St. Mary Catholic Parish
St. Joseph Chapel

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March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Hospitalizations: Due to federal confidentiality laws, hospitals will no longer share patient information. Families must contact Fr. Borgelt to inform him if someone is hospitalized.

Baptisms: Call 419-298-2540 to make arrangements at least one month before.

Weddings: All weddings must be arranged through the pastor at least six months before the planned wedding in order to allow time for marriage preparation.

Bulletin Deadline: Information should be submitted to St. Mary parish office by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. Phone—419-298-2540; fax—419-298-3123; or e-mail—stmarycatholic@frontier.com.

Confessions: Sunday, 7:30 a.m. – St. Mary; Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – St. Mary

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT *March 19, 2023*		
Saturday, March 18		
4:00 p.m.	(H)	Donna Rice
6:00 p.m.	(B)	Troy Winright
Sunday, March 19		
8:30 a.m.	(E)	Stan Perry
10:30 a.m.	(H)	Bill and Beth Hammond
Monday, March 20		
8:30 a.m.	(B)	No Mass
Tuesday, March 21		
6:00 p.m.	(E)	Herman and Emma Gase
Wednesday, March 22		
8:30 a.m.	(H)	Kennerk and Boecker Families**
Thursday, March 23		
8:30 a.m.	(E)	Dean and Norma Seevers
Friday, March 24		
8:30 a.m.	(H)	The Parish**
Saturday, March 25		
4:00 p.m.	(H)	Dee Bany
6:00 p.m.	(B)	Ed Hug
Sunday, March26		
8:30 a.m.	(E)	Sherman Cape
10:30 a.m.	(H)	Robert Arend

**Prayers for the Living and/or Deceased
*Prayers for the Living

YOUR TITHE TO GOD — **Sunday, March 12, 2023**

(E) Offertory - $7,165.00 — School - $686.00
Renovation - $355.00 — Electrical - $331.00

(B) Offertory - $956.00
Parish Maintenance - $100.00

Offertory envelopes from Both St. Mary and St. Joseph may be dropped off at the office or mailed to: St. Mary Church, PO Box 355, Edgerton, OH 43517

MINISTRIES

Saturday, March 25, 6:00 p.m. (St. Joseph):
SERVER: Max
READER: Pat
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Jacque, Joe, Jeff
USHERS: Jeff Schaffter, Joe Radabaugh

Sunday, March 26, 8:30 a.m. (St. Mary):
USHERS: Ken Cronin, Al Stark
STATIONS OF CROSS: High School CCD
SERVER: Addison Everetts, Melody Gineman, Avrie Herman
READER: Roger Schroeder
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: Megan Wiles, Rachel Schroeder, Deb Schroeder, Melissa Cronin, Doug Stark

Mass can be viewed "live" on Facebook (Saint Mary Catholic Church/Saint Joseph Chapel) and/or on You Tube – St Mary Edgerton. We will continue to livestream and record weekend Masses from St. Mary's.
Saturday – 4:00 p.m. on St. Michael Facebook
Sunday - 8:30 a.m. on St. Mary Church/Saint Joseph Chapel Facebook; 10:30 a.m. on St. Michael Facebook

WEEKLY CALENDAR
March 19 - 26, 2023

SUN	(E)	10:00 a.m.	R.C.I.A. Class
MON	((B)	6:30 p.m.	Family Lenten Rosary (in church)
WED	(E)	7:00 p.m.	NO CCD Classes for Grades 1 – 12
	(E)	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting
FRI	(H)	Even Hours	Day of Grace
SUN	(E)	10:00 a.m.	R.C.I.A. Class
	(H)	2:00 p.m.	Parish Penance Service

Note from Fr. Dan - *Revised Rite of Penance*
In 2021, the Bishops of the United States approved a revised English translation of the Order of Penance. It is now ready for use. To most, you will not notice much difference, just a few words changed here and there. For example, in the Prayer of Absolution you will note the following changes: *"God, the Father of mercies, through the Death and Resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and **poured out** the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may **God grant you** pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."* The form remains the same. So, don't be thrown off if you hear a few words that don't seem familiar. May the sacrament continue to be a source of God's mercy and forgiveness for all of us.

Day of Grace
Lenten Reconciliation Schedule
Friday, March 24 – St. Michael, Hicksville
(10am, 12 noon, 2pm, 4pm, and 6pm)

Sunday, March 26 – St. Michael, Hicksville - Penance Service

Thursday, March 30 – St. Mary, Edgerton
(10am, 12 noon, 2pm, 4pm, and 6pm)
Fr. Dan will be available for individual confession on the hours listed at each location, **if no one comes in, after 10 minutes Father will leave and return on the next hour scheduled to hear confessions.

