

**CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY MASSES:**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE  
March 7, 2021  
3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Monday, March 8 at St. John's**  
10:00a.m...Charlie Montgomery  
**Tuesday, March 9**  
0:00a.m...No Mass  
**Wednesday, March 10 at St. John's**  
12:00noon...Monica Carie  
**Thursday, March 11, at St. Mary's**  
5:30p.m...Don Martin  
**Friday, March 12, at Holy Family**  
9:00a.m...Poor Souls  
**Saturday, March 13, at St. Mary's**  
5:00p.m...Parishioners of St. Mary's, St. John's and Holy Family  
**Sunday, March 14**  
9:00a.m...Jack Cain at St. John's  
11:00a.m...Marie Ray at Holy Family

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen*

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH:**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



As we move to the middle part of Lent, it is good to reflect on how well we are seeing the Cross in our daily lives. It should be a rather simple task, but it is one that even the first followers of Christ struggled with at different points in their relationship with Him. In last week's daily readings, we come to the moment when Jesus once again tells his intimate followers He will face the Cross quite soon, and they get distracted by who gets to sit on His right or left. It is a great reminder that even for the apostles it was to hear and understand what the Cross was and is for Jesus. Hopefully, in our individual and communal meditations on the nature of the Cross and Christ's Passion, we are not offering ourselves to Jesus out of a sense of ambition or worldly success, but out of a sincere desire to be true suffering servants as well in the vineyard of the Lord. If we keep our hearts on the Cross as St. Josemaria Escriva once articulated, we will be able to have the keen sight to see our faults and vices in its light and start to make real progress in becoming the disciples we are called to be. Once we see more clearly who we are and who we are called to be, we can put aside merely ambitious thoughts and start to experience the grace filled life that is ready for us at a moment's notice. We can truly glorify the Lord by our lives connected to the Cross and help so many others to do the same: just as we say during the Stations of the Cross, by your Holy Cross redeem the world.

In Christ, Fr. Hurley

**WALKING WITH CHRIST THROUGH LENT**

**Reflection:** *Pause for a moment to recognize the beauty of the Lenten season. Feel a deeper sense of compassion toward those in need and a renewed relationship with God.*

*"After He was raised from the dead, His disciples recalled what He had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words Jesus had spoken." (Jn 2: 22)*

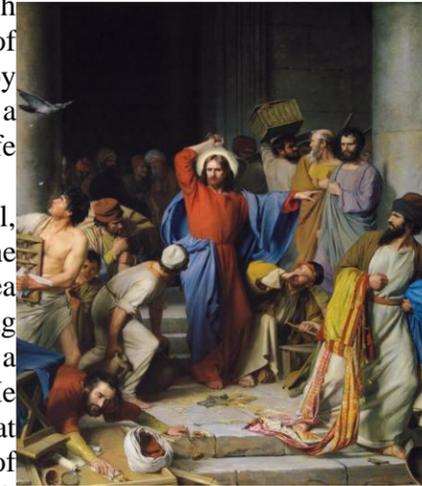
My Offering to God:

I will recall the times I have seen God's work and thank Him for His goodness.

**GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:**

**EX 20:1-17; PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 COR 1:22-25; JN 2:13-25**

Our readings call us to roll up our sleeves and persevere through the remainder of Lent by committing to a more faithful life with Christ. In today's Gospel, Jesus purifies the temple area because it is being misused as a marketplace. He becomes angry at their lack of reverence for God.



He spills the coins of the money changers and overturns tables, saying, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." Jesus witnessed the way people mistreated the temple — the place to worship God and God alone. He drives out evil and works to purify all that is sinful in that place. This is what Jesus wants to do for us this Lenten season. He wants to remove all impurity and evil in our lives and hearts so that we may have a proper dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. Let us ask ourselves, what areas of our life need cleansing? Let us name those areas and invite Jesus to purify us. He became man to carry our burdens and wipe away our sins. He has given us boundless mercy, but we must do our part to seek it and commit to living a more faithful life as a disciple of Christ. With this knowledge, let us seek to be purified from our sins so that our hearts might be a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

This season of Lent is only halfway done — there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for Easter morning. But let us not waste another moment. Let us name our shortcomings, seek God's mercy and invite Him to transform our hearts.

**FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE**

Please remember in your prayers Leisa Farling, daughter of Yvonne Farling, former long-time parishioner of St. John's, who passed to eternal life this week. May her family be comforted by your prayers.

**RITE OF ELECTION THIS WEEKEND**

Please continue to pray for Nathan Booher from St. John's who is preparing to join the Catholic faith at Easter.

**CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK AT CARRY-IN**

We will be celebrating St. Patrick with our March carry-in at Holy Family Church Sunday, March 21, after Mass with "SOUPS" for your tasting.

Please bring your favorite dishes to add to the fare: sandwiches, cheese, OR dessert.

