

# SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Mar. 23	8:00am	† Fran Faherty
Tuesday, Mar. 24	8:00am	† Mary Kruckenberg & Francis & Christina vosberg
Wednesday, Mar. 25	8:00am	† John & Nancy Klaas
Thursday, Mar. 26	8:00am	† Wilma Leamy
	10:30am	† Mary Ann Smith (Manor Care Nursing Home)
Friday, Mar. 27	8:00am	† Jeanette & Donald Fritz & Maynard Reisen
	9:00am	<i>Stations</i>
	11:00am	† Kelly Kies (Park Place)
	5:00pm	<i>Stations</i>
Saturday, Mar. 28	8:00am	(TLM)
<b>WEEKEND LITURGIES</b>		
Saturday, Mar. 28	4:00pm	† Ron Hying
Sunday, Mar. 29	9:00am	† Frank Lofy
	12 noon	Misa

## REFLECTION—5th Sunday of Lent

“I will be their God and they shall be my people.” – Jeremiah 31:33  
 What does it mean to be God’s people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

**Private Reconciliation**—every day, one hour before each Mass & Thursdays after morning Mass until 9:30am. During Lent every Thursday at 5:30pm.

**Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays** beginning after 8am Mass and concluding with Rosary and Benediction at 8pm. Adoration will now be in the Chapel.

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

**CELEBRATE THE PASCHAL MYSTERY OF OUR LORD DURING THE HOLY TRIDUUM.** On Holy Thursday we recall the last Passover celebration with Jesus and his disciples. Jesus washes their feet exemplifying for them his choice to serve others out of love even to death. We leave in silence. We meet again on Good Friday recalling Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross; leaving the service again in silence. On Saturday we celebrate Easter Vigil, the first Mass of Easter. The salvation history of our Lord comes alive in the glorious sights, sounds and smells that celebrate the culmination of the Holy Triduum; the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

### SPEND ONE HOUR WITH THE LORD

In the Gospel of Mark 14 verses 37 and 38 Jesus says “Simon are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so you may not be tempted. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.”  
 After the 7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass, April 2 there will be the opportunity to spend an hour with the Lord present in the blessed Sacrament from 9:00 to Midnight. Spend One Hour With the Lord: 9:00-10:00 (last names Q thru Z)—10:00-11:00 (last names A thru H)—11:00-midnight (last names I thru P).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**5th Sunday of Lent:** Jer 31:31-34—Heb 5:7-9—Jn 12:20-33.

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62.

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9—Jn 8:21-30.

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

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9—Jn 8:51-59.

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13—Jn 10:31-42.

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28—Jn 11:45-56.

**Palm Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10—Is 50:4-7—Mk 14:1; 15:47

## With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the families of Rita Bardon and Rosemary Anderson, who died last week.

And to the family of Gale Pross, whose husband, Jack Pross died Monday, March 16th.

Eternal rest grant unto them Oh, Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

## ADULT ENRICHMENT—TUESDAYS of LENT

**Book Study with Father Faustino**

**Tuesday Mornings**

in the Rectory Living Room after Mass.

“Love is Our Mission” The Family Fully Alive

Begins Tuesday, February 24 and continues for 10 weeks.

**Adult Enrichment**

**Tuesday Evening March 24 (this is the last evening).**

7pm—8pm in the Rectory Meeting Room

March 24—5th Week-Christian Churches & The Catholic

DVD & Discussion led by Father Faustino.

All are welcome.

**REMINDER:** If you need help hearing during Mass a Hearing Aid Assistance device is available for your use.  
 Please contact an usher for help.

### ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

**March 15, 2015**

Weekly Envelopes.....\$ 2,577.25

Offerory.....\$ 420.00

Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 800.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Saturday, March 28 4:00 pm	Altar Servers	Sunday, March 29 9:00am
David Drefcinski		Joseph Vystroil
John Drefcinski		Dushan Vystroil
Ben Drefcinski		Vince Momot
<b>Lector &amp; Leader of Prayer</b>		
John Pluemer		Sue Momot
		Lee Eggers
Kent Scheuerell		Diane Eherenman
<b>Sacristan:</b> Christine Del Priore		
<b>Music:</b> Kim & Youth		
<b>Rosary:</b> Barbara Stevenson		
		Mike Momot
		Classic Choir
		Joel Schaefer

**St. Mary's Calvary Cemetery Spring Clean Up** will be Saturday, April 11. If you wish to save any flowers or decorations please remove them before that Saturday morning. Decorations may be put back after that day.

**NEEDED:** Mission Sewing is in need of someone who could sew at home. Also, anyone willing to help sew on Tuesday mornings is very welcome!!!

