

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Feb. 9	8:00am	† Nancy Klaas
Tuesday, Feb. 10	8:00am	† Paul Klinger
Wednesday, Feb. 11	8:00am	† Katherine Rosemeyer
Thursday, Feb. 12	8:00am	† Special Intention (J.K.)
	10:30am	† George Gansemer Manor Care Nursing Home
Friday, Feb. 13	8:00am	† Mark Taylor
	11:00am	For a Happy & Holy Death of Joan Marie Beraglio
Saturday, Feb. 14	8:00am	(TLM)
WEEKEND LITURGIES		
Saturday, Feb. 14	4:00pm	† Fran Hinderman
Sunday, Feb. 15	9:00am	† Abbey & Ben Cullen
	12 noon	Misa

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jb 7:1-4, 6-7,
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23—Mk 1:29-39
Dt 18:15-20—1 Cor 7:32-35—Mk 1:21-28.

Monday: Gn 1:1-19—Mk 6:53-56.

Tuesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Gn 1:20; 2:a—Mk 7:1-13.

Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17—Mk 7:14-23.

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25—Mk 7:24-30.

Friday: Gn 3:1-8—Mk 7:31-37.

Saturday: Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop.
Gn 3:9-24—Mk 8:1-10.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31; 11:1—Mk 1:40-45.

Saturday, Feb. 14
4:00 pm

David Drefcinski
John Drefcinski
Ben Drefcinski

Altar Servers

Lector & Leader of Prayer
Kent Scheuerell

Nekole Frommelt

Sacristan: Rose Kuhn

Music: Kim & Youth

Rosary: Lorraine Flogel

Sunday, Feb. 15
9:00am

Garrison Tashner
Gabe Tashner
Andy Eggers

Lee Eggers
Diane Eherenman
Chris Brunette

Connie McCabe

Open Ensemble

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ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

February 1, 2015

Weekly Envelopes.....\$2,708.00
Offertory.....\$. 230.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 900.00

Thank you for your generosity!

REFLECTION—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”

Mark 1:35, 38



With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Dick and Joanne Rice, whose son, Bart Rice, died Monday, February 2nd.

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

Natural Family Planning Class - Bloomington

Invest in your marriage. Couples who have learned to embrace their shared fertility as a blessing have discovered their communication, relationship, and love life are better with Natural Family Planning (NFP). A class offered by Couple to Couple League will begin on Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 am and continue on 4/11 and 5/9 at St. Mary's Parish in Bloomington. Classes are also offered in Madison, Monona, Janesville, and Verona. Questions call Mary at 608-221-9593.

To register: www.madisondiocese.org/nfp or email nfp@straphael.org.

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all of the parishioners of St. Mary's for their prayers and financial support of the 2015 Mission Team that was in Jamaica 22 thru 30 January!! The lives of several poor Jamaican families were made significantly better because of you! Through your support we built one small new home, resided and reroofed another home, replaced the roofs on three additional homes, and did some minor repair at the church rectory. We were also able to leave Fr. Baylon with \$4,800.00 to support the ongoing needs of his parish and the local community. Most of the sites we work at do not have water and sewer. Some have electricity. All of the families we helped were in desperate need of assistance. A young family of (5) will live in the new home we built. Their existing home was approximately 8' X 8' in size and was constructed out of tree limbs and a variety of other scrap materials. Thank you again and may God bless each of you and your families throughout the New Year. Christ's Peace To You Always, Deacon Bill Bussan

Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes February 11th

Divine Jesus, you sent the Blessed Mother to Saint Bernadette to show the world that God is real. Just like Mary asked the girl to dig for a



spring of healing water to appear, show me how to be cleansed of my sinful tendencies. Divine Jesus, give to me, our dear Mother, when I need her tender love and holy inspiration. As I go through difficulties, cover me with her prayers. When I have important decisions to make, ask her to intercede for me until I understand and follow the Holy Spirit's guidance. When it's time for me to die, send her to carry me peacefully into the arms of our heavenly Father. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for me. Amen.

Private Reconciliation—every day, one hour before each Mass & Thursdays after morning Mass until 9:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays beginning after 8am Mass and concluding with Rosary and Benediction at 8pm.

The Rosary is prayed ½ hour before Mass —3:30 at the Saturday 4pm Mass—8:30 at the Sunday 9am Mass.

Our weekly prayer intention for this week based upon the World Meeting of Families Event is for Estranged Families.



Preparing for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia September 2015 opportunities that are aimed to strengthen your families and bring you closer to God.

