

*St. Mary Catholic Church  
Windthorst, TX*

## St. Mary / St. Boniface Vision Statement

To serve Christ and  
promote  
His teachings  
through worship,  
Education,  
Training, Service,  
and  
Community



*St. Boniface Catholic Church  
Scotland, TX*

## Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., PASTOR

"There's no such thing as a bad priest, just priests whose people don't pray enough for them." St. John Vianney

### Mailing Address for Both Churches

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### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of the month at 9:15 A.M.  
contact the office for dates and to register for classes

### Marriage Preparation

contact the office at least **nine to 12 months prior**  
to wedding date

### RCIA

contact Fr. Michael at 423-6687

### Funerals

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the office as  
soon as possible.

### Ministry to the Sick

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone  
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

### Confession

Every Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 pm

At the Church Office

### Hispanic Ministry

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent  
Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

### Protecting Our Children Sessions

Call Sharon Humpert @ 423-6283

### Mass Schedule for the Week

Please wear a mask & practice social  
distancing at all Masses. Sunday & Wednesday  
services will be live-streamed.

<b>Monday</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>March 1 – St. Mary's</b> † Jerry Anderle by 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree K of C
<b>Tuesday</b> -	<b>March 2 – St. Mary's</b> Father Michael's Intention
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>March 3 – St. Mary's</b> Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society by St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society
<b>Thursday</b> <b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>March 4 – St. Boniface</b> † Damond & Evelyn Fuhrmann by Bill & Pat Hemmi
<b>Friday</b> <b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>March 5 – St. Mary's</b> Intentions of Father Michael by Richard Schreibers
<b>Saturday</b> <b>8:00 am</b>	<b>March 6 – St. Mary's</b> Peace & Unity
<b>5:00 pm</b>	† Floyd Humpert by Family
<b>7:00 pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> <b>8:00 am</b>	<b>March 7 – St. Boniface</b> † Bob Baumer by Joyce Moer
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>March 7 - St. Mary's</b> † Joyce Ostermann by Ralph Veitenheimers



### **ST. MARY'S MINISTERS**

**Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

#### **FRIDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**Carry the Cross** – A member of Knights of Columbus

#### **SATURDAY MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**Lector** – Michael Schroeder

**Ushers** – Roy & Julie Koetter, Doug Wolf, James Vieth Jr.

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Diane Schroeder (Center)  
Deb Schreiber (Choir)

#### **SUNDAY MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**Lector** – Mark Veitenheimer

**Ushers** – Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder, David McCann

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Dawn Vieth (Center)  
Craig Anderle (Choir)

**SUPPORT** – Envelopes \$6656.00 Loose \$75.00  
Children \$6.00 Black & Indian Mission \$343.00

### **ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS**

**Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

#### **SUNDAY MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**Lector** – Pat Hemmi

**Ushers** – Dan Smith & Brad Wolf

**Eucharistic Ministers** – Debbie Krah (Center)  
Robert Krah (Choir)

**SUPPORT** – Envelopes \$2510.00 Loose \$125.00  
Black & Indian Mission \$126.00

### **ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** in thanksgiving for Fr. Michael & all those who helped to keep our community safe and running during the recent winter storm.

**BAPTISMAL CLASSES** are offered on the third Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. Classes need to be attended by Parents and Godparents. Baptismal classes need to be refreshed every three years. You may attend the class before the baby is born. Please call the office at 423-6687 or Diane Hubbard at 631-1803 to register. Thank you.

There will be no Baptisms until Easter.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL** – Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gift makes a difference to the people whom we will accompany in our shared journey of faith, hope and charity as one Church united in Christ. **As of February 25, 2021, 103 families have donated for a total of \$13,854.01.** We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our parish goal of \$20,000.00. Please return a pledge card even if you are unable to donate. There are cards in the office & on the tables in Church, in case you need one.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 6:00 PM during Lent. The Stations will be different this year. There will be no booklets. We will be using the missalette. You will need to bring your own missalette or pick one up from the back of Church and take it with you when you leave or otherwise just listen.

