



*St. Mary of the Assumption,
West Point, IA*

*St. Boniface,
Farmington, IA*



February 23, 2020

Love your enemies,
bless them that curse you,
do good to them
that hate you,
and pray for
them which
despitefully
use you

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Eucharistic Adoration

Friday (WP) 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

Confessions

Saturday (WP) 4:30-5:00 pm and as announced.

Baptisms /Weddings

Please fill out a form found on the Parish website and call St. Mary's Parish Office at (319) 837-6808 to make an appt. with Father. For weddings please contact the office at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

Sick Calls: Contact the Parish Office if you or a family member are unable to attend Mass and receive the Sacraments due to illness or age. Please notify the Parish Office if you go into the hospital, we would like to visit you.



Is God speaking to you? God speaks to our hearts He does call, and He calls in a way that you, and only you, can understand. His call is like the whisper of a friend. The more we become close to Jesus, the more we will be able to hear his whispering and to understand it with our heart as a call of love.

Our Diocese is asking every parishioner to think about vocation discernment and to observe and pray about who in our community might have a calling from God to the religious life.

REMINDER: Today. Place your CALLED BY NAME response card in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish and our diocese, especially during these weeks of prayer for vocations.

The Catholic Messenger

The Catholic Messenger nourishes your family with food for thought and keeps you informed weekly with diocesan news, special features, syndicated columnists, opinions, national and world news, along with happenings in our Catholic schools. Plus, you'll learn from the teachings and travels of Bishop Thomas Zinkula. Subscribe through your parish – print or e-edition – just \$29! The drive should be finished by March 31. Each parish will be billed for a minimum of 50% of the declared number of parish families that have been submitted to the Diocese of Davenport Finance Department.

St. Mary's has reached 50% of their cost of \$6,183.00. St Boniface has also reached 50% of their cost which is \$1,363.00 What is not covered by the subscribers will come out of the parish general account.



In March, the 2020 Census begins. Participating in the census is a vital, civic duty for everyone living in the United States. Some may be concerned about the privacy of their responses to the 2020 Census. All 2020 Census responses are kept confidential and private. It's the law. Your responses cannot be shared and cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way. The information can only be used to create statistics, and Census 2020 will NEVER ask for your

social security number. The minute you submit online responses, they are secured by multiple layers of encryption and isolated from online access. Census takers by phone and in person are also held to strict confidentiality. So please complete your census survey when you receive the information. Your information is important and secure, and everyone counts! Much depends on getting an accurate count. We are called to support the census and encourage everyone to complete it. Because everyone counts!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic faith based marriage enrichment program and has been providing couples with better communication skills and tools for over 50 years. Start a new chapter in your marriage by attending one of these upcoming weekends. Feb 29 - Mar 1 @ Epworth (non-residential); April 24-26th @ Ankeny; May 29-31st @ Dubuque; Nov 6-8th @ Coralville. For more information or to register go to iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.



St. Mary's is having a **potluck dinner** during Lent on Friday's after Mass and Station of the Cross. Starting the first Friday of Lent, February 28th to April 3rd bring a meatless casserole, sandwiches or soup to share to the Ossenbrink Center. Drinks and place sitting will be provided.

Tuesdays during lent St Boniface will have Mass at 6:30 followed by the Stations of the Cross and **soup supper**. See you there.



Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

Ash Wednesday starts the forty days of Lent. We often ask the question **what should I do for Lent?**

Here is some great advice about Lent, and to a lesser extent, Advent. Lent and Advent are training season for the rest of the year. So look beyond just giving something up to building up your spiritual strength.

Here are some suggestions:

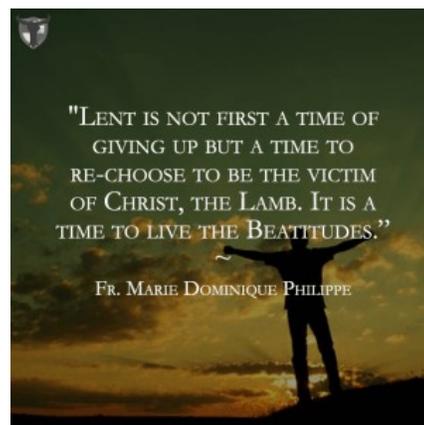
Make a sacrifice. Give something up, but don't just look for something to give up during Lent.

Look for something that is a personal vice. This doesn't have to be food. You could have a vice for gossip. Work on eliminating a vice in your life. It will get you closer to being a Saint.

Do some reading. Find a book that will help your spiritual life and commit to reading it during Lent. You could read a book on prayer or spiritual combat.

Start a new prayer habit. Find a new prayer and commit to praying it during Lent. Continue after Lent is over.

Give alms. As Christians we're always supposed to help the poor but there is a special emphasis on this during Lent. Spend time at a End of Month Meals, Food Pantry, Hospice House, CSR Rice Bowl (call the office if you need some suggestions for places looking for volunteers) or make a commitment with your family to give to an organization. ~Parts taken from Aquinas and More



Join more than 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses across the U.S. in prayer, fasting and almsgiving and continue Jesus' mission to care for all those in need this Lenten season. God invites us to reach beyond ourselves and encounter the needs of all our brothers and sisters around the world. We invite you to journey with CRS to Honduras, Kenya, and Vietnam through stories, videos and lessons. To learn about the global issue of hunger go to the Lent page of the St. Mary's website. CRS Rice Bowl provides a powerful, tangible way for Catholics to answer Jesus' call to serve the world's poor and experience Lent as a time of spiritual renewal and sacrifice for those in need. CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The CRS Rice Bowl Collection begins Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Funds raised in the CRS Rice Bowl collection support development projects in nearly 100 countries overseas, and 25% of the funds stay in our Diocese to support local hunger and poverty efforts. Last year we were able to distribute \$16,100 locally to hunger and poverty programs across the Diocese.

