

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 24	8:00am	† Fr. Robert Buholz	Private Reconciliation every day, one hour before each Mass.
Tuesday, March 25	8:00am	† John Klaas	
Wednesday, March 26	8:00am	† Fr. Frank Dominic	
Thursday, March 27	8:00am	† Harry & Lillian Abing	
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home	
Friday, March 28	8:00am	† Jerry Keller	Eucharistic Adoration On Thursdays
	After Mass	Stations	
	11:00am	Park Place	
	5:30pm	Stations	
Saturday, March 29	8:00am	Safe Trip for Joe & Nancy (TLM)	
WEEKEND LITURGIES			
Saturday, March 29	4:00pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Trentz Family	
Sunday, March 30	9:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the Tom Ludlum Family	
	12 noon	Misa	

3rd Sunday of Lent: Ex 17:3-7—Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42.

Monday: Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab—Lk 4:24-30.

Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10—Heb 10:4-10—Lk 1:26-38.

Wednesday: Lenten Weekday.
Dt 4:1, 5-9—Mt 5:17-19.

Thursday: Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23-28—Lk 11:14-23.

Friday: Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2-10—Mk 12:28-34.

Saturday: Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1-6—Lk 18:9-14.

4th Sunday of Lent
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a—Eph 5:8-14—Jn 9:1-41

With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Rosemary Gassman & Jack Fogel, whose sister, Celeste Wissing, died last week.
Eternal rest grant on to her Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Mass for the Unborn, Tuesday, March 25th. The evening will begin with the Rachel Rosary at 6:25pm and be followed by Mass at 7:00pm. Please join us at St. Raphael Cathedral to honor the Solemnity of the Annunciation and the Day of the Unborn Child. The Knights of Columbus will provide refreshments immediately following the Mass in the Cathedral Center. All are welcome.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

March 16, 2014

Weekly Envelopes.....\$2,719.00
Offertory..... \$ 441.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$1,000.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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. Packing Baskets on Tuesday, April 8th.

CHILD CARE OPEN HOUSE—SATURDAY APRIL 12— 9:30-11:30AM

Open to the public.

Talk to qualified teachers about our preschool, all day child care, and before/after school programs.

Enroll your child into our flexible program.
Witness our hands on learning environment.

Enroll children ages 2 1/2 to 12

We will work around your schedule!

Hours of operation are 6:30am to 5:30pm

If you have any questions or inquires about our center please contact

Chealsey Lolwing, Director at 348-3447.

Hope to see you at our Open House

Saturday, March 29 4:00 pm		Sunday, March 30 9:00am
David Drefcinski John Drefcinski Ben Drefcinski	Altar Servers	Jerrison Faulkner Noah Tashner Garrison Tashner
Lector & Leader of Prayer		
Christine Del Priore		Greg Merrick Jim Rosemeyer
Bob Busch		Dee Woolf
Sacristan		
Rose Kuhn		Karla Melssen
Musicians		
Kim		Open Ensemble
Greeter		
Rosie Hying		Rita Eversoll Terry & Dee Woolf
Barbara Stevenson	Rosary	Virgil Splinter

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 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: the Philippines

This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of the Philippines. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Option for the Poor*, and reminded of Jesus' words: "Whatever you did for these least of mine, you did for me." Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and all around the world, that we see the Face of Christ in the poor among us.

Members of St. Mary's Parish

Thank you for supporting Habitat for Humanity by placing a 2x4 in your parish for our fundraiser. Your church raised \$160 to purchase materials for our 2014 build. We hope to do a Spring Community awareness event in Mary and you will be notified/invited to attend. Habitat Board and Staff

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.

Love Begins Here-Local, Life Changing Mission Trips

Teens from around the Diocese of Madison are welcome to sign up for Love Begins Here, which are local, weeklong mission trips that take place around the Diocese. Encourage the young people in your life to experience the power of serving their neighbors in need, while living in a vibrant, fun Catholic community. Trips are offered separately for Middle School and High School students. Learn more by visiting www.madisoncatholicyouth.com/lbh.

St. Augustine University Parish —Fish Fry; April 11—4:30-7pm

Deep Fried and Baked Fish, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Rolls and Dessert.

Carry-outs available. Adults \$10; Senior Citizens \$8; UW-P and High School Students \$8; Grades K-8 \$5. For more information contact Linda at 348-7530.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 26 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.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday—Breakfast in the rectory after Mass. PCC Religious Ed meeting, 7pm.

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

Religious Education: see below.

Thursday—CCW meeting 7pm.

Saturday—Regional Ministry Day, 8:45-12:15pm.

CINNAMON ROLL SALE THIS SUNDAY.

PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER

The Bible—When Satan tempts Jesus in the desert, Jesus never merely rejects him. And you would think He could, since Jesus certainly knows His own authority. But instead, He renounces Satan with the words, "It is written."

From age 6, Jews memorized the Torah. So, if Jesus were just a Jewish man, there'd be nothing surprising about that man using scripture to deflect the devil. But, if He is God, then Jesus is teaching us something of profound importance.

By refuting the devil with scripture, He affirms the fact that the Bible is the inerrant word of God. He does not say, "My opinion is." Or, "Some theologians think." He confidently says, "It is written."

Man wrote scripture, first guided by the Holy Spirit, but having true authorship. Imagine Satan, thrown out of heaven for refusing to serve humanity. How he must have hated to hear God use human words to refute him!

"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." What is Jesus talking about? What is "every word"? The Bible, of course! Not dry, lifeless words in some dusty book, but the words of eternal life that nourish us. Not a few convenient scriptural passages, like those that Satan used to tempt Christ. We live by every word that is in the Bible, illuminated by our lamp, the light of Jesus Christ.

For those of us who are tempted to dismiss the Bible as old fashioned myths and odd language, we should ponder the fact that Jesus validated both old and new testaments when He proclaimed the truth to Satan. Let's accompany Jesus. Let's know the Bible as truth, so that we may be prepared to share and to defend the beauty of God and His "every word."



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

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