



Mass Intentions

- Monday** March 3rd Katharine Drexel, virgin
5:00 p.m. Alice Benko
- Tuesday** March 4th Casimir
8:30 a.m. Dan Kulas
- Wednesday** March 5th Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. Kurt Breunig
12:15 p.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish
7:00 p.m. William Little
- Thursday** March 6th
8:30 a.m. Harold and Helen Payne
- Friday** March 7th Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs
8:30 a.m. William Janas
- Saturday** March 8th John of God
9:00 a.m. Lou Hoover
4:30 p.m. Kurt Breunig
- Sunday** March 9th 1st Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Schuster
9:30 a.m. Henry E. and Ron Peloquin
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish



Readings for the Week of March 3rd:

- Mon 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10; Mk 10:17-27
Tues 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wed Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs Dt 30:15-20Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Fri Is 58:1-9; Ps 31:3-6, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sat Is 58:9-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sun Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19;
Mt 4:1-11



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Catherine Gorman** (Mother of Maryann Cunningham) who this past week and for the consolation of her loved ones.

In your prayers...

This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: **Ann, Ann Lou, Barb, Bette, Carmen, Christie, Chuck, Dan, Doug, Geannie, Jack, Jim, Joyce, Kelly, Lois, Margaret, Mary, Matt, Meg, Pam, Tom, Tom, Tony** and all who have asked for our



prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct (02/15/14)	\$3,155.00
Sunday Collection (02/23/14)	\$10,016.67
Envelopes	292

Thank you for your generosity.

- [2nd Collection March 2nd - Helping Hands Ministry]
[2nd Collection March 9th - Black & Indian Missions]



My Friends,

This week we begin our 40-day Lenten observance with our Ash Wednesday liturgies. This year the 12:15 liturgy will be a Mass instead of a Liturgy of the Word. Masses will also be celebrated at 8:30am and 7:00pm. The regulations for fast and abstinence are contained in this week's bulletin. We will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 1pm with the school and at 7pm.

In this season, we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving as a remedy for sin. As Pope John Paul II has pointed out, there is so much in our society that manifests a 'culture of death.' I would ask that as a parish family, we join with other churches throughout the United States in '40 Days of Prayer for Life.' It is in a concerted effort of persistent prayer that change can come about. Remember back on all those years we prayed the rosary for the conversion of Russia? I don't know how you would measure it, but I wouldn't be surprised if the Russian people are more religious today than we are! Do not underestimate the importance of prayer for the conversion of the heart that Jesus calls us to in the gospel.

Again, as a parish, we will participate in Catholic Relief Service's *Operation Rice Bowl*. When we fast by eating a simple meal the money we save provides funds to feed those who are poor and hungry. This is a great way to observe Lenten practices of fasting and almsgiving as a family. I also would encourage you to read the Bible together as a family. We share so little time together any more. When we do it is usually through technology. We do not relate to one another on a personal level. Our Lenten theme is: *'If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.'* There will be hearts at the church entrances with this inscription on the 1st Sunday of Lent. While they can be very therapeutic for relieving stress, I hope they serve as a reminder to soften our hearts to receive the grace and love of God.

Fr. Charlie

** A special collection will be taken up on Ash Wednesday and all monies collected will be given to the St. Joseph Overnight Shelter in Lorain to help in their ministry to the homeless of our community.

OPERATION RICE BOWL



We are invited to **pray** with our families and faith communities; **fast** in solidarity with those who hunger; **learn** more about our global community & the challenges of poverty overseas; and **give** sacrificial contributions to those in need. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of the Church. Please take one home and bring it back filled with your donation on Palm Sunday. Thank you.

