

SAINT MARY of the Assumption



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ♦ APRIL 3, 2022

Our Final Fish Fry is
This coming Friday!



Don't Miss It!

And thank you,
wonderful workers!!!

All Things New

— Dcn. Dennis Walters —

In the movie *The Passion of the Christ*, there is a scene where Jesus has fallen under the weight of his cross at the moment where his mother meets him. In that scene, Jesus looks up at her and says simply, “See how I make all things new!” The words are taken from Revelation 21:5, where the One on the throne announces the completion of the new heavens and new earth, and even of the New Jerusalem, the bride of the Lamb. This scene from the movie shows how Jesus is bringing that new creation about.

On this fifth Sunday of Lent,
the Church looks forward to that final Easter.
All of the readings for this liturgy,
including our responsorial psalm,
point in that direction.

Of all the themes in the entire Bible, the exodus from Egypt is the most prominent. It occurs everywhere, in the historical narratives, in the psalms, in the prophets, and even in the New Testament. In our first reading, Isaiah alludes to the path that the Lord once made through the sea, which allowed the Israelites to escape from Egypt but drowned their pursuers. But then he shifts focus, as if to say, “That was then, this is now.” “See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?” — continued on p. 2

Behold,
I am making all things
New

REVELATION 21:5

St. Mary's Parish Weekly Calendar ❖ April 2-10
Mass Intention [requested by], & parish activities

DCN. DENNIS' ARTICLE FROM PAGE 1, continued:
All Things New

SAT. APRIL 2 *Lenten Weekday*
(opt. mem. St. Francis of Paola, Hermit)

Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53

➤ **8:30am First Saturday MASS:**
✠ **Duane Beuerle** [*Shirley Krzyzaniak*]
3:30-4:30pm Confession

➤ **5:00pm Vigil MASS for the Fifth Sunday of Lent:** ✠ **Jerry Damian**
[*His loving wife Claudia Damian*]

Pray the Stations of the Cross 20 min. before each weekend Mass

SUN. APRIL 3 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession

➤ **8:30am MASS: For the People**

➤ **10:30am MASS:** ✠ **Duane Beuerle**
[*Jeff & Connie Schaffer*]

MON. APRIL 4 *Lenten Weekday*
(opt. mem. St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
(or 13:41 c-62)
Jn 8:12-20

➤ **12:10pm MASS:** ✠ **Dick Krzyzaniak**
[*His loving wife Shirley Krzyzaniak*]
3:30-4:45pm Rel Ed Classes / PC
7:00pm Choir rehearsal / choir loft

TUES. APRIL 5 *Lenten Weekday*
(opt. mem. St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest)

Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

➤ **8:30am MASS:** ✠ **Floyd & Vera Jacob**
[*Margaret & Karl Jacob*]

WED. APRIL 6 *Lenten Weekday*

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42

➤ **8:30am MASS:** INT: **Kathy & Glenn Zubok** [*Lynn Waldecker*]
7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting / FFH

THUR. APRIL 7 *Lenten Weekday*
(opt. mem. St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest)

Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

➤ **8:30am MASS:** ✠ **Mike Miner**
[*Betty Cummings*]

FRI. APRIL 8 **MEATLESS FRIDAY** *Lenten Weekday*

Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

➤ **8:30am MASS:** ✠ **Duane Beuerle**
[*Shirley Krzyzaniak*]
3:30-7:00pm FISH FRY DINNER
(DRIVE THRU-TAKE OUT / PC)

✠ 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross



SAT. APRIL 9 *Lenten Weekday*

Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

3:30-4:30pm Confession

➤ **5:00pm Vigil MASS for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: For the People**

Pray the Stations of the Cross 20 min. before each weekend Mass

SUN. APRIL 10 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

8-8:15 and 10-10:15am Confession

➤ **8:30am MASS:** ✠ **Marianne Kroes**
[*Pat Fitzgerald*]

Outdoor Procession for Palm Sunday at the beginning of 10:30am Mass

➤ **10:30am MASS:** INT: For Protection of the People of Burkina Faso [*Karen Berg*]
4-5:30pm Confirmation Class / PC ■

True to His word, the Lord is ending Israel's exile. Her return from Babylon is even now in progress. To the prophet, this new exodus will eclipse even the memory of the flight from Egypt, for God is clearing a path home for his chosen people, "the people whom I formed for myself that they might recount my praise."