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal: Countless lives are touched by every contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal themed *This Is The Day.* Children, seminary students, the sick and aged, the needy – they all depend on our generosity. Faith, hope and love come alive through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for pledging today to help meet our parish goal and assure the continuation of these programs and services. Our parish goal for this year is $26,746.00, as of March 3, **$4,905.00 has been donated for 18.34% from 20 donors**. Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by the Appeal. To learn more, visit acatoledo.org. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Lenten Reflection
FORGIVEN
Join us for a Lenten reflection on reconciliation. We will start with a short prayer and introduction each night. Then watch the FORMED video FORGIVEN. We will then break apart for a short discussion on the video. Everyone is invited this Lent to journey through FORGIVEN

Wednesday, March 29
7:00 pm St. Mary Church Basement
Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Whether you haven't been to Confession in a long while or you go regularly, you don't want to miss this series.

Recently Baptized
Karlie Marie Derickson
daughter of Brock P. and Sarah M. (Smethurst) Derickson
Welcome Little One!

Kairos Prison Retreat: Shine the Light of the Lord. It says in Matthew 4:16, "These people who live in darkness will see a great light". I invite all to join me this Lent in shinning the light on those in Prison. Kairos #35 is here and God needs our help. The Kairos Retreat is on March 23-26, I will have tables set up at the Entrance of the Church at St. Mary and St. Michael. There you will find Cookie bags with instructions, turn in date anytime on or before March 17 at 10:00 a.m. Contribution Instructions with a Cash Box for donations, placemats for coloring, Instructions for Agape Letters, 24 letters done by one person or group (Care Letters). Sign-up sheets for a prayer vigil time slot or instructions to sign-up online, there are 30 minutes time slots from the start to finish of the Retreat. Instructions for the Closing Ceremony, I would love to get a couple car loads coming to this it is amazing. Everything is to be turned in on or before March 22 at 8:00 p.m. eccept Cookies were due on March 17. I encourage all to visit those in Prison by helping with Kairos, it is by God's special love we are called to share the love of God's Son Jesus. Any Questions call 419-542-6473 or email rodconkle@live.com Thank You and may You deepen your relationship with Christ this Lent and forever.

St. Mary Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SaintMarychurch/SaintJoseph. – If you would like to have information posted on the parish Facebook page, please send all notices to Mark Gerschutz, who will add it to our page. Mark may be contacted at mark@gerschutz.com, or call 419-575-6936.

NEWS FOR EDGERTON

Coffee and Rolls Workers: March 19 – Scott Hennessey, Art Herman; March 26 – Dennis Herman, Gary Herman

St. Mary Spring Brunch Winners: Raffle Ticket - $450 Cash - **Jackie Perry;** $300 Cash - **Waylin Boeke;** $200 Cash - **Rich Brown;** $150 Cash - **Audrey Sonneberger;** $125 Cash - **Tessa Gerschutz;** $100 Gas Card - **Lisa Schooley;** $100 Cash - **Keegan Hitzeman;** $100 Cash - **Mark Gerschutz;** $100 Cash - **Doris Brown.** Arm Length Raffle - **Sue Hobeck, Crysthia Green, Keira Cannady, Wilma Stark, Laverne Goebel, Dustin Miller, Nick Seibert, Cara Schroeder, Kinze Riblet, Megan Schroeder, Grace Bonnell, Chris Herman, Abby Juhasz, Jason Blue, JoAnn Ordway. Congratulations.** Thanks for all your support.

St. Mary Adult Choir will be singing at the Easter Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. Mass. Practices will be held in the choir loft on: Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm; Sunday, March 26 at 4:00 pm; Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to come sing. Praise and rejoice in the Risen Lord.

Card Box for Fr. Oedy: If you would like to send a card to Fr. Tom Oedy, following his recent heart procedures, you may place them in the box located on the table in the back of St. Mary Church. Box will be there through Sunday, March 19.

Chrism Mass: We will need volunteers to represent our parish and pick up the sacred oils at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 4, at 11:00 a.m. at the Holy Rosary Cathedral. Please call the office to volunteer.

Easter Flower Memorials: Please use a flower envelope from the back of church to donate in memory of loved ones for Easter. Cost of flower plant is **$15.00.** Please include on envelope memorial name and your name as the donor. A list of memorials will be printed in the bulletin after Easter. Place envelope in offertory basket or drop off at parish office.

Penance Service: Sunday, March 26, at 2:00 p.m. We will have a Lenten penance service for all three locations at St. Michael's, Hicksville. There will be 3 priests available to hear confessions. If this date doesn't work for you please check the "Day of Grace" schedule to fulfil your Catholic Easter obligation.

Holy Week Ministry Sign-up Sheet: Please check the sign-up sheet on the table in back of church for Mass servers and ministers needed for Good Friday Service and Easter Masses.

Rosary Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center for a short meeting and then join the Forgiven Lenten Program in basement at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Decorating: We will decorate the church for the Easter season on Good Friday, April 7, following the Good Friday Service and Stations of the Cross. Much help is needed and is greatly appreciated.

Stations Of The Cross: We will pray the Stations of the Cross a half-hour before each Mass during Lent, please come early to join in this Lenten devotion.

