



ST. MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary Mission Statement:
To be companions with Christ
our Savior

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil -5:30pm
Lord's Day -8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Forgiveness
(Confession)
Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment
Sun. 8:00-8:25 am

March 20, 2022
The Third Sunday
of Lent

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Catechism Class (Formerly PSR)
Mandy Casey-620-200-7278

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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OPEN ADORATION HOURS:

Monday: 7pm & 9pm
Tuesday: 5pm
Wednesday: 4pm (til August)
Thursday: 2am & 3am
Please call OLG at 316-283-3499 if interested in taking an hour or being a substitute!

Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday 9am–4:30pm
Friday—9am–12:30pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday-No Mass. Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00am



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	March 22
5:30pm	✦Charlie Lanzrath (Private Mass)
Wednesday	March 23, St. Turibius of Mongrovejo
8:00am	✦Gary Seaton
Thursday	March 24
8:00am	✦Mary Jochems
Friday	March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord
8:00am	✦Onita Michel-McBride
Saturday	March 26
8:00am	✦Janey & Harry Warren
5:30pm	Molly Claassen
Sunday	March 27, 4th Sunday of Lent
8:30am	✦Bill & Bonnie Palmer
10:30am	People of the Parish

Please Pray For our Sick, Home Bound & Care Home Parishioners: Deanna Beckner ✦ Nancy Budde ✦ Barbara Fayette ✦ Alma Gordon ✦ Virginia Holub ✦ Lou Kuestersteffen ✦ Joe LaBelle ✦ Terry Meyers ✦ Maggie Morgan ✦ Stacy Morris ✦ Brett Roufs ✦ Bryan Sahlfeld ✦ Norman Salmans ✦ Kay Schommer ✦ Walt & Lois Silvernale ✦ Kay Schommer ✦ Nancy McFarlane

Stewardship Message – Fruitless Trees

Ex 3:1-8A, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9

A seemingly minor player in today's Gospel is the fig tree that does not bear fruit. The owner of the orchard wants to cut it down because it is exhausting the soil. The gardener, however, asks for the opportunity to give the tree special attention, to cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it. This, brothers and sisters, is discipleship! We are surrounded by fruitless fig trees...some of us may even BE the fruitless tree! Discipleship does not mean we stand and stare and complain about a tree's lack of fruit. It doesn't mean grumbling about the way it is exhausting the soil. Discipleship means helping that fig tree thrive by caring for it. Like the gardener, we have to get our hands dirty as we nurture the tree and help it bear fruit. This means praying for and with one another, going to Mass together, and discovering the unique "fruits" God has placed within each of us. Just as the fig tree cannot fertilize itself, neither can we alone sustain ourselves. Discipleship means recognizing others as gift and supporting one another.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Pre-Enrollment for Pre-School will begin March 2, 2022 and close on April 29, 2022. Do you have children who are preschool age? Or do you know anyone with preschool-aged children who might be interested in enrolling in our preschool? Please tell them to call the school office ASAP (316-282-1974). We're building our lists now. We are offering Pre-3 on Tuesday/Thursday 8:00-11:00 and Pre-4 on Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:00-11:00 am or Monday/Wednesday/Friday 12:30-3:30 -pm . Please help us recruit!

Kindergarten Round-Up

On March 23 we will be conducting Kindergarten Round-up! Pre4 students attending St. Mary Kindergarten will be screened during their preschool sessions that day. If your child is not a preschool student at SMCS, please contact Miss Jackie in the office so she can set up a time for you to bring your child to the school on March 21. Screening will take place from 8am - 3:00pm.

OFF TO THE RACES

St. Mary School Auction is back live this year, with an *online* silent auction available in the days leading up to the event. The *online* silent auction will run Sunday, April 24-Friday, April 29, with the *live* auction event on Saturday, April 30th.

