



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

FEBRUARY 26,
2023
FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT

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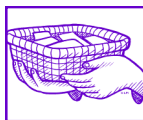


1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." - Mt 4:3

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Sunday Offerings February 19, 2023



Envelopes/Loose/Youth	\$	6,287.00
Online Giving	\$	3,018.00
Total 2/19/23	\$	9,305.00
Weekly Budget (2022-2023)	\$	-9,000.00
		+305.00
Sunday 2/19/23	\$	9,305.00
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$	515.00
Food Pantry	\$	255.00
Candles	\$	20.00
Criterion	\$	400.00
Missions	\$	500.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	50.00
Sodality	\$	55.00
School	\$	20.00
TOTAL 2/19/23	\$	11,120.00

John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest

The Serra Club of Indianapolis is sponsoring its 2023 annual vocations essay contest. It is open to any Catholic student in grades 7—12 in parochial, public or homeschool systems in the Archdiocese Indianapolis. More information and an essay submission form are available from Serra Club member, Dick Cannon, at dick610@gmail.com. Submitted essays must be post-marked no later than Friday, March 17, 2023.



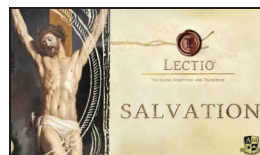
Our Condolences to: Mike and Sherry Owen at the death of Mike's sister, Angela Gorsuch.

250 Club Winners:

<u>January 2023</u>	<u>February 2023</u>
\$100 - Evan & Alex Gordon	\$100 - Rachel & Greg Amos
\$ 75 - Margie Liggett	\$ 75 - Marty Connerly
\$ 50 - Sam & Sarah Gettinger	\$ 50 - #238 Open
\$ 25 - Michelle Means	\$ 25 - #117 Open
CONGRATULATIONS!	



Susie (Craven) Walker, Barb Craven's daughter, is trying to locate her mom's rosary molds. If anyone knows who might have them, or if you have them, please contact Denise Small at 765-561-2335.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Lectio: Salvation New Life in Christ continues on Wednesdays at 7p.m.

Sodality Dues: Envelopes for 2023 Sodality dues of \$5 can be found in January/February contribution packets. Sodality provides church liturgical items, Fall Celebration quilts, flowers, cutlery booth fees and Mass intentions for deceased Sodality members.

CRITERION: The Criterion is the Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Through the Criterion, news about the Archdiocese, the universal church and churches in the United States is shared with us. Please support St. Mary Church as we provide a copy to each household. Envelopes can be found in your January/February packets. Suggested donation is \$20.

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA AND

TURKEY: If you would like to support the efforts in Syria and Turkey, you may make a donation to: Catholic Relief Services, Turkey Earthquake Relief, P. O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090.

WELCOME! If you are visiting St. Mary and would like to become a part of our parish family, please contact the parish office.

ST. MARY PENANCE SERVICE:

March 2, 2023 at 6:30P.M.



HELP US GROW! Want an easier way to support the parish? Enroll in Online Giving!

You can choose what time of the month you want to donate, weekly or monthly, and never have to write a check or remember your envelope. Go to our website, stmaryrush.org and sign up on the Online Giving link. It's that easy!

February 26, 2023 - 1st Sunday of Lent

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **“He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.”** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held *fast* to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. **“Man does not live by bread alone,”** he says, **“But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”** Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Calvary Cemetery Cleanup! Saturday, March 18, 2023 beginning at 8:30a.m. Volunteers are needed. Please make sure ALL items you wish to keep are cleared from gravesites by Friday, March 17, 2023. Contact David Hoeing with any questions.

Mass Schedule: Feb. 27 - Mar. 5

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	+Gus & Clara Niehoff-
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	+Andrew Stumpf
Thursday	8:30a.m.	+Charles & Margaret Pavey
Friday	8:30a.m.	+Joe Harcourt
Saturday	5:30p.m.	+Alfred & Martha Blankman
Sunday	 7:30a.m.	+Kevin Neuman
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary Church



Incense will be used at the 7:30a.m. Mass

Servers - March 4 & 5

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Joe Richards & Allie Hoeing
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Keegan Pavey
	10:00a.m.	Giovanny Leon, Corbin Snow, Evie Lesar

Lectors - March 4 & 5

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Ruth Koelmel
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Allen Leising
	10:00a.m.	Tom Giesting

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - March 4 & 5

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Shelly Bostic, Cecilia Orr, 1 Needed
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Ken & Nancy Schroeder, Kevin Dolan
	10:00a.m.	Jane Ariens, Laura Ash, Steve Pavey

Ushers for March 2023

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Elbert Gordon & Dave Risselman
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Brian Hill & Edgar Fernandez
	10:00a.m.	Gary Hoeing & Family

Money Counters:

Feb. 27	April Yager, Royanna Eck, Mary Ann Harpring, Mary Ann Beard
Mar. 6	Kathy Dean, Susie Case, Robin Land, Mary Marlatt

Food Pantry:

Feb. 27	(Restock) Evan Gordon & Julie Mahan
Mar. 1	Steve Pavey & Karen Wagner

Ministers-to-the-Sick

Feb. 27	Linda Jenkins	March 6	Diane Gordon
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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30a.m.- 4:30p.m.

