

# ST. MARY PARISH ~ DeKALB, IL

## MARCH 5, 2023



### Office

302 Fisk Avenue · DeKalb, IL 60115

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Website: [stmarydekalb.org](http://stmarydekalb.org)

### Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday: Closed

### Liturgies

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM in English

Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM in English

Weekday Masses: Mon.-Tues. 5:00 PM in English

Wed.-Fri. 7:00 AM in English

Spanish Mass: Tuesday 6:30 PM & Sunday 4:00 PM

First Friday 7:00 PM

Vietnamese Mass: 2nd Sunday 1:30 PM

Vigil/Holy Day Masses: Call Parish Office

Area Care Facilities: Contact facility before visiting

### Confession Schedule

Wednesday: 7:30 AM

Friday: 6:30 AM

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Other times available by request.

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Monday - 8:00 AM (FOR CONSIDERATION)

Send requests to: [bulletin@stmarydekalb.org](mailto:bulletin@stmarydekalb.org)



Time to  
Spring Ahead

Next Sunday,  
March 12th @ 2:00 am



## This week's schedule... \*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

9:45 AM - 10:55 AM Religious Education (MC)  
 2:45 PM - 5:00 PM Vietnamese Ministry Social Time (C)  
**3:15 PM - 3:55 PM Hispanic Reconciliation (CH)**  
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Hispanic Religious Education (MC)  
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Hispanic AA Group (PCN)  
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Legion of Mary-Sunday Group (B)  
**Mass in English 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (CH)**  
**Mass in Vietnamese 1:30 PM (CH)**  
**Mass in Spanish 4:00 PM (CH)**

### MONDAY, MARCH 6

**5:00 PM Mass in English (CH)**  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Prayer Group (SJOS)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

**5:00 PM Mass in English (CH)**  
**5:30 PM - 6:25 PM Reconciliation in Spanish (CH)**  
**6:30 PM Mass in Spanish (CH)**  
 6:15 PM - 9:00 PM Catholic Daughters Meeting (C)  
 7:05 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Prayer Group (CH)  
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Cursillo (SAR)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

**7:00 AM Mass in English (CH)**  
**7:30 AM Reconciliation in English (CH)**  
**7:30 AM - 11:59 PM 24 Hour Adoration (CH)**  
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Hispanic Ministry (PCN)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9

**12:00 AM - 6:50 AM 24 Hour Adoration (CH)**  
**7:00 AM Mass in English (CH)**  
 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Faith Sharing Group (SJOS)  
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsals (CH)  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM RCIA (PR)  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Liturgical Choir Practice (CH)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 10

**6:30 AM Reconciliation in English (CH)**  
**7:00 AM Mass in English (CH)**  
**5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Hispanic Stations of the Cross (CH)**  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Legion of Mary-Friday Group (SJOS)  
**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM English Stations of the Cross (CH)**

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Confirmation Retreat (C/G)  
 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM Hispanic Ultreya Cursillo (C)  
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study in Spanish (SJOS)  
**4:30 PM Reconciliation in English (CH)**  
**5:00 PM Mass in English (CH)**

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12

9:45 AM - 10:55 AM Religious Education (MC)  
 2:45 PM - 5:00 PM Vietnamese Ministry Social Time (C)  
**3:15 PM - 3:55 PM Hispanic Reconciliation (CH)**  
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Hispanic Religious Education (MC)  
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Hispanic AA Group (PCN)  
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From the desk of  
*Fr. Russell*

"Rise, and do not be afraid" Jesus in His majestic glory tells Peter, James, and John; and us. We should have a holy reverence, but not a worldly fear, as if God's majesty is a threat to

us. "He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:9). Jesus nourishes us and fills us with His Spirit. If we take up our cross each day and bear our "share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God" (1:8), we will receive all we need, though we are also tried. "Lord, increase our faith" we cry with the Apostles! "See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness" responds the Psalmist (33). We offer thanks for the kindness and renewal offered last week in our parish mission, reminding us of our Lord's intimate and enduring presence, especially in the Eucharist. We are encouraged to renew our holy reverence for this great gift, and we thank Fr. Joel Rippinger for visiting us as an instrument of Christ's presence.

