

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 17	8:00am	† Emma Berning	
Tuesday, March 18	8:00am	† Jerry Daniels	Private Reconciliation every day, <u>one hour</u> before each Mass.
Wednesday, March 19	8:00am	† Mary Johnston	
Thursday, March 20	8:00am	† Jerry Scheppers	
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home	
Friday, March 21	8:00am	† Wilma Leamy	
	After Mass	Stations	
	11:00am	Park Place	
	5:30pm	Stations	
Saturday, March 22	8:00am	For Fr. Alex Navarro (TLM)	
WEEKEND LITURGIES			
Saturday, March 22	4:00pm	† Francis Faherty	Eucharistic Adoration On Thursdays
Sunday, March 23	9:00am	† Robert & Alverna Kopp	
	12 noon	Misa	

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a—2 Tm 1:8b-10—Mt 17:1-9.

Monday: St. Patrick, Bishop

Dn 9:4b-10—Lk 6:36-38.

Tuesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
Is 1:10, 16-20—Mt 23:1-12.

Wednesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM.

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16—Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21.

Thursday: Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10—Lk 16:19-31.

Friday: Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a—Mt 21:33-42, 45-46.

Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20—Lk 15:3, 11-32.

3rd Sunday of Lent: Ex 17:3-7—Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42.

BAPTISMS—Congratulations to Amber Droessler and Lee Shaffer, whose daughters, Billie Jean Lorraine and Gracie Veronica Lynn were baptized last weekend. May they always find joy in being part of God's family!

REFLECTION—"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13 Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True satisfaction only comes when we follow Jesus.

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. A list follows. 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.

Basket Menu: Ham (we will call for all of these), instant mashed potato, canned sweet potato, pork n beans, canned vegetable and fruit, Mac & cheese, boxed dinners, cake mix & frosting.



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 adorer on Thursdays at 1pm. Can you spend one hour a week in adoration? Contact Linda at 348-9735.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

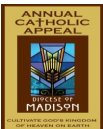
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Weekly Envelopes.....\$3,295.00

Offertory.....\$ 406.00

Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$1,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!



2014 Annual Catholic Appeal—In-Pew Commitment Weekend

Next weekend, March 22-23, Father Faustino, our pastor will lead the in-pew process for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Those who have not made a pledge by mail will be asked to do so at this time.

Please read the annual appeal tabloid that is in your bulletin today. It provides a detailed explanation of the use of the funds that you are asked to give. In addition to funding the work of the diocese, if the appeal exceeds goal with funds received it will reach out through a grants program to help Catholic schools, religious education programs and assist distressed parishes in need.

Each household is asked to make a generous gift. In doing so, please consider making a pledge, payable over five months.

One member of each household will be asked to fill out the commitment.

Saturday, March 22 4:00 pm	Sunday, March 23 9:00am
Max Frommelt Mic Frommelt	Altar Servers Jerrison Faulkner Joseph Vystrcil Dushan Vystrcil
Lector & Leader of Prayer	
John Pluemer	Diane Ehereman Mark Ihm
Kent Scheuerell	Jeanette Klaas
Sacristan	
Christine Del Priore	Connie McCabe
Musicians	
Kim & Youth	Classic Choir
Greeter	
Christine Del Priore	Mike & Julie Tashner Joel Schaefer
Rosary	

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Additional Time for Confession: Wednesdays 5-6pm.

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 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.

St. Augustine Lenten Fish Fry, April 11, 5pm—7pm.

Catholic Relief Services'—CRS Rice Bowl Reflection: Guatemala

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Guatemala. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Rights and Responsibilities, and reminded that as Christians, we are called to uphold and protect the basic rights of others. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and all around the world that we may come to know and protect the rights of all people.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY—Our next Mobile Food Pantry is Friday, March 21.

Help is always needed to unload, distribute food and clean up.

Food will be distributed from 10am –11am.

Fresh produce, canned goods, breads, meat.

Free—no qualifications—all welcome. Bring your own container to take food home.



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

CCW NEWS—The next CCW meeting will be on Thursday, March 27 at 7pm in the Hospitality Room. Upcoming CCW events are the Confirmation reception, Saturday, April 5 and the Clergy Appreciation dinner on May 13.

In January CCW scholarship letters and applications were sent out to St. Mary High School seniors. These are due back by April 15 with the winner being announced on May 1.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY DAY IN PLATTEVILLE

Learn more about the liturgy and liturgical ministry this Lent. Our parish is hosting a Liturgical Ministry Day in cooperation with the Diocesan Office of Worship on Saturday, March 29 from 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Abbot Marcel Rooney, OSB, will offer the keynote address followed by breakout sessions for Lectors, Music Ministers, Catechists & Teachers, and Greeters & Ushers.

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.

THANK YOU—Thanks to everyone who donated and volunteered at the fish fry. It was wonderful to see so many people working together.
The Fish Fry Committee

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 19 — No classes; spring break.

Classes resume on Wednesday, March 26.

Confirmation: The date for the regional Confirmation in Platteville is Saturday, April 5, 7pm at St. Mary Parish.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Wednesday—Discussing the upcoming Sunday Readings with Fr. Faustino, 2-3pm.
Religious Education: see below.

PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER

The Devil

To the world, the devil is an imaginary creature, great for making creepy movies and scaring children but lacking any substance or power. People look at you oddly if you say you believe that the devil is real. As reasonable Catholics, we may be tempted to agree with the world.

But Jesus disagrees.

Jesus tells us, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18). Satan was driven out of heaven for refusing to submit to God. He was once God's favorite but is now despicable. As you know, his name is Lucifer, and Lucifer means "light." It is unnerving to think that someone as horrible as Satan approaches us like light, like something good, like something reasonable.

Jesus knows Satan well. We all know that Satan tried to tempt our Lord in the desert, using partial truths from the Bible to ensnare Him. There are many things to be said about that temptation, but for now, the important thing is that Jesus knew Satan— not as a myth or an idea, but as a person — and that He rejected him. So when we are tempted to doubt the importance of our Lenten sacrifices and promises, let's remember who is doing the tempting! Satan tries to get us to push God away, to see Him as unnecessary, or as annoying. Satan uses our intelligence against us to get us to be reasonable. He asks us to think for ourselves rather than listen to what God, through His Holy Church, is saying to us.

The Apostle Paul tells us to prepare for Satan: "Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11). The armor of God is the full spiritual battle regalia, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places" (Eph 6:12). Clearly, this is a serious business. Thank God we have Jesus Christ to defend us, but we must be prepared to participate in our defense.

Above all, we should remain steadfast in our faith, so that we can join with Jesus Christ and all His Church on Easter when we renew our baptismal promise, and say with joy and conviction:

"I renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his empty show!"

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sheet for April will
be at St. Mary's
this weekend,
March 15 & 16.

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