



# St. Mary's Messenger

St. Mary Parish

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*We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary Parish under the patronage of our Blessed Mother, will proclaim, celebrate, and live out faith in God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who sanctifies us in word and sacrament.*



Families Make  
Advent Wreaths



Toys Donated to  
Kids in Need in Kentucky



Empty Nesters  
Holiday Celebration



St. Mary's School  
Father Daughter Dance



PSR Second Grade  
Nativity Skit



St. Mary's School PreK  
Makes Snow



Ladies Advent  
Day of Prayer





**February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
is the  
Feast of the  
Chair of  
St. Peter,  
Apostle**



*The Chair of Peter,  
located in  
St. Peter's Basilica*

# From the Pastor

## The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

By Father Dan Redmond

Washington's Birthday, also known as Presidents' Day, is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of February. The day honors presidents of the United States, including George Washington, the USA's first president. This year, once again, our nation will celebrate the birthday of George Washington on February 18<sup>th</sup>. In many states it is observed as President's Day.

In fact, George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732. (<https://www.archives.gov/legislative/features/washington>)

In the Catholic Church, February 22<sup>nd</sup> marks a very important feast day in the Liturgical Calendar. It is the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle. In an article written in the *National Catholic Register* dated February 20, 2013, Catholic writer, commentator and evangelist Jimmy Akin approaches the feast from both the material and spiritual perspectives.

*On the one hand, there is a physical object--an ancient, ornamented chair--located in the apse of St. Peter's Basilica. This object--known as the Cathedra Petri (Latin, "Chair of Peter") -- is located in the apse of St. Peter's Basilica. It is in the back of the chamber, behind the famous altar, on the far, back wall, below the well-known, stained glass image depicting the Holy Spirit as a dove.*

*This display contains an ancient chair that has been repaired and ornamented over time. On the other hand, there is the spiritual authority that this chair represents.*

*Various modifications have been made to the chair, to repair and ornament it. Most notably, the famous Italian artist/architect Bernini (1598-1680) created the current display.*

*The Catholic Encyclopedia states of the original chair:*

*The seat is about one foot ten inches above the ground, and two feet eleven and seven-eighths inches wide; the sides are two feet one and one-half inches deep; the height*

*of the back up to the tympanum is three feet five and one-third inches; the entire height of the chair is four feet seven and one-eighth inches.*

*According to the examination then made by Padre Garucci and Giovanni Battista de Rossi, the oldest portion is a perfectly plain oaken arm-chair with four legs connected by cross-bars. The wood is much worm-eaten, and pieces have been cut from various spots at different times, evidently for relics. To the right and left of the seat four strong iron rings, intended for carrying-poles, are set into the legs.*

*According to Pope Benedict XVI:*

*This is a very ancient tradition, proven to have existed in Rome since the fourth century. On it we give thanks to God for the mission he entrusted to the Apostle Peter and his Successors.*

*"Cathedra" literally means the established seat of the Bishop, placed in the mother church of a diocese which for this reason is known as a "cathedral"; it is the symbol of the Bishop's authority and in particular, of his "magisterium", that is, the evangelical teaching which, as a successor of the Apostles, he is called to safeguard and to transmit to the Christian Community. . . .*

*The See of Rome, after St Peter's travels, thus came to be recognized as the See of the Successor of Peter, and its Bishop's "cathedra" represented the mission entrusted to him by Christ to tend his entire flock. . . .*

*Celebrating the "Chair" of Peter, therefore, as we are doing today, means attributing a strong spiritual significance to it and recognizing it as a privileged sign of the love of God, the eternal Good Shepherd, who wanted to gather his whole Church and lead her on the path of salvation [General Audience, Feb. 22, 2006].*

*This feast underscores the universality of the Catholic Church and the essential ministry of the successors of St. Peter (i.e. the Popes). Let us pray that those who shepherd God's people will always follow the example of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Fr. Dan Redmond †**

# Reaching Out

## New Pro Life Memorial

By Barb Mausser and Ruth Lynch

We hope many of you have noticed the new granite memorial to the unborn located at the back entrance of the church. A ceremonial blessing was given by Fr. Dan Redmond for the ProLife Memorial following the Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Those in attendance prayed for and gave witness to the protection and sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death, which is the main focus of the ProLife Ministry.

Many ideas were suggested at our meetings for this mission. One of which was the Memorial to the Unborn. This idea was brought up several years ago and it kept surfacing over the years.