FASTING and ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, March 5th and Good Friday, April 18th are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast that is limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

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| Monday | March 3rd |
| 5:30 p.m. | Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room |
| 6:30 p.m. | P.S.R. Marian & St. Joseph Buildings |
| 6:30 p.m. | Family 1 st Reconciliation Service - Church |
| Tuesday | March 4th |
| 11:00 a.m. | Hot Meals Planning - Conference Room |
| 12:00 Noon | Senior Luncheon - Weigand Room |
| 1:00 p.m. | Social Action Ministry - Conference Room |
| 6:00 p.m. | Cub Scouts - Green Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | Awakening Faith - Cahill Library |
| Wednesday | March 5th |
| 11am-1:30pm | Pierogi Luncheon - Weigand Room |
| 3:30 p.m. | Academic Challenge - Weigand Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | R.C.I.A. - Conference Room |
| Thursday | March 6th |
| 9am - 5pm | Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church |
| 4-5pm | Market Day Pick-up - Weigand Room |
| 6:00 p.m. | Daisies - Green Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | Bible Study - Cahill Library |
| Friday | March 7th |
| 11am-1:30pm | Pierogi Luncheon - Weigand Room |
| 1:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross - Church |
| 7:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross - Church |
| Sunday | March 9th |
| 9:30 a.m. | Liturgy of the Word with Children |
| 11:00 a.m. | Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building |
| 12:00 Noon | Cub Scouts - Parish Hall |
| 5:00 p.m. | Hot Meals - Cafeteria |
| 7:00 p.m. | Cluster Mission - Church |

200 CLUB WINNERS: 03/02/14 Rosemary Woconish #7



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 12:00 noon in the Weigand Room. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Please call your reservation to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140. Come prepared to celebrate Mardi Gras. Time will be available for those who wish to stay and play bingo. We look forward to a great meal, sharing new ideas and hope that you will bring a friend.



March 5th, 2014

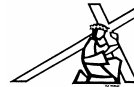
**Mass Schedule:
8:30am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm**

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St. Mary Parish will once again serve Pierogi Lunches on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent [NOT on Good Friday] from 11:00-1:30pm in the Weigand Room. Lunches consist of 5 Sophie's Choice Pierogi, applesauce, tossed salad, roll & beverage. Cost is \$6.00.



Registration for the **2014-2015** school year for Preschool, Kindergarten and **NEW** students to St. Mary School has begun. When registering students new to St. Mary School, you must bring the following documentation: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate (if not Baptized at St. Mary), Records of First Communion and First Reconciliation (if applicable), Immunization records, Legal custody papers (if applicable) and Registration fee of \$150 [\$50 at time of registration [before Mar. 3rd with remainder due May 12th - nonrefundable]. A student registering for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 30, 2014. Registration will be considered complete when Parish registration has been verified and the school office has received all materials and fees.



Please join us for Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 1:00pm in Church
All are welcome.



Our Parish will be serving dinner next Sunday, March 9th, from 5-6pm In the School Cafeteria. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation beginning at 3pm.

Cluster Mission
"Journey to Reconciliation"

Presented by: Fr. William Padavick, Sunday
Sister Rita Mary Harwood - Monday
Fr. Joseph Callahan - Tuesday

Sunday ~ March 9th 7pm - St. Mary Church
Monday ~ March 10th 7pm - St. Agnes Church
Tuesday ~ March 11th 7pm - St. Jude Church



This is the final weekend of the in-pew portion of the 2014 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. This appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a pledge, to Catholic Charities in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Something wonderful happens when we unite ourselves through Christ with others. Over 276,000 people from Northeast Ohio benefit from their programs & services each year. Please consider a gift to the Catholic Charities 2014 Annual Appeal and pray for its success. Website: www.catholiccommunity.org/2014Appeal.

24th Annual Peace & Justice Dinner and Celebration

Saturday, March 29th at the Sacred Heart Chapel Parish Hall, 4301 Pearl Rd., Lorain 44055. [Social hour begins at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm.] The Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County (CACLC) hosts the annual event, which includes a Pick 'N Choose Raffle, Quilt Raffle and the presentation of the Bishop A. J. Quinn Justice Award and the Faithful Servant Award. Reservations: \$30/person. For reservations or questions, contact Rachel Schmidt, CACLC at 366-1106 x12 or rschmidt@clevelandcatholiccharities.org

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