



# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

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## The Sprinkling of Ashes

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Weekdays & Saturdays:

6:30 am & 8:00 am

During School Year: Fridays 8:15 am

Saturdays: 5:15 pm

(for Sunday Obligation)

Sundays: 6:30 am, 8:00 am\*, 9:30 am,

11:00 am & 6:00 pm

\*8:00 am on Facebook Live Daily

Rosary: 5:30 pm Mon.-Fri. on Facebook Live

Day before Holy Day: 5:15 pm

Holy Days: 6:30 am, 8:00 am

12:00 noon and 5:15 pm

(if announced)

First Fridays: 5:15 pm

### CONFESSIONS

First Friday of the Month: 4:00-5:00 pm

Saturday: 7:00-7:45 am (Lent only),

4:00-5:00 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm

AND BY APPOINTMENT

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office if you or a loved one needs to be anointed.

618-465-4284, and press 1

### BAPTISMS

Please call the office to arrange a baptism at this time.

### MARRIAGES

To be arranged at least six months before marriage. Call the Parish Office.

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# St. Mary's Catholic Church

ALTON, ILLINOIS

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**FEBRUARY 14, 2021**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, February 15

6:30 am Steve & Goldena  
Amizich†

8:00 am Pat Guesswald†

#### Tuesday, February 16

6:30 am Msgr. James Hearont†

8:00 am John Surwald†

#### Wednesday, February 17

6:30 am Thomas Hearont†

8:00 am Int of Sr. Antonia  
Piñon, FSGM

Noon Int of Gabriel Haine

5:15 pm Dr. James Brown†

#### Thursday, February 18

6:30 am John Reilly†

8:00 am Int of Joseph Balan

#### Friday, February 19

6:30 am Int of the Halliday  
Family

8:15 am Clarence William†

#### Saturday, February 20

6:30 am OMV Seminarians

8:00 am Int of the Alex & Ann  
Pulido Family

5:15 pm Robert Hamilton†

#### Sunday, February 21

6:30 am The People of  
St. Mary's

8:00 am Janice Mueller†

9:30 am Int of Marc Meyers

11:00 am Kitty Holt†

6:00 pm Richard Hiendlmayr†

## Learning and Living Our Catholic Faith

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Valentine's Day! Today marks the end of National Marriage Week USA and also it's the last Sunday before Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the blessed season of the year in which we ask the Lord once again and more deeply and fully to purify our hearts and minds, our very lives and orient us completely to Himself. We begin to walk with Jesus toward the cross, the instrument of our salvation, trying to embrace it more vigorously, even as we try to allow him to embrace us entirely by our surrender to Him and his providential care. No matter what our vocation--marriage, religious life, priesthood, or consecrated single life--Jesus is always inviting us closer to his heart! Jesus is real and realistic and therefore is not afraid to invite us through the cross - his and ours.

Last week this column shared the first half of the CCC's section on marriage. Below please find the most of the rest. Please be sure to check out other marriage and family resources in this bulletin as well as good Lenten resources! If you're engaged or married please take one free copy of *The Deal* by local author Chuck Neff to share. It's an awesome short novel about marriage, the cross and growth.

Marriage is the heart of life. It is the God-given union of one man and one woman, for their good and the procreation and rearing of children, made a Sacrament by Christ. Unfortunately, it is under attack, primarily by the evil one, who strikes at its every aspect, attempting to separate men and women from God and one another. Some of the angles of his attack from the beginning include sowing confusion about what and who people are, and what marriage is, and their ends and purposes. In more modern times, the evil one has promoted abortion, euthanasia, contraception, gender-confusion, invitro fertilization, and even affected the morality of COVID vaccines. As followers of Jesus, we have so much work to do! Trust in Jesus and his power and plan for you and your family--Eternal Life! Check out the resources in the insert!

