

February 25, 2018  
2nd Sunday of Lent

# 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



### Parish Office

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**Hours** ..... Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4:00 pm  
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### Parish Staff

**Pastoral Associate & SVDP**  
Anthony Henry ..... (260) 424-8231  
**Office & Hall Manager**  
Jan Kortenber..... (260) 424-8231  
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Karen Grashoff..... (260) 424-8231  
Sue Koester..... (260) 424-8231  
**Bookkeeper**  
Julie Crouch ..... (260) 424-8231  
**Sacramental Coordinator**  
Mary Kay Matasky..... (260) 424-8231  
**Music Director**  
Greg Childs ..... (260) 466-8770

### Liturgical Environment

Chuck Luther ..... (260) 424-8231

### Mary's Kids Director

Therese Spencer.....(260) 747-4242

### Nursery Director

Judy Parrott..... (260) 420-1929

### Wedding Coordinator

Rebecca Silkworth ..... (260) 223-7018

### Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council

Jennifer Hayes ..... (260) 450-2193

### St. Mary's Soup Kitchen Cook

Diane Day ..... (260) 426-1217

### Soup Kitchen Volunteer Coordinator

Dee Kumfer ..... (260) 422-4968

### Ave Maria House

Dottie Carpenter..... ..(260) 424-3355

### 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

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

How are your Lenten resolutions? By the time week two rolls around, plenty of well-meaning people have skipped, neglected, or outright forgotten their Lenten resolutions at least once. It can be easy to start excusing our Lenten commitments altogether.

Last week we saw Jesus driven into the desert. This Sunday, we see Jesus leading his disciples to an equally barren place: he "led them up a high mountain apart by themselves." But what happens there? "And he was transfigured before them and his clothes became dazzling white." Today's Gospel reminds us of the goal. We don't enter into the desert for the sake of suffering, but for the sake of transformation.

Mountain imagery is prevalent throughout Scripture. The sacrifice of Isaac, Moses receiving the 10 Commandments, Elijah's revelation of God as a tiny whispering sound: all these occur on the mountaintop. Mountains are strenuous to hike. To assist the traveler in the ascent, trails

often involve switchbacks. These lead the traveler back and forth across the mountainside, sometimes appearing as if hardly any ground is gained. Perhaps Peter, James, and John hiked a similar path as Jesus led them up the side of Mount Tabor.

A climb is difficult. A climb in a barren place leaves you thirsty, exhausted, and quite possibly frustrated or discouraged. Yet this is precisely how Jesus leads his closest disciples. Why? Because he has something to reveal to them. Practically speaking, Jesus needed to bring Peter, James and John away from the crowds for this revelation of glory to remain hidden. There are spiritual truths we will encounter only if we pass through difficulty. So let's persevere this Lent! Today's Gospel invites us to trust that, if we persevere in following Jesus, he'll lead us to something beautiful and glorious as well.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*

**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

**Sunday, March 4**

**Sacristan:** Sue Jehl

**Commentator/Petitions:** Tom Rumschlag

**Servers:** Michele Obioma, Michael Obioma, Nicole Obioma

**First Reading:** Metrice Smith

**Second Reading:** Pat McBride

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sue Jehl, Celeste Streicher, John Barnett, Eugenia Barnett

**Ushers:** Liz Peterson, Christine Myles, John Peterson, Val Vorndran

**Greeters:** Christine and Jasmin Myles

*"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, the victims of the Florida school shooting and victims of the flu

*"a time to die"*

**Dr. Alfred Stovall, father-in-law of Maxine Stovall**

*"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.*



Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

**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 25, 2018**

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

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 25**10:45 am *Lawrence Endress***Sunday, March 4**10:45 am *For the People of St. Mary Mother of God Parish*


## Altar of Service

**Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen**

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

**Soup Kitchen Weekend Hours**

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 –1:00 pm

**Soup Kitchen Weekend Volunteers**

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 –1:00 pm

Sunday, February 18: Liz &amp; John Peterson

Saturday, February 24: Christ Church @ Georgetown—Brad

Sunday, February 25: Matthew D. &amp; 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****Men's Shoes— sizes 9-12****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 25**

- *Mary's Kids* 9:15 am
- **Stations of the Cross after Mass**

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**CONFIRMATION MEETING**

A mandatory meeting for all parents/sponsors and candidates for Confirmation is scheduled for March 11 at 11:30.

## Parish Announcements

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU**

This coming Wednesday, February 28 from 6:00-8:00 pm, parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will unite to “keep the light” and offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation(confession). The Light is On for You is a national outreach, that invites parishes to reach out in a particular way to those who have been away from the Father’s mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Together, we continue to raise awareness for God’s mercy and make it easier for practicing and inactive Catholics alike to receive the graces of the Sacrament this Lent. Full details are available online at [www.diocesefwsb.org/Light](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Light)

**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.

**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.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Any person High School age or any adult who has not received the sacrament of confirmation and who would like to receive this year please call the church office at 424-8231.

**ENCOUNTER CESIA**

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsrice-bowl.org](http://crsrice-bowl.org) for more.