

March 10, 2019  
1st Sunday of Lent

FIRST SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Serving the People of God  
Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

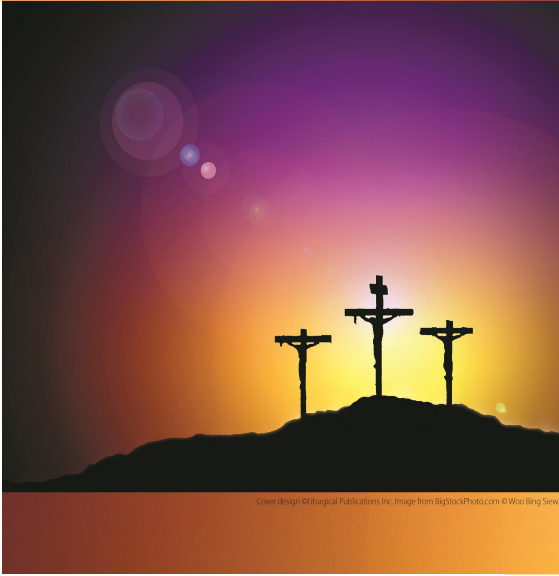
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**Mass Schedule**

Sunday - 10:45 am  
Holy Day - 5:15 pm



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Jennifer Hayes ..... (260) 450-2193

**Sacraments**

**Matrimony**  
Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.  
**Sick and Communion Call**  
Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.  
**Baptism**  
For details please call the Church Office. Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.  
**Reconciliation**  
Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR  
Anytime by appointment.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Call Parish Office for information.  
**Parish Pastoral Council**  
Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 1st Sunday, after Mass  
**Bulletin Deadline**  
Monday 12:00 pm  
Call or email submissions.

**Parish Mission Statement**

*"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."*

**Parish Membership Welcome**

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Check one:  
 New Parishioner  New Address  New Phone Number  Moving, remove from list

**1st Sunday of Lent**

As we enter into this Lenten season of penance and self-denial, we're reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday's Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (cf. 1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (cf. Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

"Turn these stones to bread." Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It's the simplest of temptations because it's instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don't serve the higher good for our souls. The leap "from the temple parapet" would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus' Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our

values along the way? To "bow and worship" the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it's not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.*

**SPRING LECTURE SERIES**

The University of St. Francis will present a lecture from the Philosophy & Theology spring lecture series entitled "**Charles Taylor on Secularity and Social Imaginaries**" on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm in the Brookside Ballroom. All are welcome and admission is free.

**Sunday, March 10**

**Sacristan:** Chuck Luther

**Commentator/Petitions:** Dottie Carpenter

**Servers:** Payton Hinsey, Aric Koenig, Katy Parrott

**First Reading:** Carmen Doyle

**Second Reading:** Joe Miller

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Chuck Luther, Sue Koester, Joanne Miller, Celeste Streicher, Kathleen Smith, John Barnett, Barb Chmiel, Andrea Thomas

**Ushers:** Christine Myles, Jasmin Myles, Dennis Doyle, Joe Spencer

**Greeters:** Liz & Frank Cantello

**Coffee & Donuts:** Haiti Committee

**Sunday, March 17**

**Sacristan:** Sue Jehl

**Commentator/Petitions:** Rena Zirille

**Servers:** Nicole Obioma, Michele Obioma, Michael Obioma

**First Reading:** Greg Gemperline

**Second Reading:** Andrea Thomas

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sue Jehl, Kate Brogan, Melinda Reyes, Maxine Stovall, Maureen McCon, Judy Wagoner, Rosemary Mausser, Louise Yahne

**Ushers:** Julie Huth, Jim Huth, Antonio Salazar, Ken Yahne

**Greeters:** Becky & Frannie Silkworth

**ATTENTION RECEIVERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

This past week, all parishes in the Diocese received word from Bishop Rhoades' Office at the Chancery concerning the ever increasing problem of celiac sufferers and gluten. The bottom line is that NO ONE should ever be prevented from receiving Holy Communion because they have this problem. Please be aware that your parish of Saint Mary's will make every effort to accommodate you if you cannot tolerate gluten, but you must first inform us of that necessity. If this applies to you, please let Fr. Phil know.