### **ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' SOCIETY EASTER**

**PROJECT:** The Christian Mothers' Society will be sponsoring an Easter Project. We will be delivering Easter Baskets to people in our community. We need your help! All members are asked to donate 30 items. The items need to be prepackaged individually. Examples could be crackers, cookies, or individually wrapped packages of potato chips, etc. We will be assembling the baskets at our **next meeting on March 3, 2021** after Mass and Novena. There will be a box at the back of Church to leave your contributions. Your contributions and participation help with many charitable works of the Christian Mothers' Society.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to the Water Supply Employees, J-A-C Electric Workers, Propane tank filler uppers, hill side & parking lot snow removers, Bill Boykin, Gloria Schroeder, Kenneth Veitenheimer, Fr. Michael and all others to numerous to name who worked tirelessly to keep our parish and community safe during the recent arctic winter blast. When everyone cares and helps each other things come together for the good of all. This is St. Mary's and Windthorst. Together we can make a difference. Thanks everyone. May God bless each one of you and keep you safe.

**THANK YOU:** St. Mary's wishes to thank Beverly Wilde for her generous donation to St. Mary's Improvement Fund in memory of Jerry Anderle, Larry Wolf, Paul Berend & Sister Barbara Schroeder.

**THANK YOU:** St. Mary's wishes to thank Charles & Diane Zotz for their generous donation to St. Mary's Building Fund in memory of Judy Hellman.

### **ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK** for the health & welfare of Altar Society members & their families by Altar Society.

**7-DAY LIGHTS:** God's blessings on all who had to work out in the cold & helped with everything on the electricity & water problems, all the hurting & may +Bernard Hilbers rest in peace by Joyce Moer

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**THANK YOU:** St. Boniface wishes to thank Charles & Diane Zotz for their generous donation to St. Boniface Cemetery Fund in memory of Bernard Hilbers.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

**THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE** is in the home of Arthur Hemmi Family the week of March 7<sup>th</sup>. They as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military and vocations.

March 14<sup>th</sup> John & Lillie Wolf

March 21<sup>st</sup> Joey Veitenheimer Family

**Confessions:** Father Michael will be hearing confessions on Saturdays at the Church Office from 3:00 to 4:00pm or by appointment.

**MASS TIMES:** Friday Masses will be at 3:00 pm. Monday Masses will be at 6:00 pm. **PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.**

**ACTS OF CHARITY:** Please wear a mask at all Masses and practice social distancing (3 ft. apart). This is an act of charity to our neighbors when we practice social distancing & wear a mask.

**NOTICE:** Due to the coronavirus surge, we would like to ask that you call the office to make an appointment for any type of transaction, such as a visit with Father Michael, book the hall (For the future), or any type of concern you might have at this time. First of all it is to make sure the person you would like to speak with is in the office the time you plan to come by. We also ask that you wear a mask. This is for the protection of all concerned..we have the health and safety of our visitors in mind. You may continue to drop off bulletin notices, requests for lights in the slot of the office door. You may also drop off your stewardship donations if you would like. Even though the Church is serving a 50% capacity, the bills still continue. Thank you for your understanding.

**SCAM ALERT:** There is still a scam going on. Fr. Michael is not texting anyone for gift cards/money etc. Please be aware!

**RCIA CLASSES** will begin **February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the parish hall. Anyone interested, please contact the Church office at 940-423-6687 for more details or with questions.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** The first preparation session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the second grade children and their parents will be held on Sunday, March 7 beginning at 5:00 pm in the Church. Materials will be distributed at this meeting for the parents to take a much more active role in preparing their children to receive this Sacrament. If you have any questions please contact Craig or Jamie Anderle at 423-6985.

### **THE LAW OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE IN THE DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH:**

Fast & Abstinence are to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all those who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday until one has celebrated his/her 59<sup>th</sup>. Abstinence from meat is to be observed on the Fridays of Lent by all who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Church recognizes that there are chronically or seriously ill individuals who cannot fast or abstain. The Church still calls for these individuals to participate in acts of penance and works of charity. These can be performed throughout the week; however, it is especially appropriate that these acts be performed on Fridays in place of the Friday fast.

No one can be dispensed from the necessity of doing penance. Catholics are strongly urged to practice voluntary acts of mortification and works of charity. The bishops of the United States have urged Catholics to consider abstaining from meat on Fridays "as a tangible sign of our need and desire to do penance for the cause of peace."

**REMINDER:** Bulletin notices and light intentions are due by 12:00 noon on Wednesday.

### **BLACK & INDIAN MISSION SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Black & Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support! If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Simply note "Black & Indian Mission Collection" on your check or envelope and add it to the collection by March 14 or by dropping off or mailing to the Church office.

