

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

LENT



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March 31, 2019
Fourth 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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Dottie Carpenter (260) 705-1690

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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

4th Sunday of Lent

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your

trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to growth!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

**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.

**Liturgical Roles****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

Sunday, April 7

Sacristan: Sue Jehl

Commentator/Petitions: Dottie Carpenter

Servers: Payton Hinsey, Nathan Johnson, Val Vorndran

First Reading: Ben Clemmer

Second Reading: Ann SeCheverell

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Jehl, Pat McBride, Therese Spencer, Jennifer Hayes, John Barnett, Eugenia Barnett, Rosemary Mausser, Peggy Neidhart

Ushers: Andy Johnson, Katrina Johnson, Gary Grider, Megan Horrell

Greeters: Katrina & Andy Johnson

"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



They said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." - Jn9:10-11

Readings for the week of March 31, 2019

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

Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/ Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/ Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/ Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

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.

HOLY FATHERS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL**Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones**

—For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 31

10:45 am Gary Huhn

Sunday, April 7

10:45 am Christopher Mitoraj



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

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

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Saturday, March 30: Jim Schmidt

Sunday, March 31: John's Friends

Saturday, April 6: Leslie House, Steve & Judy Minich

Sunday, April 7: John's friends, Stacy & Terra

Saturday, April 13: Concordia Lutheran High School

Sunday, April 14: Nina Gerry, Liz & John Peterson

Saturday, April 20: Jim Schmidt, Lynn Berkley

Saturday, April 27: Portage Middle School

Sunday, April 28: Shanebrooks

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 Sugar

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 31

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

Sunday, April 7

- Mary's Kids 9:15 am
- A Walk with God: Lenten Journey 9:15am-10:15am (A reflection on the Sunday readings in the weekly calendar for Lent)
- Parish Pictorial Directory Signup Table in the Gathering Space after Mass

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 Parish Pictorial 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. Signup table will be in the Gathering Space after Mass (starting April 7), and also available online. **Watch for a letter in the mail with all the details.**

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.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS LECTURE

University of Saint Francis Philosophy and Theology Lecture
Dr. John Bequette, Professor of Theology, will discuss the friendship tradition in Western culture from its beginnings in the Greco-Roman era to its adoption by Christianity on Wednesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in Brookside Ballroom, 2701 Spring St. His lecture will explore the nature of friendship as the ancient philosophers understood it, its transformation and perfection in relation to Christ, and the need for a renewed sense of friendship in contemporary culture. Website: <https://www.sf.edu/Contact>: Angie Springer (260) 399-7700 aspringer@sf.edu

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 7 PM-9 PM
Tickets on sale in Gathering Area before & after Mass on
March 31, April 7, and April 24
\$10 /Person \$80/Table~BYO SNACKS & DRINKS

Be Smart and Win The Cash Prize!
Prizes for Best Table Theme and Best Outfit

"mulligans" available \$1 each
before and during the event

Proceeds will be donated to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society