

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2014

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK		
Monday, March 10	8:00am	† Mary Ann Smith
Tuesday, March 11	8:00am	Bill & Rose Baker Family
Wednesday, March 12	8:00am	† Rosella Hesselting
Thursday, March 13	8:00am	† Miriam Runde
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home
Friday, March 14	8:00am	† Mark & Florence Meyer
	After Stations	
	11:15am	Park Place
	5:30pm	Stations
Saturday, March 15	8:00am	For Fr. Alex Navarro (TLM)
WEEKEND LITURGIES		
Saturday, March 15	4:00pm	† John & Nancy Klaas
Sunday, March 16	9:00am	† Evelyn Lange
	12 noon	Misa



Private Reconciliation every day, one hour before each Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration On Thursdays

1st Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7—Rom 5:12-19—Mt 4:1-11.

Monday: Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18—Mt 25:31-46.

Tuesday: Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10-11—Mt 6:7-15.

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10—Lk 11:29-32.

Thursday: Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25.

Friday: Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28—Mt 5:20-26.

Saturday: Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19—Mt 5:43-48.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a—2 Tm 1:8b-10—Mt 17:1-9.

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

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to Chad and Amanda Digman, whose daughter, Molly Kay was baptized last weekend; and Juan Paulo Miranda and Andrea Moraga whose child, Rene' Eduardo Miranda Moraga was baptized last weekend. May they always find joy in being part of God's family!

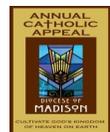
REFLECTION—"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land, a better place than the rat race we often live in now.

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 parish office. If you wish your gift to be a memorial, please indicate this on the envelope so we may acknowledge it.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

We will again be providing food baskets for about 30 families this Easter. If you are on the Easter Basket Donation list you will be getting a call after March 12 asking for your donation. If you are interested in adding your name to this list please call Linda in the parish office. For those of you who just want to pick something up for the baskets please drop it in the entryway tubs. Of course, any items that we receive will be used in the baskets. Canned meats or fish or peanut butter, although not on our menu, are great additions for families with children. Twenty of our families have one or more children. Thanks for your continued support of our Easter Basket Food program. Linda



Diocese of Madison—Annual Catholic Appeal 2014

—"Beacon of Faith, Fire of Charity" —The theme for the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Madison shows how each of us is touched by faith and charity. We ask that God grant us a renewed sense of responsibility for the work of our parish, our diocese and the Church throughout the world. We ask that His grace make us even more generous in supporting those needs. Each pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports diocesan ministries, education and services today and assures a strong future for the Diocese of Madison and the people that it serves.

This year each of us is asked to consider making a pledge, payable over five months. Your gift will help enable the diocese to reach its goal and provide grant opportunities for Catholic schools, religious.



Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful present to give yourself. Spending some time with the Lord helps you rejuvenate your real self. Lucky for you, we need an additional adoror on Thursdays at 1pm. Can you spend one hour a week in adoration? Contact Linda at 348-9735.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

March 9, 2014

Weekly Envelopes.....\$2,503.00

Offertory..... \$ 447.00

Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$1,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Saturday, March 15 4:00 pm		Sunday, March 16 9:00am
David Drefcinski	Altar Servers	Andy Eggers
John Drefcinski		Noah Tashner
Ben Drefcinski		Dushan Vystrcil
Lector & Leader of Prayer		
Nekole Frommelt		Terry Woolf Dee Woolf
Angie Boldt		Chris Brunette
Sacristan		
Dan Frommelt		Linda Hess
Musicians		
Kim & Youth		Classic Choir
Greeter		
Tammie VanNatta		Connie Powers Cynthia Powers Jan Siegert
Rosary		
Rose Kuhn		Jeanette Klaas



LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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

ST. AUGUSTINE STATIONS ON WEDNESDAYS

at 6:15pm beginning March 12 through April 16.

ST. MARY STATIONS ON FRIDAYS after 8am Mass and at 5:30pm.

