



March 11, 2018
4th Sunday of Lent

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*“Serving the People of God
Spiritually and Physically since 1848”*

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am
Holy Day - 5:15 pm

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Liturgical Environment

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St. Mary's Soup Kitchen Cook

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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

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Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the tide.

In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still -- to our eyes -- being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices.

Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee

to teenage child's rebellion. The world isn't perfect because we aren't perfect. Our parish is flawed because we're flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination!

This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

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.



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

Sunday, March 18

Sacristan: Chuck Luther

Commentator/Petitions: Rena Zirille

Servers: German Cronin, Andrew Cronin, Payton Hinsey

First Reading: Ben Clemmer

Second Reading: John Brennan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Chuck Luther, Joanne Miller, Angela Greven, Kate Brogan

Ushers: Andy Johnson, Katrina Johnson,

Megan Horrell, Antonio Salazar

Greeters: Liz & John Peterson

ENCOUNTER ANDRISE

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community - and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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

"a time to be born..."

"a time to love..."

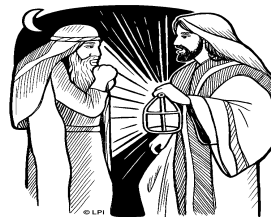
"a time to be healed..."

"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 this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:19-20 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Readings for the Week of March 11, 2018

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
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 11

10:45 am Ron Mausser

Sunday, March 18

10:45 am Jesse Morales



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

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

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 –1:00 pm

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

Saturday March 17; Bob & Deb, Brad, Michelle

Sunday, March 18: Fairmans, Shanebrooks, Brice H, Solomia N.

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

Tooth Paste

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 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.

Sunday, March 18

- *Mary's Kids* 9:15 am
- *Mary's Kids* will present their annual Lenten Stations of the Cross **before** Mass today and there will be no Stations of the Cross **after** Mass. Join the youth of our Church in celebrating this spiritual journey

PARISH COUNCIL SPRING CLEANING

Volunteers are needed to help spruce up the Church. Please join us on **March 18 after Mass** in Oechtering Hall. All supplies will be provided as well as snacks. Enthusiastic big and small workers needed.

Parish Announcements

OUR BISHOP IS COMING!!!

Saint Mary Mother of God Parish is both honored and privileged to host our Bishop for a special LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION on **FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2018** beginning at 6pm with a **SIMPLE SUPPER** followed at 7pm with Stations of the Cross, led by Bishop Rhoades and concluding with a special Lenten Reflection given to us by our Bishop.

This unique evening is open to the general public and it is hoped especially that many of our Saint Mary's Parishioners will take advantage and attend this special opportunity - **SO MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND!**

PRE-REGISTRATION IS A MUST FOR THE 6PM SUPPER so that we can prepare the proper amount of food. Sign-up sheets for the Supper are now available in the Gathering Space under the bulletin board.

This special event has been organized by your Parish Pastoral Council on **FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd** which is the last Friday of Lent prior to start of Holy Week with the hope that it will lead all of us to a better understanding of what our Lenten experience should have been and what our Holy Week experience should be!

SEDER –2018

St. Mary Mother of God Parish is planning a Seder Meal on March 28, the Wednesday of Holy Week. The event will begin at 6:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with table set-up starting around 5:00 pm. Meet in Oechtering Hall.

EASTER PARTY

St. Martin dePorres Society will be sponsoring their annual Easter Party for children on March 31 from 11am–1pm 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!!

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE SALE

Cathedral Books & Gifts will be having their Annual Spring Sale!!!! March 12-17 20% off your entire purchase!!!! Plan ahead and get all your First Communion, Confirmation, Easter & RCIA gifts!!!! Hours: M,T,W,F 8:30am-5pm Thur. 8:30am-7pm Sat. 10am-2pm Call -399-1442 for info Free Parking in our building!! Located in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center 915 S. Calhoun St.

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.