February 14, 2016 First Sunday of Lent

**Mission Statement**

The Church of St. Mary, a community of believers drawn together by a common faith in Jesus Christ, seeks to be a visible sign of God’s presence throughout the community and the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to this task through worship, education, service and fellowship.

St. Mary's Pastoral Council 2/95

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**God Is! Day of Renewal**

On February 6th over 100 parishioners participated in God Is! Day of Renewal
Presented by Mike and Lori Pacer of Evangelize All Ministries

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15–21, 2016**

**Monday, February 15**
7:30 AM All Souls’ Day Intentions

**Tuesday, February 16**
7:30 AM For the Living Bread Lay Carmelite Community (by Carmelites)

**Wednesday, February 17**
7:30 AM In Memory of Roberta Young (by Family)

**Thursday, February 18**
7:30 AM In Memory of Joe and Louise Minnegan (by Alilu Stott)
6:30 PM In Memory of Susan Theisen (by Therese Herrmann Family)

**Friday, February 19**
9:00 AM Special Intention of Jim & Rosemary Martin for 61st Wedding Anniversary
2:30 PM Stations of the Cross (School)
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 20**
5:00 PM In Memory of Collette Smith (by Family)

**Sunday, February 21**
8:00 AM In Memory of Burt Suter (by Mary Lou & Jeff Strack)
9:30 AM Spanish Speaking Mass
11:00 AM People of St Mary-Living and Deceased

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**LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE**

**AdDITIONAL LENTEN MASSES**
6:30 pm Thursday Evenings (starting 2/11)

**StATIONS OF THE CROSS**
2:30 pm School (2/19, 2/26, 3/04, 3/18)
7:30 pm (2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/04, 3/11, 3/18)

**Holy Week**
7:00 pm Holy Thursday (3/24)
12:00 pm Good Friday (3/25)
7:00 pm Easter Vigil (3/26)
8:00 & 11:00 am EASTER (3/27)

**HOPE HAVEN VOLUNTEERS: Cook Schedule**

- **February 20:** Kathy Leber, BJ and CJ Johnson

**CHURCH CLEANING:**

- **February 20:** NEED

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS:**

- Feb 20 Karen Kuhn
- Feb 21 8am Carmine Gulli
- 11am Anthony Virtue

**MINISTRY OF CARE:**

- **Homebound Visits:** Team A: Rick Fleming, Team B: Lori Byro
- **Grand Victorian:** Matthew Lesniewski
- **Kindred:** Heidi Kinn
- **Oak Crest - Every Friday:** Gaby VanBlyenburgh
- **DeKalb County Home Ministry of Care**
- Every Friday except the Third Friday 10-11am

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**MINISTERS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 - 21, 2016**

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**Aristotle’s Doctrine of the Four Causes** answer questions about how natural processes come about through intentional design. Note, modern science only began to progress many centuries later when most of Aristotle’s elements of explanation, which proved to be too rigorous for most, of scientific theory and discovery. *Aristotle’s Four Causes* were consequently dropped in favor of the *efficient factor* with the occasional use of the fourth factor known as the Final Factor. Francis Bacon states in *Novum Organum* that science was not able to progress due to the overly rigid restrictions for explanation. What caused science to diverge from *Aristotle’s Doctrine of the Four Causes* was the way Aristotle linked philosophy to logic. The following are Aristotle four points of view:

1) **The material factor**: the ultimate substratum of matter consists of the elements from which all particular things arise. Matter is the possibility of form. Matter has the potential to form. A baby is the matter of the form of a child; a child is the matter of the form of an adult.

2) **The efficient factor**: the essence, or the form, or patterns of particular things. Form is the generation or the coming to be and the passing away of those particular things. The efficient factor is what is ordinarily meant by the contemporary us of the term “cause.” Although change is the actualization of potential, actuality precedes potentiality in that something actual “causes” potentiality to reach another form.

3) **The formal factor**: the essence or the form or pattern of particular things. Form is the actuality of matter – not just the shape, but the factor or formation of the potential or the capacity of matter. The ultimate fulfillment of a sequence of forms is the final form or final factor.