Family Adoration Prayer Instructions—We encourage everyone to try and stop in to pray for our weekly family prayer intention during the offered Holy Hour at adoration each Thursday. Each week's intention will be listed in the bulletin. When you stop to pray please sign your name in our special "Family Prayer" binder located in the back of church. You may also write any personal prayer intention on a card and leave it in the prayer basket so that those stopping in can pray for your special intention. If you pick up a card to pray for a special intention please leave it in the basket when you are finished so that others can pray for the special requests.

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

St. Mary's Fish Fry Friday, Feb. 27th —4:30-7:00pm

Baked or Fried Cod (3 pieces, 3/4 lb), baked potato, corn, apple-sauce, coleslaw, roll, dessert and beverage. Cost \$10.

Baked or Fried Cod (1 piece) baked potato, corn, applesauce or coleslaw, dessert and beverage \$5.

Extra fish \$1.50 each.

Carry outs \$10. Drive thru carry outs at north entrance of church.

St. Peter Lutheran Church- Fennimore

Has been awarded a \$5,000.00 Neighbors in Need Grant from Thrivent Financial. Sixty percent of this Grant is for The Family Promise Shelter which provides meals and shelter to homeless families in Grant County. The grant initially awarded \$5,000.00 and then will contribute another \$0.50 for every \$1.00 raised up to an additional \$5,000.00.

In light of the matching funds St. Peter will be hosting a Taco Bar Supper and Silent Auction: Wednesday, February 11th—Serving is from 5pm – 7:30pm.. Cost is \$6.00 per person; Children 2 years and younger no charge. Carry outs will be available.

If you would simply like to make a donation to this wonderful cause please send a check to St. Peter Lutheran Church 1075 Adams St. Fennimore WI 53809 and note that it is for the Thrivent Grant in the memo line. All donations eligible for the matching funds from Thrivent must be received no later than Saturday, February 28th. God Bless!

Diocesan Men's Lenten Retreat, March 6-7

All Catholic men are invited to join their brothers in Christ for the annual Diocesan Men's Lenten Retreat at the Bishop O'Connor Center. The theme is Fortes in Fides (Firm in your Faith) and will feature talks by Bishop Robert Morlino, Raymond de Sousa, and Fr. John Sasse. There also will be time for Mass, Reconciliation, reflection, and prayer. For more information and to register go to www.madisondiocese.org and click on 'more' when Fortes in Fides shows up on the screen or call 608-821-3160. Thanks so very much, Jeff Doc Davis

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday—Rescheduled Religious Ed meeting, 7pm.

Wednesday—Bible Study, 2:30pm.

Religious Ed— Grades 1-5 (6-7pm).

Grades 6-11 (7:15-8:25pm).

Thursday—Finance meeting, 5:30pm.

Sunday—Cinnamon Roll Sale

Hope after Abortion

Come back to God who is Love and Mercy. If someone you love is struggling from the pain of abortion, Project Rachel offers help with referrals to a priest and/or counselor and Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats. The next retreat is March 20 - 22. The retreats are meant for anyone who has been affected by the pain of abortion and in need of healing.

Call Mary Mead at 608-221-9593

meadmt@sbcglobal.net, rachel@straphael.org and www.madisondiocese.org/rachel. Confidentiality is assured.

PASTORAL COUNCIL COLUMN

On Loan from the Future

Back in the winter of 1899, Pope Leo XIII wrote to the American bishops responding to the notion that the Church "should shape her teachings" to conform to "the spirit of the age":

"The doctrine of faith which God has revealed has not been proposed, like a philosophical invention, to be perfected by human ingenuity, but has been delivered as a divine deposit to the Spouse of Christ to be faithfully kept and infallibly declared." Once the Church has declared that meaning, it is "perpetually to be retained" and not "to be departed from under the pretense or pretext of a deeper comprehension of them."

So, Catholic doctrine is not an intellectual structure that we keep adjusting to fit our needs, nor is it open to change because we think we know better. Rather, doctrine is the unchanging divine reality that will guide us through all of time.

It is difficult for us not to want to rise up in our own wisdom. It is difficult for us to accept teachings that seem hard. But that is exactly what we are called to do, because to do anything less is to deny Christ.

Matthew Kelly, at the beginning of his book, Rediscover Catholicism, writes: "The Church... is not so much something we inherit from generations past or take over from our predecessors as it is something on loan to us from future generations."

So our choice, whether to conform to the world or to Christ, has a direct bearing on what sort of church our children and our children's children will receive. Make no mistake, the future Church, which is Christ's kingdom, will not fail, but we will have failed in our duty to teach those things for which Jesus Christ died. It is sobering to think that we will be held responsible for that failure.

The world is clamoring at the gate. It says it wants the Church to change, but it doesn't, really. The world would no more join a changed church that it has joined the current one. In fact, what the world really wants is evidence: evidence that the joy and excitement reflected at Christmas and Easter are true, and that the death and disappointment of Good Friday are not the ultimate reality.