Our responsorial psalm, Ps. 126, celebrates that dream come true. Many of the exiles who have already returned from Babylon exult, recalling how even the gentiles agreed that "the Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed." However, the return is not yet complete. People are still straggling in. Those now in Zion pray for the rest of the captives to be restored. Indeed, they pray for a flood of returnees, like the gullies in the Negeb desert that flood with water after a downpour.

In our second reading, St. Paul explains to his Philippian audience why he, "the compleat Pharisee," regards his former accomplishments as complete loss. His experience of meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus has turned his life around. He sees everything now in a different light. "For His sake I have accepted the loss of all things, and I consider them as so much rubbish" – the word is considerably stronger in Greek – "that I may gain Christ and the righteousness that comes through faith in Him."

Paul quickly adds that he's not perfect. But forgetting past successes and failures, which are behind him, he looks to what's in front of him. He wants to know Jesus and the power of His resurrection, even if that means sharing in Jesus' suffering and death. So, "straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus." That prize is not only the divine power that leads to his own resurrection from the dead but Christ Jesus Himself.

In our Gospel, Jesus challenges the Scribes and Pharisees to consider their own lack of innocence before they take up stones against someone else. In ancient Israel, whenever a group action, such as a judgment, was called for, the younger members of the group would defer to the decision of their elders, unless the elders were obviously wrong. Facing Jesus and the woman they've brought before Him, the elders at least have the honesty to recognize that they are not without sin, and so they depart first, followed by their juniors. Lastly, the woman herself is released from condemnation, given a new lease on the life Jesus wishes her to have.

All of us are, in a sense, in the middle of our own journey. From our present position, we can look to our past, noting those markers and significant events that shape how we got to where we are. Some of those markers have been times of hardship and sin and tragedy; others were triumphs or virtues or accomplishments. But now those bad or good old days are behind us. We cannot stay still in the present. With dread or anticipation, we move toward the future, to face the consequences of the past, to work toward what we plan or hope for, to realize our life's goals.

We're in the middle of our life's journey. As Christians we are, in a sense, engaged in an exodus, a path out of this earthly exile. The Lord is making a way for us to reach Him if we're willing to look for it. Just as Spring is a messy season because it means clearing away the dead things of winter, preparing the ground, and planting seeds for new growth, so with the spiritual life.

During this penitential season, we've placed our sins and failures behind us. In this last week of Lent, the liturgy urges us to look forward, to the way Jesus makes all things new through His cross. Easter is coming. Let us then strain forward to what lies ahead, to a resurrected life with Jesus. ✠

Birthday Blessings

APRIL 4 Abigail Burch	APRIL 6 Julie DeLucia
APRIL 5 Justin Walz Patrick Walz	APRIL 7 Caroline Lange

Our Final Parish Lenten Fish Fry Dinner is this week- April 8 • at the Parish Center • 3:30-7pm • FAST drive-thru take-out!

Let's work together to meet our DGA 2022 goal!

Filling the Easter Food Bags

For those who signed up to bring items for our parish Lenten Almsgiving project, please remember to bring your items to the Fr. Fisher Hall (FFH) kitchen by **this Sun., April 3**. If you are donating crescent rolls or hams, they need to go in the FFH kitchen refrigerator. If you are bringing apple pies, please ask Fr. Bosco to put them in the freezer in his basement.

Let's make it sparkle for Easter

Let's work together to make the sacred space in our lovely village church extra-clean so it is ready for the great celebration of Easter! All who are able, please come **this Sun. April 3** at 3pm to help clean. If you want more info, please contact Stephanie Beuerle at 734-368-8585.

Notice regarding Cemetery Decorations

The Cemetery Board reminds all parishioners to kindly remove all decorations on graves at St. Mary Cemetery **before April 15** for Spring Cleanup. Items remaining after that date will be discarded. Spring and summer grave decorations may be placed on graves **after May 1**. Thank you.

Easter Decorations

Order forms for MEMORIAL **EASTER LILIES** are available in the vestibule. The cost is \$20, and you can take your lily home after the 10:30 Easter Sunday Mass. Orders are needed by **Mon., April 11**. Checks should be made payable to "The Flower Garden."

Also, sign-up sheets to **HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH** on **Sat., April 16** are in the vestibule. Contact Susan Fielder at 734-972-5652 or sfielder@umich.edu if you have questions.

