



## Our Lenten Worship Schedule



In reflecting on the many traditions of Lent, one subject has come up a few times in discussions concerning the use or disuse of Holy Water or even replacing Holy Water with sand during this amazing time. This is a practice that has appeared in Churches in recent years, and something that has been brought to the attention of the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Their response in the year 2000 is quite beautiful and succinct. They determined that the removing of Holy Water from the fonts during the season of Lent is not permitted, in particular, for two reasons: “[This] is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent, which though truly being a season of penance, is also a season rich in the symbolism of water and baptism, constantly evoked in liturgical texts. Secondly, the encouragement of the Church that the faithful avail themselves frequently of her sacraments and sacramentals is to be understood to apply also to the season of Lent. The *fast* and *abstinence* which the faithful embrace in this season does not extend to abstaining from the sacraments or sacramentals of the Church.” In fact, it is encouraged to take advantage of the sacraments and sacramentals to assist us even more in doing our works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Now, there is a time when the Holy Water is removed from the Church and that is to empty the Holy Water fonts on the days of the Sacred Triduum in preparation of the blessing of the water at the Easter Vigil, and it corresponds to those days on which the Mass is not celebrated (i.e., Good Friday and Holy Saturday). Yet, even on those Holy Days, the faithful received the Eucharist on Good Friday and are encouraged to use personal sacramentals such as the Holy Rosary as it aids us in meditating on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. So, please make frequent use of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and sacramentals like Holy Water and the Rosary this Lenten season—and really all of the time—and please reflect on the great mercy that God provides us through them in our times of need.

In Christ,  
Fr. Hurley

## CELEBRATE THE LORD’S DAY MASSES:

### LITURGY SCHEDULE March 13, 2022 2nd Sunday of Lent

#### Monday, March 14 at St. John’s

8:00a.m...Joe & Janet Smith

#### Tuesday, March 15

5:30p.m...No Mass

#### Wednesday, March 16, at St. John’s

12:00noon...Dave & Peg Wilson

#### Thursday, March 17 at St. Mary’s

5:30p.m...Parents of Dean & Loretta Wilson

#### Friday, March 18 at Holy Family

9:00a.m...Francis Oliver

#### Saturday, March 19

5:00p.m...Phil Blakely at St. Mary’s

6:30p.m...Sr. Marguerite Coyne at St. John’s

#### Sunday, March 20

9:00a.m...Welfare of Joe Parker at St. John’s

11:00a.m...Parishioners of St. Mary’s, St. John’s and Holy Family at Holy Family

## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH:

### A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Reminder of our Lenten fasting that all Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence in which no meat is allowed.

**NOTE:** Monday morning Mass will be at 8am as Fr. Hurley has an all day diocesan meeting. Please join us early.

**ST. MARY’S Altar & Rosary** meetings resume in March. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us Monday, March 14 at 6pm.

### CARRY-IN AT HOLY FAMILY

We will be celebrating St. Patrick’s Day this month by “Wearing of the Green”. So dress in your best Irish green and join us for lunch next Sunday, March 20, after 11am Mass at Holy Family for our monthly carry-in. Reemmer Hall will be open before Mass to drop off your dishes.

Be sure to pick up your Lenten extended edition of the Word Among Us at each parish location as well as your copy of Matthew Kelley’s book *Life is Messy*. Also, be sure to check out our kiosk and FORMED website for many great Lenten resources to guide us on our journey.

### AMEN PRAYER APP FOR LENT

Beginning Ash Wednesday, the Church once again unites herself to the mystery of our Lord’s forty days in the desert. Download the free Amen app today by Augustine Institute from the app store and gain access to an extensive library of Catholic prayers and meditations to help you be constant in prayer throughout this Lent.

### BIBLE STUDY RESUMES IN TIME FOR LENT

The women’s Tuesday bible study will meet following Christmas and COVID break. All women of the pastorate are invited to the parish hall at St. John’s 9-11am each Tuesday.



### March 18, April 1; 4:30-7pm

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fries are back for Lent at St. John’s Parish Hall.

They will again this year be drive-thru-only.

Adults \$12; Kids under 12 \$6.