The funds raised from this event will be used to continue the original mission of investing in the future of St. Mary with projects that directly impact our students. Some of the projects include a new scoreboard and climbing wall for our gymnasium, along with continued security upgrades and curriculum updates. For more information, call the school office at 282-1974. On behalf of our students, staff and committee,

THANK YOU!

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Stetson Daniel McGee received the Sacrament of Baptism on March 13, 2022. He is the son of Brett & Nicole McGee.

Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2021-June 2022

Collections for:	March 13, 2022
*Regular Collection	\$ 16,234.54
Children's Collection	\$ 91.75
	\$ 16,326.29
Other:	
*Building Fund.....	\$ 500.00
Budget per week is.....	\$ 14,584.60
Collections year-to-date compared to budget	
Through March 13, 2022	\$ (13,276.85)

Your contributions are greatly appreciated. If you are behind, please make every effort to catch up & do your part. Thank you! —Father Voelker

DOCTRINAL SECTION

You were made in the image of God. If then you wish to resemble him, follow his example. Since the very name you bear as Christians is a profession of love for men, imitate the love of Christ. Reflect for a moment on the wealth of his kindness. Before he came as a man to be among men, he sent John the Baptist to preach repentance and lead men to practice it. John himself was preceded by the prophets, who were to teach the people to repent, to return to God and to amend their lives. Then Christ came himself, and with his own lips cried out: Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. How did he receive those who listened to his call? He readily forgave them their sins; he freed them instantly from all that troubled them. The Word made them holy; the Spirit set his seal on them. The old Adam was buried in the waters of baptism; the new man was reborn to the vigor of grace. What was the result? Those who had been God's enemies became his friends, those estranged from him became his sons, those who did not know him came to worship and love him. Let us then be shepherds like the Lord. We must meditate on the Gospel, and as we see in this mirror the example of zeal and loving kindness, we should become thoroughly schooled in these virtues. For there, obscurely, in the form of a parable, we see a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. When one of them was separated from the flock and lost its way, that shepherd did not remain with the sheep who kept together at pasture. No, he went off to look for the stray. He crossed many valleys and thickets, he climbed great and towering mountains, he spent much time and labor in wandering through solitary places until at last he found his sheep. When he found it, he did not chastise it; he did not use rough blows to drive it back, but gently placed it on his own shoulders and carried it back to the flock. He took greater joy in this one sheep, lost and found, than in all the others. Let us look more closely at the hidden meaning of this parable. The sheep is more than a sheep, the shepherd more than a shepherd. They are examples enshrining holy truths. They teach us that we should not look on men as lost or beyond hope; we should not abandon them when they are in danger or be slow to come to their help. When they turn away from the right path and wander, we must lead them back, and rejoice at their return, welcoming them back into the company of those who lead good and holy lives.

~Saint Asterius of Amasea,

St. Vincent de Paul

Conversion for us as followers of Vincent and Frederic will mean allowing Jesus and the poor to invade the citadels of our minds and of our hearts. Our minds and hearts are like fortresses. We live within them, but are reluctant to admit Jesus and his poor into the very center of them. We will allow Jesus in just so far, but we often by our action or inaction show him that we don't wish Him to take us over completely. He is continually asking us to surrender to him. He is asking us continually to let go, and we insist on holding on. Conversion or repentance is about surrender.



Parish Information

Communion to the Sick

If you are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or are recovering from surgery, call the parish office so that Communion may be brought to you.

Bulletin Deadline

Must be submitted in writing no later than 10am on Tue.

Catechism Class (Formerly PSR)

Grades 1st- 8th - 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am in the Parish Center. Mandy Casey (620) 200-7278

Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Wednesday: 7pm; Grades 9-12 Bill & Carrie Weber & Jonathan & Kasey Weber

Perpetual Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Chapel is located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 421 S. Ash. If interested in a permanent hour call coordinator, call Laurie Kimere at (417)531-8904.

Rosary Prayer Line

To activate, call Mickey Stump at 620-386-0421 or if she is not available call Barbara Fayette at 283-6467 to activate the line.

