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Rev. Stanley Szybka

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Deacon Andrew McMahon

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Angie Renner

Masses:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. & Saturday, 3:00 - 3:30 pm. or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated during or after any weekend Mass. Instructions for parents having their first child baptized are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Cherie Freewalt to schedule a date.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact Fr. Stan AT LEAST SIX MONTHS prior to your proposed wedding date to begin preparation for your marriage and to schedule a date.

New to the Parish?

We are glad to welcome you as a member of our Parish Family. Please stop by or call the Parish Office to register. Welcome!

Directory

Bingo

Ed Fox (419) 238-4998

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Cherie Freewalt.....(419) 238-3079

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Parish Office.....(419) 238-3979

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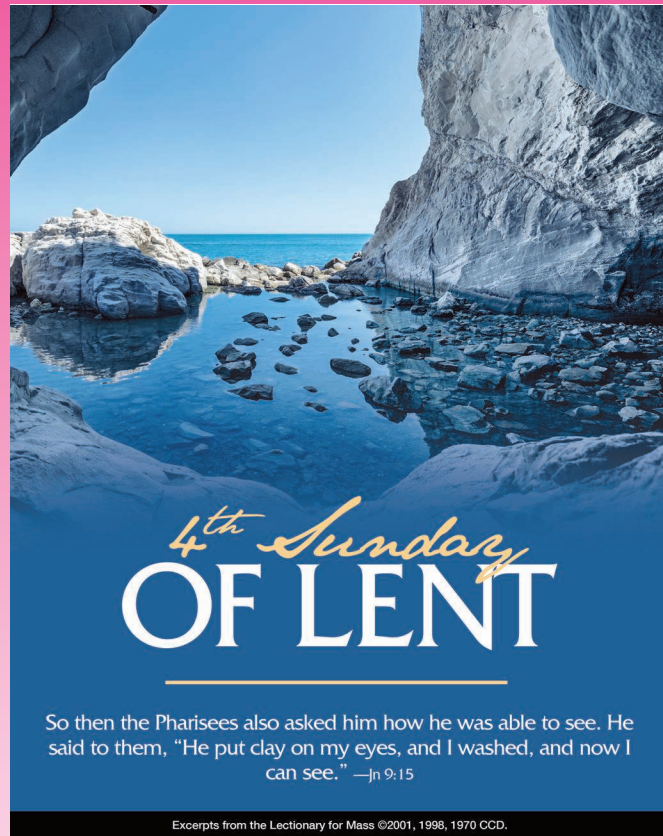
Office Hours:

Monday through Friday:
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Monday at NOON, in writing

March 26, 2017



This Week in Our Parish

<u>Sun Mar 26:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bible Study (HFR)	6:00 pm
	Bingo (K of C Hall)	6:15 pm
<u>Tue Mar 28:</u>	Book Study (Admin Bldg)	7:00 pm
<u>Wed Mar 29:</u>	SOR	6:45-8:00 pm
	Youth Group (HFR)	6:45-8:00 pm
	Parish Reconciliation Service	7:00 pm
<u>Thur Mar 30:</u>	Bible Study (HFR)	9:30 am
	Bingo (K of C)	6:15 pm
<u>Fri Mar 31:</u>	Fish Fry (K of C)	5:00 pm
<u>Sat April 1:</u>	First Saturday Mass	8:00 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS NOTICE

Please be aware that the Parish Office will only be open until NOON March 29-30-31. If you are in need of scrip, please stop by before noon!

