

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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OFFICE HOURS Monday thru Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Sacrament of Baptism – For Children to be Baptized, please call the Rectory to schedule a meeting.

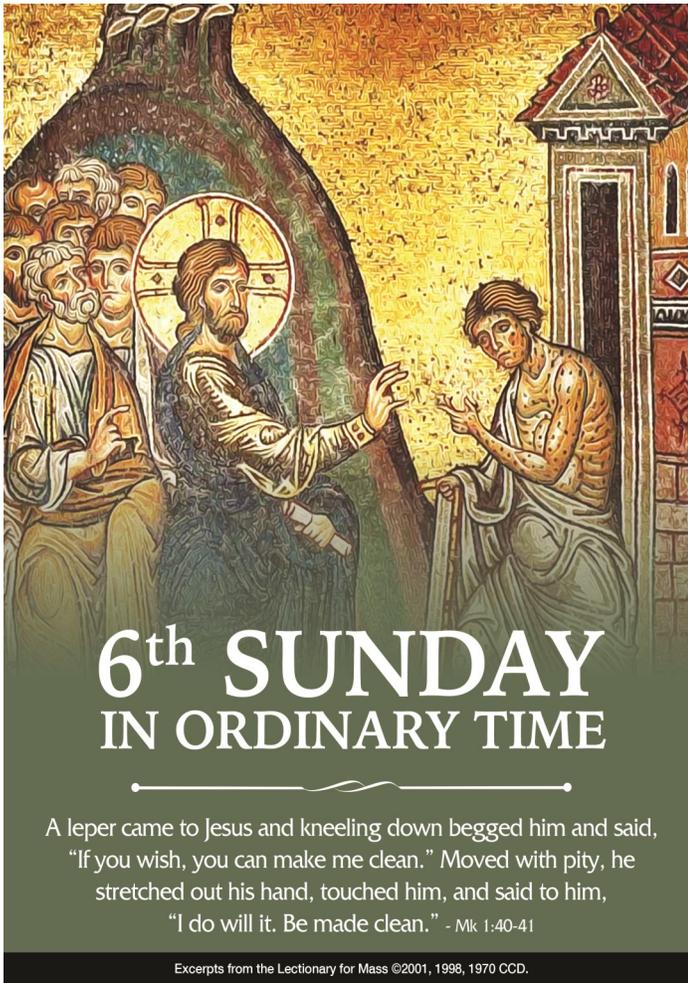
Sacrament of Penance – Confessions :Tuesdays 5:45pm–6:15pm, Saturdays 3:45pm–4:45pm , or by appointment.

Marriage –Make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months in advance. Pre-Cana instruction is necessary.

Anointing of the Sick – Please advise the parish office of the serious illness or hospitalization of a parishioner.

Communion for shut-ins – Please notify the Rectory if anyone is unable to attend Sunday Mass regularly.

New Parishioners – Register at the Rectory during normal office hours.



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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Our Vision and Mission

We the members of
St. Mary's Catholic Church,
in order to become the saints
God calls us to be:

- ◇ Welcome the wanderer to the Way
- ◇ Educate the seeker with the Truth
- ◇ Worship the beauty of Christ's Life

PARISH STAFF:

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Pastor's Corner



I'm writing to you just before departing for my 5-day **retreat**. Hopefully by the time you read this I'll be back safe and sound, a lot better rested and—please God—a bit holier than when I left.

If you are trying to determine what to do for Lent this year, you've come to the right place! Not only do we have the bulletin insert with a number of offerings from the parish, but I also want to speak to you about a kick-off event for Lent:

Invisible Ashes, Visible Graces—Sharing Hope in a Pandemic Lent is a parish conversation this coming Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, at 6:45 PM on Zoom. Each of us is called to evangelize, to share the joy of our faith with others, but most of us don't even know where to begin, especially in this difficult time. Come to hear some best practices from others, take stock of the tools God has given you this year, and ask for the grace to do what we can as His children. If it weren't for COVID, we'd hold this event with a soup supper, so feel free to grab a bowl of soup, come to the computer, and join us from the comfort of your own home as we ask God to bless St. Mary's this Lent.

Speaking of invisible ashes, I hope that you've heard that we need to **sprinkle the ashes** this year instead of the customary cross on our forehead (yes, we'll only use a "pinch").

This week marked the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day for the Sick. This would have been the Sunday when we would offer **Anointing of the Sick** at all Masses. Please know that I'm still here to anoint people one-on-one; reach out to me if you or someone you know is seriously ill, about to have a life-threatening surgery, or approaching the end of his or her life.

God bless you all.