When Fr. Janoch came to St. Mary's, he joined our ministry. The idea of a memorial to the unborn was brought up again. Fr. Janoch told us that this was something he had envisioned for our parish. He did some research and presented us with pictures of memorials that were available among which is the one we chose. It also had been seen by one of our members at Notre Dame Church in Hermitage PA and it had left a strong impression.

Our ProLife Ministry decided to ask Fr. Dan Redmond's permission to move forward with this memorial.

Various locations were discussed with Father Redmond and our Deacons. The goal was to maximize its exposure to parishioners, especially the youth of our parish as they entered our church. The decision was made to have the memorial on the left side as you enter the church from the back parking lot, because it would be most visible to all who entered.

We approached Palmina Semerano (a St. Mary's parishioner) owner of Semerano Monuments located on Rt. 6 opposite All Souls Cemetery, to work with us to make it all happen. She was most gracious and helpful and with her expertise several options and samples of mediums were considered. We now have a lasting and beautiful granite memorial for all to see and ponder.

Anonymous donations were made to the ProLife Ministry for this memorial, including the Knights of Columbus and monies given in memory of loved ones, especially Dwyn Kawalec and Dennis Lynch, both of whom were avid Pro Life members, now deceased.

We hope and pray that when you view the memorial, you will remember to say a prayer that all may respect life from the moment of conception to natural death.

The ProLife major fundraiser is our baby bottle collection on Mother's Day. In the past we have been able to give to the following organizations, which we carefully discern:

+ Birthright of Geauga – Offering counseling and help to mothers opting to keep their babies.

+ Maggie's Place – (Parma OH) A home for unwed mothers

+ Hannah House – (Mentor on the Lake) A home for unwed mothers

+ Mya Center – (Ashtabula) Counseling, ultrasounds and other needs. A special note: in 2016 Mya Center was in need of an ultrasound machine. We donated \$3000 and it was matched by KofC National for a total of \$6000.

+ Priests for Life – Who work with lawmakers to get legislation passed in favor of life and have a retreat center, Rachel's Vineyard, for those who suffer from having an abortion. A hotline number is listed on the front of our bulletin.

+ Cleveland Prays for Life (40 Days for Life locally)

+ Students for Life – Who work with our youth on college campuses to promote life

+ Lake County Right to Life – Provides us with free literature and signs

+ St. Mary's Library – DVDs and books promoting life

+ St. Mary's Lifeteen – Subsidize trips to Washington, DC for Roe vs Wade march

+ St. Mary's Moms in Need – We also offer help to any mother who chooses to have her baby and is in need.

+ Other activities: Spiritual Adoption, 40 Days for Life crosses on the St. Mary lawn

All this could not have been made possible except for all St. Mary parishioners. We thank you for your generous gifts, time and talents and your prayerful support.

We invite anyone interested to come to our meeting on the second Wednesday of Sept., Nov., Jan., March and May following Eucharist Adoration in the Hospitality Room. Come see what we are all about. You need not make a commitment. Just come. †



*New Pro Life Memorial (above).*

*Fr. Redmond dedicates the Pro Life Memorial following the Thanksgiving Day Mass. (below)*







# Praying

## Prayer Shawl Ministry By Sheri Wright

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Are you looking to join a spiritual ministry which allows you to tap into your creative side with knitting or crocheting? Consider joining in making prayer shawls to allow our Blessed Lord to wrap those we pray for in His Peace and Healing Power.

### About the Prayer Shawl

The shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl by the maker and also during the ministry meetings. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered by the Priest or Deacon before the shawl is sent on its way. Some recipients have continued the kindness by making a shawl and passing it on to someone in need. The blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and the receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of God's Healing Power.

### Some Uses for the Prayer Shawl

Shawls can be used for: undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress; during bereavement; prayer or meditation; commitment or marriage ceremonies; birthing, nursing a baby; bridal shower and endless possibilities.