Gracias a todos los que participaron en la Colecta para la Misiones Afroamericanas e Indigenas, el fin de semana pasado. Su apoyo en oracion ayuda a muchas personas a conocer a Jesucristo en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indigenas y de los Nativos de Alaska en todos los Estados Unidos. Si te perdiste la colecta, no es demasiado tarde para dar! Simplemente anote "Colecta para la Misiones Afroamericanas e Indigenas" en su cheque o sobre y agreguelo a la colecta antes del 31 de enero.

### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

Due to the wedding next week, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services collection to help **Jesus in disguise this week**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide struggling communities with relief and support and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. One fourth of all funds collected in the Diocese of Fort Worth stay here to support local poverty efforts. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

Esta semana realizaremos The Catholic Relief Services Collection para ayudar a **Jesus con otro rostro, le ayudaras**. Esta Colecta ayuda a seis agencias catolicas a fin de brindar Alivio y apoyo a las comunidades que luchan por salir adelante y a trabajar por la paz y la reconciliacion entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados, aqui y alrededor del mundo. Una cuarta parte de todos los fondos recaudados en la Diocesis de Fort Worth se quedan aqui para apoyar los esfuerzos locales contra la pobreza. Por favor, en oracion, consideren la manera de apoyar a esta Colecta. Mas informacion sobre esta Colecta en [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION:** This is the powerful true story of Brianna, a teen groomed for trafficking that serves as a teaching tool about how to protect our youth from sex traffickers. Brianna and her parents were unaware of the threat lurking in their small community. Hear her story and learn the signs of a teen being groomed into the trafficking world, and the telltale signs a trafficker may display. Be a part of the solution to this growing problem!

**We are having a Human Trafficking Program here at St. Mary's Parish.** This will take place on **March 21 AT 4:00 PM** and it will last one hour and 30 minutes. This is a VERY important program for our community. The whole family is invited. Please make sure to wear your mask and practice social distancing. Thank you.

### **FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH ONE-DAY MEN'S RETREAT:**

March 20, 2021 L.A. & Helen Berend Family Center. See attached flyer for more details.



**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER-** "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For dates for "virtual" Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org>. For more information e-mail [apply@dfwme.org](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call Brian and Tina Little 281-773-9014. "Este es mi Hijo amado, escuchenlo." Aprendamos como escucharnos mejor el uno al otro y a Dios participando en un Fin de Semana Virtual del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial! Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a [emmndfw@gmail.com](mailto:emmndfw@gmail.com) o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>

**"Here I am!" he answered.  
Genesis 22:11**

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in Church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord" when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

## A PRAYER FOR LENTEN GRACE

Loving God,

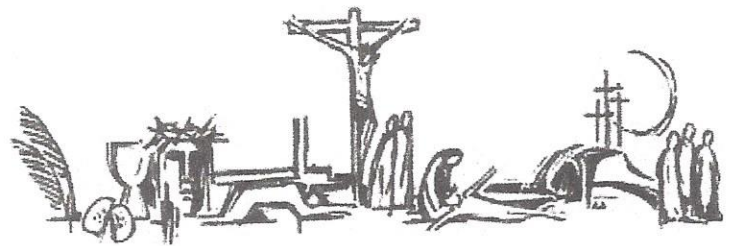
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.





**ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS:** Nellie Scheffe, Kenny Scheffe Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; +Judy Munchrath Hellman, Better Health for Bertha Mae Schenk, Sis Smith by Ann Veitenheimer; All Our Sick, Carol Sales, Vera Ann Schenk Family, Special Intentions, Better Health for Sandra by Frank & Joyce Wolf; Edna Mae Klei, Frances Essler by Donor; Healing for Mom, Tammy, Carol Sales by Denise & Jerry Cooper; Complete healing for Gerald, Our family, Our Mothers, Jim & Geneva Simpson, Carol & Terry Sales by Gerald & Sherry; Healing for Linette, Tammy, Geneva & Jim by Mom; Healing for Ryan, Rick Fleitman by Grandma; Our Sick Members, For an increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations by CDA #296

