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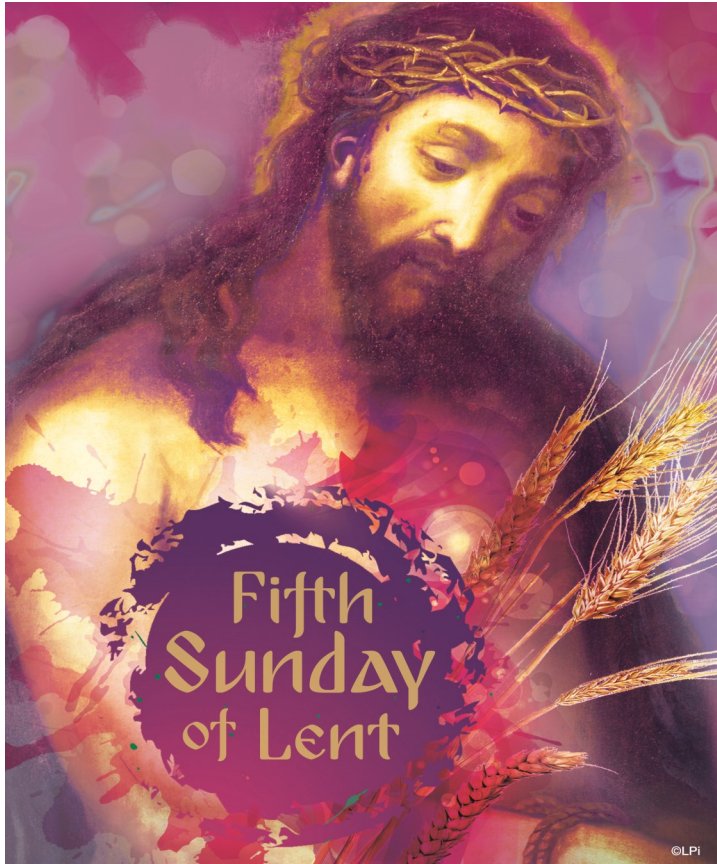
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Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ March 17, 2024



The Word of the Laird



This year I picked up a book titled Killing Jesus. This was written by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. They have written similar books about Lincoln, Kennedy, Patton and Reagan. I wasn't quite sure what I was going to get into when I got it, but it intrigued me.

One of the things that I very much found to be helpful was the way in which they analyzed the various forces or elements that were at work at the time of Jesus. There was, first of all, the Roman monarchy headed by Caesar. Through the decades, those who occupied this spot did everything they could to consolidate their power and eliminate any possible rivals. Then there were those appointed by Caesar in the various provinces. Influential in this regard was the family of Herod and how those generations worked energetically to consolidate their influence. Then there was the Temple priesthood and the Pharisee parties who controlled the religious life in Israel but were in tension with the occupying Roman forces. All of these elements contributed to the conspiracy to arrest and try Jesus and have Him condemned to death.

To a degree that also ties in with today's Gospel passage from John where Jesus asserts that His hour is coming. And that "if the grain of wheat dies, it produces much fruit." In Jesus' offering of His life on the cross and His being raised up in the resurrection on the third day, we have the abundant fruit that His life was meant for all of us. In continuing our Lenten observance, let us be aware of the great gift that Jesus has given us so that we might come to know fulness of life with Him.

Thanks be to God.

Readings and Hymns

Readings	821
Hymns:	
Entrance.....	277
Offertory.....	276
Recessional.....	637
Folk Mass	
Entrance.....	333
Psalm.....	153
Offertory.....	529
Recessional.....	278



Saturday, March 16

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Mary Iten (Mary Alice Goering)

Sunday, March 17—5th Sunday of Lent

St. Mary's 8:30 am —Andrew & Audrey Ceglinski (Bob & Joan Madigan)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Leslie Lewis Wambold (Family) and for the People of this Faith Community

Monday, March 18

St. Matthew 9:00 am—George & Peg Hynes (Nancy O'Connor)

Tuesday, March 19

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Jim Fitzsimmons (Terry & Donna Hofer)

Wednesday, March 20

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Stephen Stranick (Dave & Mary Jo Dussault)

Thursday, March 21

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Kay C. Gordon (Sheila Gotham)

Saturday, March 23

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—For the People of this Faith Community

Sunday, March 24—Palm Sunday

St. Mary's 8:30 am —Patrick Shaughnessy (Jim & Eileen Miller)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Brian McGovern (Ken Villone)