Please return your Rice Bowl Boxes on Palm Sunday

If your almsgiving for Lent included keeping a Rice Bowl box on the kitchen table to save your loose change throughout Lent, please bring it back to church **next week on Palm Sunday, April 10**. Our parish donations will be sent to the Diocese where they combine donations from all the parishes in the Diocese (and then with donations from more than 14,000 Catholic parishes and schools across the United States) to send to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to help those around the world struggling with hunger and poverty.

Holy Thursday Candle Bearers Needed

This year, we will again need 14 ladies to lead the procession of the Holy Eucharist to the Altar of Repose on the evening of **Holy Thursday, April 14**. The ladies must be at least 14 years of age to do this. This will be a "first come-first taken" for the position. To volunteer or for more info, please call Marja Warner at 734-428-9506. The *deadline* for volunteering will be next weekend, **Palm Sunday, April 10**. FYI: Be sure to contact Marja directly, since sometimes messages left elsewhere might not get to her, and that causes confusion on Holy Thursday evening. So again, please contact Marja directly. Thank you. ■

Continuing our work as a Family of Parishes

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fr. Bosco from St. Mary in Manchester, Fr. Vincent from Immaculate Conception in Milan, and I all met up for our first in-person meeting recently regarding our parish "*In Solidum*" (Parish Partnership). We are very happy to be working with each other for the good of all of you in each of our parishes.

We are now asking our different committees, commissions, and ministries to begin meeting with their counterparts from each parish. It will be good for them just to get to know each other and become familiar with how each parish is approaching ministry and daily operations.

Obviously, our three parishes are unique. Staff sizes are much different as is the varying cultures that exist in our parishes and communities. However, in the end, there

is one need that is the same in each parish, working toward the salvation of souls!

Proclaiming the Gospel and conversion of hearts remains the top priority just as it was the top priority that Jesus left with the Apostles. Facilitating relationships between Jesus and his people and – through Jesus – between the members of each parish is the vision that will set all activities that we will do together.

We are excited as pastors and so appreciative of our staffs and parishioners. We look forward to what our combined prayer and work can do for the whole Body of Christ and for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

God bless you all,
Fr. John, St. Andrew in Saline



The SANCTUARY LAMPS are burning this week for the following intentions:

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK...

- 1) +Duane Beuerle
(Jesse & Mary Batterson)
- 2) +Terézia Shaw
(Gerald & Mary Shaw)

Please Pray for...

- David Roncoli
- Denny Steele and his wife Cindy
- Lee Ann Vitale
- Fran Kujda
- For the people of Ukraine
- Anna Brogley (mother of Martin Brogley)
- Sally Gavin
- Joyce Stein
- Jerry Kripas
- Addison Elder
- Loretta Widmayer
- Annie (sister of Lynn Waldecker)
- The family of Alice Kidd
- Gary Brokaw (and his wife Polly)
- Paul Whelan (imprisoned in Russia)
- Doug Hunt and his wife Lisa (Pat Fitzgerald's daughter)
- Cindy Kelly

...and for the repose of the soul of
† Esther Baker
and for her grieving loved ones.



ST. MARY'S SUPPORT of our 2022 DSA

Our parish goal: \$27,837

As of March 28 **32** families have supported DSA with **\$15,165** or **54.5%** of our goal!
Let's all do our part!



St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday, March 20, 2022

Sunday Env (52) \$ 2,964.00
Welcome, Loose, Kids 166.00
Easter decorations (2) 50.00
E-Giving (8) 311.99

Combined toward budget: ... \$ 3,491.99
Budget goal: 5,300.00
Amt UNDER goal: - 1,808.01

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Bldg & Maint (5) \$ 100.00
E-Giving Blk & Ind 10.00
Ukraine Relief 100.00
Evangelization Fund 20.00
Poor Box 32.50
Votive candles 96.00

Think you might be pregnant? Need Help?
Alternatives to Abortion
Call (800) 712-HELP (4357)

Need Help? PROJECT RACHEL (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291, or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

NEED HELP? "COURAGE" is a Catholic spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction. "ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for families & friends. For info in the Diocese of Lansing, call 517-342-2596 or email caverart@comcast.net

NEED HELP? An "AA" group meets Tuesdays at 7:00pm at Manchester United Methodist Church, 501 Ann Arbor St. (next to Klager School)