**YEARLY LIGHTS:** +Jerry Anderle by Marsha, Victoria & Rachel; +Leroy Anderle by Caroline & Family; +Bill Wolf by Vinie; +Dale Barrett by Family; +Clarence & +Dorothy Wolf by Family; Ed & Alvina Veitenheimer by Family; +Gus Berend, +Nell Vieth by James & Deana Vieth; +Joe & +Magdalena Lindemann by Family; For Fr. Michael, For +Henry & Mildred Pennartz Family by Hillary & Roy; For all battling cancer by Charles & Joyce Vieth; In memory of +Janice, +Ed & +Catherine, +Lois Luig, +Nancy Luig Carr & +Geraldine Lindemann by Eddie Luig Family; For World Peace & safety of our Military, especially for Damian Hoffman (Army), David Ogura (Army), & Zachary Zotz (Army) by Grandmommy; For Jeanne & Family, Ray & Myra & Family, Chuck & Diane Zotz Family, Terry & Kathy & Family, Dolores Sumner & Family by Frances Hoffman; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30; Our Family & For The Safety of Our Military by Ralph & Clara; For +Joe Schreiber & +Joseph Schreiber by Agnes Schreiber; For Mom by Johnnie & Alice; For Students of W.I.S.D. & C.D.A. #296 Members by C.D.A. #296; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For +Lawrence & +Helen Berend Family by Terry & Carol Sales; For Our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; +Arnold & +Lillian Lindeman by the Family; +Thomas & +Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; Ben's safety by Mom & Dad; For our Family by Frank & Joyce Wolf; For all our Family by Don & Benita Essler; For Our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Sick & Hurting of St. Mary's Christian Mother's Society by the Christian Mothers; For my Family & for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; Safety of Volunteer Firemen, Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran, Brett Hoff, Kevin Schroeder, Corey George, & Greg Schlumpf, Living and Deceased Members of Charles & Mary Lindemann family by Benny Lindeman; Thank you for all the graces & blessings received for our Country, Community & Family by Bert & Elizabeth Hoff; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse & Caroline Zotz by the Family; For our Family by George & Juanita Martin; My Family by Margaret Beaman; Living & Deceased members of Himmels Family, For my family & For +Al Veitenheimer by Ann Veitenheimer; Dad & Mom by Nubbin & Angela; +Floyd & Betty Humpert by the Family; For Our Family & In Memory of +Alfred Berend by Cordella; Guidance & Protection for our Military Service Men & Women by V.F.W.

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Branch #36 of Scotland.**

#### **REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!**

Tommy Bell, Conner Berardi, Chuck Berend, Gerald Berend, Nellie Berend, Patience Blake, J.C. Birkenfield, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Mabel Bowlden, Al Cabrera, David Carcaño, Jesús Colchado, John Deeson, Brandy Evans, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Emily Foster, Jeanne Fischer, Annette Fleitman, Rick Fleitman, Cindy Frerich, Kimberly Fulford, Tootsie Gardner, Jerry Green, Louise Green, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, Judy Hale, Artie Hallenbeck, Betty Hilbers, Gary Humpert, Pat Humpert, Billie Hoff, Debbie Hoff, Ernie Hoff, JoAnn Hoff, Marvin Hoff Sr., Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Myra Hoffman, Libby Ingram, Gary Julian, C.D. Knoblach, Elsie Koetter, Misty Lindley, Dee Litteken, Agnes Loran, Karen Lowe, Louis Lowe, Joe Witten, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Hans Meyer, Madi Scogin, Skylar Mueller, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Jerry Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Nancy Pennartz, Sgt. Kelly Perry, Colby Peterson, Gina Phillips, Phillip Rafferty, Dawson Reynolds, Bradley Rodgers, Carol Sales, Cassey Schenk, Frank Schenk, Grady Schenk, Sr., Paul Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Agnes Schreiber, Fern Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Roxanne Schreiber, Alex Schroeder, Hans Schroeder, Lauren Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Mary Lou Schroeder, Rosalee Schroeder, Ryan Schroeder, Helen Seigler, Henri Seto, Debbie Shifflett, Geneva Simpson, Jim Simpson, Lisa Smith, Yvette Smith, Weldon Snyder, Kate Talley, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Randy Townsend, Ann Veitenheimer, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, John Veitenheimer, Ralph Veitenheimer, James Vieth, Tim Vieth, David Williams, Debbie Williams, Charles Winkles, **Joe Witten**, Sarah Witten, Jim Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Bruce Zotz, Chuck Zotz, Harola Zotz.