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This Week in Our Faith Community

Monday, March 18

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

Tuesday, March 19

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

Wednesday, March 20

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

St. Mary's—9:30 am Comfort Quilters

St. Matthew—9:30 am—1:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

St. Matthew—12:30 pm—Hearts & Hands

St. Matthew—5:30 pm—Stations of the Cross

St. Matthew—Soup Supper immediately after Stations

Thursday, March 21

NOON: BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE FOR MARCH 31 (EASTER SUNDAY)

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Mary's—10:00 am Eucharistic Revival Small Group

St. Matthew—7:00 pm Penance Service

Friday, March 22

St. Mary's—10:00 am-Noon Clothing Closet Open

Saturday, March 23

St. Mary's—10:00 am-Noon Clothing Closet Open

St. Matthew—3:30 pm—4:00 pm Reconciliation

St. Matthew—4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, March 24

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass—Live Streamed

St. Matthew—10:30 am Mass

Weekly Offertory

St. Mary's

*Collection—03/10/2024 **\$1,894.62**

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$199.62

St. Matthew

*Collection—03/10/2024 \$7,433.00

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$1,657.00

What our churches need per week to meet our budget:

St. Mary's	\$2,052
St. Matthew	\$5,600

Figures in red indicate weekly budget was not met

Attendance— 03/10/2024

St. Matthew—4:30 pm	127
St. Mary's—8:30 am	86
St. Matthew—10:30 am	138

In Memory of Loved Ones

Contact your Parish Office to remember a loved one. A donation of \$50/year is requested.

In Memory Of

Amanda Coble	Dan & Shirley Mulvaney
Elizabeth Klapak Coble	Linda Murphy
Pat Conlon	Jay Nowakowski
Jerry D'Hont	Richard O'Connor
Lucille DeClerck	Robert & Mary Oelwang
Jule DeClerck	Paul & Martha Pfuntrner
Joseph & Betty Eberwein	Joe Rausch
Joe Gianni	Patrick L Guenther
Leo Iten	Frank & Estelle Rodman
Paul Jones	Nan Ryan
Beverly Luther	John Scherberger
Ralph & Rocco Messura	Michelle Stefano
Betty West	Bernice Yerger
Leo & Mary Ann Morsch	Lois Cicero
Lenny & Marie Shumway	Debra Czudak
Al Stockslader	James Sheehan
Patrick Argentieri	Anita Stefano
Mark Gargano	James Ferris
Willis Johnson	Kathie Regelsberger
Bart Johnson	Joseph Carusotti
Ofc. Anthony P. Mazurkiewicz	Joan Shattuck
Jean Marie Dellies	

Deceased Members of the following:

Chuck and Cathy Schwalenstocker Family
 Helinski and Ellison Families
 Giuliani Family
 Jones Family
 Muscato Family
 Culotta & Hendrick Families
 Enright & Yatteau Families
 Kurtz, Martin & O'Neil Families
 Kucich & Juriaco Families
 Quinn, Donato & Lewis Families
 Gilbert & Somers Families
 Paul & Martha Pfuntrner
 Baier, Root and Shaw Families
 Mazurkiewicz and Rumfola Families
 Moeller & Fritzen Families



Catholic Charities is seeking a mission-centered, strategic and results-oriented individual to serve as Executive Director of our agency serving Steuben and Livingston counties. More details can

be found here: <https://ccdor.org/join-our-team/>

Praying for Those Who Are Ill

Florence Ahl, Diane Backus, William Beeley, Teresa Burritt, Gloria Cote, Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Hazel Delaney, Crystal DeMay, Joseph Dispenza, John Fisher, Mary Sarah Hanna, **David Hess**, Mary Ann Hipp, Bob Horning, Elaine Housecamp, Dan Jones, Peggy Knight, Jean Long, Mark (Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Rose Mazurkiewicz, Nina Monteleone, Katie Boldt Norton, Richard Nowakowski, Christina Palella, Dakota Pickett, Mia Rafanelli, Ann Marie Redman, Norm Schrader, Mary Sheehan, Bill Sidlauskas, Erin Siracusa, Kathleen Smith, Jim Stefano Sr., Margaret Stuver, Marlene Tears, Ed Wendelgass

Would You Help Us Out?

