

THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**



March 24 2019  
Third Sunday of Lent

**ST. MARY  
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Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

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**Mass Schedule**

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm

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Dottie Carpenter ..... (260) 705-1690

**Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council**

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

**Third Sunday of Lent**

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also ? it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big

ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.*

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Any person high school age, or any adult who has not received the sacrament of confirmation and who would like to receive it this year, please call the church office at 424-8231.

**Sunday, March 24**

**Sacristan:** Chuck Luther

**Commentator/Petitions:** Carmen Doyle

**Servers:** Tommy O'Neil, Lauren O'Neil, Carl O'Neil

**First Reading:** Metrice Smith

**Second Reading:** Maxine Stovall

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Chuck Luther, John Barnett, Jane Wick, Dottie Carpenter, Maureen McCon, Ken Yahne, Louise Yahne, Therese Spencer

**Ushers:** Liz Peterson, John Peterson, Greg Gemperline, Megan Horrell

**Greeters:** Christine & Jasmin Myles

**Sunday, March 31**

**Sacristan:** Sue Koester

**Commentator/Petitions:** Tom Rumschlag

**Servers:** Noah Johnson, Jennifer Hayes, Antonio Salazar

**First Reading:** Patrick Mitoraj

**Second Reading:** Melinda Reyes

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sue Koester, Judy Wagoner, Joanne Miller, Maxine Stovall, Celeste Streicher, Pat McBride, Kathleen Smith, Barb Chmiel

**Ushers:** Val Vorndran, Dennis Doyle, Angela Spencer, Andy Johnson

**Greeters:** Christy & Malachi Johnson

**MARCH IS DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH**

Please be aware of those friends, co-workers and other Hoosiers who live with disabilities—no matter the differences between people it's always better to treat others the way you want to be treated.

**Liturgical Roles**

*"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*

*Marjorie Gunkler*

*"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 woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?"

**Readings for the week of March 24, 2019**

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a] Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a] Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/ Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2

**ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM** - St. Mary Mother of God Church offers this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offerings to the Church automatically through your checking or savings account. To obtain the necessary form, please contact Julie Crouch at the Parish Office (jcrouch@stmarysfw.org, or 260-424-8231). You may also go to www.stmarysfw.org, click the "Donate" link, and complete the Authorization Agreement for Direct Payment form.



## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 24**

10:45 am Larry Endress

**Sunday, March 31**

10:45 am Gary Huhn



## Altar of Service

**Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen**

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

**Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers**

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Saturday, March 23: Portage Middle school

Sunday, March 24: Shanebrooks

Saturday, March 30: Jim Schmidt

Sunday, March 31: John's Friends

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:****Creamer and Snacks****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 24**

- Mary's Kids 9:15 am
- A Walk with God: Lenten Journey 9:15-10:15 am  
(A reflection on the Sunday readings in the weekly calendar for Lent)

**Sunday, March 31**

- Mary's Kids 9:15 am
- Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Fund
- A Walk with God: Lenten Journey 9:15-10:15 am  
(A reflection on the Sunday readings in the weekly calendar for Lent)

**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 Silkworths at [bbsilk@yahoo.com](mailto:bbsilk@yahoo.com).

**EASTER FLOWERS**

Once again we are offering you the opportunity to donate Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. You may use the envelopes provided in your packet or envelopes that are in the pews. Please include your name with your donation and the name of your loved one. A commemorative list will be included in a future bulletin.

## Parish Announcements

**IT'S PICTURE TIME!**

Our 2019 church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!

You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

**"more information coming soon!"**

**2019 FAMILY SYMPOSIUM**

The 2019 Family Symposium, *Strengthening Families By Loving Your Neighbor*, will be held on Saturday, April 13, at the Fort Wayne Stake Center from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Symposium is sponsored by the Fort Wayne Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The Symposium will focus on the challenges and needs faced by refugees and immigrants in our communities and specifically help us understand how we can minister to them. Everyone 12 and older is invited. A nominal charge of \$15 per person or \$25 per family of up to six will include a box lunch and refreshments. Preregistered babysitting for children ages 2 years and older is available for \$2 per child. **\*\*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY APRIL 8 at [www.2019familysymposium.eventbrite.com](http://www.2019familysymposium.eventbrite.com)**

**TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIR**

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend invites you to attend a Teacher Recruitment Fair in Fort Wayne at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St., on Tuesday, April 30, from 5-8 p.m. The diocese has 39 elementary schools and 4 high schools in the northeast corner of Indiana. Come interview with Catholic school principals at the fair. Twenty-minute interview slots are available for the schools that will be present. Website: <http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Teacher-Recruitment-Fairs> Contact Stephanie Howe at (260) 422-4611.

**JOB OPENING**

Queen of Angels Catholic School has an immediate opening for a middle school mathematics and science teacher. This position is full-time and goes until the end of the school year. For more information, contact Principal Dennis Wiegmann at 260-483-8214.

**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

(formerly Cathedral Bookstore)

Located in the Archbishop Noll Center