St. Mary School Reverse Raffle: The St. Mary School Reverse Raffle will be held on Saturday, April 15 at St. Michael Church in Hicksville. Tickets are on sale now in the school office for $60. The ticket price includes admittance to the event, a delicious dinner, and a chance to win over $2,500 in prizes. It is truly a fun event in support of the school! The committee is seeking donations for the Tiger Ticket Raffle or for the auction. If you have connections to someone who would be willing to donate a substantial item (TV, designer purse, etc.) or a service of some sort (ex: mosquito spray, snow removal, etc.) for this event, please let us know. **You won't want to miss this fun night out in support of our school.**

Catholic Education Scholarships 2023-2024: **The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund pre-application is open for the 2023-2024 school year.** **Important Information:**

- Families can apply at www.tinyurl.com/NOSF2324APP or they can visit www.nosf.org or call 419-720-7048
- Families only need to apply once and current families DO NOT APPLY they are a RENEWAL and will receive further instruction in March
- Families receiving EDChoice or Jon Peterson do not qualify.
- Families that are awarded will need to qualify based on the 2022 income eligibility scale found on the bulletin board in the back of church.
- Families must reside in one of the 19 counties we serve in Northwest Ohio
- The award process will take place the first week in May and is a lottery drawing. Families will be notified via email one way or another. For questions on the application process or the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund email msalameh@nosf.org or call the office at 419-720-7048

NEWS FOR BLAKESLEE

Food Pantry items needed: The pantry is in need of the following - Hamburger Helper, Elbow Macaroni, Cream of Chicken Soup, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Canned Corn

Stations Of The Cross: We will pray the Stations of the Cross a half-hour before each Mass during Lent, please come early to join in this Lenten devotion.

Monday Lenten Rosary: Rosary prayer said at St. Joseph Church, every Monday evening during Lent at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

Easter Flower Memorials may be purchase for your loved ones this Easter, please place in the offertory basket an envelope marked with memorial name, kind of flower you would like (choices are: Lily, tulip, hyacinth or daffodil) and your name as donor. Cost of each plant is $15.00. All flower orders with money are **due by Thursday, March 30**, questions please call Lucinda 419-551-4181.

Never Let Go Ministries

6TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON OF HOPE

Saturday, April 1, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Edgerton Town Hall Gym

324 North Michigan Ave, Edgerton

FIGHTING ADDICTION WITH STRENGTH

SAVING LIVES WITH HOPE

For Reservations please call Shana 419-769-9952

Limited Seating available, register soon!

Suggested donation of $20 per person at door.

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a / Ephesians 5:8–14 /
John 9:1–41 or John 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38

Coming of Age, Coming of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said we never become a believer before age thirty-five. I don't think there is anything magical about that age. Some in their seventies still have not yet come to be people of faith, and there are those who, at a very young age, seem to have entrusted their lives to God. What the age of thirty-five does say, however, is that most people need to have lived a while and experienced a few ups and downs to recognize there is a power in their lives greater than themselves.

This week's Gospel story of the man born blind encapsulates a lifelong journey of coming to see who Jesus is, compressed into a few days. When asked who cured him of blindness, the man first says the man Jesus did it. Brought to testify before the Pharisees, he says that Jesus must be a prophet. Confronted by the Pharisees a second time, he testifies that Jesus must be of God. Finally, when he sees Jesus again, he calls him Lord, a name for God. The story is a parable of sorts about how we come to have faith, to see with new and different eyes.

Faith involves trusting, sometimes trusting an unseen Power who feels absent at times; about surrendering control over our lives to God, as we come to see in an entirely new way. It can take a lifetime to begin seeing in such a way. ●

Reflect

Where am I on the journey of faith?
How open are my eyes?

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Dear Padre,

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Why should I bother to be more religious? I'm a good person. Isn't that enough to get me into heaven?

When asked for advice about how people should decide on a vocation, St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, said they should do an imagination exercise. "Imagine that you are on your deathbed," he said. "From that point of view what would you wish you had done in your life?" That is still good advice.

Here's another exercise: Imagine you have a grandmother who is completely generous and caring toward you. Throughout your childhood, she was always there for you. But as a teen you belittled her and, in effect, told her that all she had offered is worthless to you. In a saner moment, won't you feel terrible about how you treated her?

Our life with God is much the same. God has given us absolutely everything, from our existence to every breath we take. God has also given us a way to know him through his Son, Jesus (*Catechism of the Catholic Church,* 73). And one way we know Jesus is through the Church and the celebration of the sacraments (*CCC* 1085). To refuse these gifts, to say, "I am already a good person. I don't need these gifts from God" is a bit presumptuous, don't you think?

To be "religious" is not just an outward show of piety. It's the way we have been given to learn God's language: the language of forgiveness, of faith, hope, and love. ●

***Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR* / DearPadre.org**

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

MONDAY
March 20
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2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 /
Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a

TUESDAY
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Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1–9, 12
Jn 5:1–16

WEDNESDAY
March 22
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8–15
Jn 5:17–30

THURSDAY
March 23
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7–14
Jn 5:31–47

FRIDAY
March 24
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12–22
Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

SATURDAY
March 25
Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10–14; 8:10
Heb 10:4–10
Lk 1:26–38

SUNDAY
March 26
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ez 37:12–14
Rom 8:8–11
Jn 11:1–45 or
Jn 11:3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves....Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. If we are blind, we cannot claim to be guides and teachers for others: indeed, a blind person cannot lead another blind person....

ANGELUS, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

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