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST** -Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Cpl. Kellen Green (Marine), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Captain Brian Hoff (Marine), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Damian Hoffman (Army), Master Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Stephen Koetter (Army), Adam Lambert (Army), James Devon Lindeman (Army), PVT Miguel Luna Jr., Jess Martinez (Army), Joshua Millican (Navy), Sgt. Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Private Trey Schenk (Marine), Tracy Hoff Schmitt (Army), 1<sup>st</sup> Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Cpl. Logan Veitenheimer (Marine) Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army), Zachary Zotz (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN



## Sunday, Feb 28, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Go all in

Erin became a Roman Catholic in midlife. When asked why, she says she tried fiercely to make life work according to her plan. Erin told God many times how it should go, attempting to persuade the powers that be to see it her way. Then one day God replied: My plan for you is so beautiful, wonderful, elegant. Why not try it instead? When Erin celebrated the Rites for Candidates for Full Communion on a Lenten Sunday just like this one, she found the joy she was missing. Pray for this year's candidates—and for candidates for years to come.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10 (26). *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"*

## Monday, Mar 01, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### Mercy me!

Pope Francis called mercy the "beating heart of the gospel." Mercy is forbearance, divine favor, compassionate treatment of the distressed and undeserving. It's another word for God's love. Consider showing devotion to it by reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a rosary-based prayer that was received by Saint Faustina, a Polish nun in the 1930s, through visions of Jesus. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the week after Easter, but many make the Chaplet part of their regular Lenten practice by reciting it every day at 3 p.m. (the traditional hour of Christ's death). You can find the Chaplet on the USCCB website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230). *"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."*

## Tuesday, Mar 02, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### Celebrate humble history

Women's History Month celebrates well-known women but also unsung heroines. How appropriate, then, that today is the feast of Agnes of Bohemia, a lesser-known saint. First cousin of Elizabeth of Hungary—and descendant of Good King Wenceslaus—Agnes came upon her vocation naturally. She built a hospital for the poor, a Franciscan friary, and a monastery for Poor Clare nuns. When she also became a nun and was urged to become abbess, she referred to herself only as "senior sister." She continued to cook for her sisters and mend the clothing of lepers rather than live a royal life. Celebrate the unsung heroines in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231). *"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."*

## Wednesday, Mar 03, 2021

MEMORIAL OF KATHARINE DREXEL, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

### We have work to do

Katharine Drexel (1858-1955) is a saint for our time. Born into a successful Philadelphia banking family, she used her wealth to improve the lives of others. Her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament devoted their lives to education of Native and African Americans, building more than 100 schools in cities, rural areas, and on reservations. Though Katharine and her sisters at times faced criticism, endured racist taunts, and were threatened by the Ku Klux Klan, they remained steadfast in their mission. Patron saint of racial justice and philanthropy, Saint Katharine epitomizes the

sacrifice of the Blessed Sacrament. How will you commit your own life to making the world more just?

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232). *"Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?"*

## Thursday, Mar 04, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CASIMIR

### Grace under pressure

Saint Casimir seemed destined for riches and power, but this patron saint of Poland, called the Peacemaker, took a different path. Born in 1458 to the king and queen of Poland, he was a devout, ascetic child. At age 14 his father had him lead an army to install himself as king of Hungary, but with an overpowering enemy and troops beginning to desert, Casimir instead returned home. His furious father exiled him, but Casimir would never again take up arms. Rejecting violence when those around you embrace it can take great inner strength. Cultivate an inner compass that can pursue peace despite pressure.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233). *"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD."*

## Friday, Mar 05, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

### Pray for besieged people everywhere

Prayer is our life with God. Sometimes we carve out a particular time during the day, and sometimes there are specific words, images, or experiences that help us be more aware of or express our relationship with God. And so of course during Lent prayer is one of the pillars, along with fasting and almsgiving, that help us turn to God. On today's 2021 World Day of Prayer, an ecumenical observance, we are invited to "Build on a strong foundation." This theme comes from the women of Vanuatu, an island hit by Cyclone Harold in 2020. Despite the perils they faced—and we've all faced in a year of pandemic—the message of today's prayer is one of confidence in God's steadfastness and the rock of faith. Unite in prayer for healing and recovery.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234). *"The kingdom of God will be . . . given to a people that will produce its fruit."*

## Saturday, Mar 06, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

### Sibling rivalry of biblical proportions

The Parable of the Prodigal Son could as easily be called the Parable of the Bitter Brother. The story might have ended with the celebration at the return of the repentant prodigal. But instead we are left to ponder the feelings of the "good son," the obedient one who followed all the rules but never got a party thrown in his honor. It's a very human story, reenacted in nearly every family in one form or another. "Mother always liked you best." "You were Dad's favorite." "All we ever did was bail you out of trouble." Will the bitter brother in the gospel story reconcile? Has bitterness or division in your own family been reconciled?