In Christ, Son of Mary,  
*Fr. Russell*

# LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Please pray for those who protect and serve us and our country, both military and law enforcement and all victims of violence.



**Locations:** (B) Bethany Room, (C) Cafeteria, (CHP) Chapel, (CH) Church, (E) Emmaus Room, (G) Gym, (LRC) Library Resource Center, (MARI) Marian Room, (MC) Ministry Center, (OC) Off Campus, (PCN) Parish Center North, (PL) Church Parking Lot (PWR) Parish Work Room, (PR) Presentation Room, (SAR) St. Anne Room, (SJ) St. John Room, (SJOA) St. Joachim Room, (SJOS) St. Joseph Room, (SL) St. Luke Room, (SM) St. Mark Room, (SMR) St. Matthew Room, (YC) Youth Center

## LITURGICAL ROLES 3/11-3/12

### LECTORS

3/11 5:00 PM Kevin Fuss  
 3/12 9:00 AM Angie Gasero  
 11:00 AM Andy Small



### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

3/11 5:00 PM Joe Fuss  
 3/12 9:00 AM Doug Schumaker  
 11:00 AM Terri Lorek



### 35TH WEEK OF FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

#### Our Weekly Offering Week Ending 02/19/2023

Sunday Offertory	\$ 8,416.72
Donations	\$ 100.00
Guardian Angel	\$ 80.00
School	\$ 60.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 305.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20.00
Diocesan Appeal	\$ 200.00
National Appeal	\$ 330.00

*Thank You for Your Contributions!*

### 36TH WEEK OF FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

#### Our Weekly Offering Week Ending 02/26/2023

Sunday Offertory	\$ 8,476.94
Donations	\$ 100.00
Guardian Angel	\$ 50.00
School	\$ 431.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 80.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,389.75
Easter Flowers	\$ 15.00
National Appeal	\$ 200.00
International Appeal	\$ 815.00

*Thank You for Your Contributions!*



### 2023 Lancer Raffle Ticket Winners

03/06 - Kelly Sullivan - \$20.00  
 03/07 - Patrick Boyce - \$20.00  
 03/08 - Miles Foley - \$20.00 Donated Back!  
 03/09 - Carol Patch - \$20.00 Donated Back!  
 03/10 - Jenny Hall - \$20.00  
 03/11 - Andy Raih - \$20.00  
 03/12 - Robert Clark - \$30.00



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST MARY SCHOOL**

## Readings for Week of March 5, 2023

**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/ Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/  
 Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/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

## EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

*Honor your deceased loved ones with a memorial of Easter flowers to decorate our church.*



Name(s) of Deceased

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Name of Donor

Amount of Donation

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**Thank you for changing lives this Lent!**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
ON EACH FRIDAY IN LENT THERE WILL BE  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7:00 PM  
IN THE CHURCH.



The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life* 5)



## MARCH OIL CHANGE FOR CHARITIES

Get your oil changed in March 2023 at any Napa AutoCare Center in DeKalb County and it will help a struggling neighbor!

**These Napa AutoCare Centers**  
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**oil change done in March**  
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**St. Vincent de Paul DeKalb/Sycamore**

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815-756-7413

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112 Industrial Dr. in DeKalb  
815-754-4200

**Thank You Napa AutoCare Oil Change for Charities**  
**for helping us to help others!**

## OUR LENTEN JOURNEY LENTEN ACTION

**Sunday, March 5:** Do something concrete to show that your relationship with God is the priority in your life. Abstain from something in which you might otherwise indulge. For example, instead of watching a television show or go shopping, go for a walk just to spend time in prayer with God. Perhaps give something that you cherish to charity or to a loved one.

**Monday, March 6:** How is God calling you to swim against the tide in your own life? Make an effort to reach out to someone who is not popular.

**Tuesday, March 7:** Take five minutes to pray with an icon or other picture of Jesus while concentrating on His face. What do you see in His face that strikes you? What is Jesus trying to tell you?

**Wednesday, March 8:** Reflect on the following: What is your attitude toward those in need? Are you more concerned about helping or assigning blame to them for their state in life? Make a donation to a charitable organization. Do not put it off. Make a commitment today.

**Thursday, March 9:** Is there someone who absolutely irritates you? Find a good quality in that person and thank God for that gift.