Happy Valentine's Day and may you grow in the love of Christ and in your vocation this Lent! – **Fr Jeremy OMV**

### The grace of the sacrament of Matrimony

**1641** "By reason of their state in life and of their order, [Christian spouses] have their own special gifts in the People of God."<sup>147</sup> This grace proper to the sacrament of Matrimony is intended to perfect the couple's love and to strengthen their indissoluble unity. By this grace they "help one another to attain holiness in their married life and in welcoming and educating their children."<sup>148</sup>

**1642** *Christ is the source of this grace.* "Just as of old God encountered his people with a covenant of love and fidelity, so our Savior, the spouse of the Church, now encounters Christian spouses through the sacrament of Matrimony."<sup>149</sup> Christ dwells with them, gives them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another's burdens, to "be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ,"<sup>150</sup> and to love one another with supernatural, tender, and fruitful love. In the joys of their love and family life he gives them here on earth a foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb:

How can I ever express the happiness of a marriage joined by the Church, strengthened by an offering, sealed by a blessing, announced by angels, and ratified by the Father?... How wonderful the bond between two believers, now one in hope, one in desire, one in discipline, one in the same service! They are both children of one Father and servants of the same Master, undivided in spirit and flesh, truly two in one flesh. Where the flesh is one, one also is the spirit.<sup>151</sup>

### V. THE GOODS AND REQUIREMENTS OF CONJUGAL LOVE

**1643** "Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter - appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling and affectivity, aspiration of the spirit and of will. It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union

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in one flesh, leads to forming one heart and soul; it demands *indissolubility* and *faithfulness* in definitive mutual giving; and it is open to *fertility*. In a word it is a question of the normal characteristics of all natural conjugal love, but with a new significance which not only purifies and strengthens them, but raises them to the extent of making them the expression of specifically Christian values."<sup>152</sup>

### **The unity and indissolubility of marriage**

**1644** The love of the spouses requires, of its very nature, the unity and indissolubility of the spouses' community of persons, which embraces their entire life: "so they are no longer two, but one flesh."<sup>153</sup> They "are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving."<sup>154</sup> This human communion is confirmed, purified, and completed by communion in Jesus Christ, given through the sacrament of Matrimony. It is deepened by lives of the common faith and by the Eucharist received together.

**1645** "The unity of marriage, distinctly recognized by our Lord, is made clear in the equal personal dignity which must be accorded to man and wife in mutual and unreserved affection."<sup>155</sup> *Polygamy* is contrary to conjugal love which is undivided and exclusive.<sup>156</sup>

### **\* The fidelity of conjugal love**

**1646** By its very nature conjugal love requires the inviolable fidelity of the spouses. This is the consequence of the gift of themselves which they make to each other. Love seeks to be definitive; it cannot be an arrangement "until further notice." The "intimate union of marriage, as a mutual giving of two persons, and the good of the children, demand total fidelity from the spouses and require an unbreakable union between them."<sup>157</sup>

**1647** The deepest reason is found in the fidelity of God to his covenant, in that of Christ to his Church. Through the sacrament of Matrimony the spouses are enabled to represent this fidelity and witness to it. Through the sacrament, the indissolubility of marriage receives a new and deeper meaning.

**1648** It can seem difficult, even impossible, to bind oneself for life to another human being. This makes it all the more important to proclaim the Good News that God loves us with a definitive and irrevocable love, that married couples share in this love, that it supports and sustains them, and that by their own faithfulness they can be witnesses to God's faithful love. Spouses who with God's grace give this witness, often in very difficult conditions, deserve the gratitude and support of the ecclesial community.<sup>158</sup>

**1649** Yet there are some situations in which living together becomes practically impossible for a variety of reasons. In such cases the Church permits the physical *separation* of the couple and their living apart. The spouses do not cease to be husband and wife before God and so are not free to contract a new union. In this difficult situation, the best solution would be, if possible, reconciliation. The Christian community is called to help these persons live out their situation in a Christian manner and in fidelity to their marriage bond which remains indissoluble.<sup>159</sup>

**1650** Today there are numerous Catholics in many countries who have recourse to civil divorce and contract new civil unions. In fidelity to the words of Jesus Christ - "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery"<sup>160</sup> the Church maintains that a new union cannot be recognized as valid, if the first marriage was. If the divorced are remarried civilly, they find themselves in a situation that objectively contravenes God's law. Consequently, they cannot receive Eucharistic communion as long as this situation persists. For the same reason, they cannot exercise certain ecclesial responsibilities. Reconciliation through the sacrament of Penance can be granted only to those who have repented for having violated the sign of the covenant and of fidelity to Christ, and who are committed to living in complete continence.