*"to everything there is a season and a time for every Purpose under heaven"*

*"a time to be born..."*

*"a time to love..."*

*"a time to be healed..."*

*Pray for the sick of our parish*

*"a time to die "*

*"and a time for peace"*

*and in our world, all people, both military and civilian who are in the midst of war or natural disasters.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1f*



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Lk 4:6a, 7-8

**Readings for the week of March 10, 2019**

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/ Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/ Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/ Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/ Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/ Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



# Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 10**  
10:45 am *Joan Couch*

**Sunday, March 17**  
10:45 am *Don Ferguson*



# Altar of Service

## Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for ...MACARONI.

### Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Saturday, March 9: Midwest Eye Consultants, Jaylen Kohart

Sunday, March 10: Lynn Berkley, Liz & John Peterson

Thank you for volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. Please call me if you are unable to make your scheduled day.

Val Vordran 625-5757 or 450-5170

### AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS:

#### Snacks and a Table Lamp

#### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you feel a calling to minister to our shut-ins? Please call the church office at 424-8231 or Sue Koester at 493-4282 for more information, or if you know of a parishioner who may be homebound and in need of communion brought to them.



# The Week Ahead

### Sunday, March 10

- *Mary's Kids* 9:15 am
- Second Collection is for St. Vincent DePaul and Black and Indiana Missions
- Mandatory Confirmation Meeting for Candidates and Parent/Sponsors 11:30 am Topic: Eucharist/Mass

### Annual Spring Sale!

20% off your entire purchase!

Monday, March 18-Saturday, March 23

Shop ahead for all the spring events like, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA & Easter!

Free parking in our garage! Call 399-1442 for more info  
The staff of the Good Shepherd Books & Gifts

### FAITH IN INDIANA

Faith in Indiana will be hosting a "house" meeting this Thursday, March 14th at

St. Mary Mother of God Church @6pm.

Our topic for discussion will be Treatment, Not Incarceration. Please join us and help us work out a plan of action to insure inclusion and care for all our neighbors, and that we have what we need in place to choose diversion and treatment over incarceration. Please contact Dennis Doyle (260) 750-5194 with any questions or concerns.

# Parish Announcements

## YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT OUR NEW DIOCESAN MUSEUM

As many of you know, as a priest, I have been assigned two roles by our Bishop. First and foremost, I serve as your pastor and that comes first! Secondly, for the past 40 years I have served as the Director of our former CATHEDRAL MUSEUM and that appointment continues with the directorship of our new DIOCESAN MUSEUM at its new and expanded location. The "new" DIOCESAN MUSEUM opens to the public this coming Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 at 10:00am – with a FREE SPECIAL GIFT TO THE FIRST 50 VISITORS - even if you have visited the Museum previously at its former locations, we now have many more exciting artifacts that might be of interest to you. Our DIOCESAN MUSEUM is now located in the former Diocesan Chancery Office Building at the northwest corner of South Calhoun & Jefferson Sts. (the building just to the north of our Cathedral Church. We are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am until 2pm. There is FREE ADMISSION as well as FREE PARKING in any of the adjacent CATHEDRAL PARKING LOTS. We are CLOSED ALL HOLIDAYS! Hope to see you there some time!

### LENTEN REGULATIONS\*

#### REGARDING FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent including Good Friday. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though they may be made from animal fat. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine years of age are obliged to fast on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary in order to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Likewise, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

### TRIVIA NIGHT! SAVE THE DATE

St. Mary Mother of God Parish will have its first Trivia Night Saturday, April 27, 7-9 pm. Tickets will be sold before and after Mass, March 31, Apr. 7, & Apr. 14. Questions? Contact the

# Church Support

## Monthly & Fiscal Year-to-Date Summary

	<u>Feb 2019</u>	<u>July 1-Feb 28, 2019</u>
Adult Collection-Actual	\$ 12,551	\$ 125,553
Adult Collection-Budget	\$ 15,000	\$ 131,250
Loose Collection-Actual	\$ 1,112	\$ 10,429
Loose Collection-Budget	\$ 1,400	\$ 12,250
Average % Envelopes Used	28%	31%
SVDP Collection-Envelopes	\$ 509	\$ 4,129
SVDP Collection-Loose	\$ 150	\$ 998