Want to explore your faith in a new way this Lent? Join us each Sunday of March at 3:00 pm in the Ossenbrink Center at St. Mary's for a movie that speaks to a particular Lenten theme.

Themes include; the salvation story, prayer, conversion & repentance, fasting & sacrifice and almsgiving (generosity). The first movie we will watch on Sunday March 1st is The Young Messiah (2016) This movie tells the story of Jesus Christ at age seven as he and his family depart Egypt to return home to Nazareth. Told from his childhood perspective, it follows young Jesus as he grows into his religious identity.



Our **MISSION** is to develop the total person spiritually, mentally, socially and physically to be a successful contributing member of our society in the Catholic tradition.

STO tuition grants are available to students entering K-12th grade, who live in an Iowa household, and whose total income does not exceed an amount equal to four times the federal poverty guideline. Holy Trinity also has local funding to provide tuition awards over and above the STO program, thus providing more supplementary tuition grants. Our local grant program is open to all qualifying families, not just those who qualify for the STO grants. In order to be considered for additional grants the STO application must be filled out and returned by April 15, 2020. Both STO and Holy Trinity will be utilizing the Southeast Iowa STO office to evaluate the applications. The STO office determines the amount each family is eligible for. The application form is a (two sided) document that all families need to complete to be considered for any award, including HTC Foundation and Vonderhaar tuition grants. You must include a copy of your 2019 federal income tax return (specifically the first two pages of your 1040 form). Your personal information will be used only by STO and will be held in the strictest confidence at all times. If you have a child at more than one Catholic school, you will only need to complete one application form. **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2020** to be considered for STO funding for the 2020-21 school year. Applications postmarked after April 15th will not be considered for STO funding.



"A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit."

~Psalm 51:12

St. Mary Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday (WP) 5:30 pm
 Sunday (WP) 8:00 am, (FA) 10:30 am

Weekday

Tuesday (FA) 9:00 am
 Every Third Tuesday (FA) 7:00 pm
 Wednesday (WP) 8:45 am
 Plus Second Wednesday (WP) Rel Ed Mass 6:30 pm
 1st & 3rd Thursday (WPCC) 10:00 am
 Other Thursdays (WP) 7:30 am
 1st Friday (WP) 5:30 pm
 1st Friday (DNCC) 10:00 am
 Other Fridays (WP) 7:30 am

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 25	Parishioners
Wednesday, February 26	Margaret Schierbrock @ 7:00pm
Thursday, February 27	Bertha Todd
Friday, February 28	Agnes Strayer
Saturday, February 29	Jack Barber
Sunday, March 1	Ralph & Pat Hoeing

The Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Boniface pray the rosary for world peace before weekend Masses.

Stewardship of Treasure

February 16, 2020
 St. Mary

Adults	\$2,175.00
Offertory	\$91.00
Hospice House	\$208.00
Catholic Messenger	\$383.00
Votive lights	\$38.00
HTC	\$1,537.00
# of Envelopes	96

St Boniface

Adults	\$1,715.00
Offertory	\$60.00
Catholic Messenger	\$129.00
Cathedral Sunday	\$130.00
# of Envelopes	28

FEBRUARY

Second Collection for February: Hospice House

Feb 24	HTC School board Mtg Rosary Makers
Feb 26	Ash Wednesday Mass @ SM 8:45am/7:00pm Mass @ SB 5:30pm SB Adoration following Mass
Feb 28	SM 5:30pm Mass, Stations & Potluck

St. Mary Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 29 at 5:30 pm

Lead Rosary: Rita Holtz
 Ushers: John Lampe, Vic Conrad
 Mike & Diane Holtkamp
 Greeters: Helen Moeller, Bernice Rickelman
 Servers: Brooklyn Todd, Owen Krogmeier
 Gavin Peitz
 Lector: Kevin Overton
 Gift bearers: Dave & Eileen Pranger
 E. Ministers: Sarah Schierbrock, JoAnn Lampe,
 Jan Holtkamp
 Bulletins: Lynn & Alison Robu,
 Bob & Jackie Schierbrock
 Scrip: Brian & Judy Stuekerjuergen

Sunday, March 1 at 8:00 am

Lead Rosary: Angela Hannum
 Ushers: Mel Sanders, Carl Johnston
 Ron Fedler, Marvin Menke
 Greeters: Nathan Menke, Sandy Bethurem
 Servers: Kayla & Nathan Box, Logan Pomberg
 Lector: Joshua Ragar
 Gift bearers: Mike & Nancy Sanders
 E. Ministers: Tom Boeding, Betty Schroder, Emily Otte
 Bulletins: Mike & Nancy Sanders, Paul & Bess Walker
 Scrip: Sandy Bethurem, Betty Ellison
 Counters: Roger Fullenkamp, Bess Walker

St. Boniface Liturgical Roles

Sunday, March 1 at 10:30 am

Rosary: Nancy Buechel
 Ushers: Zach Keller, Jan Tweedy
 Greeters: Tom & Kathy Bartholomew
 Servers: Owen Burgess, Bo Herdrich
 Lector: Liz Linnenbrink
 Gift bearers: Don & Karen Millmier
 E. Ministers: Mark & Ellen Meek, Linnenbrink,
 Counters: Alfred Fraise, Rita Wenke

Readings for the Week

February 23, 2020

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 /
 1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
 Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/
 Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/
 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/
 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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