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

ST. AUGUSTINE'S LENTEN FISH FRY, APRIL 11, 5pm—7pm.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES'—CRS Rice Bowl Reflection: Kenya

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Kenya. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Sacredness and Dignity of the Human Person*, and reminded that our inherent dignity comes from our creation as children of God and not from any of our own actions. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Kenya and all around the world, that we may respect and uphold the sacredness of life and dignity of all people.

MISSION SEWING

Has accumulated extra blankets, sheets, quilts, pillow cases and lap robes. If you are in need of any of these items you may call Joan Ostendorf 348-8178.

WOMEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION—Friday, March 28

Join women from around the Diocese of Madison for a beautiful night of prayer and Lenten inspiration, provided by Bishop Robert Morlino. A meditation will be given by Bishop Morlino on the topic of poverty, simplicity and the beauty of womanhood; the night also will include a Holy Hour, confessions, music, time for silent prayer and fellowship with other women. Come to the Bishop O'Connor Center from 7—9:30pm on Friday, March 28th to prepare your heart and soul for Easter. You can learn more about this free event by visiting www.madisondiocese.org

St. Mary's Parish, Bloomington—March 14 Cod Fish Fry, 4:45pm-7:30pm.

St. Josephs Parish, Dodgeville—March 14 All You Can Eat Family Style Lenten Fish Fry 5-7:30 pm. Dinner Located in the School.

Holy Ghost Congregation, Dickeyville— March 16 Parish Breakfast, 8:30—noon.

Ss. Anthony & Philip Church, 726 Main St., Highland—Mar. 16, 10am -1:30pm—Share in the fun at the annual St. Pat's Dinner & Garden Event.

Hope House sign up sign up sheet for April will be at St. Mary's this weekend March 8 and 9 and March 15 & 16.

CINNAMON ROLLS UPDATE

Our next cinnamon rolls sale will be Sunday, March 23. If anyone would like to donate ingredients just leave in church kitchen labeled cinnamon rolls. Just to give you an idea of the ingredients needed for 3 batches, we will use 9 - 5 lb bags of flour, 3 - 2 lb bags of brown sugar, 7 - 2 lb bags of powdered sugar, 6 lbs of butter, and 4 1/2 doz. eggs. There is also corn syrup, salt, yeast, sugar, peanuts, and dry milk used to make the rolls.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 11 Grades 1-5 from 6pm-7pm.

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

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

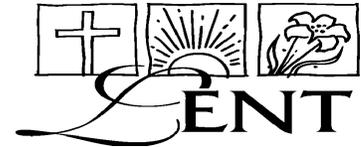
THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Wednesday—Discussing the upcoming Sunday Readings with Fr. Faustino, 2-3pm.

Adult Faith Program 7:15pm.

Religious Education: see below.

Thursday—Finance Council meeting, 5:30pm.



Why do we fast in Lent? Fasting and abstinence mean giving up something. What does "giving up" mean?

1) to surrender, or quit. In the spiritual sense, we surrender to God. We quit trying to live by our own efforts, and we renounce the world's rewards. We prepare ourselves for the spiritual reward, which is participation in divine life.

2) to abstain from something good. At Lent, we purposely make our lives harder in order to advance our goal of "dying to self." We thereby allow Christ to become more alive within us.

3) to abstain from something bad. It is very difficult to stop something that we think we like. Sin is like that; something that we think is good but is not good for us. By trying to give up sinful behavior, we purify ourselves and invite God in.

4) to make a sacrifice. Sacrifice means giving up something good in order to achieve something even better. The word "sacrifice" comes from Latin, meaning "to make sacred." Sacred means set aside for God. So when we sacrifice, we proclaim Christ Jesus as our Lord, and dedicate ourselves to Him anew.

Throughout Lent, we join with Jesus on his 40 -day fast in the desert. On Good Friday, Jesus makes the ultimate sacrifice: his life in exchange for ours. We, in turn, give up our old lives in preparation for the greater joy of Easter, salvation, and eternal life with God.

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