

February 18, 2018
1st Sunday of Lent

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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FATHER PHILLIP A. WIDMANN, *Pastor*

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm



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Mary Kay Matasky..... (260) 424-8231
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St. Mary's Soup Kitchen Cook

Diane Day (260) 426-1217

Soup Kitchen Volunteer Coordinator

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Building Operations & SK Deliveries

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

Prayer Line

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

1st Sunday of Lent

Why do we always go to the desert? We see this example in Scripture time and time again. The Israelites wandered in the desert. King David and prophets were driven into the wilderness. And now Jesus is in the same place. Lent after Lent, we too are invited into a barren, desolate place. Why do we always go to the desert?

Throughout Scripture, the desert is a place of testing. It's also a place of hiding and withdrawal. In the Old Testament, David fled into the wilderness to hide from Saul, Elijah from Jezebel, and Jonah from God! In other words, the desert is a place of "retreat." In Christian circles, we use the word to describe a spiritual weekend away. But its meaning comes from warfare, as we well know. To retreat means to draw back, to separate oneself from the fighting. Of course, a military retreat brings its own kind of "battle" -- the internal assessment of why the fighting went so poorly.

As we enter into this Lenten season, we are invited

to retreat into the desert with Jesus. Attending a day or weekend of reflection is a wonderful spiritual practice. This "desert spirituality," however, can fill all forty days. We can fulfill our Lenten resolutions with a purpose -- writing daily notes to family and friends can inspire new gratitude, every time we pass up that specific food item can be cause for intercession for deeper sufferings and privations of others.

The Gospel tells us that "the Spirit drove him out into the desert." In other words, God wants us to be here. What feels uncomfortable is actually part of our spiritual journey. To be stretched, to be challenged, to confront our own areas of weakness -- these things are essential in our walk with God. This Lent, will you go to the desert?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant

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

Sunday, February 25

Sacristan: Sue Koester

Commentator/Petitions: Greg Gemperline

Servers: Noah Johnson, Brock Randolph, John Peterson

First Reading: Joe Miller

Second Reading: Theresa Spencer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Koester, Joanne Miller, Barb Chmiel, Judy Wagoner, Maxine Stovall, Jane Wick, Angela Greven, Dottie Carpenter

Ushers: Gayle Randolph, Liz Peterson, Angela Spencer, Joe Spencer

Greeters: Scott and Malachi Johnson



"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,

"a time to die"

"and a time for peace"

ERNESTINE STOVELL *mother-in-law of Maxine Stovell*

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1f

TRANSLATION OF COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary
The very Body which suffered and was sacrificed
on the cross for humankind,
And whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood:
In the agony of death be for us a foretaste of heaven,
O kind and loving Jesus, son of Mary.

Readings for the Week of February 18, 2018

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/
Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]
/Mt 25:31-46

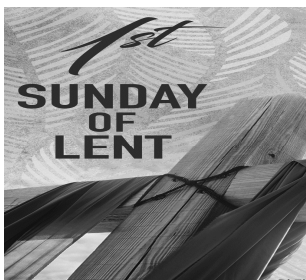
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]
/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 18

10:45 am *Ron Mausser*

Sunday, February 25

10:45 am *Lawrence Endress*



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

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

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Sunday, February 18: Liz & John Peterson

Saturday, February 24: Christ Church @ Georgetown—Brad

Sunday, February 25: Matthew D. & Lynn, Sam weldon

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

Toilet Paper and Paper Towels

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 18

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

Sunday, February 25

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ENCOUNTER series continues with —MAJD

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Parish Announcements

INVITATION TO SING WITH THE CHOIR

The choir is inviting anyone who would like to sing through Lent and Easter to join them each week. You do not need to fully commit to the choir, but simply be willing to sing through this holy time. We know you are busy, and should you need to miss a rehearsal, we work ahead each week, and you will be very familiar with the music before we sing it. Rehearsals are in the sanctuary each Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. If God is calling you to share in this way, please join us. Feel free to contact Greg Childs (466-8770) with any questions.

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*

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.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This Lenten season, every Catholic parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will have confessions available on Wednesday, Feb. 28, from 6-8 p.m. during The Light is ON for You. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and his Church. Learn more at www.diocesefwsb.org/Light.