Friday.....8:30a.m. - Noon

Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Regenia Ripberger 765-561-1179

Lisa Wagoner 812-593-0790 - 765-663-2444

Parish Council - Chair: Eric Harpring

Finance Council - Chair: Shawn Adkins

School Commission - Chair: Curt Naylor

Calvary Cemetery - Chair: David Hoeing

Baptism - Call the parish office for scheduling.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday...4:30p.m.- 5:15p.m.

Tuesday.....6:00p.m.6:25p.m.

Marriage

Engaged couples must meet with the Pastor to complete initial marriage paperwork at least 9 months before the anticipated wedding date *and prior to making any other arrangements concerning the wedding.*

Abortion Alternatives

Birthline Mon.-Fri. 317-635-4808

Option Helpline 24/7 1-800-712-HELP

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

800-273-TALK (8255)

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

Vocations to Priesthood/Religious Life

Contact Father James - 765-932-2588

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Mary Parish! You are invited to call the parish office and register to become a part of our parish family.

Please pray for: Wanda Adkins, Patricia (Saxon) Banta, Sister Eileen Rose Bonner, Sister Bridget Bonner, Keaton Bower, Charles Bright, Patricia (Thorp) Bright, Julie Brown, Steve Bruns, Larry Burch, Steve Burch, Jackie Carey, Mary Lou Carey, Benjamin Castro, Colette Connanon, Katy Curtis, Juli (Joyce) Ellis, Brad Ervine, Maggie Fudge, Tony Fudge, Bud Garland, Gavin, Sam Gettinger, Jacob Goble, Karen Land Graves, Faith Sadler Hankins, Greg Harcourt, Todd Harding, Norb & Bernie Harpring, Jeanne Hedrick, Ashley Heller, Terry Honaker, Donna Hood, Ivan Jahns and Margie Huse Jahns, Larry Johnson, Jim Johnston, Tom Jones, Timothy Joyce, Kim, Martha Knecht, Catherine Knueven, Alex Kolb and family, Linda Lair, Steve Link, Ted & Toni Locke, Marti Lukin, Kyle Lux, Logan Marlatt, Paul Marshall, Donny Martin, Gary Miller, Monna Miller, Janet Mitchell, Mary Ann Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Kelly Jarman Munchel, Greg Musgrave, Mark Neuman, Kathy Noone, Mary Marr Owens, Penny Owens, Philip Parish, Cinda Pavey, Jimmy Raisor, Peggy Rich, Gary Riggs, Thelma Robbins, Deb Rosfeld, Roger Rosfeld, Debra Sater, Meghan Schultz, Cindy Sever, Jim Scott, Michael Shoemaker, Karen Spaeth, Margaret Ann (Roberts) Speranza, Ken & Jean Stanley, David Starkey, Sue Taylor, Joe Thorpe, Gracie Tillison, Tom Moster family, Tim Tyler, Diana Pavey Voiles, Cathy Wall, Blaine Weber, Scott Webster, Donna Williams, Harper Williams, Jack & CarolAnn Woelfel.

For those proudly serving our country: William Friedl, Travis Pecar, Kody Griffin.

Homebound: John Cain, Harry Delbecq, Jeannie Hedrick, , Donna Hood, Bill Means, Dave Roberts, Sue Servies, Judy Smith, Nelda Wheeldon.

Residents at The Waters: Jenny Brown, Barb Herbert, Tim Meer, Dee Salzmman, Doris Thoman.

Residents at Flatrock River Lodge: Virgil Herbert

If you know of someone who should be removed from this prayer list, please contact the parish office.

March Food Pantry Items :

Applesauce, Sloppy Joe Mix, Jell-O and Pudding.

Annette Niehoff and Kevin Banks.



St. Mary is currently allowing open gym basketball every Tuesday night from 7-9p.m. Full court 5 on 5.

Voluntary offering \$3/person. If questions, contact Adam Leising at 765-561-0107.