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:30 AM St. Mary's Parish
10:30 AM John and Heather Metzger

MONDAY, MARCH 27

No Services

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 AM—5:30 Adoration
5:30 PM Stations of Cross
6:00 PM Carmen Jacobs

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

8:45 AM John Krol
7:00 PM Parish Reconciliation Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

8:45 AM Helen Schemmell

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

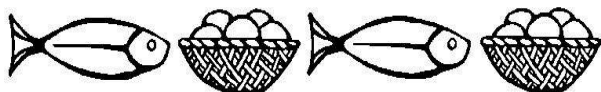
8:45 AM John Weinandy

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 AM First Saturday Mass
4:00 PM Rosemary Schroeder

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:30 AM St. Mary's Parish
10:30 AM John and Heather Metzger



Servers, Eucharistic Minister, Lector & Usher Schedules for April 1 & 2, 2017

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 4:00 PM

Servers: Caroline & Kitty Kopack, James Reinhart
E. M.: T Heckler, T Marshall, C Mowry, T Reinhart,
A Renner, L Vonderwell, M Yackey
Ushers: Terry Johnson, D Heckler, D Hohman, D Renner
Lector: Dave Mathew

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 8:30 AM

Servers: **TBA
E. M.: **TBA
Ushers: Jim Brickner, R Knueve, S Thomas, D Krizay,
B Wolke, E Fox
Lector: **TBA

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 10:30 AM

Servers: **TBA
E. M.: **TBA
Ushers: Charles Brickner, M Keber, D Allmandinger
D Keber, J Meyers, B Keber
Lector: **TBA

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please come forward immediately when the prayers for extending Peace are offered. This will help substitutes know they are needed and allow sufficient time to be ready at the altar. Also, please watch for a total of 8 with Father, Deacons and yourselves.

**Schedules were not complete at the time of this printing, please check your schedules when mailed.

DAFFODILS, MAYBE, BUT ROSES?

This fourth Sunday of Lent marks the mid-way point of our Lenten Season. To make the occasion special, the Church permits rose colored vestments - - half the deep purple of the regular season. The tone of our prayer is also different, beginning with the opening antiphon calling us to "Rejoice."

The Elect (those in the journey of the RCIA, especially CW, Linda and Logan) celebrate the Second Scrutiny, again inviting the Lord to help them examine their minds and hearts. This Rose Sunday is a joyful time, for we are halfway to our observance of the Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

Mid-points invite us to pause, looking back to where we have been, and looking forward to where we are going.

If prayer, fasting and almsgiving have guided our lives, we rejoice to know that we are on the right path.

If we have gotten off to a slow start, or find our resolutions only partly fulfilled, we should be encouraged for there is still time and we are offered a "second chance."

If perhaps we have not yet started, we may be tempted to just wait until next year - - that's an easy solution. The season, we note, is still filled with many opportunities for the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, preparing us for Calvary and Resurrection. Lent is successful not in the number of things that we do, but in how well they help us to love God and each other. Any time is a good time to turn to the Lord.

As Lent continues, let us also pray for those preparing to encounter, the Lord in the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and Holy Orders, as well as all those who are helping them.

I express my gratitude for all the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who joined in our afternoon of enrichment and for all the comments you have shared with me. Many thanks also to all who offered their time and energy to help clean the Church for all the upcoming events.

May God continue to shower blessings upon us!

Fr. Stan

Religious Education Connection

The Man Born Blind

In today's Gospel, there are four people or groups of people, who had suffered from some form of blindness. Search the puzzle to see if you can find the four and discuss how each was blind. Some of the answers are phrases.

MAN BORN BLIND
DISCIPLES
PHARISEES
PARENTS

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K	L	N	B	M	U	N	B	L	S	E	T
R	O	C	D	T	A	S	B	J	K	P	L
J	L	E	T	Y	U	C	N	L	M	E	W
T	G	S	E	L	P	I	C	S	I	D	D
P	L	N	V	C	M	O	M	R	G	N	E
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SCHOOL NEWS

Curiosity Life Skill Award Winners

Recently our students focused on ways that they could show Curiosity in their everyday activities. At the end of two weeks each teacher selected a student from their class that they felt best demonstrated Curiosity both inside and outside the classroom. Congratulations to the Curiosity Award Winners and keep up the great work.