AND REMEMBER, WE are celebrating St. Patrick so be sure to be wearing green.

Please join us for good fellowship, food and bingo. Covid rules will be followed.

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Repent and turn away from sin by praying the rosary during Lent for forgiveness and conversion of ours and all souls with Mary as our mentor.

The rosary is prayed each Sunday at 4pm with Divine Chaplet and each Wednesday at 4pm with recitation of 15 decades at Holy Family.

St. Mary's will pray the rosary each Saturday prior to Mass beginning at 4:40pm.

**St. Mary's Altar & Rosary will meet Monday, March 8 at 6pm beginning with the rosary. All are invited to fellowship and planning for our new year. COVID precautions will be in place.**

**DIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS**

Easter Duty: All the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

Fast: Ages 18-60 are allowed one full meal on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken, but they should not together equal one full meal. No eating between meals, but liquids are allowed.

Abstinence: Ages 14 and older are allowed no meat each Friday of Lent, unless health would seriously be affected.

In addition, acts of penance are to be chosen by each person according to circumstances; including increased prayer life, greater effort in the pursuit of virtue and voluntary surrender of pleasures. Parents are to see to it that minors are educated in an authentic sense of Penance.



#### FISH FRIES ARE HERE....

The Knights of Columbus at St. John's will conduct their annual Lenten fish fries again—as drive thru only—last fish fry: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7pm

Fish, potatoes, applesauce and cookie  
Adults - \$9; Under 12 - \$5.

#### FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the shelves in the back of each of our churches. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

#### Third Week of Lent: Sustainability in El Salvador

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques – and a new generation of young farmers – are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world?

**Let us Pray:** For young people in El Salvador and the entire world, that they might find training and job opportunities to thrive and transform their communities. For our community, that we invest in and support our young people, who work to promote positive change for our human family, especially its most vulnerable members.

#### ROSARY REPAIR

If you are in need of rosary repair or have old rosaries to dispose of, contact Terry McVicker, 765-348-3141. She will repair your rosary free of charge. She also takes old rosaries and uses the parts to make repairs.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Wednesday, Mar. 10: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Thursday, Mar. 11: Adoration 5-5:25pm at St. Mary's

Friday, Mar. 12: Stations of the Cross 6pm at Holy Family

Saturday, Mar. 13: Food Pantry at St. Mary's

Sunday, Mar. 14: Religious Ed & Bible Study 10-11am at St. John's

Religious Ed 9:30-10:45am at Holy Family  
Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

**WEBSITE FEATURE:** Under the "About" tab and "Sacraments & Formation", there is a section titled "ChrisTeens" which is for our Jr. and Sr. high youth. Located here is a "Life Teen Blog" and a "Church Pop" section with topics valuable to our youth formation.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 8: [St. John of God, religious] 2 Kgs 5: 1-15ab; Lk 4: 24-30

Mar. 9: [St. Frances of Rome, religious] Dn 3: 25, 34-43; Mt 18: 21-35

Mar. 10: Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19

Mar. 11: Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11: 14-23

Mar. 12: Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28-34

Mar. 13: Hos 6: 1-6; Lk 18: 9-14

Mar. 14: 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23; Eph 2: 4-10; Jn 3: 14-21

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

##### St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$471.00

Catholic Moment: \$40.00

Flowers: \$50.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

##### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$2,363.00

Building Fund: \$100.00

Catholic Moment: \$218.00

Central & Eastern Europe: \$70.00

Food Pantry: \$55.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

##### Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$1,573.00

Sharing Cupboard: \$19.00

Catholic Moment: \$158.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

*"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.*

Everyone is welcome to the DVD series, "Eucharist: Discovering The Mass In The Bible," which will continue each Sunday barring inclement weather. We meet in the parish hall downstairs 9:55-11am. Coffee and doughnuts are available.

**Mar 14- Session 8: The Last Supper and The Cross: The New Passover of Christ**



#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the parish office about preparation.

The sacrament is normally celebrated with the community during Mass. May God continue to bless you and your new little one.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are available by appointment as well as: St. Mary, 5-5:30pm each Thursday; 4-4:30pm each Saturday

St. John, 8-8:45am each Sunday prior to Mass  
Holy Family, 12noon-1pm each Sunday; 8:30-8:55am each Friday.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. Please contact the parish office to begin the preparation at least six months in advance.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Generally, Fr. Hurley is available after Mass for anointing, or you may contact the parish office to arrange a time.

#### RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Sessions for children and youth (grades K-12) are available on Sunday morning. Contact the parish office for details.

## St. Mary, Dunkirk

## St. John the Evangelist, Hartford City

## Holy Family, Gas City

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#### PARISH REGISTRATION

Visitors are always welcome. Residents are invited to join the community by calling the parish office.

#### RCIA

People interested in knowing about the Catholic faith and way of life meet each week. Contact the parish office for information