetery Guidelines please remove all flowers, figurines and any decorative items such as shepherd hooks and solar lights, etc. that are on the ground by the 1<sup>st</sup> of April in preparation for the mowing season. Otherwise these items will be removed. By having these items off of the ground and out of the way, it will be easier to maintain the cemetery. Veterans and Knights of Columbus flag holders can remain. Thank You for your help. The Cemetery Board

**SIGN-UP SHEETS** are in the back of church for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday Appointments. Please sign-up

## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

We are looking forward to May 8th, we have scheduled our St. Mary's Art Show for this date. We will be adding many new wrinkles to this event and inviting the public to come and see some of the great things that happen here.

I am working on a spring flower and plant order form. This will be coming out in another week or so. As you begin to spruce up the yard and get those gardens ready, please keep us in mind before purchasing your spring plants.

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.

## MARCH APPOINTMENTS

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

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

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

Ushers: Doug Witt, Bryan Stellwagen

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

Readers: Heather Gripka, Michael Myers

Ushers: Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet

**\*COVID 19 NEWS\*** As of March 27, 2021 Bishop Rice has repealed the general dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Other changes mandated by the Bishop will be announced at a later date.

# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Ps 51:3-4, 12-15  
Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 12:20-33

**Monday March 22**  
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,  
33-62 or 13:41c-62  
Ps 23:1-6  
John 8:1-11

**Tuesday March 23**  
Numbers 21:4-9  
Ps 102:2-3, 16-21  
John 8:21-30

**Wednesday March 24**  
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
Dn 3:52-56  
John 8:31-42

**Thursday March 25**  
**Annunciation of the Lord**  
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10  
Ps 40:7-11  
Hebrews 10:4-10  
Luke 1:26-38

**Friday March 26**  
Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Ps 18:2-7  
John 10:31-42

**Saturday March 27**  
Ezekiel 37:21-28  
Jer 31:10-13  
John 11:45-56

In our desire to trust God and follow Jesus wherever he leads us, it's not a sin to feel troubled about it.

Yes, we do have to be willing to lose our lives (i.e., our own agendas, our own desires, our own ideas on what we should do with our time, etc.) so that we can unite ourselves to Christ and his mission. However, we don't have to like the loss.

The Gospel reading shows us that Jesus felt troubled by the sacrifices he would have to make. Yes, even Jesus himself felt troubled! And the Father glorified him.

Jesus came to earth to reveal God's ways and God's love and lead us to heaven. Now we, his followers, are called, commissioned, and prepared by the Sacraments to reveal God's ways and God's love to those around us, so that Jesus can lead *them* to heaven. That is the mission, the purpose of being Church, for all

of us – laity as well as clergy.

The Sacrament of Baptism initiates us into this calling. Confirmation commissions us to do it. Confession enables us to do it better. Marriage and Holy Orders give us a venue for perfecting it. The Anointing of the Sick converts our illnesses into opportunities to bear witness to Christ's Passion. And the Eucharist unites us so fully to the Passion of Christ that we become what we are called to do.



This is our everyday ministry of evangelization: We love others as Jesus loves them, we do for them what Jesus would like to do for them, and we spread the good news about this as a continuation of the ministry of Jesus.

Often, this involves making sacrifices and doing good to those who reject us and scourge us and crucify us or in any other way cause us to suffer. This is our unity with Christ, our Passion. We're not supposed to like it, but we are supposed to do it.

The Father honors us for this. Just like he glorified Jesus, he honors us with his compassion, his rewards, and his approval.

It's okay to feel troubled by the challenges we face in our mission. What keeps us going is knowing that God is raising us up. There is always resurrection after crucifixion.

### **Reflect & Discuss:**

1. What troubles are you facing? Where is Jesus in this? Is he ahead of you, leading the way? Are you following him?
2. How do you feel hearing Jesus admit, "I am troubled now"?
3. When you make sacrifices for others, how does this connect you more closely to the human heart of Jesus?
4. How does the Father honor you as you serve in Christ's mission?