We believe our Catholic School is not only a school, but a community of faith.



Auction Tickets NOW ON SALE!!!!

St. Mary of the Assumption Church and School will hold its Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction on Saturday, April 22, 2017 in the School Gymnasium. Hors d'oeuvres and Silent Auction begins at 5:00pm; Dinner begins at 5:15pm; Golden Ticket drawing at 6:00pm; and Live Auction begins at 6:15pm. The theme for the evening is a "Royal Auction" and there will be a delicious meal, a large variety of exciting live and silent auction items to bid on, tips ticket prizes, and a "Royals' Cash" raffle.

Tickets for the meal are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The evening's hors d'oeuvres include: Meatballs, Salad Bar, and Fruit. The Dinner menu includes: Beef/Chicken Tacos with all the fixings, Black/Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Nacho Bar, Corn, Lemonade, Water, Coffee, and Assorted Pies.

Tickets may be purchased from any St. Mary's student, in the School Office, or at the Rectory Office.

BINGO

- Mar 26 Ed Fox, JIM BRICKNER, Matt Krol, Jamie Ayers
- Mar 30 Shirley Straley, JIM BRICKNER, Terry Johnson, Trina Shultz
- April 2 Sam Laurent, Kylee Moody, CHARLES BRICKNER, Alice Laurent
- April 6 Neil Smith, CHARLES BRICKNER, Therese Tate, Mary Kay Stegaman, Linda Heitkamp

KITCHEN WORKERS Report By 4:30 PM

- Mar 26 Kelly Gross and Jennifer Florence
- Mar 30 Judy Comer and Louise Haas
- Apr 2 Amie Burnett and Josh Geib
- Apr 6 Staff Night

**St. Mary's Bingo—K of C Hall
425 Woodland Ave.**

**Doors open at 4:00 PM for games-
Warm-Up Bingo at 6:15 PM**

RESPONSE TO THE LORD FOR MARCH 19, 2017

ADULT OFFERING FROM 121 ENVELOPES	\$5,660.00
TOTAL ANONYMOUS	452.64
CHILDREN OFFERING FROM 8 ENVELOPES	<u>8.50</u>
TOTAL	\$6,121.14
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY BUDGET	<u>\$8,386.00</u>

Reconciliation Opportunities

INDIVIDUAL:

- **Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm
- **Every Saturday from 3-3:30 pm
- **Or by appointment

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

- **March 29: 7:00 pm

THE LIGHT IS ON:

- **April 5: 4:00—7:00 pm



LENTEN FISH FRIES

Knights of Columbus Hall
425 Woodland Avenue
March 3 through
April 7

Every Friday from 5-7 pm

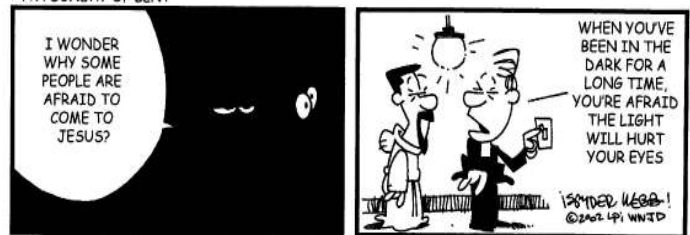
\$8.00 Adults/\$7.00 Seniors/\$4.00 Kids
(carry out available)

Every week \$1.00 of every meal will go to the designated cause!

March 31: benefit St. Mary's School Tuition Assistance

**Desserts available for a freewill donation.
Proceeds to benefit St. Vincent de Paul.**

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



MOWERS NEEDED!!!

As you all may know already, there have been a number of parishioners over the past 9 years that have volunteered their time to mow the lawn to help save the parish money. To date, we have saved the parish over \$60,000. That is quite a large sum of money.

With this, comes a small time commitment from our mowing teams. We try to staff at least 8 teams of three people to mow throughout the year.

