

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2014

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday, February 24 | 8:00am | † Mark & Florence Meyer | Eucharistic Adoration On Thursdays |
| Tuesday, February 25 | 8:00am | For Barbara Stevenson | |
| Wednesday, February 26 | 8:00am | † Arnie Schneider | |
| Thursday, February 27 | 8:00am | † Rick Even | |
| | 10:30am | Manor Care Nursing Home | |
| Friday, February 28 | 8:00am | † Shirley Larsen | |
| Saturday, February 29 | 8:00am | For Nicole Bishop (TLM) | |
| WEEKEND LITURGIES | | | |
| Saturday, March 1 | 4:00pm | † Debbie McDermott Specht | |
| Sunday, March 2 | 9:00am | † Dan Berning | Private Reconciliation every day, <u>one hour</u> before each Mass. |
| | 12noon | Hispanic Mass | |

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18—1 Cor 3:16-23—Mt 5:38-48.

Monday: Weekday

Jas 3:13-18—Mk 9:14-29.

Tuesday: Weekday

Jas 4:1-10—Mk 9:30-37.

Wednesday: Weekday

Jas 4:13-17—Mk 9:38-40.

Thursday: Weekday

Jas 5:1-6—Mk 9:41-50.

Friday: Weekday

Jas 5:9-12—Mk 10:1-12.

First Saturday: BVM

Jas 5:13-20—Mk 10:13-16

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Is 49:14-15—1 Cor 4:1-5—Mt 6:24-34

REFLECTION

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.



Grant County Right to Life meeting will be Monday, February 24, 7pm in St. Mary's Hospitality Room.

If you have been considering getting involved in the Pro-Life movement. There will be an opportunity because that is what we are about and that is what we've been doing this past year.

Also, UW-P students will share their experiences from the 2014 March For Life. Questions call Jeanette Klaas 348-4726.

HURTING FROM ABORTION

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend offers hope and healing. If you or someone you know is suffering, email Mary at rachel@straphael.org or 608-221-9593. Information www.madisondiocese.org/rachel. Confidentiality is assured.

HOPE HOUSE

The sign-up sheet for meals will be at St. Mary's on February 23 and March 2 and the week in between.

Boy Scout Troop 84 All You Can Eat PANCAKE SUPPER Tuesday, March 4th, 5—7pm at First English Lutheran Church. These funds help send boys to summer Camp.

March 1 is the first Saturday of the month for those wishing to participate in the First Saturday devotion. Remember the conditions to go to Confession, receive Communion at the daily Mass, say five decades of the Rosary, and spend 15 minutes meditating on one or more of the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, all with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Go to this website for more details: <http://www.themostholyroary.com/appendix2.htm>

With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Shirley Faherty, whose son-in-law, Rick Even, died Monday, February 17.

Eternal rest grant on to him Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.



Anyone requesting prayer may call 348-6041. Please call in the morning between 8am & 9am. If no answer please leave your prayer.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

February 16, 2014

Weekly Envelopes.....\$2,864.00

Offertory..... \$ 375.00

Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$1,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!

| Saturday, March 1 4:00 pm | | Sunday, March 2 9:00am |
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| David Drefcinski | Altar Servers | Noah Tashner |
| John Drefcinski | | Joseph Vystroil |
| Ben Drefcinski | | Andy Eggers |
| Lector & Leader of Prayer | | |
| Kent Scheuerell | | Chris Brunette |
| Bob Busch | | Diane Eherenman |
| | | Mark Ihm |
| | Sacristan | |
| Christine Del Priore | | Connie McCabe |
| | Musicians | |
| Kim | | Open Ensemble |
| | Greeter | |
| Rosie Hying | | Rita Eversoll |
| Lorraine Fogel | Rosary | Drefcinski Family |



FASTING & ABSTAINING

Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday.

Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meatless meal. Two smaller meatless meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

**PLATTEVILLE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Wednesday, March 5th**

St. Augustine: 6:30am (TLM)—5:30pm

St. Mary: 8am—12:10pm—7pm

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are on the back tables for you to take.

SCRIPTURE STUDY on the Sunday reading, Wednesdays at 2pm in the rectory.

ADORATION, THURSDAYS AFTER 8:00AM MASS. The rosary is at 8pm followed by Benediction. Please come at any time to be with Jesus.

STATIONS ON FRIDAYS after 8am Mass and at 5:30pm.
(No 5:30pm Stations on Friday, March 7.)

ST. MARY'S LENTEN FISH FRY MARCH 7TH, 4:30pm—7pm.

PLATTEVILLE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LENTEN RETREAT, March 8 at St. Mary's. 8am—noon. The retreat opens with Mass followed by a light breakfast. Reflect & Pray on The Enemies of the Cross of Christ Led by Fr. Alex Navarro SJCP. Two talks will be given. There will be time for reflection and private confession. Stations of the Cross will end the morning.

PILLARS OF FAITH—The Creed—Adult Faith program on Wednesday, March. 12th, 7:15pm.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES' Operation Rice Bowl Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet and follow this simple yet powerful Lenten practice and return them Palm Sunday.

TEC Retreat Coming to St. Clements of Lancaster: March 14-16. TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is an intergenerational movement of the Catholic Church especially designed to help meet the spiritual needs of Catholic Christians. Although it is an amazing experience for anyone over 16 years of age, it can be especially rewarding for those who are preparing for or have been recently Confirmed and those presently or recently in the RCIA program. Fr. John Sasse will be the Spiritual Director. Applications and more information about TEC can be found at www.kairostec.org. or by calling Jeff Jackson, the director, at 608.778.6027. Applications are on the bulletin board in church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, Feb. 26 Grades 1-5 from 6pm-7pm.

Grades 6-10 from 7:15 pm-8:30pm.

Confirmation classes are on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30pm at St. Augustine.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday—Homemade Cinnamon Roll Sale

Tuesday—Breakfast in the Rectory after Mass

Wednesday—Discussing the upcoming

Sunday Readings with Fr. Faustino, 2-3pm.

Religious Education: see below.

Thursday—Pastoral Council, 6:30pm.

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners,

In accordance with Fr. Faustino our pastor, so that we might all share in the knowledge and joy of a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, Saint Mary's Pastoral Council has asked to use this space in the weekly bulletin to talk about some of God's gifts. In the coming weeks, we will be writing about some things that may seem obvious to all of us, although they should not. What is obvious about creation? And how is the gift of the Mother of God in any way obvious? Why is the cross a gift? And how is the authority of the Church, which may at times seem at odds with our own understanding and desires, a gift to be joyfully accepted and cherished? And let us not forget the Eucharist!

Let us join together in a search of the treasures of the Catholic Church, and deepen our awe and wonder of our infinitely abundant God, so that we may truly become a blessed people "who is not offended because of Me. (Matthew 11:6)"

Your brother in Christ,
Gregory Merrick, Chair, Pastoral Council



**The St. Mary Annual Fish Fry
Friday, March 7 from 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

Serving baked and fried Cod, baked potatoes, baked beans, rolls, coleslaw, dessert and beverage.

Adults \$10; children 6-10 \$5;
children 3-5 \$2.

ages 2 and under no charge.

Carry outs: children 10 and under \$5.50;
adults \$10.50.

Drive thru carry outs at north entrance of church (Court Street).

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