—Fr. Bryan Stitt

Ash Wednesday Masses and Collection

Mass will be offered on Ash Wednesday at **7:30 am, 12:15 pm, and 5:15pm**. A collection will be taken up at all Masses on Ash Wednesday for the support of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, which continue to rebuild after communism.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, February 15** in observance of President's Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 16th, at 8:00 am.

Return Your Blessed Palms

As you may know, we burn last year's palms to make this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring your palms to the baskets at the doors of church or the parish office by **Monday, February 15**.



Here's To the Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of our Super Bowl Pool! Sebastian Notaro won the 1st Quarter, Dan Sweeney won Half-Time, and Sandra Bartlett won both the 3rd Quarter and Final. We raised \$620 for Campus Ministry. Thank you!

"The Search" This Week

Ever notice how the image of a person that you have in your mind never completely matches what that person is like in real life?



There's always something a little "off"; and usually you find that the real person is much more interesting than the image. Really knowing someone requires endless learning. This week of The Search is **Episode 5: "Who Is Jesus?"**

Due to parish sponsorship, the complete series is **available for free on formed.org**, a streaming service which can also be connected to your Roku; if you haven't signed up yet, it's simple. Go to formed.org and click "Sign-up". If prompted, choose to register as a "parishioner". Type in the Canton zip code (13617) to search for our parish, select it, and click "Next". Enter your name and email address, click "Sign Up", and you're in!

Lenten Disciplines

During the Season of Lent, Catholics take on acts of prayer and penance to help us reorient our lives towards God. We commit to renewed and deepened practices of **prayer**; we commit to renewed and deepened service of others (**almsgiving**); and we give up good things in our lives as a reminder that God is more important (**fasting**). Each of us is free to choose the specifics of how we do each of these, but there are also certain penitential disciplines that are required of all Catholics during Lent, most notably the disciplines of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting

This is defined as eating only one full meal in a day, although one can also have small amounts of food (less than a full meal) at the other two mealtimes of the day. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required to fast in this way on **Ash Wednesday** (February 17) and **Good Friday** (April 2).

Abstinence

This is defined as abstaining from eating the flesh meat of land animals and birds. All those who have reached their 14th birthday are required to abstain in this way on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the other Fridays of Lent**.

Those under the age of 14 or over the age of 60 may be exempted from the disciplines of fasting and abstinence, as well as pregnant and nursing mothers, and all those suffering from illness. Lenten disciplines should be penitential, but should not endanger one's health.

Easter Duty

All Catholics who have reached the age of reason must confess their serious sins in the **Sacrament of Penance** at least once a year. They must also receive **Holy Communion** at least once a year, between the First Sunday of Lent (February 21) and Trinity Sunday (May 30).

Emails from the Parish

We updated our Flocknote system, so some of you may have noticed that you're finally receiving our bi-weekly emails. If you haven't been receiving them (and you're sure we have your address) please add mail@flocknote.com to your contacts. That will help prevent your system from thinking we're sending spam.





St. Mary's Church 2021

Lenten Offerings

*Set A Fire Women's Devotional



Set A Fire is the Blessed is She Lenten Devotional. Each week, we read an essay on the week's theme, two personal stories, and meditate over two Scripture selections with questions. On the weekend, we turn our prayer to traditional prayers from the holy women and men of the Church. We invite you to sit in the quiet on Sundays to open your heart to docility to the Holy Spirit.

*This devotional requires sign-up as we have a limited quantity.
A \$20 donation is requested. Sign-up sheets in the back of church.

Available at the Doors of Church:

Magnificat Lenten Companion

A Companion for the Forty Days of Lent
(from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday)

Designed in a convenient, easy-to-use format- Inspiring daily reflections from some of the most gifted Catholic writers- Faith-filled essays- Prayers, poetry, and devotions- Meditations for the Way of the Cross- A treasury of spiritual insights.

By spending a few moments meditating on the inspiring daily reflections and the short prayers that follow them, you will accompany Jesus through his Passion and Death, emerging on Easter Sunday to the overflowing joy of his Resurrection. Let the profound yet practical insights you will find in this little spiritual treasury form and focus your spiritual life, filling it with new conviction and purpose.



Word on Fire Lenten Gospel Reflections

INCLUDES:

FULL GOSPEL READING for each day of Lent

DAILY REFLECTION from Bishop Barron

Space for JOURNALING and answering reflection questions!

Stations of the Cross Meditations

The Word Among Us

Each month these booklets are available at the doors of the chapel/church. They are an ideal resources if you are looking to follow the readings of the daily Masses Daily meditations based on the Mass.





Little Black Book

Daily Reflections from our friends in Saginaw, Michigan. The easiest program to use if you're intimidated about looking too holy!

