

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 22	8:00am	Word & Communion
Tuesday, March 23	8:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday, March 24	8:00am	+Ed & Mary Ellen Berning
Thursday, March 25	1:30pm	Manor Care Nursing Home
Friday, March 26	8:15am	+Ruth Gish

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday, March 27	4:00pm	+Melissa Fogel
Sunday, March 28	9:00am	+Robert & Alverna Kopp

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

5th Sunday of Lent: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11.
Monday: Dn 13:1-9. 15-17. 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:12-20.
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30.
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42.
Thursday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38.
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42.
Palm Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14; 23:56.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP

Spring clean up will be Saturday, April 3. If you wish to save any flowers or decorations please remove them before that Saturday morning. Decorations may be put back after that day.

REFLECTION

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." - Philippians 3:8
 Learning to see our material possessions as just so much rubbish is an important step in growing closer to Jesus Christ. Then we are able to give more freely and joyfully.

EASTER HOLIDAY BASKET INFORMATION

The food items will be sorted and packed on Monday morning, so please have your food here by 8:00am on Monday. Needed menu items are: canned yams, canned fruit, cake mix, frosting, Easter candy, pork n beans & canned vegetables. Thanks for your continued generosity!

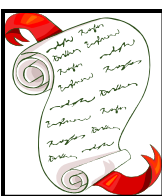
DONATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS

St. Mary Parish and the CCW are seeking donations to defray the cost of flowers and decorations. Envelopes for donations for particular items are on a table by the center entrance of church and can be dropped in the collection basket or at the rectory. If you wish your gift to be a memorial, please indicate this on the envelope so we may acknowledge it.

THE LIVING STATIONS will be presented here on Wed. March 24th at **7:30pm** by teenagers from the Dickeyville area. They have been doing this for several years and it is usually held at the Mound. This year it will be held at St. Mary's. We hope you will come. It is a prayerful, inspiring experience and will be a great prelude to Holy Week.

St. Mary CCW will be offering one \$300 scholarship to a graduating senior of Platteville High School who actively participates in St. Mary Parish life and whose parents/guardian are registered members of St. Mary Parish. The student must be accepted at a school of post secondary education and have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and be in need of financial help. Applications for this scholarship are available from Dee Woolf 348-7403 and due by April 15 with the winner being notified by May 1.

Time is running out to order your tickets for the Dead Sea Scrolls



Trip. Two spots left. The cost for the bus is \$18 per person plus the ticket fee of adults \$24, or seniors \$22; If you ordered a headset please include an additional \$5.00. Any questions call Linda in the parish office.

If you have not paid for your trip please get it into St. Mary's office as soon as possible. Make sure your name is on the envelope stating it is for the Dead Sea scroll trip.

PRIVATE RECONCILIATION

At St. Mary's
 Monday, March 29th
 8:30am - 9:00am; 7:00pm-8:00pm.
 Saturdays at 9am
 At St. Augustine Tuesdays at 4:30pm.

Please note there is no 4pm Mass on Saturday, April 3rd, the Easter Vigil Mass is at 8:00pm.

Liturgical Ministers and Altar Server Sign Up Sheets are in back of church for Holy Week and Easter.

Sat., March 27 4:00pm	Sun., March 28 9:00am
Altar Servers	
Anna Whisenant Madelyn White Olivia Bartelme Nathan Digman	Ashley Budden Lexi Budden Kevin Donovan Maggie Durni
Lectors & Leader of Prayer	
Bob Bodden Fay Stone Deacon Bill Bussan	Anne Donovan Kevin Bernhart Deacon Bill Bussan
Sacristan	
Fay Stone	Barb Peterson
Music Ministry	
Boddens	Deb & Choir
Greeters	
Tammie VanNatta Brian & Marie Whisenant Mike & Vicki Worachek	Rosemary Anderson Howard & Cathy Brooks Jack Fogel Mark & Sheila Kelley
SCRIP	
Linda Murphy	Dianne Jentz

MINISTRY OF PRAISE NEEDS YOU!