### Meeting Information

The prayer shawl ministry meets one Sunday each month directly following the noon mass. It is a time for prayer over the newly made shawls and the recipients who have received our shawls. Duration of the meeting is 1 to 1 1/2 hours or less with no pressure on attendance. Our goal is to support each other to continue making the shawls for those in need, exchanging patterns and enjoying great company. Minors are permitted but require parent or guardian attendance. For information, please contact Sheri at [stmarychardon\\_psm@yahoo.com](mailto:stmarychardon_psm@yahoo.com) or 440-220-0157. ✚

*Deacon Peshek  
blesses the prayer  
shawls and hats.  
Members of the  
Prayer Shawl  
Ministry working  
diligently!*



# Praying

## Women's Lent Reflection Day — March 23

By Kathleen Praetzel

Ladies of the parish, (high school age and older), are invited to attend a Lent Reflection Day to be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will encourage one another on the journey of Lent as we contemplate the redemptive suffering of our Christ. We will strive to draw closer to the Lord as we pray and discuss. Even if you have attended in the past, we hope that you will join us again as no two events are ever the same: our activities vary, we will focus on new topics, and there are always new insights to be shared among the ladies at the tables. With that being said, never fear, we will also enjoy the traditions to which the attendees have become accustomed, such as time in Adoration and large group prayer!

We know that Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 tells us, "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion," and Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." If you have never attended, we hope that this will be the time that you will join us. Whether new or returning, together we will endeavor in the Body of Christ to grow in holiness this Lent as we look forward to the joy of the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. Registration forms will be available soon in the bulletin, in the Gathering Space, and at [stmarychardon.org](http://stmarychardon.org). The WOW Team is praying for you. †



**Save the Date!**

**Rosary and  
Tea with  
His Majesty  
and  
The Queen**

**Saturday  
May 11**

## Lifeteen Update

By Sherry and Chris Loxterman

Happy New Year! Our theme for Life Teen this year is "Relentless Father". It means that Christ is always pursuing us. He wants to have a relationship with us. We should always let him in any chance we get, going to Mass, being in the presence of the Holy Eucharist, and talking to him daily, so we can learn more about him through the Holy Spirit and Sacred Scripture.

We had a full fall semester! We participating in Trunk or Treat in October and we come in first place with a carnival theme. The Life Teen fundraiser, on Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, was a success! The funds will go to Life Teen Youth ministry to assist with expenses for upcoming Life Nights, Retreats, Steubenville and other events. Thank you to everyone who came to support Life Teen and to our Core team who helped make it a success. Our last event of the semester was a Lock-in on December 15<sup>th</sup> through December 16<sup>th</sup>. We started the lock-in on Saturday evening with Adoration and then transitioned into some fun holiday activities and dinner. Then, we closed the Lock-in Sunday morning with breakfast, and our annual white elephant gift exchange. 18 teens attended and everyone had a great time.

As we move into the first half of our second semester, these upcoming Sundays will consist of Spirit Days planning. Spirit Days is a two-day Confirmation retreat for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders that Life Teen will plan for them. Spirit Days are March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, so please keep the 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be confirmed in your prayers. Also please pray for Life Teen students and Core who will be helping with the retreat. Lastly, to St. Mary Parish high school teens, we hope you can make it to Life Nights, every Sunday from 6:00-8:00 pm, to continue the "Relentless Father" journey! Please contact us at [lifeteen@stmarychardon.org](mailto:lifeteen@stmarychardon.org). God Bless! †



*Life Teen members  
make gingerbread  
houses during  
Advent Lock-in.*





### **School Tours**

*Interested in learning more about our STEM award winning school? Call the office and set up your own private tour today. 286-3590*

### **Learning Fair Thursday April 11**

*Come and see student created art work, Science Fair projects, young authors books and more at this celebration of learning accomplished throughout the year. All are welcome!*

# Teaching

## **From the Desk of the Principal**

**By Friederike Wintersteller**

**Dear St. Mary School Families,**

The past few months have been quite busy and I would like to share some important information of what happened at St. Mary's School.

We are currently in the process of our accreditation. This is mandatory by the State of Ohio for each non-public chartered school every six years. Surveys were sent out to parents, faculty, staff, and students. I am proud to share that the results of this survey were very positive. We appreciate your constructive feedback as this will help us to better determine our strengths and weaknesses and make St. Mary's a better place to learn and grow.

Students who show special acts of kindness, good citizenship skills, as well as leadership qualities are honored on a monthly basis by receiving the St. Mary's Vikings Pride Award. We are blessed to have so many students who, led by our Catholic faith, are empathetic and committed to be a vital part of our Catholic community.

School safety has been an important topic during the last months. Lieutenant Troy Duncan met with our students, faculty, and staff to review important safety procedures. Additionally, sixth graders started a new program: PLUS-Peers Learning Usable Skills. This program not only supports the DARE program that is currently offered to our

fifth graders, but also includes topics which help our students to be safe and make good decisions while growing up.

We offered various after school clubs starting in February.

