

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Feb. 23	8:00am	† Gil & Marty Drager
Tuesday, Feb. 24	8:00am	† Frank Lofy
Wednesday, Feb. 25	8:00am	† Barb LeGrand
Thursday, Feb. 26	8:00am	† Arnie Schneider
	10:30am	† Mildred Pitzen Manor Care Nursing Home
Friday, Feb. 27	8:00am	Living & Deceased of the Carl Rynda Family
	9:00am	<i>Stations</i>
	11:00am	† George Gansemer
	5:00pm	<i>No Stations</i>
Saturday, Feb. 28	8:00am	(TLM)
WEEKEND LITURGIES		
Saturday, Feb. 28	4:00pm	† Merlin Mellor
Sunday, Mar. 1	9:00am	Special Intention (J.L.)
	12 noon	Misa



REFLECTION—“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....” – Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

1st Sunday of Lent—Gn 9:8-15—1 Pt 3:18-22—Mk 1:12-15.

Monday: *St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr.*

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18—Mt 25:31-46.

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11—Mt 6:7-15.

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10—Lk 11:29-32.

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25—Mt 7:7-12.

Friday: Ez 18:21-28—Mt 5:10-26.

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19—Mt 5:43-48.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18—Rom 8:31b-34—Mk 9:2-10



Adult Enrichment—Tuesdays of Lent Book Study

in the Hospitality room after Mass.

“Love is Our Mission” The Family Fully Alive

Tuesday Mornings after 8am Mass with Father Faustino Begins Tuesday, February 24 and continues for 10 weeks.

The February 24 session is in the Rectory dining room.

Adult Enrichment

(Tuesday Evenings, February 24—March 24)

7pm—8pm in the Hospitality room.

Topics: 1st Week-Creation & the Origin of the Universe

2nd Week-The Privileged Planet

3rd Week Creation & Evolution

4th Week-Genetics-Morality & Catholic Teaching

5th Week-Christian Churches & The Catholic

DVD & Discussion led by Father Faustino. All are welcome.

Stations: Fridays 9am and 5pm (February 20-March 27)

No 5pm Stations Friday, February 27; Fish Fry 4:30-7pm.

Oh Heavenly Father

Help keep our men and women safe

while they are defending our freedom.

Help them fight with valor, serve with honor,

and come home when the fight is won.

For those who should fall to any harm, Oh Lord,

please watch over them so that they can

return home to the families that love them.

In the dark of night and the heat of battle, may

our prayers – and your divine love – offer

them comfort and protection.

This we pray.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

February 15, 2015

Weekly Envelopes.....\$3,389.50

Offertory.....\$ 401.00

Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 800.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Saturday, Feb. 28 4:00 pm	Altar Servers	Sunday, Mar. 1 9:00am
David Drefcinski		Jerrison Faulkner
John Drefcinski		Gabe Tashner
Ben Drefcinski		Garrison Tashner
Lector & Leader of Prayer		
Barbara Stevenson		Dee Woolf
		Sue Momot
Kent Scheuerell		Terry Woolf
Sacristan: Christine Del Priore		
Music: Kim & Youth		
Rosary: Frommelt Family		
		Mike Momot
		Classic Choir
		Jeanette Klaas



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

Baked or Fried Cod (3 pieces, 3/4 lb), baked potato, corn, applesauce, coleslaw, roll, dessert

and beverage. Cost \$10.

Child portion or lighter appetites: Baked or Fried Cod (1 piece) baked potato or roll, corn, applesauce or coleslaw, cupcake or bar and beverage \$5.

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

Extra fish \$1.50 each.



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

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

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.

**Diocese of Madison—Annual Catholic Appeal 2015
“Living Our Mission of Charity”**

The theme for the 2015 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 education programs and assisting distressed parishes in need.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

**Rosemeyer Jones Chiropractic
348-4500**

We invite you to consider these businesses and thank them for their support

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday—Breakfast in the Rectory.

Book Study after breakfast.

Adult Enrichment, 7pm.

Wednesday—Bible Study, 2:30pm.

Religious Ed— Grades 1-5 (6-7pm).

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

Friday—Fish Fry.



Homemade Cinnamon Roll Update

The February Cinnamon Roll Sale brought in \$268 for our general operating fund. Thank you to all who helped work it or donated

supplies. Our next sale will be March 15.

Mark your calendars.

PASTORAL COUNCIL COLUMN

Lent

A world filled with affliction and tests of our faithfulness

Lent bids us to return to the innocence of baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation.

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel.

Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam - the beloved son of God (see Mark 1:11; Luke 3:38), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see Genesis 2:19-20), being served by angels (see Ezekiel 28:12-14).

Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death, Jesus is victorious.

This is the good news, the "gospel of God" that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see Colossians 1:13-14). We were made children of God, new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 4:3-7).

But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness - a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 9,13; Deuteronomy 8:2,16).

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior - the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see John 14:6). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see Psalm 78:25; Wisdom 16:20), and cleanses our consciences in the sacrament of reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows, to repent and believe the gospel.