Online Options:

Dynamic Catholic-Best Lent Ever

Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. That's why this year's BEST LENT EVER journeys through Matthew Kelly's latest book, *I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit*. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God. Sign-up at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>



FORMED-Daily Lenten Reflections

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten Reflections. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Available for free on FORMED. Visit www.Formed.org/lent

Invisible Ashes, Visible Graces-

Sharing Hope in a Pandemic Lent

Join us for our Parish online event. We'll get to hear some best practices from others, look at some of the tools at our disposal this year, and ask God for the grace to do what we can as His sons and daughters. Save the Date for Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 6:45pm via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting-Meeting ID: 827 9218 6847 Passcode: Assumption



5 Tips For a Fruitful Lent:

- 1) Attend Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5:15 here in Canton or at many of the neighboring parishes. You can also pray them as a family in your own home!
- 2) Drive in silence. Don't be surprised if He speaks to you on the way.
- 3) Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Saturday 3:45-4:45, Tuesday & Friday 5:45 PM, plus our Day of Mercy, which will take place on Monday, March 22nd.
- 4) If you don't have a cross in your room/apartment/house, buy a simple one. (Bonus: Ask Father to bless it!)
- 5) Go to Daily Mass during the week. Or at least one day a week.

Don't Forget!



Join our local Knights of Columbus to support the food pantry at the Canton Church and Community. Bring a canned food product (or other non perishable) to St. Mary's each day of Lent. There are bins at each of the doors.

Campus Corner

Until further notice, we'll have the following schedule for Newman Club meetings:

Virtual Meetings—Wednesdays at 7pm

(via GoogleMeet: link will be emailed out in advance, if you're not on the email list, contact Peter)

In-Person Meetings—Thursdays at 3pm

(In the library of the parish center, the old school building next to the church)

For further information about Catholic Campus Ministry in Canton, contact Peter Mueller at 315-386-2543 or cantoncatholics@gmail.com



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I felt sure that by the end of last summer, we would be out of the woods. But here we are, a year later, and COVID-19 refuses to go away. Last year, this deadly virus invaded our lives. Its impact continues to devastate all in its path.



Lent is upon us and we embrace the opportunity to enter this spiritual journey to be renewed in hope. We can make Lent 2021 like none other! In his Lenten message this year, Pope Francis reminds us that "Every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving." This is our time to focus on the awesome Gift we have received in the Son of God, as we lift our hearts in gratitude for the Glorious Mystery of Christ's Resurrection. In Lent 2021, we beg for the grace to increase our faith, renew our hope, and strengthen our love for God and for one another.

Does Jesus' resurrection illuminate my life? In the middle of national political strife, a worldwide pandemic, family worries, job loss, and health concerns, this Lent can be a time to revive our faith that risks being weakened during times such these in which we live. In my journey on this earth, does knowing that Christ is risen from the dead inspire my thoughts, influence my attitude, and inform my decisions?

Prayer, fasting and acts of charity are means for you and me to stay centered on the joy of the resurrection. Yes, even when things look pretty discouraging and bleak, we can find hope and peace because we are a resurrection people! Lent is not a dead-end journey of self-sacrifice and personal denial. No, Lent is a truly graced time to make space for the most important thing in life—my relationship with the Risen Christ. In that relationship we discover a hope that will never die.

I encourage you, if your health allows, to rejoin your neighbors at the liturgies and devotions offered at your parish this Lent, if you have been absent due to pandemic concerns. Our pastors and parishioners have worked so hard to ensure that health protocols are in place. The Eucharist is food for the journey, the very Body and Blood of Christ offered and poured out for our salvation. Christ-led and Christ-fed, we are hope-filled!

May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter. Mary, Mother of the Savior, pray for us! Joseph, comfort of the afflicted, pray for us!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

Youth Basketball Schedule

Monday and Wednesday

4:30-5:30 pm—Boys Grades 7-8

Kelly O'Neill • kellyponeill@verizon.net • 315-854-0707

6:00-7:00 pm—Mixed Grades 4-6

Matt Metcalf • metcalfm@canton.edu • 315-854-5681

7:30-8:30 pm—Girls Grades 9-12

Shelly Roiger • sroiger@stlawu.edu • 315-600-6216

Tuesday and Thursday

4:30-5:30 pm—Girls Grades 7-8

Eli White • eliwhite02@yahoo.com • 315-854-0773

6:00-7:00 pm—Mixed Grades 1-3

Paul Redfern • coachfern@gmail.com • 717-891-4991

7:30-8:30 pm—Boys Grades 9-12

Paula Jones • pjones@ccsdk12.org • 315-267-6200

For further information and a copy of the permission slip, please see the parish website. Please contact Paula Jones at pjones@ccsdk12.org or (315) 267-6200 with any questions.