**1651** Toward Christians who live in this situation, and who often keep the faith and desire to bring up their children in a Christian manner, priests and the whole community must manifest an attentive solicitude, so that they do not consider themselves separated from the Church, in whose life they can and must participate as baptized persons:

They should be encouraged to listen to the Word of God, to attend the Sacrifice of the Mass, to persevere in prayer, to contribute to works of charity and to community efforts for justice, to bring up their children in the Christian faith, to cultivate the spirit and practice of penance and thus implore, day by day, God's grace.<sup>161</sup>

### **\* The openness to fertility**

**1652** "By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love is ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory."<sup>162</sup>

Children are the supreme gift of marriage and contribute greatly to the good of the parents themselves. God himself said: "It is not good that man should be alone," and "from the beginning [he] made them male and female"; wishing to associate them in a special way in his own creative work, God blessed man and woman with the words: "Be fruitful and multiply." Hence, true married love and the whole structure of family life which results from it, without diminishment of the other ends of marriage, are directed to disposing the spouses to cooperate valiantly with the love of the Creator and Savior, who through them will increase and enrich his family from day to day.<sup>163</sup>

**1653** The fruitfulness of conjugal love extends to the fruits of the moral, spiritual, and supernatural life that parents hand on to their children by education. Parents are the principal and first educators of their children.<sup>164</sup> In this sense the fundamental task of marriage and family is to be at the service of life.<sup>165</sup>

**1654** Spouses to whom God has not granted children can nevertheless have a conjugal life full of meaning, in both human and Christian terms. Their marriage can radiate a fruitfulness of charity, of hospitality, and of sacrifice. (See more here at [https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c3a7.htm](https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c3a7.htm))

If you have submitted a name for prayers in the bulletin they will remain for one month. If you would like to ask the parish to continue praying, please let the parish office know by calling (618) 465-4284. *Thank you for your prayers!*

## Requests for Prayers

*Please remember our brothers and sisters, who are in need of prayer.*

The Almeter Family, Lucy Rose Lucas, Bill Haine, Naomi Fader, Barb Cronn, Everett O'Connor, Tom Grossheim and family, Jack Droste, Greg Weirich, Cathy Weirich, The Ringering Family, Sean Michael Donahue, Veronica Murray, Keith Houghton, Debra Houghton, Baby Olivia, Mary Jenniches, Phyllis Milford-Rill, Larry Greenwell, Emilee Tate, Pat Gorman, Liam Maher, G. Terry Westfall, Ellen Saville, Margarita Pulido, Bob Rill, Chris Henkhaus, Mike Mihalich, Kathleen Engdale, Martha Kraehmer, Sue Imming, Michael Jennings, Jr., Francis Gonzales, Henry Leady, Matthew Paulda, Mary Wuellner, Stephen Turvey, Rollan "Jerry" Jouett, Samuel Madrey, John Wittman, Phil Hoefert, Mary Ann Raymond, Trisha Middleton, Denny Meehan, Sarah Huber, Bill Cox, Joan Cox, Florence Sabaj, Bonnie Haegele, Carolyn Holt, Mary Jo Buesteton, Gene Manley, Tim Holt, Andrew Brenner, Mary Jane Siemer, Eric Holt, Joe Certa, Sr., Tanner Akers, Jenny Breden, Shirley J. Waide, Barbara Hill, Jim Budde, Carolyn McDey, Christie Lane, Ron Eaton, Donna Scheffel-Null, Jackie Stilley, Vera Gray, Dolores Hill, Sharon McCoy, Ted Holt, Amy Terhaar, Cindy Klunk, Molly E., Catharine Williams, Lela Rose, Jerome Carrigan, Jeannette Krug, Pam Boutin, Toni, Donna Lavite, Barbara Hayes, Toni Eichorn, Louis Ferraro, Lauren Stevison, Nathan Robbins, Nicole Purcell, Our Friend Kathy, Mark & Barb Crammond, Robert Carter, Toni Bowman, Linda Schmoeller

*Holy Mary, help those in need, give strength to the weak, comfort the sorrowful, pray for God's people, assist the clergy, and intercede for religious. May all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection. Amen.*

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Focus:** Let us turn to Christ today to heal our wounds.

