

February 11, 2018
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Serving the People of God
Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

1101 S. LAFAYETTE, FT. WAYNE, IN 46802

FATHER PHILLIP A. WIDMANN, *Pastor*

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm



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Karen Grashoff..... (260) 424-8231

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Mary Kay Matasky..... (260) 424-8231

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Liturgical Environment

Chuck Luther (260) 424-8231

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St. Mary's Soup Kitchen Cook

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Tom Freehill.....(260)424-8231

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Dottie Carpenter.....(260) 705-1690

Sacraments

Matrimony

Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.

Sick and Communion Call

Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

Baptism

For details please call the Church Office.

Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.

Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR

Anytime by appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Call Parish Office for information.

Parish Pastoral Council

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 1st Sunday, after Mass

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 pm

Call or email submissions.

Parish Mission Statement

"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."

Parish Membership Welcome

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name _____ Phone No _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Check one:

New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Moving, remove from list

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We may not like it, but generosity and risk often go hand-in-hand. At least, that's what Jesus shows us in today's Gospel as a leper approaches him for healing. Until the nineteenth century, lepers were shunned to the margins of society for fear of spreading the disease. To touch a leper was to risk becoming unclean yourself. In today's Gospel, Jesus defies convention. "Moved with pity, he reached out his hand, [and] touched him." The leper is healed! But this is not the only risk Jesus takes.

Before Jesus heals the man, he knows full well the desperate nature of his situation. Jesus knows that this man will be overjoyed upon being healed and that he just might tell everyone he knows. For a Messiah looking to temporarily fly under the radar, healing this particular leper might not be the best idea. Jesus heals anyway.

It can be easy to become calculated in our giving. If I go out of my way to help this person, how will it affect my

reputation? How will this charitable donation affect my budget? How could I possibly make time to volunteer regularly? In today's Gospel, Jesus casts these concerns aside. He touches the untouchable. He reaches the unreachable. For his efforts, he receives a betrayal of his request for silence. "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter." Before long "it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." Jesus is forced to remain "outside in the deserted places." It would appear, perhaps, that he is unable to accomplish his mission.

When we take a risk to be generous, things might not follow the prescribed path. We might be disappointed. We also might be surprised! Our witness to radical generosity is attractive to a world in desperate need. Indeed, when Jesus took risks for love, "People kept coming to him from everywhere."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation

**Sunday, February 11**

Sacristan: Susan Berghoff

Commentator/Petitions: Carmen Doyle

Servers: Tommy O'Neil, Lauren O'Neill, Tony O'Neil

First Reading: Rosemary Mausser

Second Reading: Greg Gemperline

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Susan Berghoff, Andrea Thomas, Judy Wagoner, Barb Chmiel, Dottie Carpenter, Jennifer Hayes, Alex Andorfer, Maureen McCon

Ushers: Dennis Doyle, Adam Huth, Jim Huth, Julie Huth

Greeters: Judy and Katy Parrott

Coffee & Donuts: Martin de Porres Society

1st Sunday of Lent**Sunday, February 18**

Sacristan: Chuck Luther

Commentator/Petitions: Rena Zirille

Servers: German Cronin, Andrew Cronin, Nathan Johnson

First Reading: Louise Yahne

Second Reading: Ken Yahne

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Chuck Luther, John Barnett, Peggy Neidhart, Rosemary Mausser, Kate Brogan, Pat McBride, Celeste Streicher, Theresa Spencer

Ushers: Andy Johnson, Katrina Johnson, Gary Grider, Megan Horrell

Greeters: Frank & Liz Cantello

ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community –and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl (St. Mary's will be in your bulletin). During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

"to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven"

"a time to be born..."

"a time to love..."

"a time to be healed..."

Please pray for the sick,

Patrick Mitoraj and members of Pam Evans Mitoraj family

"a time to die"

"and a time for peace"

And in our world, all people, both military and civilian who are in the midst of war, or natural disasters.