Please review the list. If you requested a name to be added and the person no longer needs to be on the list, let us know so we can take the name off to add others. **As a reminder**, we need the permission of an **immediate** family member or the person themself to place a name on the prayer list.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MARCH 23 & 24

4:30 pm—Communion Ministers: D. Winter, M. Enright; **Lector:** B. Woodruff; **Sacristans:** B. Woodruff

8:30 am—Altar Servers: P. Stumpf, L. Norris; **Communion Ministers:** J. Dobbertin, A. Bauer; **Lector:** C. Andres; **Greeter/Ushers:** M&J Dobbertin, D. Horning; **Sacristan:** J. Dobbertin; **Live Stream:** M. Dobbertin; **Announcer:** C. Andres

10:30 am—Altar Servers: David & John West; **Communion Ministers:** K. Gsellmeier, B. Cope; **Lector:** B. West; **Sacristan:** K&R Gsellmeier



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD—BOTH CHURCHES AFTER SUNDAY MASS

Faith Formation

St. Mary's—3/17/2024—after 8:30 Mass

St. Matthew—3/17/2024—9:15 am

Confirmation Prep

St. Matthew—3/17/2024—After 10:30 am Mass

Crossroads

St. Matthew—3/17/2024—6:30 pm

KFC

St. Matthew—3/20/2024—6:30 pm

A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

This weekend we celebrate the **5th Sunday of Lent**, and as I was reading this week's scripture passages, I began to reflect on the youth of our parish. Life is not easy for them today. Our world is unfortunately still filled with prejudice and hate, and the youth must find ways to navigate it – and that's not easy. Their faith and their church community help them, but many young people don't have that, or their faith isn't nourished. So, when I read the second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, I found it very relatable to what not just our youth, but all of us, can understand – the humanity of Jesus. ***"In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence."*** Loud cries and tears. How many times have we found ourselves doing the same? In those moments we must reach out to our loving and merciful God – KNOWING that he is there with us in our suffering.

Last evening at our high school youth group gathering, we were low on numbers, but the few that were able to be there participated in a different way than they usually do. There was more time to interact personally, and when we were leaving,

my other adult helper remarked what a great evening it was. The words, thoughts, and actions of the young people I minister to simply amaze me. They have deep faith (that with a bit of prodding) is shared with knowledge and enthusiasm. Last night was no exception. We've been working on our presentation for Good Friday, and their ideas allowed their faith to be heard. Some have a very deep and already grounded faith. Others are still trying to figure it all out. Yet, all of them are filled with the Holy Spirit. So, why am I relating all of this? Because for all the complaining so many of us do about today's youth, I'm here to tell you that they are people with faith, virtue, and passion. I see it and it inspires me.

Our gospel passage from St. John also shares the humanity of Jesus, as he tells his disciples that ***"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."*** The metaphor of the planted seed producing fruit certainly pertains to Jesus, but it does to us as well. We are given new life in baptism and are continually "re" planted in the reception of the sacraments allowing our lives to produce in us what God intended. We need nourishment to keep growing, and when the end of this life occurs, when we've accomplished and grown into what God created us to be, we are planted for the final time as we are raised to our new and eternal life. As Jesus says in this passage, ***"when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."*** That's what we work for and grow toward. That's what we live for. I've heard that heaven is seeing Jesus, face to face. I personally am hoping for a very big hug as well.

Blessings & Love, *Jeanette*

Our Sacramental Life Together:

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call either parish office for arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 pm at St. Matthew or call either parish office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Please notify either parish office six months in advance of desired date.

Anointing of the Sick:

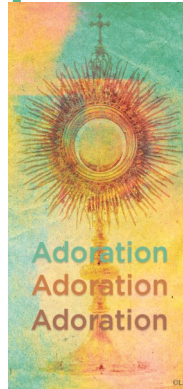
Please notify either parish office if someone is sick at home, in a nursing facility or the hospital.

Holy Orders:

If you're interested in serving the People of God as a priest, please visit ROCpriest.org.