Jesus enters into our spiritual and physical suffering with his mercy to heal our separation from God and draw us back into the relationship for which we are made. The leper's faith can lead us also to confidently seek Christ out today. Jesus, the eternal Word of God, draws near to us to heal us of every wound.

The Lord gives instructions to Moses and Aaron for how to deal with leprosy. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God. In the Gospel, a leper asks Jesus to make him clean, and after he is made so, he then begins to *publicize the whole matter*.

### PART ONE - THE PROFESSION OF FAITH SECTION TWO - THE CREEDS - GOD REVEALS HIS NAME

**210.** "A God merciful and gracious"

After Israel's sin, when the people had turned away from God to worship the golden calf, God hears Moses' prayer of intercession and agrees to walk in the midst of an unfaithful people, thus demonstrating his love.<sup>18</sup> When Moses asks to see his glory, God responds "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you my name "the LORD" [YHWH]."<sup>19</sup> Then the LORD passes before Moses and proclaims, "YHWH, YHWH, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness"; Moses then confesses that the LORD is a forgiving God.<sup>20</sup>

### CEMETERY NEWS

The last day for pick-up of Christmas decorations and flowers at St. Patrick Cemetery and at St. Joseph Cemetery will be **THIS Friday, February 19th**. All decorations left in the cemeteries will be removed after this date. Thank you!