Our STEM curriculum will soon be enhanced by a Makerspace Room. We met with an architect to go over plans on how this special place will look like. We are hoping to start construction over the summer and have the room ready to be used for STEM activities in September 2019. It will be great to see our students working collaboratively, learning, exploring, and inventing!

We also would like to offer summer camps for our students and the parish youth community. We are currently in the process of finding personnel and will keep you informed. If you are interested in offering a camp, please call the school office.

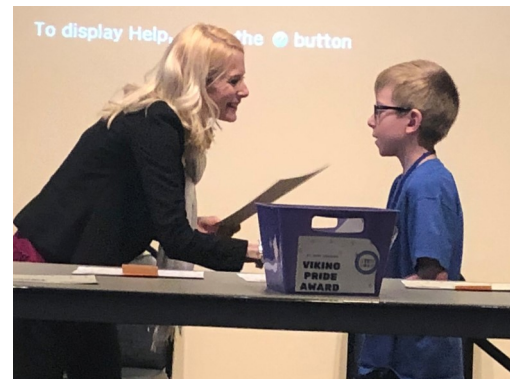
I would also like to thank our parents and parish community for all your support and help to our school. We are blessed by your generosity and commitment to make St. Mary's a special place for our students.

God bless,

**Friederike Wintersteller**  
Principal †



*Lieutenant Troy Duncan meets with St. Mary's DARE Students*



*Mrs. Wintersteller presents the Viking Pride Award.*

# Teaching

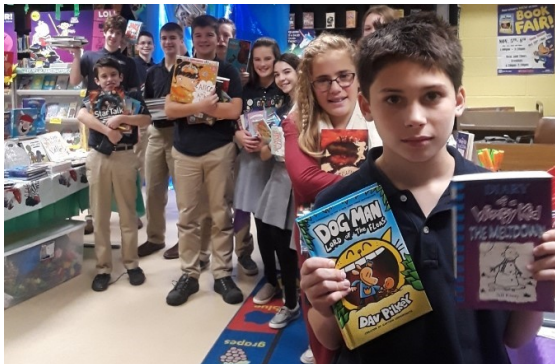
## News from St. Mary School

By Maureen Intihar



### Junior High Students Serve as School Ambassadors

Members of St. Mary Student Ambassadors meet periodically during the year to discuss and practice social skills that can help them in being effective communicators. This lesson was on reducing the amount of fillers words they use including “like”, “um”, and “you know”, along with other popular slang. The Ambassadors work throughout the year to give tours to prospective parents and students, serve as hosts for school activities and work on leadership skills.



### St. Mary Breaks Book Sales and Donation Records

St. Mary’s fall book fair was able to raise more than ever to support the AR reading program in the school. In addition, \$1,147 was collected to purchase books for the annual Toys For Appalachia Drive benefitting children in Grahn, Kentucky who would otherwise not have Christmas presents. PTU parents went above and beyond with their decorations this year and Mrs. Annie Maniscalco, school librarian did an amazing job promoting the fair and getting kids excited about reading!



### Three Generations of St. Mary Principals Work Together

On one day in November, three generations of St. Mary Chardon principals were in the building serving the school together. Sister Sandy Nativio (retired), Mary Petelin (retired this year), and current principal Mrs. Friederike Wintersteller worked in the classroom serving the students of St. Mary.

*Left to right: Friederike Wintersteller, Sister Sandy Nativio, and Mary Petelin*



### “Little Flowers Girls Club” Highlights Role Models and Virtues

St. Mary Junior High girls and their teachers, Mrs. Sarah Allin and Mrs. Edie Joyce have been busy preparing lessons for their Kindergarten through 2nd grade Little Flowers Girls Club members this year. This is the first year the club is taking place at St. Mary Chardon and it is already off to a great start! The Little Flowers program is a series of nine lessons, each about a female Catholic Saint which highlights a virtue that Saint demonstrated. The students are working together to create a scrapbook page for each Saint they learn about with the help of their Junior High partners. Meetings are held once a month and allow the students to have some time after school together learning and having fun. †





*First grade PSR class makes Nativity pictures.*



*Heather Gady's second grade PSR class make hearts to remind them of Jesus' love.*

# Teaching

## PSR Catechists Share Their Faith

By Jeannette Stone

The St. Mary Parish School of Religion (PSR) program assists parents, who are the first and primary teachers of the Catholic faith, in grades K-8 who are not currently attending Catholic schools. PSR helps our youth build a foundation of faith by integrating catechetical and curriculum-based learning with experiential opportunities to increase their knowledge of the Church and its teachings as they grow in their relationship with Christ. With over 400 students, we need many volunteers! Each week 35 volunteer catechists share their faith with their students. Our catechists range in age from teenagers all the way to 90. Some are retired teachers, while others have other careers. This article highlights four of our catechists and how they use their gifts to share the Catholic faith with their students. As you read you will notice they were all “called” to share their faith. If God is calling you to pass on your faith in this way, we are always looking for people. Please contact Jeannette Stone to find out more.