Ministry of Praise volunteers are people who pray for our parish and community. Each month a newsletter is sent to volunteers with a list of prayer concerns and a message of encouragement for its prayerful members by Joe and Jean Thomas. If you are interested in joining this group of prayer warriors give Joe and Jean a call at 348-6312.

With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the families of: Celesta Brunton who died Monday, March 15th; and Mary Lu Welch, whose brother-in-law, Fred Pertzborn died Tuesday, March 16th.

Eternal rest grant unto them Oh, Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S.

- Tuesday** - Mission Sewing, 8:30 - 10:30am. School students at the Mound for Lenten Program. Finance, 5:30pm. RCIA leaving at 6pm for New Melleray from St. Mary's.
- Wednesday** - Liturgy Prep mtg., 9am. Preschool Visitation at the school. Living Stations presentation, 7:30pm. Rel. Ed. See below.
- Thursday** - Pastoral Council, 7pm. Cup of Tea Book Discussion, at St. Augustine 7pm.
- Friday** - Scripture Sharing, 9am.
- Saturday** - School Auction see below.
- Sunday** - Rice Bowl Soup Celebration at St. Augustine, 11:30am.

BIG Auction News!!!!!!

Did you hear what is going on the auction block at the **Surf's up Hawaiian Auction on Saturday, March 27th ?????**
2 night stay at the Wilderness in the Dells Dell Laptop with Office 2007 Madison Mallards Tickets
 Dinner and Raffle tickets available at the St. Mary's school office and after both Masses
 Check the poster boards in the back of church for photos of many of the baskets or the website for the Auction Book
<http://stmaryplatteville.org> We look forward to seeing you there!

5TH WEEK OF LENT--THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

The Lenten call to repentance is matched by the overwhelming compassion and forgiveness of God. The story of the woman caught in adultery shows us that Jesus does not want to condemn us, but rather to place us on the path to new life. Our prayer, fasting, learning and giving with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl opens paths to new life for our brothers and sisters in need.

JUST A REMINDER.....A book discussion covering the book "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ... One School at a Time" will be held March 25th, 7pm at St. Augustine Parish.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Kenneth and Tamara Nodolf, whose son, Cody Lee was baptized last weekend. May he always find joy in being part of God's family!

EVENTS IN THE AREA

- Sunday, March 21** --Holy Ghost Parish Family Breakfast and 50/50 Raffle Drawing 8:30 am - Noon at Holy Ghost-Immaculate Conception School Gym, Dickeyville
- Friday, March 26th**
 St. Joseph's, Sinsinawa --Fish Fry, 4:30pm - 8:30pm
 St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Cassville--Fish Fry, 5 - 8pm.
- Sunday, March 28th**--St. Francis de Sales Church, Hazel Green
 Palm Sunday Breakfast, 9am - 12:30pm.

YEAR OF THE PRIESTS PRESENTATION

Madison Diocesan Priest Fr. Jason Hesselning currently serving in the U. S. Army with the 725th BT has just completed a year in Afghanistan. He will be sharing his experiences as army chaplain with us on Wednesday, April 7 at 7 pm. All are invited to attend. The presentation will be followed with refreshments in the church hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- Wed., Mar. 24** - Grades 1-6, class, 3:30pm at St. Mary's.
- Wed. Mar. 24** - Classes for Gr. 7-10 are at St. Mary's at 7pm.
- Sun. March 28** - Confirmation Class at St. Augustine, 4pm.



Capital Campaign Update	
Pledging Goal	\$2,100,000
Total Pledge To Date	\$1,886,465
Short of Challenge Goal	\$ 213,535
Number of Donors	415
Cash Payments to Date	730,059

ST. MARY'S PARISH PLAYERS, BLOOMINGTON invite you to their comedy production of "Comin' 'Round the Mountain-Again" at 7:30pm Friday, March 26 & 27; 12:30pm Sunday, March 28, Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$4 for ages 6-12. To save money you can buy tickets in advance by calling 994-2484 or stopping by Ma's Bakery in Bloomington.

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