4) **The final factor**: the purpose of a thing accounts for the end or the good of a thing, i.e., what it is for or what is its purpose. The development of natural processes always moves to it completion. Everything is designed for a certain destiny and all that goes into fostering a progress towards that destiny belong to the ordinary qualities of what exists in process.

To sum up Aristotle, every truth has components that make it a truth, which is a quality of its being. Every truth has certain and complex design, an energy to arrive at its destiny, and a potential for it to pass through on its progress toward its intended destiny. Instances of interference, stoppage, or detour are evidences of chaos. Every truth has by nature an instinct to be what it was created to be. When truth runs into a barrier to its growth, that truth is introduced to a stress we may commonly call conflict. All primary truths are pre-ordained to operate within the confines of its design as a truth. In actuality, the only truth that can choose to operate in defiance of itself is MANKIND. Thusly, it is the very reason why the doctrine of the Catholic Church teaches that “We are made in the image and likeness of God.”

Fr. Paul Lipinski

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**IN SYMPATHY AND A PROMISE OF PRAYERS**

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mary Curzon and Judge Kurt Klein. May the Lord in His goodness receive them into their new home in heaven. May this same good Lord give His comforting graces to those who are in mourning.

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**Pope Francis**

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God’s mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11).

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*Homily on March 17, 2013*
Deacons’ Corner
GETTIN’ ON THE SAME PAGE AS HIM

Wadda ya think? Does tryin’ to believe, and trust in Jesus really overturn the hopelessness we’re assaulted with in a world gone batty? A lotta people are tryin’ real hard to convince us that most everything going on in the world is out of our control - and probably just gonna get a whole lot worse. Y’know, if ya let it, those incessant carpet bombing updates on a world gone wild, accidents, shootings and recent polls is enough to take away our spirit, maybe in some way, our hope, and most certainly faith in the goodness of folks like ourselves.

And when you accept something as being true, it changes what you do, how you feel, and where you can make a difference, or change an outcome or find real balance. Y’see, you accept Christ as True. And you make a decision to also Trust Jesus, for your and my salvation doesn’t come from earning enough points to get a passing grade, but rather abandoning all attempts at makin’ the curve, and rather spending every day in His love. For sin and Jesus do not coexist. Mary understood that. So did the Apostles, and those who believed in Him…Really Believed in Him.

Salvation is God’s gift to you and me. We own that. Our issue is making sure we hold onto it, and don’t lose it. No matter how badly you’re damaged, no matter how many awful choices you may have made, even up to rejecting God, Jesus can forgive you. but you got get on the same page as Him! It’s your choice. So, wadda ya waitin for? Let him see in your heart, your desire to be in His grace. Confess your sins. Invite Him to guide you from this point, forward. Hey, that’s why it’s called a Leap of Faith. Just Do It. He’ll catch ya!

Lenten Fish Fries
All—You—Can—Eat
Saints Peter & Paul Church
Rt. 64 & Meredith Road, Virgil

Feb 26, March 4, 11, 18
Serving 5-8:00 pm,
Adults $11.00-14.00,
Children (5-10) $4.00-$7.00
Under 5 Free.
Carry-out is available.
For additional information or to place a carry-out order call (630)365-6618

Senior Lunch
All Seniors are invited to Lunch on
Tuesday, February 16 at noon in the Parish Activity Center.
Call Bess Andersen with questions 815-895-3726.

LOOKING FOR
We are looking for someone willing to take over the altar server scheduling. The server training will be done by Deacon Mike Timmerman. Thank you to Chip and Jake Houdek for your many years of service with the altar scheduling. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please call the Parish Office at 815-895-3275

CAMPING FOR CANS
Boy Scout Troop 40 and Cub Scout Troop 140 will once again be hosting Camping for Cans in front of the Purple House Saturday, February 27 beginning at 1:00 pm through Sunday, February 28 at 1:00 pm. We ask you as a community to help support us by donating canned goods, packaged products (such as Granola bars or fruit packs), instant coffee or paper products (especially toilet paper and tissues). You may drop items off at the Purple House during this time period.
All donations this year will be going to Hope Haven.
February 14, 2016

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING
Sunday Collection - February 7, 2016

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Diocesan Collection - National Appeal

DSA Goal: $71,238.00

As of 12/31/15 82.7% of goal 73.0% of goal

LEGACY MEMORIAL BRICKS

With the oncoming of spring now is a good time to order your Legacy Memorial Brick. A gift that will last forever! A Legacy Memorial Brick will honor your special person or memory for years to come and will be displayed in the St. Francis Garden.