Welcome/Registering

Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Parish. Please register by calling or dropping by the parish office. Please keep us informed of changes of names, addresses, numbers, etc.

Interested in the Catholic Faith

A warm invitation is extended to non-Catholics to attend any of our religious services. They are particularly invited to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. For more information, call the parish office at 316-282-0459.

Information About Sacraments

**PLEASE CALL FR. VOELKER AT 316-282-0459 EXT. 2

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are required to be registered in the parish. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

In an emergency of serious illness, if sick and confined to a home, entering a hospital or local nursing home - please notify the rectory.

Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

Saturday 4:00 -5:00 p.m. Sunday at 8:00-8:25 a.m. Any time by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples intending to enter into Christian Marriage are asked to call the parish office for an appointment. The first appointment must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the proposed date of marriage.

Readings for the week of March 20, 2022

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

[8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2

Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

VALUE THEM BOTH

The VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment is not a ban on abortion. It is not a new restriction. What is it then? The amendment is carefully drafted legal language that reclaims the right of the people of Kansas to keep and make reasonable laws and regulations regarding abortion in our state through our elected officials. It protects our existing, bipartisan-passed regulations on the abortion industry. With this amendment, Kansans outlaw nothing. Instead, we vote "yes" to assert our right to have a voice on the subject of abortion through our legislature and, therefore, choose to defend our own freedom. valuethemboth.com

The Parish Leadership Team

The Movement called "Amazing Parish" has been adapted by many parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Wichita. Its founder is Pat Lencioni, a New York Times best-selling author and who has worked with hundreds of corporations to help them achieve success through organizational health and leadership. This Leadership team meets regularly with the Pastors to assist with the needs of the Parish of St. Mary. Our leadership team members are: *Joshua Bargdill, Mary Ann Bruggeman, Amber Holguin, Mike Weber, Fr. Voelker and Fr. Max Biltz.*

New to the Parish?

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish, we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you would like to join the parish please complete the information below and return it to us in the collection basket, or by mail. We will send you registration information or you may come by the parish office and register.

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Liturgical Role

Altar Servers

Fri. 03/25 5:30pm-Stations- Ben & Matthew Heppler

Sat. 03/26 5:30pm Alexander Huelskamp & Leah Littlejohn

Sun. 03/27 8:30am Aedan & Emmet O'Halloran

Sun. 03/27 10:30am Lily & Ella Baier *Anthony

Greeters

Sat. 03/26 5:30pm James Maxwell family

Sun. 03/27 8:30am Trinity Muth family

Sun. 03/27 10:30am Pat & Janis McCreary

Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 03/26 5:30pm M. Frazier, S. Herdler

Sun. 03/27 8:30am B. Nguyen, K. Ryan

Sun. 03/27 10:30am A. Shepherd, E. Stabler

Lector

Sat. 03/26 5:30pm Karen McNulty

Sun. 03/27 8:30am Marshall Kendrick

Sun. 03/27 10:30am Leo Chouinard

Sacristans

Weekday-March 22-26—Dixie Pomeroy

Sat. 03/26 5:30pm Shelly Oswald

Sun. 03/27 8:30am Shari McCall

Sun. 03/27 10:30am Tami Carlgen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. 03/26 5:30pm Marcia Oden

Sun. 03/27 8:30am Rodger Graham

Sun. 03/27 10:30am Carolyn Woerner

Schowalter Villa— Steve Mead

Nursing Homes & Shut Ins/EMHC—

March 5—Barbara Bunting

Hospital EMHC: Month of March covered by OLG

Ushers

Sat. 03/26 5:30pm Robert TenEyck, Mike Weber

Sun. 03/27 8:30am Robert Peters, Alan Pitts

Sun. 03/27 10:30am Steve & Terri Bockhaus

Church Cleaners— Mar. 25

Brielle, Caleb, Hannah, Ryan, Nam & Stephanie Pham

Wash Server Albs March 7—

Chris Boston-Wedel & Mickey Stump

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