### Heather Gady – Grade 2:

I have been a St. Mary's member since I was born, receiving all my sacraments here. I am married and have two children in the third and fourth grade. I graduated from Chardon High School and still live and work in the community. When we were getting married we decided we would raise our children in the Catholic faith. My husband completed RCIA two years ago and has brought our family closer to the Catholic faith by attending more events or programs offered. I have also recently become a Eucharistic minister.

I have always loved volunteering for the programs that impact my children such as Room parenting, PTO, Girl Scouts, VBS and PSR. In addition I have always enjoyed working with children and being able to see their personalities grow as I try to inspire them to learn and achieve their goals.

I first became involved with PSR as an aide for first grade for both of our

daughters. I took on the role to co-teach after two years. Recently I was approached to be one of the second grade PSR teachers for this year. I was nervous, but thrilled and honored, to be asked and be able to do this. Growing up I had some PSR teachers who were great role models and I hope to be able to offer that same experience. I love being a catechist because I am there to help their faith grow and teach them about Jesus' love for us. I am very excited for my group of children to make their Holy Communion this year as I have been with them for two class seasons. If you are considering becoming a catechist, know that I have found this to be a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

### Larry Morgan – Grade 7:

My nephew and I were riding horses on the bike bath in 2001, when he inspired me to consider being a PSR teacher. I remember complaining to him that I felt many young Catholics don't seem to know their basic teachings. He politely asked “Why not do something about it...why don't you teach?” At first I thought, why would an average, run of the mill, regular Catholic, with no formal teaching experience, like myself, expect to get the job of PSR teacher? But then this little voice inside said, “...well, I do have a lifetime of Catholic parenting, and my Mother did a pretty good job of informing all eight of her children about our Faith, so why not give it a shot. If they say no, at least I can say I tried”. The rest is history as they say.

Every child is unique and it has been great fun to get to know them and to share a love of God with them. I try to let the Holy Spirit do most of the talking, and I find I'm learning right along with the kids. I truly get way more out of it than I give! I have to admit, after many years, I still get a real charge out of helping these kids learn how great it is to be Catholic; and I'm always amazed at how they seem to actually crave the knowledge of God's love!

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# Teaching

## PSR Catechists Share Their Faith

By Jeannette Stone

**Carl Milano – Grade 6:** I have been a part of the St. Mary family for almost sixteen years. My wife and I moved our young family from Cleveland Heights to Claridon in 2003 and enrolled our children at St. Mary School. We were very active with the school helping where and when we could, as everyone knows, the strain of raising young kids takes a lot out of you.

I got interested in becoming a Catechist last year when the PSR office called and asked my wife and I if we would be interested in helping out with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade PSR class. We talked to Jim Liggett who ran the 6<sup>th</sup> grade program and he explained how the class is structured and that we would be teaching the Old Testament. We both thought it was a great idea and signed up.

We really enjoyed the experience of helping to teach the kids about our faith starting from the very beginning. When the year ended, we told Jim that we would like to do this again. Unfortunately, my wife could not participate this year, but I have returned to help the 6<sup>th</sup> grade again.

I think this age is where a transition occurs in the kids and they are able to better understand things. It's a great feeling to see the proverbial light bulb coming on when you explain the 'why' for things that they heard about before. For example, they might have learned the Ten Commandments, but do they know why God gave them to us?

One of my favorite things to ask the new students is "What religion are we?" After lots of blank stares ... lol, I explain we are Christian and then I get smiles and Jesus' name is mentioned. I then ask what religion was Jesus? I usually get Christian as the answer. I then explain he was Jewish and that's when I see the light bulbs come on.

I hope to continue being a Catechist as I believe teaching the next generation about our faith is a great and fulfilling experience. To know that I played a part in helping someone not only learn about our faith, but better understand it and potentially teach it to their kids is something that will stay with me my entire life.