*Rest in Peace*



Your prayers are requested for the soul of

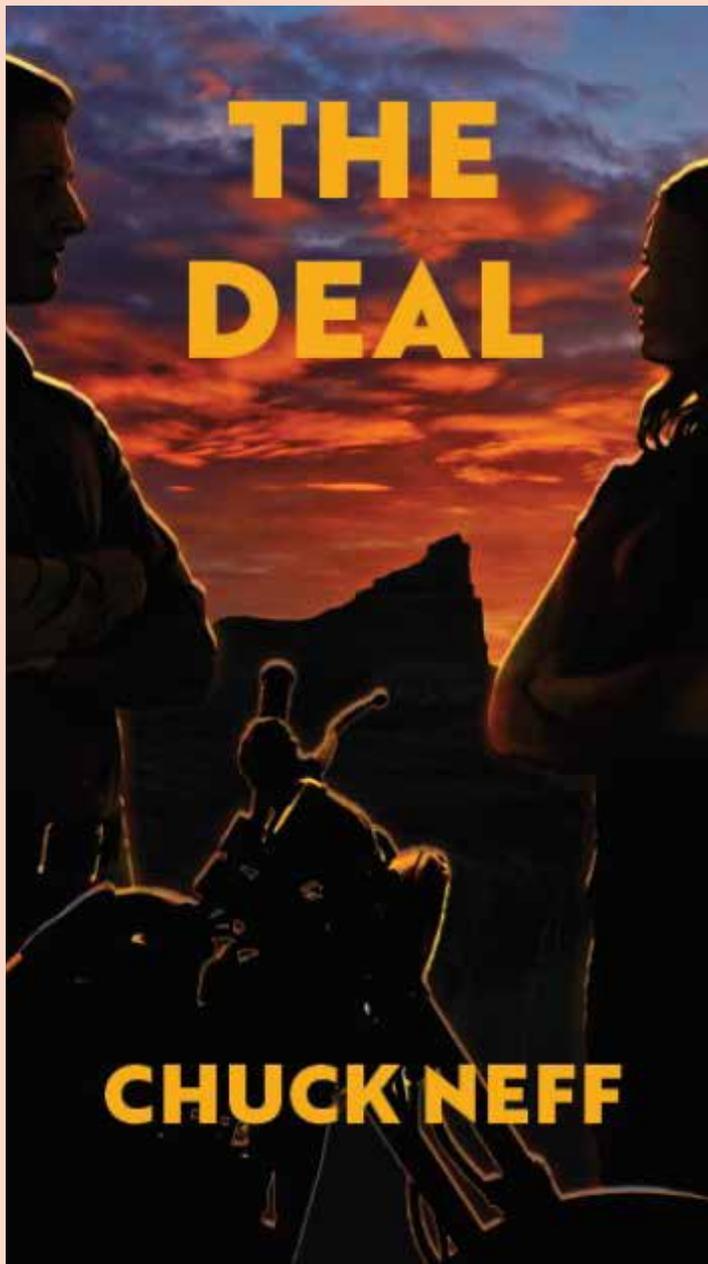
**Mary Jo Ducey**

"May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Jordan Cook, Kris Drake, Kyle Gray, Brian Gehm, Alaina Gehm, Johnny Braun, Grant Wanamaker, Trenton Brown, Michael Lucas, Drew Hargus, Steven Layne Blair, Jr., Joseph Brakeville, Keith Johnson, Joseph Buehlman, Teresa Buehlman, Austin Knebel, Megan Schuette, Daniel Chartrand, Morgun Yogore, William Kerr, Alex Geisen, Matthew Gonzales, Dree Anna Dixon, Jacob Allen, Matt Jouett, Tamara Cardenas, Emily Keith, Lisa Haegele, Kyle Ontis, Kaleb Selock, Caleb Rench, Danny Geringer, Zach Meyer, Jeff Schlobohm, Kaleb Denney, Samantha Gorman, Lane Oliver, Alexander Jaworski, Lance Perkey, Jonathan McCullough, Samantha Hoehn, Grace Gerhart, Trent Ward, Michael Cooke, Ed Maag, Luke Plunkett, Abby Linscott





## **A GIFT FOR MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES**

THE DEAL by Chuck Neff is an incredible and authentic Catholic novel about marriage, available to you for FREE after Masses on Valentine's Day weekend. Encouraging and inspiring for those in troubled marriages, celebrating wonderful marriages, or prepping for marriage. The story of Charlie and Nora is reflective of today's culture. This tale of marital strife and reconciliation features a stunning and impactful ending.



**Would you like to join other Catholic and Christian parents who want to enrich their marriages and family lives?**

**We are a local group of families who meet for book clubs, mothers' workshops, date nights, and more. Many of us are parishioners of St. Mary's!**

**We strive to provide wonderful resources and community for one another as we live out our vocations with faith and holy ambition.**

**If you are interested in hearing about our events, please visit our website at [www.faithfulfamilyproject.org](http://www.faithfulfamilyproject.org) and sign up for our mailing list! Or email [info@faithfulfamilyproject.org](mailto:info@faithfulfamilyproject.org)**

## RESOURCES FOR FAMILY LIFE

### Virtual Communities

- <http://livingthesacrament.com/>
- <http://www.1flesh.org/>
- <http://www.iusenfp.com/>

### Information Hubs

- <http://www.foryourmarriage.org/>
- <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/index.cfm>
- <http://archstl.org/naturalfamilyplanning>
- <http://www.catholicsexuality.com/>
- <http://whatcatholicwomenthink.com/>

### Videos

- <http://vimeo.com/12090300>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlrQwjCUbf0>
- [http://www.drvc-faith.org/videos/plan-your-family-naturally-an-introduction-to-nfp-dvd-trailer/#.U1\\_GAfldX9Q](http://www.drvc-faith.org/videos/plan-your-family-naturally-an-introduction-to-nfp-dvd-trailer/#.U1_GAfldX9Q)



### SIGN UP FOR DAILY REFLECTIONS THIS LENT WITH DR. TIM GRAY!

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections at [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent). 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.

Lent starts February 17. Sign up today for free! [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent)

#### Not yet on FORMED?

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>.
2. Enter our parish's zip code or name.
3. Enter your name and email.

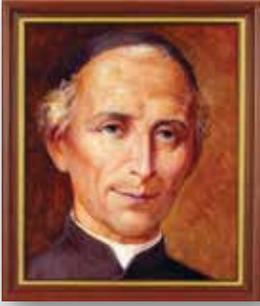
May God bless you during this special season.