Consider being the reconciler who brings it about.

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (235). *"Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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February 23, 2021

United States Senate  
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United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative/Senator:

As chairmen of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Religious Liberty, Pro-Life, Marriage, Catholic Education, and Domestic Justice committees, we write to share our support for laws that protect the dignity and ensure the respect that is due all people, as well as our grave concerns with the Equality Act of 2021 (H.R. 5).

Human dignity is central to what Catholics believe because every person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion. This commitment is reflected in the Church's charitable service to all people, without regard to race, religion, or any other characteristic. It means we need to honor every person's right to gainful employment free of unjust discrimination or harassment, and to the basic goods that they need to live and thrive. It also means that people of differing beliefs should be respected. In this, we whole-heartedly support nondiscrimination principles to ensure that everyone's rights are protected.

The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from discrimination. But instead, the bill represents the imposition by Congress of novel and divisive viewpoints regarding "gender" on individuals and organizations. This includes dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting "gender" as only a social construct. As Pope Francis has reflected, however, "biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated." ... It is one thing to be understanding of human weakness and the complexities of life, and another to accept ideologies that attempt to sunder what are inseparable aspects of reality."<sup>1</sup> Tragically, this Act can also be construed to include an abortion mandate, a violation of precious rights to life and conscience.<sup>2</sup>

Rather than affirm human dignity in ways that meaningfully exceed existing practical protections, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. It would also inflict numerous legal and social harms on Americans of any faith or none. If passed, this legislation would:

- punish faith-based charities such as shelters and foster care agencies, and in turn their thousands of beneficiaries, simply because of their beliefs on marriage and sexuality (§§ 3, 6);
- force both people and organizations in many everyday life and work settings to speak or act in support of "gender transitions," including health care workers and licensed counselors, even when it's against their professional judgment (§§ 3, 6, 7);
- risk mandating taxpayers to pay for abortions, and health care workers with conscience objections to perform them, ultimately ending more human lives (§§ 3, 6, 9);

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<sup>1</sup> Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, no. 56 (2016).

<sup>2</sup> See USCCB Fact Sheet, "[The Equality Act: Its Impact on Government Funding of Abortion](#)."

- force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in school sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who claim to identify as women (§§ 6, 9);
- expand the government's definition of public places into numerous settings, even forcing religiously operated spaces, such as some church halls and equivalent facilities owned by synagogues or mosques, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their broader communities (§ 3);
- exclude people from the careers and livelihoods that they love, just for maintaining the truth of their beliefs on marriage and sexuality (§ 3); and
- discriminate against individuals and religious organizations based on their different beliefs by partially repealing the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, an unprecedented departure from that law and one of America's founding principles (§ 9).

Each year the Catholic Church, as the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the United States, helps millions of people in need through its parishes, schools, hospitals, shelters, legal clinics, food banks, and other charities. The same core beliefs about the human person--made with inherent dignity and in the image of God--motivate both our positions on life, marriage, and sexuality, and also our call to serve the most vulnerable and the common good. We oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Committee on Catholic Education

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Archbishop of Oklahoma City  
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# Feast of Saint Joseph One-Day Men's Retreat

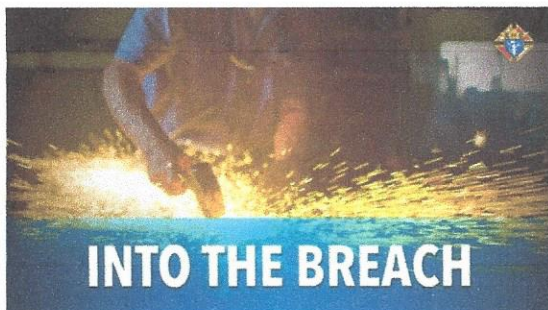
March 20, 2021

L.A. and Helen Berend Family Center  
Windthorst, TX  
8 AM to 4 PM

Retreat will begin with a special mass to Saint Joseph at St Mary's Catholic Church in Windthorst at 8 am followed by an AM session to watch and discuss *Into the Breach* and a PM session with special guest speaker Stevan Nasche.