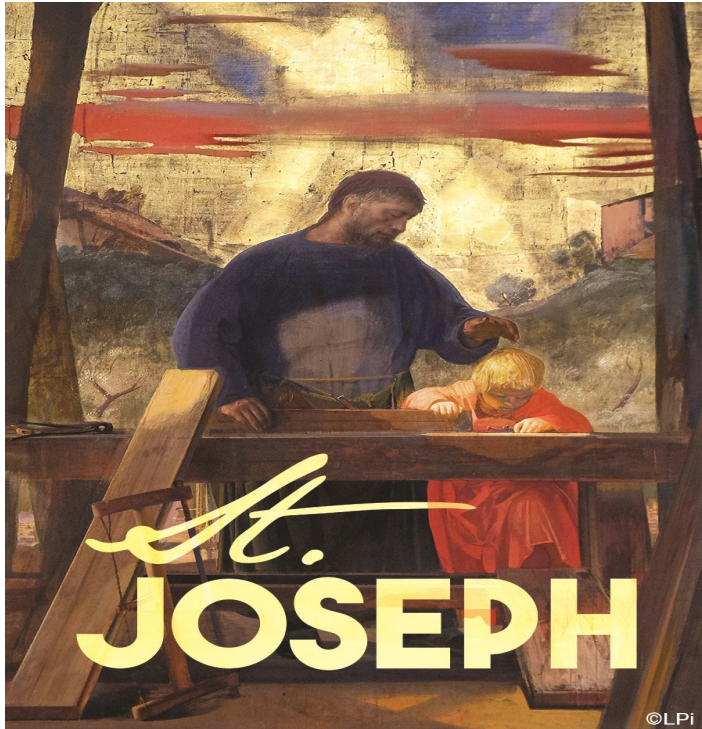


We keep all those currently serving in our Military, as well as those who have previously served, in our prayers always.



During this season of Lent, prayerfully consider spending some time with Our Lord in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic Adoration. The amount of time you are able to spend is up to you! Even short moments of sitting in the silent presence of Our Lord is a precious treasure. For in this

time of silence, "we can reflect on God's love for us, silencing our hearts to hear Him speak." Eucharistic Adoration is held on Wednesdays from 9:30 am - 1 pm at St. Matthew.



The Solemnity of St. Joseph

On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!



Church Chuckle

Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I couldn't leave more money in the plate. Could you please have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? (Stephanie age 10).



CAMP STELLA MARIS

Attention families! Give your campers between the ages of 5-10 a memorable and fun-filled April break by registering them for Camp Stella Maris' upcoming April Break Camp. For one week, from April 1st to April 5th, campers will take part in a range of thrilling activities such as scavenger hunts, team building, gaga, arts and crafts, carpetball, dancing, and much more! Our friendly and experienced counselors will guide campers through every activity, ensuring their safety and that they have the time of their lives. The cost is \$300 and will run from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day and includes two snacks a day and an amazing chance to make lasting memories and new friends. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to give your campers the adventure they deserve. Financial assistance is available. You can find more information and register by visiting our website. <https://www.campstellamaris.org/year-round-kids/>

Palms



LAST YEAR'S PALMS

We will have baskets available at the entrances of both St. Mary's and St. Matthew Churches for last year's palms. You may drop them off anytime the church is open.

Second Collection for the Holy Land

Good Friday Pontifical Collection

This effort collects funds for support of the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.



Seeds of Love
Clothing Closet
St. Mary and St. Matthew
Faith Community

URGENT NEED: towels, sheets, blankets, comforters. Donations are accepted during open hours Friday and Saturday 10am-12pm. Items must be clean and without rips or stains.

Volunteers: we are always open to new volunteers. Shifts are short and fun and laughs are abundant.

Stay tuned! There is some exciting news on the horizon.

Please contact Diane Brewer-Hawes at 585-259-6187 dbrewerhawes@gmail.com with questions.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28, 2024—Holy Thursday (no 9:00 am Mass)
5:30 pm Mass—St. Matthew

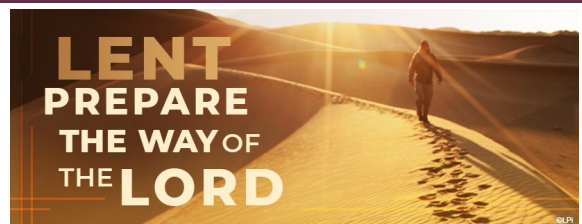
March 29, 2024—Good Friday
3:00 pm Service—St. Mary's
7:00 pm St. Matthew—Youth Group
Presentation

March 30, 2024—Holy Saturday (no 4:30 pm Mass)
7:30 pm Easter Vigil—St. Matthew

March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday
8:30 am Mass—St. Mary's
10:30 am Mass—St. Matthew



Thursday, March 21, 2024
7:00 pm
St. Matthew



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER SCHEDULE



Every Wednesday after Stations of the Cross at 5:30 pm.

Please be sure to sign up if you're planning to attend so our soup makers know how much to prepare!

Soup Supper Schedule:

March 20—St. Matthew