An advertisement for a marriage seminar. The background is a photograph of a man and a woman laughing joyfully. Overlaid on this is a white box containing text. At the top, there is a logo with a stylized dove and the words 'MARRIAGE IN CHRIST'. Below the logo, the main headline reads 'INVITE GOD INTO YOUR MARRIAGE!'. Underneath, a paragraph states: 'Every couple needs the Lord to love them as a couple. Only in Christ and with the grace of the Holy Spirit can we live a married life full of the Love of God'. A horizontal line separates this from the next section, which says: 'THE AT HOME MARRIAGE IN CHRIST SEMINAR IS AN EASY TO USE ON-LINE PROGRAM FOR ORDINARY MARRIED COUPLES. IT IS SIMPLE AND PRACTICAL - ONLY 5 SESSIONS.' Below that, it says 'FROM YOUR HOME. AT YOUR PACE.' followed by 'YOU CONNECT WITH GOD. YOU DEEPEN YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND UNITY WITH EACH OTHER.' Then, 'AS ONE COUPLE PUT IT:' followed by a quote: 'This is the most positive and significant thing we have done for our marriage in the last 10 years'. At the bottom, it says 'Visit [marriageinchrist.com/AtHome](http://marriageinchrist.com/AtHome) and START TODAY!'

### Articles

- <http://www.patheos.com/blogsimchafisher/2011/03/23/why-doesnt-the-church-just-make-a-list/>
- <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/simcha-fisher/why-would-an-unmarried-woman-chart-her-cycle>
- <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/simcha-fisher/how-to-ruin-your-marriage-with-nfp/>
- <http://www.foryourmarriage.org/when-can-we-use-nfp/>
- <http://stlouisreview.com/article/2012-03-07/learning-hard-way>
- <http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/marriage-as-god-s-intensive-school-of-love>
- <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/resources/life-and-family/humanae-vitae/the-year-of-the-peirasms-1968/>

## Venerable Bruno Lanteri



*“Remember that we do not acquire holiness in twenty-four hours nor without continual defects and*

*failings. The awareness that we will commit many failings, even very many, greatly helps us toward holiness because it roots us in self-knowledge and in humility, and this is one of the foundations of our sanctification, the other being an invincible hope in divine mercy.”*

– Venerable Bruno Lanteri,  
Founder of the O.M.V.

Learn more and request prayers online:  
[www.omvusa.org/bruno-lanteri/](http://www.omvusa.org/bruno-lanteri/)



## OFFERING ENVELOPE PICK-UP

The 2021 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up but things are, of course, going to be different this year. Mailing the envelopes is cost prohibitive so we are going to offer contactless pick up. Please email or call the parish office and leave a message stating that you would like to pick up your envelopes. We will have a table set up on the parish office front porch. The boxes will be clearly marked with your name so they will be easy to pick up. Thank you for your help with the distribution.

## FISH FRY

The Godfrey Knights of Columbus (located at 1713 Stamper Ln., Godfrey) will hold a Lenten Fish Fry every Friday during Lent – **beginning Friday, February 19th**. Drive through/take home orders only. Serving whitefish and/or buffalo or shrimp. Comes with fries, onion rings, slaw and green beans. 4:00pm-7:00pm / All meals: \$10.



## PRAYER CORNER

### A Lenten Prayer

It is customary, Lord  
to give something up  
during the season of Lent.

What would you have me do without?

I who have so much.

Chocolate? Cream cakes?

Cigarettes? Sweets?

Alcohol? Swearing?

The list is endless

and I could give up all those things  
for the span of 40 days

quite easily and almost painlessly.

But what difference would it make

other than making me feel 'holier'

than my friend who makes no such sacrifice?

What would you have me do without?

I who have so much

Selfishness? Conceit?

Envy? Lust?

Pride? Complaining? I fear before I ask,  
that the answer might be 'yes'

and the giving up

would be all too real, Lord.

It would be difficult,

painful,

sacrificial,

a real cross to carry for 40 days,

and more?