Into the Breach

Stevan Nasche



Video series produced by the Knights of Columbus which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world. A call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in a world in crisis.

Through group discussions, we will learn to be stronger fathers, better husbands, and men fit for the breach.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

Cost: Donation (includes breakfast, lunch, drinks, and snacks)

Contact Robert Baumer to register so we can plan for meals.

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**FEBRUARY 27, 2021 – March 19, 2021**

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>SATURDAY FEB. 27</b> Safe Environment 9AM <b>St. Mary's Mass 12:00 NOON</b> St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society Pilgrimage Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office <b>St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM</b> <b>Spanish Mass 7:00PM</b> Live-streamed at 5 Please wear a mask & practice social distancing	<b>SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28</b> <b>2ND SUNDAY IN LENT</b> St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM  St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed RCIA classes begin 7pm in the Parish Hall	<b>MONDAY MAR. 1</b> CCD 7:25AM  Mass St. Mary's 6:00 pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.	<b>TUESDAY MARCH 2</b> CCD 7:25AM  Mass St. Mary's <u>Church Office closed</u> Sr. Citizens 1pm	<b>WEDNESDAY MARCH 3</b> CCD 7:25AM Family Life & Mission Outreach 5pm  K-12 Youth Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm Adoration 6:30/Chaplet 6:30 Novena 7:00pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed Confirmation class after Mass St. Mary's Christian Mothers' Society after Mass St. Boniface Christian Mothers' 7 pm	<b>THURSDAY MARCH 4</b> CCD 7:25AM Food Distribution 9am - 11am Mass St. Boniface 6:00pm Stations of the Cross after Mass Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.	<b>FRIDAY MARCH 5</b> <b>1ST FRIDAY</b> Liturgy of the Word Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing
<b>SATURDAY MARCH 6</b> <b>1ST SATURDAY</b> St. Mary's Mass 8:00AM Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM Spanish Mass 7:00PM Live-streamed at 5 Please wear a mask & practice social distancing 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services	<b>SUNDAY MARCH 7</b> <b>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM  St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief services RCIA class 7pm in the Parish Hall 1st Reconciliation-2nd grade children & parents 5:00pm in Church	<b>MONDAY MAR. 8</b> CCD 7:25AM  Mass St. Mary's 6:00 pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. VFWW/FW LADIES AUX. 7PM	<b>TUESDAY MARCH 9</b> CCD 7:25AM  Mass St. Mary's <u>Church Office closed</u> Sr. Citizens 1pm	<b>WEDNESDAY MARCH 10</b> CCD 7:25AM K-12 Youth Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm Adoration 6:30/Chaplet 6:30 Novena 7:00pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed Confirmation class after Mass 3rd Degree K of C #1824 after Mass 3rd Degree K of C #1715 after Mass	<b>THURSDAY MAR. 11</b> CCD 7:25AM Mass St. Boniface 6:00pm Stations of the Cross after Mass Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.	<b>FRIDAY MARCH 12</b> Liturgy of the Word Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.
<b>SATURDAY MARCH 13</b> St. Mary's Mass 12:00 noon St. Boniface Fatima Prayer Hour 10am Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office St. Mary's' Mass 5:00PM Spanish Mass 7:00PM Live-streamed at 5 Please wear a mask & practice social distancing	<b>SUNDAY MARCH 14</b> <b>4TH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM  St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed RCIA class 7PM Set your clocks forward 1 hr.	<b>MONDAY MAR. 15</b> Mass St. Mary's 6:00 pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.	<b>TUESDAY MAR. 16</b> Mass St. Mary's <u>Church Office closed</u>	<b>WEDNESDAY MARCH 17</b> K-12 Youth Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm Adoration 6:30/Chaplet 6:30 Novena 7:00pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed CDA #296 meeting after Mass	<b>THURSDAY MAR. 18</b> Mass St. Boniface 6:00pm Stations of the Cross after Mass Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.	<b>FRIDAY MARCH 19</b> Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Stations of the Cross 6pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.