Have you thought about who you could honor with a St. Mary Memorial Brick?
- a St. Mary’s graduate
- a favorite teacher/principal/priest
- a departed loved one
- a veteran (past or present)
- a parent or relative (living or deceased)
- a special birthday or anniversary
- a special person or memory
- a communion or confirmation candidate

There are many more people and memories to honor; just use your imagination.

Bricks are available in 4x8 for $50 and 8x8 for $100 with a portion of the proceeds benefitting our Legacy Campaign. Forms are available in the Gathering Room or at the Parish Office.

Let's continue to fill our St. Francis Garden with our Legacy!

Thank you to all who have already ordered Memorial Bricks! Your Legacy has begun!

Louise Fitzgerald
Legacy Campaign Office
815-895-3275 Ext. 6

Remember in your prayers all the sick in our parish, the convalescents and shut-ins:

Linda Rose Berry, Larry Brandal, Nancy Brown, Quintin Byrne, Theresa Cavenaugh, David Cavenaugh, Mary Cavileer, Bill Coates, Kay Coates, Catherine Cwiklinski, Dee Deatherage, Leonard Desideri, Maribeth Desjardin, Sara Elliott, Celia Elsasser, Dorothy Exner, Barb Flynn, Mary Fischer, Adolph Gawrych, Kathy Gilliam, Dorothy Gorbet, John Grimson, Billy Gutrich, Joan Hallaron, Theresa Kelly, Nancy Kissel, Aaron Lane, Joseph Logsdon, Ryan McMillan, Cheri Mills, Jon Meredith, Charlotte Monroy, Mike Montgomery, Manuel Nila, Katheryn Noeth, Rick Olson, Donna Petersen, Evelyn Poliska, C.J. Potter, Bill Powers, Michael Powers, Natalie Rangel, James Robers, Jill Samuelson, Nadine Saucedo, Joe Shade, Ruthanne Slayton, Kathy Sparrow, Mary Supple, Silvia Tague, Doug Teckenbrock, Lorene Tuggle, Art Turek, Eleanor Uhlarik, Juan Vargas, Alice Warren and the patients at Kindred Hospital, the County Home, Oak Crest, Grand Victorian, Pine Acres, Bethany Healthcare, Heritage Woods and the homebound. If you wish to add or remove names from our prayer list, 815-895-3275.

Please pray for those who protect and serve us and our country

Prayer Network....

If you or someone you know is in desperate need of prayers, feel free to submit the information to our Prayer Network at 815-895-6489 or stmaryprayer@gmail.com

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Marriage Encounter

Today is the first Sunday of Lent and in the Gospel we see how Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert. Are there times in your life or marriage relationship when you judge or are in spiritual desert? Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 4-6 in Madison, WI or April 15-17 in Brookfield, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

NEED SNOW SHOVELERS

We are looking for individuals who are willing to help with the snow shoveling at the Church. Winter is upon us and if you are interested in helping, please contact Steve Wiora at 815-501-6976. WE NEED YOUNGER SHOVELERS.

Parish couple looking to adopt!

If you know of anyone who is considering putting a child up for adoption please contact the parish office. We can put you in touch with this couple. With a few prayers, a child can be put into a happy, loving home.

Please call the office at 815-895-3725.

In this year of mercy we are going to support Hope for Haitians during Lent in order to help build a new village in Garde Saline Haiti dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

There are boxes and/or envelopes available for your donations. Please help this worthy cause that is providing the works of mercy to families most in need in the northern part of Haiti.