**Wisconsin Right to Life and Teens for Life State Conference** is Saturday, April 11 at the Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells. Free registration for the first 12 teens from Grant County. Also free registration for 1 adult chaperone with 6 teens. Call 723-7475.

**FOOD BASKETS**—It is Easter basket food collection time. We are packing 32 baskets this includes 5 from family advocates. We still need pineapple and butter for our menu. Other suggested foods might be peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, noodles, spaghetti sauce, candy or anything else your family likes to eat. Please bring items to the church hall. The items are needed by March 22nd. Thank you for your generosity. Linda

**St. Augustine University Parish  
Fish Fry next Friday, March 27 4:30-7pm**

Serving deep fried and baked fish, French fries, salad & rolls, beverage and dessert. Adults/\$10; Seniors, UWP & High School Students/\$8; Grade K-8/\$5; those under 5 no charge.

**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.

**CCW News:** At the March 9th meeting discussion focused on the 2015 budget which included a \$550 scholarship to a Platteville High School graduating senior who is active member of the parish. Letters were sent out this week to all who are eligible. Also it was decided to focus the CCW Spring Event on asking for monetary donations to update items in the church hall kitchen. This would include purchasing two fish fryers, new electric roasters and other items that are needed in the kitchen. Letters will be sent out to all women of the parish for this. Also on April 21 the CCW will prepare and serve the Clergy Appreciation Meal for the Knights of Columbus. Anyone who can help should contact Dee Woolf at 348-7403. CCW is also purchasing needed supplies for First Communion and other altar needs.

Current officers are Dee Woolf, president; Jan Siegert, secretary; and Dana Lau, treasurer. Our past treasurer Mary Lu Welch did so much for the CCW and we all are ever so grateful for her guidance and leadership. Thank you Mary Lu!

**Platteville Thrift Shop Change Over**—The Spring change over dates were moved up to Monday. Monday, March 23 is \$2 bag day. Tuesday, March 24 from 9 to Noon, bags are \$1, and from 1-5, items are free. The Shop will then be closed for new carpeting and remodeling from March 25 to March 27 opening up with a new look at 9am on Saturday March 28. Last year the Thrift Shop donated \$43,600 back to Platteville area residents and projects. Volunteers are always needed at the shop. You can go in and talk to the shop manager Robin for details.

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

**Platteville McDonald's**

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

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

**Tuesday—Mission Sewing 8:30-10:30am.**

Book Study after morning Mass.

Adult Enrichment, 7pm.

**Wednesday—Bible Study, 2:30pm.**

Religious Ed— Grades 1-5 (6-7pm).

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

**Thursday—Pastoral Council, 6:30pm.**

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

**SCHOOL RENOVATION MEETING**

It's time to mark your calendar for a meeting to continue discussion regarding the renovations of the school building. This meeting will be for all parishioners and will be held on Sunday, April 12 at 5pm. More information will follow in the upcoming bulletins.



Our weekly prayer intention for this week based upon the

World Meeting of Families Event is for Marriage & Family Life Protection.

**Pastoral Council Column  
A Cosmic Warrior**

We are more than halfway through Lent, which means the passion and death of Christ are slowly coming into view. At this point, I would like to spend a little time contemplating what God thinks of death.

To put it simply, God hates death and wants nothing to do with it. Listen to God speaking through the prophet Ezekiel: "I will open your graves and have you rise from them." These words are spoken just after the marvelous scene of the enlivening of the dry bones.

There is an important clue here, by the way. Those dry bones were there because a battle had been fought on that spot. Death, the fear of death, the threat of death—all of this broods over human life and grounds sin and oppression. All sin, which involves the terrible clinging to self and attacking of others, ultimately flows from a fear of death. Every tyrant who has ever ruled has succeeded only by instilling in people the fear of death.

But what if death - as we know it and experience it - is not at all what God intended? What if it were something that God wanted to deal with once and for all, to get rid of? The book of Genesis tells us clearly that death came from sin. Death as we experience it - as something fearful, horrible, terrifying - comes from having turned from God.

But Jesus came primarily as a warrior whose final enemy is death. I know how easy it is to domesticate Jesus, presenting him as a kindly and inspiring moral teacher, but that is not how the Gospels present him. He is a cosmic warrior who has come to do battle with all of those forces that keep us from being fully alive.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus deals with the effects of death and a death-obsessed culture: violence, hatred, egotism, exclusion, false religion, phony community. But the final enemy he must face down is death itself.

*(Lenten Reflections, Fr. Barron)*