**Friday, March 10:** Show thanks for God's mercy in your life by reflecting it. When someone wrongs you today, excuse him or her...even before he or she asks for forgiveness.

**Saturday, March 11:** Look around you and reflect on your life. Can you see things that you never noticed before, for which you should be thankful? Offer thanks to God for these things.

**Lent and Easter Wisdom from St. Pope John Paul II,**  
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In the Gospel today Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to Him."



**Do we listen to Jesus when He asks us to**  
**take care of our brothers and sisters who are**  
**suffering? Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will**  
**help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love**  
**this Easter.**

## STEWARDSHIP A way of Life

**"Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel,"**  
**St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading.**  
**What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the**  
**Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?**

"Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us not be afraid to live out our Sacrament of Marriage to the fullest. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by participating in an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 28-30 in Brookfield, WI, June 23-25 in Geneva, IL or Aug. 4-6 in Brookfield, WI in person or virtual.



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**Lenten Fish Fry (drive-thru only)**  
**Friday, March 3rd through March 31st, 2023**  
**3:30-6:30 p.m.**

**St. Catherine of Genoa Catholic Church**  
**340 S. Stott St., Genoa's Lower parking lot pavilion**  
**Free-Will Offering**



**Menu includes: Delicious fish- wild-caught**  
**Alaskan Pollack (Walleye Pollack), deep-fried,**  
**seasoned with homemade breading and served**  
**with homemade coleslaw, oven-baked potatoes,**  
**dinner roll, butter, sour cream, tartar sauce.**



**HEALING OF THE HEART**

To bring the restorative life of the Kingdom to hearts wounded by this world.


Join us for a one-day reflection retreat inviting men and women to discover the healing power of Jesus through what St. Ignatius calls "Imaginative Prayer". The day will consist of two talks, two periods of guided prayer, and an opportunity for confession. These are intended to help the participants hear and discern the Lord's voice, discover how He shows up in their imaginations, and invite Him to bring healing to an area of their life that needs His presence.

Fr. Sean Grismer and his team will lead this much needed retreat.

Where: St. Bridget Parish Center  
When: Saturday, March 11, 2023  
Time: 9:00am-4:00pm, participants are invited to attend 4:30pm Mass  
Cost: \$15.00

For more information or questions, please contact Rita Araoz at [rmfryearaoz@gmail.com](mailto:rmfryearaoz@gmail.com) or 779-772-5702.

To register: scan the QR Code to access the online registration form or call St. Bridget's Parish Office 815-633-6311.



### MERCY CORNER

**Acts of Mercy - in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy**  
In addition to the practice of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we are encouraged to do during Lent, we are also encouraged to practice Acts of Mercy, in preparation for the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday. The idea is to make the prayer, fasting, and almsgiving and Acts of Mercy a part of our everyday life, not just during Lent.

#### Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Comfort the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

#### Spiritual Works of Mercy

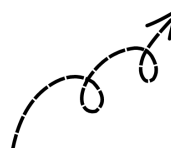
- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Admonish sinners
- Forgive offenses willingly
- Comfort the afflicted
- Pray for the living and the dead

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# 7th Grade Charger Challenge


**MARCH 7 & MARCH 21**  
**8:30 - 11:30AM**

All 7th Graders are welcome to spend a morning with us and experience life as a Charger! Call to register your student: 630-907-0095 x109



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**ONE IN CHRIST**

**MARCH 11-12**

On March 12th and 13th, we have an occasion to help those in need, and assist victims of war, oppression and disaster by participating in the 2022 International Appeal collection which includes:

Peter's Pence  
Catholic Relief Services  
Aid to Central and Eastern Europe  
Rockford Diocese's Response to World-wide Disaster  
Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension  
Catholic Elementary School Financial Support for the Diocese of Rockford

Please bring the International Appeal envelope to Mass, or donate online at [rockforddiocese.org/donate](http://rockforddiocese.org/donate).

Thank you for your generous gift.



