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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MARCH 2, 2025

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR MISSION

We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ that gathers together to celebrate the mysteries of God's love. We support and strengthen one another in our commitment to the Catholic faith. We serve those in need and share with all the Good News of God's unconditional love.



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ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree
does not bear
rotten fruit."
- Lk 6:43

OUR PARISH GOAL:
\$200,000.00

*(of which, \$20,000.00 will be
used to upgrade our church
sound system.)*

Your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal helps support our witness and faith in action through Catholic Marriage Preparation, Detention Ministry, Respect Life Promotion and Faith Formation and Youth and Young Adults ministry which provides minister formation, retreats, mentorship training, programming, and resources. No matter the size of your gift, we pray that you will participate in this important campaign.

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*"Avoid greed in all its forms. A man may be wealthy,
but his possessions do not guarantee him life." - Luke 12:15*



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Vigil:
Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am
& 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am and Daily
Masses are **Live Streamed**
on our website
stmaryslg.org/live-stream-mass

DAILY MASS

Mon - Sat: 8:30am
Rosary - 8:00am
Live-Stream & in church

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
(in church)

ADORATION

Mondays - 9:00-10:00am
Thursdays - 7:00-8:00pm

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 3:00pm

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LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ON PAGE 5

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Sirach teaches us to pay attention to how people speak; it reveals a lot. *How often do you find yourself weighing your words before speaking?*

Second Reading:

Paul speaks of Jesus's resurrection as taking away the "sting" and "victory" of death. *What words of comfort do you use to those grieving over the death of a loved one?*

Gospel:

Jesus encourages his followers to be humble in judgment of others and mindful in speech. *Have you had good role models in your life for these virtues?*

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Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks."

Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit." Jesus explains, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good... for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, TikTok, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift that we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." We must therefore be trained by Jesus our teacher so that our minds and hearts will be aligned with His mind and heart, and our speech (and actions for that matter) will reflect His goodness.

How do we obtain this training? Thankfully, we have an abundance of supernatural "training materials" at our disposal.

First and foremost, we can spend time with the Teacher, our Lord: we can study His life through reading the Scriptures, and we can listen and speak with Him in quiet, regular times of prayer. We can expand our faith knowledge through study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We can find healing and strength in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Amazingly, we can partake of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

The more intentionally and frequently we make use of these means, the more we will become like our Teacher and Lord. Then, all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

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LENTEN REGULATIONS - FAST & ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:4-7

Psalm 92;

1 Corinthians 15:54-58;

Luke 6:39-45

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	3/2	8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
Mon	3/3	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tues	3/4	St. Casimir Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wed	3/5	ASH WEDNESDAY Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu	3/6	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Fri	3/7	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6b, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sat	3/8	St. John of God, Religious Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sun	3/9	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	3/3	8:30 am	George W Tomasso †
Tues	3/4	8:30 am	Lynnette Nievares †

ASH WEDNESDAY - START OF LENT

Wed	3/5	8:30 am	Dani Nedom †
		12 noon	Catherine Teresa O'Keeffe †
		7:00 pm	The White Family (<i>healing</i>)
Thu	3/6	8:30 am	Janet Siniora (<i>healing</i>)
Fri	3/7	8:30 am	Marisa Nordmo †
Sat	3/8	8:30 am	Rodney Martin †
		5:00 pm	Marcial Laplace (<i>special intention</i>)
Sun	3/9	9:00 am	Robert Hapgood Cowden †
		11:00 am	Christopher Harbour (<i>special intention</i>)
		5:00 pm	Betty Carmody †

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us on all Fridays in Lent

MARCH 7 | MARCH 14

MARCH 21 | MARCH 28

APRIL 4 | APRIL 11

12:00 noon | 7:00 pm

Soup supper in Hofmann Center after the
7:00pm Stations of the Cross on all Fridays.

Everyone is welcome.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

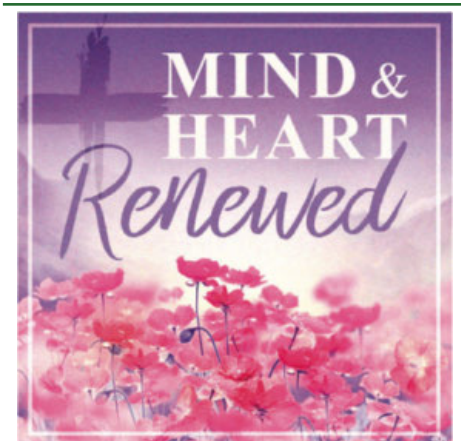
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Remove the beam from your own eye, Jesus reminds us, before removing the splinter from your brother's. This doesn't mean we should not help each other to be holy. But holiness must come from within. If we don't have it, we can't share it. Are we looking hard enough at our own souls?

POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: MARCH

For families in crisis:

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of PRAYER

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Ryan Heath; Dave Najour; Rose Arnaudo; George Bommarito; Ken Ardent; Marietta Riney; Adam Thielmann; Michelle Antonowicz; Elisabeth Venesualea; Honora Hannan; Frank Nolan; Michelle Schwartz

For those who have recently died:
Patricia San Juan; Melinda C. Gutierrez; Mary Beth Proffitt; Linda Austin; Helena Hugger; Renee & Noel Preaseau

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30am: School Choir

7:00pm: Cantor & Piano/Organ

MARCH 8 & 9

5:00pm: Saturday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

9:00am: Adult & Children's Choir & Piano/Organ

11:00am: Sunday: Cantor & Piano/Organ

5:00pm Sunday: 5pm Sunday Ensemble

ST. MARY MARIAN PRAYER GROUP - The St. Mary's Tuesday Morning Marian prayer group meets at 10:15am Hoffman Center. We pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary and meditate on a reading from daily Mass. We pray for the intentions of the school and parish. All are welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Junior High Library.



Visit us at stmarysl.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Sue Ahmadian at sue.ahmadian@gmail.com

ST. MARY BIBLE STUDY - Did you know we have a bible study group that meets every other Thursday 9:30am - 11am? We are currently studying Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson's program on the bible. Feel free to drop in whenever you have time. Please check the parish calendar for the schedule.

Stewardship of TREASURE

Managing God's Gift To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for February is \$80,000.00

Your weekly offerings enable us to meet our monthly obligations and continue to support the many parish programs at St. Mary. Thank you for your faithful support.

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OFFERINGS AND ONLINE GIVING

	Jul. 1 to Feb 16, 2025
Budget	\$ 510,000.00
Actual	\$ 505,403.00
Difference	- \$ 4,597.00

CRS RICE BOWL IS THE LENTEN PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Rooted in the history of the Eucharistic Congress, CRS Rice Bowl invites Catholics and faith communities in the United States to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the [pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving](#). Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 120 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$350 million.

WHAT IS A CRS RICE BOWL?

A rice bowl is a simple cardboard box used to collect Lenten alms. It comes with a Lenten calendar that guides families throughout the 40 days of Lent with activities, reflections, stories and opportunities to put [alms in their rice bowl](#). Combined, the rice bowl and calendar are a staple on the table of Catholic families across the country each Lent.

Please pick up a rice bowl at the entrances of the church this weekend.



Lenten Schedule



Prayer

Fasting

Almsgiving

**ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 5****DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE****(Distribution of Ashes at all Masses)*

8:30 am 12:00 noon 7:00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS**FRIDAYS IN LENT - DAY OF ABSTINENCE**

March 7; 14; 21; 28; April 4; 11

12:00 noon 7:00 pm

**SOUP SUPPER IN HOFMANN AFTER
7:00 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS****PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Wednesday, March 26 7:00 pm

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 13*(Palms will be available and
distributed at all Masses)*

Saturday 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM**HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17***No Rosary at 8:00 am and 8:30am Mass*7:00 pm **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
followed by **ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT** - Hofmann
Center till 10:00 PM**GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18****DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE****No Rosary at 8:00 am and 8:30am Mass*12:30 pm **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S
PASSION**7:00 pm **TENEBRAE****EASTER VIGIL - APRIL 19***No Rosary at 8:00 am and 8:30am Mass
No Confessions & No Mass at 5:00 pm*8:00 pm **EASTER VIGIL****EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20**7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am
*No Mass at 5:00 pm**** Days of Fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday - Ages 18-59***One Full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted.**** Days of Abstinence: Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent - Age 14 and older***Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics.***ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT****Diaper Drive***Collection for newborn babies of diapers (new born to toddler), baby wipes (flip-top preferred), formula (ages new born to toddler, \$25 gift cards, Handmade items welcome! (baby hats, blankets, bibs) **March 5 - April 4.*****CRS Rice Bowl***Pick up your Rice Bowl from the entrances of the church. **Rice Bowls/donations are due on April 11***



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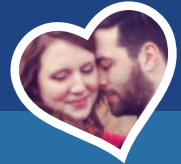
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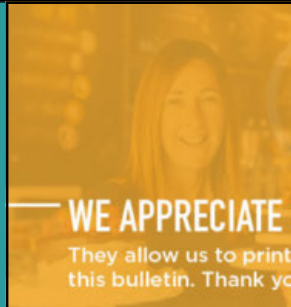
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