Ecclesiastes 3:1f



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

Readings for the Week of February 11, 2018

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/ Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/ Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/ Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-



Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 11

10:45 am *Marie Strunk*

Wednesday, February 14

5:15 pm *Sam & Lucy Simone*

Sunday, February 18

10:45 am *Ron Mausser*



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for ...MACARONI.

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

.Sunday, February 11: Shanebrooks, Fairmans, Ryan S.

Saturday, February 17: Bob & Deb H., Jim Schmidt,
Jeff Alexander

Sunday, February 18: Liz & John Peterson

Thank you for volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. Please call me if you are unable to make your scheduled day.

Val Vordran 625-5757 or 450-5170

AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS

Pop Corn & Kool-Aid

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you feel a calling to minister to our shut-ins? Please call the church office at 424-8231 or Sue Koester at 493-4282 for more information, or if you know of a parishioner who may be homebound and in need of communion brought to them.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 11

- *Mary's Kids* 9:15 am
- Second Collection is for St. Vincent DePaul Society

Wednesday, February 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY

- Prayer Service at 11:00 am, ashes distributed
- Bean Luncheon 11:30 in Oechtering Hall
- Mass at 5:15pm, ashes distributed

Sunday, February 18

- *Mary's Kids* 9:15 am
- Second Collection is for Black and Indian Missions
- **Stations of the Cross after Mass**

ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM - St. Mary Mother of God Church offers this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offerings to the Church automatically through your checking or savings account. To obtain the necessary form, please contact Julie Crouch at the Parish Office (jcrouch@stmarysfw.org, or 260-424-8231). You may also go to www.stmarysfw.org, click the "Donate" link, and complete the Authorization Agreement for Direct Payment form. Mail or put the form in the Collection Basket. Thank you!

Parish Announcements

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St. Mary Mother of God Parish this year will take place immediately following the Sunday Mass each week during Lent, beginning next Sunday. The reason for this change quite simply is to improve attendance to this time-honored and venerable devotion. Most parishioners have to drive a considerable distance to come to church and moving the Stations to when most of us are already here should help all of us in a variety of ways. The total time for both Mass and Stations should not exceed one hour! Please join us! - - - *Fr. Phil*

SOUP'S ON: ASH WEDNESDAY BEAN LUNCHEON
SOUP'S ON! Come begin Lent simply. Bring a friend for a lunch of soup and bread on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14** from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Mary Mother of God Church, 1101 Lafayette St. A free will donation will help support St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, which serves 1,000 free bowls of soup to hungry people every day. A Lenten Prayer Service with distribution of Ashes will begin at 11 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING:

The Sign of Peace and Precious Blood Offering

As we continue to face a particularly severe flu season the following will be in effect at St. Mary Mother of God until further notice:

- To help prevent the spread the of influenza we will omit the sign of peace after the Our Father at Mass and will dispense with offering the Precious Blood to people at Communion. The faithful are reminded that anyone seriously ill has no obligation to attend Mass.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED

Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic School in Fort Wayne is looking to hire a long-term substitute 8th grade self-contained classroom teacher through the first week of March. To apply, go to www.diocesefwsb.org/Teacher-Application. If you have further questions, please contact Stephanie Howe at 260-422-4611.



Church Support

Monthly & Fiscal Year-to-Date Summary

	<u>Jan 2018</u>	<u>Jul 1-Jan 31, 2018</u>
Adult Collection-Actual	\$ 19,357	\$ 118,015
Adult Collection-Budget	\$ 15,000	\$ 116,250
Loose Collection-Actual	\$ 1,401	\$ 13,600
Loose Collection-Budget	\$ 1,400	\$ 10,850
Average % Envelopes Used	43%	33%
SVDP Collection-Envelopes	\$ 622	\$ 4,355
SVDP Collection-Loose	\$ 158	\$ 1,032

Many thanks for your support of St. Mary Mother of God.