We all have busy lives but don't we all have 9-12 hours a year to give back to our parish to help with this project? If you search your heart, I think your answer would be yes! Please help us so we can continue this much needed and worthwhile project. To sign up or for more info, call the Parish Office or Dewey Fuerst at 419-238-4139.

**DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S PTO FUNDRAISER
QUARTER AUCTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH AT 7 PM
K of C Hall, Delphos, Ohio**

TICKETS ARE \$10 ** \$10 to Reserve a table
Tickets available at St. John's School Offices or
Mrs. Arnold (St. Mary's 3rd grade teacher)

Doors open at 6:15 pm. **Cash Bar-Snacks Provided



Kelly Andersen, Rev. Tony Bus, Dolores Darwood, Joy Demidovich, Steve Dietrich, Robert Ford, Stacie Golliver, Cyndi Hesselung, Carmen Jacobs, Michael Kahle, Patricia Kinkle, Megan Klosterman, Kourtney Kohnen, Robert Lammers. Rita Lewis, Beth Lianez, Mary Alice Louagie, Tom Metzger, Kirk Michaud, Joan Miller, Lane Mosier, Dean Osburn, Janice Osburn, George Palombi, Theresa Parkanzky, Tyler Priest, Doris Reinhart, Julie Sadler, Bob Say, Mary Say, Jim Schneider, Tom Stachler, Melba Voltz, Russ Waltmire, Brad Wannemacher, Anne Wells, Chris Wilson, Bob Wolters, Larry Youtsey

Please call the Parish Office at the beginning of each month to continue the above name(s) on the prayer list. The sick person or a close relative are the only ones who should call to add or remove name(s) to this list.

GOD BLESS OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN-Please pray for all those serving in our military:

Lance Corp. Josh Bolenbaugh, Capt. Virginia Brickner, Sgt. William (Ed) Carter, Commander Christopher Cavanaugh, Lance Corp. Tyler Goodlin, Airman Andrew Hammond, Airman Leisal Hanf-Fleming, Corp. Austin Kleman, MSG Andrew McMahon, Corp. Joseph Moreland, SSgt. Nate Sinning, MSgt. Robert Stant, SRA Ashley Stant, Spec. Jeremy Stevenson, Pvt. R. J. Szymanski and Sgt. Brian Wilson. Please submit to the Parish Office names of parishioners who are currently serving in the armed forces.



LET'S DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR EASTER



This year the parishioners of St. Mary's have the opportunity to remember someone special through purchasing a lily that will be used to decorate the church. You may purchase a 6 1/2" lily for \$15.00 or a 7 1/2" lily for \$25.00. The 7 1/2" plant is about double the 6 1/2" flower. You may have the size lily you purchased after Easter. Your remembrance will also be listed in a special insert the weekend after Easter. The deadline for memorials is Monday, April 10, 2017. You may put your requests in the collection basket marked Easter Lilies or send it to the Parish Office.

In memory/honor of: _____
(circle one)

From: _____

**Make checks payable to St. Mary's Parish
Address: 601 Jennings Road, Van Wert, OH 45891**



The next Youth Group meeting: is **THIS WEDNESDAY**, March 29th in the Holy Family Room at 6:45 pm. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE!

*At the 10:30 Mass on April 2nd, St. Mary's will be honoring our own **Deacon Andy McMahon** as he celebrates 25 years of service as a Deacon.*

Stop by the gym after Mass for Cake, donuts and coffee.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

The devotion of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, carries with it the assurance of the graces necessary for salvation at the hour our death. However, to drive profit from such a great promise of Our Lady, the devotion must be properly understood and duly performed.

The requirements as stipulated by Our Lady are: on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months; Confession, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, and to do all these things in the spirit of reparation to my Immaculate Heart.

Please join us for 8:00 am Mass. The recitation of the Rosary will begin shortly before Mass.

Readings for the Week of March 26, 2017

- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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