

March 18, 2018
5th 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

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm



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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

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"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip?and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.'" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming some-

thing more than you were before.

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" -- death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain -- can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!



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

Sunday, March 25

Sacristan: Sue Koester

Commentator/Petitions: Greg Gemperline

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

First Reading/Passion Narrator: Andrea Thomas

Second Reading/Passion voices: Dottie Carpenter

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue

Koester, Theresa Spencer, Maureen McCon, Louise Yahne

Ushers: Ken Yahne, Alex Andorfer, Angela Spencer, Joe

Spencer

Greeters: Andy & Katrina Johnson

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

"a time to be born..."

"a time to love..."

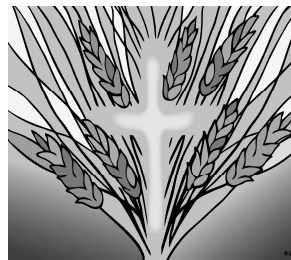
"a time to be healed..."

"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



"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." - Jn 12:24, 31-32 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass

Readings for the Week of March 18, 2018

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

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56

[52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn
11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,
17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 18

10:45 am *Jesse Morales*

Sunday, March 25

10:45 am *Sam & Lucy Simone*



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

Saturday, March 24: Matthew Q. & Lynn, Michelle

Sunday, March 25: Judy Parrott, Nina, Doninic, Josie

Saturday, March 31: Jim Schmidt, 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

Sugar

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 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.
- **PARISH COUNCIL SPRING CLEANING** Join the youth of our Church in this cleaning project! 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.

Sunday, March 25

- *Mary's Kids* 9:15 am

ENCOUNTER ALEFA

We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? 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

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.

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.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

St. Vincent DePaul Wednesday, March 21 - 7:00 pm
1501 East Wallen Road 46525

St. Jude Thursday, March 22 -7:00 p m
2155 Randallia Drive 46805

Our Lady of Good Hope Thursday March 22 - 7:00 pm
7215 Saint Joe Rd. 46835