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, March 6

5:00 PM † The Kostecki Family

## Tuesday, March 7 (Sts. Perpetua and Felicity)

5:00 PM † Mary Finamore

6:30 PM Maria Ventura Ruiz (Spanish Mass)

## Wednesday, March 8 (St. John of God)

7:00 AM Msgr. William Schwartz

## Thursday, March 9 (St. Frances of Rome)

7:00 AM † Thomas F. Ziemba

## Friday, March 10

7:00 AM † Maria Luu Thi Xuan

## Saturday, March 11

5:00 PM Levi Thompson

## Sunday, March 12 (3rd Sunday of Lent)

9:00 AM † Carl Baumgartner

11:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary

4:00 PM † Poor Souls (Spanish Mass)



We pray for St. Mary parishioners, relatives, and friends who are suffering from illness, also for those who are homebound, hospitalized, or confined to a care facility, especially:

Laura Anderson

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Margaret Bakken

Richard Burger

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Travis Cummings

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Rita Hammett

Andrea Hauge

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Carla Jackiw

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Sandy Pickham

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Mary Ann Sisler

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Ross Webb

Bob White

## SAINT OF THE WEEK –

### EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

*In 2023, we will be highlighting holy men and women from the Americas who are canonized or in the process of canonization. We hope their stories inspire*



#### Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman

was a second generation free Black American born Bertha Bowman in Yazoo City, Mississippi in 1937. She later took the name Sister Thea when joining the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Being the only black woman in her order, Sister Thea committed her life to serving Black Catholics and their unique spirituality. When asked what it meant to be a black Catholic, she said —“It means that I come to my church fully functioning. I bring myself, my black self, all that I am, all that I have, all that I hope to become. I bring my whole history, my traditions, my experience, my culture, my African-American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching and preaching and healing and responsibility as gift to the Church.” She held a Ph.D. in English from the Catholic University of America where she also taught, committing herself to educating others. Additionally, over the course of her life, she taught at Xavier University in New Orleans, Viterbo College in La Crosse, an elementary school in Wisconsin, and a high school in Mississippi. Sister Thea Bowman helped shape Black Catholic identity in countless ways. She was instrumental in the 1987 publication of the first Black Catholic hymnal, *Lead Me, Guide Me: The African American Catholic Hymnal*, making sure the hymnal properly showcased black spirituality and culture. She sang and recorded 25 spirituals and worship songs that were recently remastered and released on most music streaming platforms as recently as 2020! She traveled and spoke around the world, captivating audiences with her ministry of joy. Sister Thea taught those she ministered to about celebrating each culture’s unique differences and lifting those differences up in each culture’s distinctive expression of the Christian faith. When confronted with the fact that women were not allowed to preach in the Catholic church, she noted in one speech she gave that this rule could not stop her from preaching everywhere else! Dying of cancer on March 30, 1990, at the age of 52, Sister Thea’s legacy lives on in the more than 18 institutions named after her, her music, numerous works she authored, and countless students who received a college education thanks to the Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation. The U.S. bishops endorsed her cause for sainthood on Nov. 14, 2018.

#### Prayer for Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman’s intercession

Ever loving God, who by your infinite goodness inflamed the heart of your servant and religious, Sister Thea Bowman with an ardent love for you and the People of God; a love expressed through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith, dedicated teaching, exuberant singing, and unwavering witnessing of the joy of the Gospel. Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to share the Good News with those whom we encounter; most especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. May Sister Thea’s life and legacy compel us to walk together, to pray together, and to remain together as missionary disciples ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love. Gracious God imbue us with the grace and perseverance that you gave your servant, Sister Thea. For in turbulent times of racial injustice, she sought equity, peace, and reconciliation. In times of intolerance and ignorance, she brought wisdom, awareness, unity, and charity. In times of pain, sickness, and suffering, she taught us how to live fully until called home to the land of promise. If it be your Will, O God, glorify our beloved Sister Thea, by granting the favor I now request through her intercession (mention your request), so that all may know of her goodness and holiness and may imitate her love for You and Your Church. We ask this through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. © 2018 Catholic Diocese of Jackson

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**To have a name added to or removed from the prayer list, please call the parish office at 815.758.5432.**

**TO KEEP THE PRAYER LIST CURRENT, WE WILL REMOVE NAMES AFTER 6 MONTHS. PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO HAVE THE NAME REMAIN ON THE LIST. Thank you.**

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**WEDNESDAYS 7:30 AM -**

**THURSDAYS 6:30 AM**

**Many hours are in need of Adorers.**

*For more information*

*Contact Lori Kedzie 815-751-9644.*

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