## ST. MARY'S

## Adoration Chapel



<http://www.adorationpro.org/maryalton>

### Adorers Needed:

Thursdays: 5:00pm

Fridays: 3:00pm, 5:00pm

Saturdays: 5:00pm

### Additional Adorers Needed:

Tuesdays: 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm

Wednesdays: 4:00pm, 5:00pm

Thursdays: 3:00pm, 4:00pm

Fridays: 3:00pm, 4:00pm

Saturdays: 3:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm,

8:00pm, 9:00pm

Sundays: 3:00pm, 5:00pm

## MORALITY OF COVID VACCINES

Some have rightly raised concerns about the morality of receiving vaccines against COVID-19, and there are many concerns. The primary moral concern is the use of stem and other organ cell lines cultured from aborted embryos or fetuses. The moral analysis is complicated. Please review the following:

- No approved vaccine is entirely free of abortion-derived cell lines.
- The Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are known to have used a fetal kidney cell line in confirmatory testing only, but not in the development or production of the vaccine.
- Other vaccines completing their trials and being approved by the FDA and other public health organizations (Johnson & Johnson, Novavax, AstraZeneca) do use various stem cell lines in their development, production, and confirmatory testing, and are therefore more morally objectionable.
- The NCBC advises us that we may, in good conscience, receive one of the vaccines that only involved the use of these cell lines in the confirmatory testing phase. However, we should do so only under protest: that even this much of a connection to abortion is lamentable and that the scientific community should pursue research free of moral objection.

If you are interested in the more complete analysis, pursue further information provided by our bishop (<http://bit.ly/PaprockiVaxMorality>), as well as the National Catholic Bioethics Center (<http://bit.ly/NCBCVaxGuidance>) and the Charlotte Lozier Institute (<http://bit.ly/VaccineAnalysis-CLInst>).

## TAX STATEMENTS

The tax statements for your 2020 offerings are ready! Please contact the Parish Office to get a copy. We can also have your 2021 offering envelopes ready for you when you pick up your tax statements.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, GRANITE CITY

Outside the abortion clinic called Hope in Granite City, 40 Days for Life keeps vigil with peaceful prayer and presence, providing pregnant women with God's love, support, hope, direction, and better alternatives in their decisions regarding God's gift they carry. St. Mary's parish, together with the God Squad youth group, are sponsoring the vigil on February 21st from 7am to 7pm. General information is available at [www.40daysgc.com](http://www.40daysgc.com), and our coordinators are Shannon Vitali at (618)600-3111 and Richard Vitali at (618)600-5424. Sign up to keep vigil for a 1-hr portion of the day: <http://tiny.cc/40daysfeb21>.

\*This is an outdoor event, rain or shine.

## LENT

Lent is a time to return to the heart of your faith – the Lord! Acknowledge the importance of your relationship with God by the Sacrament of Confession, and say – “I’m sorry.” Hear His words, I forgive you, because I love you!

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 17th.

Mass times will be as follows:

6:30 am, 8:00 am, Noon and 5:15 pm

\*12:45-1:30pm ~ Holy Communion and Ashes will be distributed on 4th Street

\*8:00 am & 5:15 pm Masses will be livestreamed

### **REMEMBER DURING LENT:**

**FAST** – Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

**ABSTINENCE** – Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent.

*On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.*

### **FRIDAYS OF LENT**

**Morning Masses at 6:30 am and 8:15 am as usual**

4:00-5:00 pm – Confessions

5:15 pm – Mass

7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross in the Church

### **SATURDAYS OF LENT**

Confessions will be available from 7:00-7:45 am in addition to our usual Saturday times.

## PARISH OFFICE NEWS

In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, we do ask that when entering the Parish Office, please wear a mask and remember to social distance. While the Covid cases remain high in our area, we ask that if you can conduct business over the phone or via e-mail, please do so. Our after-hours drop box is also available if you wish to drop off something for the Parish Office or the school. We appreciate your understanding and patience!

**Parish Office: (618) 465-4284**

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*In observance of President's Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15th. We will reopen on Tuesday, February 16th at 8:00 am. If you need to drop-off anything to the Parish Office, please use the after-hours drop box located just below our mailbox. Thank you!*

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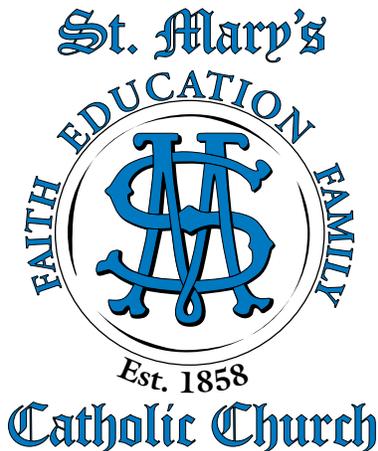
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