Fish, potatoes, applesauce and a cookie.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Monday, Mar 14: Altar & Rosary 6pm at St. Mary’s

Tuesday, Mar. 15: Women’s Bible Study 9-11am

Wednesday, Mar. 16: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Lenten Soup Supper 6pm at Holy Family

Thursday, Mar. 17: 5-5:25pm Reconciliation and Adoration at St. Mary’s

Finance Council 6:15pm at St. John’s

Friday, Mar. 18: Reconciliation 8:30am at Holy Family

Stations of the Cross 6pm at St. John’s

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Saturday, Mar. 19: Reconciliation 4-4:30pm at St. Mary’s

Sunday, Mar. 20: Rosary 4pm at Holy Family

Reconciliation 8-8:45am at St. Johns

12-12:45pm at Holy Family

Carry-in luncheon noon at Holy Family

## PRAYERS IN SOLIDARITY FOR UKRAINE

Just as the Pope announced that Ash Wednesday was to be a day of prayer and fasting for Ukraine, we should all continue to join in prayer asking for God’s consolation and strength for those enduring suffering in Ukraine and other war-torn areas, and those caring for them.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 14: Dn 9: 4b-10; Lk 6: 36-38

Mar. 15: Is 1: 10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12

Mar. 16: Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28

Mar. 17: [St. Patrick] Jer 17: 5-10; Lk 16: 19-31

Mar. 18: [St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church] Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46

Mar. 19: [St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary] 2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a

Mar. 20: Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9

The next St. Peregrine Cancer Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, March 20th at 2:00pm in the Adoration Chapel. The service will include scripture, witness and relic veneration. To have your intentions included, email Susan Jenkins at s.jenkins@mariasteinshrine.org.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### St. Mary's

Sunday Collection: \$685.00

Needed Weekly: \$887.87

### St. John's

Sunday Collection: \$5,345.00

Food Pantry: \$308.00

Catholic Moment: \$20.00

Needed Weekly: \$3,225.23

### Holy Family

Sunday Collection: \$5,250.00

Votive: \$94.11

Food Pantry: \$86.00

Catholic Moment: \$0.00

Needed Weekly: \$2,238.00

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chose, One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

**SOUP SUPPERS** are underway for Lent. This week join us at 6pm at Holy Family in Reemmer Hall. If you are willing to make soup one week, please contact Diana in the office. We still need soup makers for Holy Family and St. Mary's. We would like two people for each. These will rotate between our three parishes. A short video program will follow titled "Into His Likeness". This week's topic is "Not Perfect, But Chosen".

## PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE, WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP

The **Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)** is a way we can help fund the good works and ministries of our Local Church that are outside the scope of our local parish. Please prayerfully consider your pledge.

This year the parish rebates return. So long as our pastorate as a whole reaches its required goal, we will receive a rebate of all money over the goal with a cap at 25%.

**Envelopes are at each of our church entrances with a pledge card inside. Please complete the card and mail in envelope provided or place in collection basket. Thank you!**

The CMA campaign takes the place of the former Fruitful Harvest Campaign and the Seminarian Fund annual appeal.



**JOURNEY WITH JESUS** as we walk the Holy Week pilgrimage with Him. Each Friday of Lent at 6pm all are invited to Stations of the Cross. This week it will be held at St. John's.

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

Perseverance to Succeed: Raul and Lillian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you being challenged to serve others this Lent?

Let us Pray for Raul and Lillian whom we meet through CRS Rice Bowl and for all who lack access to basic services such as education and clean water, that they have opportunities and resources to create positive change for their communities.

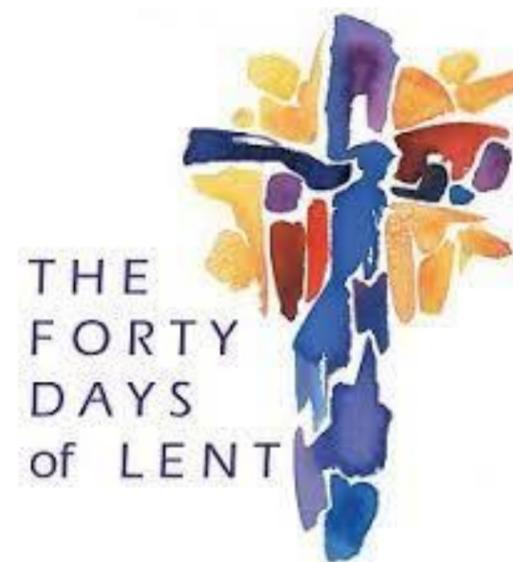
Also, pray for our community, that we help address systemic injustices that violate people's human dignity.

## Cake and Old Lace

Do you still have your wedding dress? Your mom's dress? Your grandma's dress? St. John's Altar & Rosary ladies are planning a wedding bridal show for their Mother-Daughter celebration on Sunday afternoon, May 15, so save the date.

We are looking for dresses 50+ years old, but we may have to move it down to 30+ years. We'd love to have wedding dresses from all three of our parishes. Please call us about the wedding dress you have or for more information: Ruth Jennerjahn 765-348-2733.

Also, more information will be in the next **Good News Letter**.



**Second Sunday of Lent  
March 13, 2022**

## 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