

St. Mary Catholic Church

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VISION:

Love God, Love others, and form disciples for Jesus.

MISSION:

To build a Catholic Community that discovers Jesus, follows Jesus, worships Jesus, and shares Jesus with others.



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

March 8, 2020

Call Parish Office For Sacramental Prep

Baptism • Marriage • RCIA

(920) 487-5005 Ext #100

Confessions according to schedule

and Confessions and Sacrament of Anointing
anytime by request.

Contact Father Amadi (920) 487-5005 Ext #3

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Parish Access

Code:

C3F6DM

Parish Website:

[https://
stmaryalgoma.com](https://stmaryalgoma.com)

St. Mary Mass Schedule



Saturday, March 7

7:00 am **Adoration**
 8:05 am † Steve Ray
 8:45 am **Confessions**
 5:30 pm † Donald & Germaine Entringer

Sunday, March 8

8:15 am For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 am **Adoration**
 8:05 am † Fern Magle

Wednesday, March 11

8:05 am **Mass at Holy Rosary - Kewaunee**

Thursday, March 12

7:00 am **Adoration**
 7:45 am **Pray the Rosary**
 8:05 am † Sharon Malfroid
 3:00-4:00 pm **Adoration & Confessions**

Friday, March 13

7:00 am **Adoration**
 8:05 am † Deceased Family Members
 of Verna Clark
 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14

7:00 am **Adoration**
 8:05 am † Chrissy VanderMuss
 8:45 am **Confessions**
 5:30 pm † Judi Blahnik

Sunday, March 15

8:15 am For the People of the Parish



Readings for the Week of March 8, 2020

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21
 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16
 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
 Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,
 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/
 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,
 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Saint Mary Parish Lights

Mar. 8 - 14

Steeple Light:

Sherman Defnet

This Week at St. Mary

Sunday, Mar. 8 Pie orders due. Place orders in the Baskets at the back and front of church.

Tuesday, Mar. 10

5:15 pm - Finance Council Meeting
7:00 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 11

3:35 pm—5:00 pm
 K—6th grade Faith Formation Classes
6:45 pm—8:30 pm
 7th—11th grade Faith Formation Classes
6:00 pm - Board of Education Meeting
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting



Thursday, Mar. 12

9:00 am - Bible Study "The Sunday Scriptures" in the Rosary Society Room.
 All are invited anytime!



6:15 pm - 8:00 pm - ALPHA Meeting

Friday, Mar. 13

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm - COF/Home & School
 Trout Boil



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.
 Let perpetual light shine on her.

Fern Magle

Born to eternal life on February 24, 2020

Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two additional smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.



The Rosary Society would like to extend a "Special Thank You" to the Knights of Columbus for the delicious breakfast they made for the 150th Anniversary of the Rosary Society. It was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Rob Reinhart—Grand Knight, Ed Cross, Jason Wiese, and Jamie Dachelet; plus all who helped them.

Parish Support

	Feb. 29 & Mar. 1
Stewardship & Loose Collection	\$ 6,303.55
School Operating Support	\$ 0.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$ 208.00
Auto WD Stewardship 3/5/2020	\$ 2,610.00



Bishop's Appeal 2020

Our Bishops appeal goal is \$26,120.00. As of March 3, 2020, 78 St. Mary Parishioners have contributed \$ 17,005.22 in cash and pledges.

Please consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal.

Worship Committee Update

The February meeting focused on planning for Lenten and Easter observances. All Holy Week services will held right here at St. Mary. Christmas services were reviewed by the committee, as well. There are a number of parishioners who have stepped up to handle the sacristan ministry since the departure of Jim Entringer. New altar cloths are now in place and the committee is working on prayer cards which will be placed in all of the pews. Potential needs for Easter donations were discussed. There will be a photo exhibit here at St. Mary in late March entitled "Open Wide Our Hearts."

Save the Dates: March 28 & 29th

Photo exhibit: **"Open Wide Our Hearts"**, by the Diocesan Office of Living Justice.



About the exhibit:

The Open Wide Our Hearts photo exhibit features photos of Catholics from various racial and ethnic backgrounds alongside written narratives that document what life in the church has been like for them as a person of color.

The photo exhibit will take place in the parish basement following each of the weekend March 28 & 29th Masses.

The article below appeared as an unsigned Commentary in America Magazine which is a weekly review published by the Jesuits.

Almsgiving: Lent's Overlooked Discipline

Is there any question that almsgiving is the under-practiced, under-encouraged Lenten discipline when compared with prayer and fasting? (In this magazine's 110-year-old archives, a search for the terms *prayer* and *fasting* in the titles of published articles brought up thousands of examples. A similar query for *almsgiving* yielded a meager two results.) Resources and encouragement abound for new and creative ways to immerse ourselves more deeply in prayer during this season of penance. And while it may be true that fasting requirements have been relaxed in both church law and daily practice in recent decades, one can still find pockets of resurgence of the ascetic practice (even amid a more secular world that is discovering the health and productivity benefits of intermittent fasting and Dry January).

Perhaps Catholics in the United States might redouble their efforts to give alms this Lent and to reflect in greater depth on the spiritual benefits the practice can bring.

Scripture is replete with instructions to give to the poor: "Almsgiving delivers from death and keeps one from entering into Darkness," Tobit tells us. Sirach commands: "Do not grieve the hungry, nor anger the needy. Do not aggravate a heart already angry, nor delay giving to the needy. A beggar's request do not reject; do not turn your face away from the poor." "Give alms," Jesus tells us, and we will build up "inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy."

Charity and almsgiving should be part of regular Christian practice. But during Lent we are called to do more. Many are willing to increase their charitable giving in December, presumably for tax benefits. Should not our annual call to conversion inspire at least as much of an increase?

All the better if the alms that we give come from money saved by giving up forms of amusement or self-gratification. Catholics might ask themselves: Is there a streaming service that I could do without for these 40 days? If meat is common in my diet, could I opt instead for less-expensive vegetable substitutes? Is there a concert, a movie or a sporting event that I could forgo?

In truth, many people in this country already go without these luxuries in order to provide for basic necessities. A healthy stock market is a little comfort to the 40 percent of Americans who do not have savings to cover a \$400 emergency expense. Lent is a time for Catholics not only to pray for those in need but also to give alms and help alleviate the suffering of the poor.