

March 4, 2018
3rd 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*

WWW.STMARYSFW.ORG

Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm



Parish Office

1101 S. Lafayette • Ft. Wayne, IN 46802
Hours Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4:00 pm
Fri. 8:30 am-2:00 pm
Telephone (260) 424-8231
Fax (260) 426-2029
Email stmarysfw@stmarysfw.org
Mail P.O. Box 11383
Ft. Wayne, IN 46857-1383

Parish Staff

Pastoral Associate & SVDP
Anthony Henry (260) 424-8231
Office & Hall Manager
Jan Kortenber..... (260) 424-8231
Receptionists
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

3rd Sunday of Lent

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here." When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our

inner life in a way we didn't expect.

The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up in sin -- our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**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

Sunday, March 11

Sacristan: Susan Berghoff

Commentator/Petitions: Dottie Carpenter

Servers: Kera Parrott, Katy Parrott, Aric Koenig

First Reading: Carmen Doyle

Second Reading: Patrick Mitoraj

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Susan Berghoff, Judy Wagoner, Maxine Stovall, Jane Wick

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

Greeters: Sue & Irv Arnold

Coffee & Donuts: Haiti Committee

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.

*"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..."

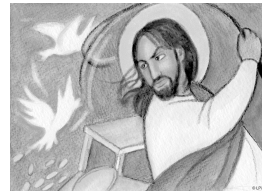
Parishioner, Mark Colchin

"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



And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." - Jn 2:16-17
Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001,

Readings for the Week of March 4, 2018

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]
/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]
/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11 ab, 14 and 17
[cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21 ab [cf. Hos 6:6]
/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21.

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-
14/Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 4

10:45 am *For the People of St. Mary's Parish*

Sunday, March 11

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 ...RICE.

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Sunday, March 4; Sam Weldon, Elizabeth Hull, Brice Hohn, Joseph & Carson

Saturday, March 10: Portage Middle School, Michelle

Sunday, March 11: Sam Weldon, Trip 7's

Saturday March 17; Bob & Deb, Brad, Michelle

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

Hygiene items

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, March 4

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

Sunday, March 11

- *Mary's Kids* 9:15 am
- Second collection is for Catholic Relief Services and St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Stations of the Cross after Mass
- Mandatory meeting for Confirmation Candidates and Parents or Sponsors at 11:30.

ENCOUNTER SAFIATA

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? 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

SUPPER & STATIONS WITH BISHOP RHOADES

You are invited to join with fellow parishioners and Bishop Kevin Rhoades on March 23 at 6:00 pm for a *Simple Soup and Salad Supper* in Oechtering Hall, followed by Stations of the Cross. Bishop Rhoades will conclude the evening with a short homily. You will find a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space so we can get a headcount for supper. Stations will begin around 7:00 pm and anyone not doing the supper is most welcome to join us at that time.

EASTER PARTY

St. Martin Porres Society will be sponsoring their annual Easter Party for children on March 31 from 11 am -1:00 pm in Oechtering Hall. They are now collecting Easter candy and stuffed toys. Please bring individually wrapped candy and drop in box provided in the Gathering Space. Thank you for your help!!

BUS TRIP TO THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION

March 24, 2018 a bus trip is planned from St Joseph Hessen Cassel to The Shrine of Christ's Passion in St John, IN. The cost to each person will be \$75 and include the bus trip, lunch at Teibles, donation from the group to the Shrine and tip from the group for the bus driver. Bottled water and continental breakfast will be provided on the bus at no additional cost. We will stop in Plymouth, IN for supper at Applebee's, Wendy's, Arby's or Bob Evan's. Supper is on your own and not included in the \$75. Please contact Mary Lou or Jim Sorg [260-639-3453](tel:260-639-3453) or Karen Sorg 437-3881.

HEALING SERVICE

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (10700 Aboite Center Rd) is sponsoring a healing Mass and service with Father McAlear on Thursday, March 22. Father McAlear is world renowned and gifted in the healing ministry. Confessions will begin at 5:15pm. The healing Mass will begin at 6pm followed by a healing service with Father McAlear where people will have the opportunity to come forward and be prayed over. During this time there will be Eucharistic Exposition as well as opportunities for Confession,



Church Support

Monthly & Fiscal Year-to-Date Summary

	<u>Feb 2018</u>	<u>Jul 1-Jan 31, 2018</u>
Adult Collection-Actual	\$ 12,175	\$ 130,190
Adult Collection-Budget	\$ 15,000	\$ 131,250
Loose Collection-Actual	\$ 1,089	\$ 14,689
Loose Collection-Budget	\$ 1,400	\$ 12,250
Average % Envelopes Used	37%	33%
SVDP Collection-Envelopes	\$ 536	\$ 4,891
SVDP Collection-Loose	\$ 71	\$ 1,103