Mass Attendance

February 6-7

5:00 PM Saturday	48
9:00 AM Sunday	42
5:00 PM Sunday	17



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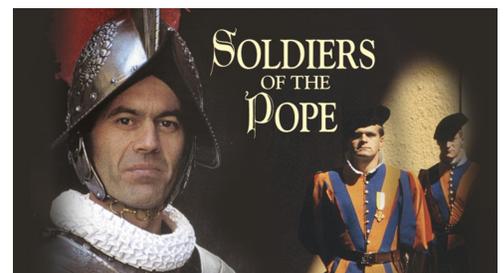
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ON DEMAND.

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Watch: *THE SEARCH* (see page 2)

Watch: *Formed Now! Evangelizing Millennials* with Dr. Ben Akers

Watch: *Soldiers of the Pope* a documentary on the Swiss Guard





Ministry Schedule

February 13 and February 14, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Mary Evans
	Greeters	Mark Dalton, Lisa Guccione
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Pat White
	Greeters	John Bailey, Terry White

February 20 and February 21, 2021

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lector	Lisa Guccione
	Greeters	Phil and Mary Shatraw
Sun. 9:00 am	Lector	Maureen Howard
	Greeters	Helen Dominy, Paul Schrems



PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us.

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Amen.

Katie Coakley Ba	Joe Guarino	Doni Peters
Betty Bessette	Helen Hilts	Joan Pope
Sam Bisonette	Arleen Jordan	Nolan Joe Redmond
Camille Brown	Shirley Lamendola	Judy Ruddy
Peggy Cashman	Carlos Law	Renee Smith
J.J. Crooks	Lori Law	Natalie teRiele
Phyllis Cunningham	Betty Lucia	Rose White
David Datush	Leward Lucia	Abuse Victims & their
Debbie Gainey	Laurence McKenna	Families

Parish Support

<u>Week of February 7</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Envelopes	\$4,420.00	\$5,105.00
On-Line Giving	\$602.00	\$1,728.00
Plate	\$611.00	\$130.00
Children's Envelopes	\$0.76	
North Country Catholic		\$112.00
Respect Life Collection		\$10.00
Church in Centra/Eastern Europe		\$110.00
<u>Winter Fuel Collection</u>		<u>\$110.00</u>
Total	\$5,633.76	\$7,305.00

(Recent Candle Donations—\$50.50)

Thank you for your support & generosity each week!

Please continue to remember how important your weekly offering is to the life of our parish!

MASS & PARISH SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 13: Weekday
3:45– 4:45 pm Confession
Vigil, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Mass Bev Creasy by Nancy Layhee

Sunday, February 14: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Mass John Thompson by Truus and Family
5:00 pm Mass For All the People of the Parish

Monday, February 15: Weekday/President's Day Holiday
7:30 am Mass Kamlesh Mrula by Henry Sieg
8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

Tuesday, February 16: Weekday
8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
4:10-5:10 pm Holy Hour for Vocations
5:15 pm Mass Deceased Members of Maplewood by
Communion Ministry Program
5:45–6:15 pm Confession

Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday
Day of Fasting and Abstinence
7:30 am Mass Betty Steele by the parish
8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
12:15 pm Mass Jean Karasinski by Peter Mitchell
5:15 pm Mass Ruth Augenstein by the parish

Thursday, February 18: Thursday After Ash Wednesday
8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
In Private Rosary for Life
5:15 pm Mass Melissa Michelle Garville by the Murphy
Family

Friday, February 19: Friday After Ash Wednesday
Day of Abstinence
7:30 am Mass Jacob Ladouceur by the parish
8:15 am (Facebook) Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

Saturday, February 20: Saturday After Ash Wednesday
3:45–4:45 pm Confession
Vigil, 1st Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm Mass For All the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 21: 1st Sunday of Lent
9:00 am Mass Vincent and Fran Ruddy by Judy Ruddy
and Family
5:00 pm Mass Shirley Ann Dunn by Dan Forbes



The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for

the Greater Glory of God

If you desire to have the Vigil Lamp lit for a loved one or for your intention, please contact the Rectory.

Readings for Feb 14

Lev 13: 1-2,44-46
Ps 32: 1-2,5,11
1 Cor 10:31–11:1
Mark 1: 40-45



Readings for Feb 21

Gn 9: 8-15
Ps 25: 4-5,6-7,8-9
1 Pt 3: 18-22
Mark 1: 12-15