### **Sr. Mary Donnalee Resar, SND - Grade 3**

My family background and elementary education were both very influential in my vocation to religious life and in my desire to teach. From first through eighth grade, I attended Holy Trinity School in Avon, Ohio, where the Sisters of Notre Dame were my teachers. Our parish had special devotions for Christmas, Forty Hours, Holy Thursday, and May Crowning. From first grade on, I was part of these special processions. After receiving my first Holy Communion in the second grade, I received Holy Communion each morning at school in the convent chapel.

Being a teacher and a sister was something I considered from my elementary school days. As a junior

in high school, I became an aspirant, a high school girl who thought she wanted to become a sister.

In my senior year, I entered the Sisters of Notre Dame as a postulant receiving intense training on prayer and the life of a religious, especially life as a Sister of Notre Dame. I began attending St. John College to work toward achieving a BSE degree in elementary education. I made vows for one year in August of 1960. I had chosen to follow Jesus as a religious, the community had accepted me, and now I was finally a Sister of Notre Dame, a spouse of Jesus. I continued studying, renewed vows, graduated from college, began teaching first grade, and made perpetual vows in 1965. My assignments have included teaching grades one, two, and three, preparing children for the sacraments, working as an assistant community supervisor of schools, being principal in two different schools, and teaching PSR classes.

I retired from fulltime teaching in June of 2013 and became a PSR catechist at St. Mary, Chardon, in August. This is my sixth year teaching third grade at St. Mary's. Being a catechist is important to me. When Jesus was on earth, he taught people a new way of living which included care for others, love, compassion, and forgiveness. He especially shared his love for the Father, his vision for mankind, and the promise of eternal life. His teaching was so powerful, that others became enamored with his love and vision and followed him closely. At his death, his followers continued to share his message and passed it on to others who would share his message. The mission of Jesus has continued through the centuries to our present time. By being a catechist, I continue to share the message of God's love with others who in turn will pass the message on to others. Sharing God's goodness and love is an aim and a joy for me and for each Sister of Notre Dame. ✝



*Sr. Mary Donnalee and her 3rd grade PSR student.*

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If you watch the regular Sunday collection figures posted in the bulletin, you will notice "giving dips" from week to week over the course of the year. This difference has been as much as \$7,000! Automated giving evens those low weeks created by vacations, snowbirds, and flu season. You will continue to receive collection envelopes. If you wish to participate in the offertory during Mass, please feel free to check off the box marked "Auto Giving" on your envelope and deposit it in the collection basket. Questions? Concerns? Call me (440) 285-7051 x16. Linda Ropchock, Business Manager.

*"What return can  
I make to the  
Lord, for all of  
God's goodness  
to me?"  
Psalm 116:12*



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A written confirmation will be returned to you with notification of the start date for your withdrawals.

***Please send or drop off your form in the Parish Office.***



# *Celebrating*

## **Lent and Easter Calendar**



### **Ash Wednesday Services:**

Wednesday, March 6	7:30am, 9:30am, and 7:00pm
Mass including ashes	12:10pm and soup lunch following
Prayer service with ashes	1:00pm-7:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration	

### **Lent Mission:**

Monday, March 11	Starting at 7:00pm each night
Tuesday, March 12	
Wednesday, March 13	

### **Women's Lent Reflection Day:**

Saturday, March 23	8:30am-2:30pm
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All You Can Eat Fish Fry:	Fridays of Lent 4:30-7:00pm
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Mass:	Fridays of Lent 7:30am and 9:20am
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Stations of the Cross:	Fridays of Lent 7:00pm
March 29 stations led by	St. Mary School 5th Grade
April 5 stations led by	St. Mary School 2nd Grade

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturdays (all year)	3:00-4:00pm
Sundays in Lent	after 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00noon Masses
Wednesday, March 20	5:00-8:00pm, in every church in the Diocese
Monday, April 15	7:00-8:00pm
Tuesday, April 16	10:00-11:00am
Wednesday, April 17	11:00am-12:00noon and 4:00-5:00pm

### **Holy Week and Easter Services:**

Wednesday, April 17	Eucharistic Adoration	12:00noon-7:00pm
	Tenebrae	8:00pm
Thursday, April 18	Morning Prayer	7:30am
	Mass of the Lord's Supper	8:00pm
	Eucharistic Adoration	9:00pm-11:00pm
Friday, April 19	Morning Prayer	7:30am
	The Passion of the Lord	3:00pm
	Family Stations of the Cross	8:00pm
Saturday, April 20	Morning Prayer	8:30am
	Blessing of Easter Foods	12:00noon
	Easter Vigil	7:30pm
Sunday, April 21	Easter Sunday Masses	8:00am, 10:00, and 12:00



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