If you would like to find out more about this ministry, please contact Bob Pfundstein at 815-847-0656 or at bob@hopeforhaitians.org or visit their Website at www.hopeforhaitians.org.

Thanks for your generous hearts to help the poorest of the poor.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS ACTION GROUP

The Buildings and Grounds Action Group met in January to discuss plans to fix the kneelers in church, dismantle the large organ in the choir loft, get quotes for campus lawn maintenance, prepare the PAC for the God Is Retreat, clean the rectory light fixtures, recruit new members, and progress with plans for the sound system repairs and internal disability space project.

Are you interested in the appearance and upkeep of our parish properties? The Buildings and Grounds Action Committee needs more members. The committee meets monthly to identify opportunities for improvement and work towards solutions. Please contact Lisa DeWitt at (815)501-9697 or at lisa@hopeforhaitians.org.

Pastoral Council Minutes

from the last meeting on Thursday, January 21st are available in the back of church

2016 World Day of Prayer

Saturday, March 5th at 10:00 am
Westminster Presbyterian Church
830 N. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb

A time of fellowship over a light lunch will follow the service. An offering will be taken to support the World Day of Prayer activities and fund grants to organizations worldwide working on women’s and children’s issues.

Additional Lenten Confession

Thursday’s at 7:00 am
Prior to morning Mass
Fr. Yovanny Dorado
CALENDAR 2016
Sunday, February 14
NO CLASS

Wednesday, February 17
Class

CONFIRMATION
Retreat with
Deacon Bill Johnson
Sunday, February 21
9:00-12:00 PAC

CALLING ALL TEENS: The Steubenville on the Lake Conference is an event for young people, specifically those currently in 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grades. A Steubenville High School Youth Conference is a weekend event which includes an exciting line-up of speakers, musicians, and presenters. The conference challenges youth to stand firm in their faith, rely upon the awesome power of Jesus Christ who is their guide, friend, and Savior, and to show that faith to the world. A highlight of the weekend is the powerful time of Eucharistic Adoration. The weekend is July 22-24, 2016. Sign up is limited and fundraising and scholarships are available.

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Together we are doing whatever it takes to journey with Christ.

Calendar of Events
Sun. Feb. 14  First HS Lenten Series 12-2pm PH
Topic: Why We Matter

Tues. Feb. 16  Mission trio mtg. 7-8pm PH

Sun. Feb. 21  HS Lenten Series 12-2pm PH
Topic: Created for Love

Sun. Feb. 21  Camp WOW Trng. 2-4pm St. Cat’s

Sun. Feb. 28  HS Lenten Series 12-2pm PH
Topic: True Friendship

Sun. Mar. 6  Peer Ministry Mtg. 9:15-10:45am PH

Sun. Mar. 6  HS Lenten Series 12-2pm PH
Topic: Called and Commissioned

Tues. Mar. 8  Mission Trip Mtg. 7-8:30pm PH

Wed. Mar. 9  Adult Team Meeting 7-8pm PH

Sa-Su Ma12/13  Camp Couns. Overnight Retreat 3pm-1pm St. Cat’s

Sun. Mar. 13  HS Lenten Series 12-2pm PH
Topic: Freedom and Truth

Mon. Mar. 14  9th Grade Confirmation Mass 5:30pm

Sun. Mar. 20  Peer Ministry Mtg. 9:15-10:45am PH

Sun. Mar. 20  Final HS Lenten Series 12-2pm PH
Topic: Life to the Fullest

4th ANNUAL COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET
DOING SPRING CLEANING?
WANT TO GET RID OF SOME UNNEEDED ITEMS?

Please mark your calendars! Youth Ministry’ Mission Trip Team is conducting our 4th Annual Community Flea Market in the PAC on Sat., April 9 from 9-3pm. You can rent a booth for $25.00 and sell your own items OR you can donate your items and the proceeds will go towards our Youth Ministry Mission trip. Watch the bulletin for more details to come or call the YM office for more information. To rent a booth, please contact Sara or Lisa in the YM office at 815-895-3726 ext 224.

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