



Mass Intentions

- Monday** March 24th
5:00 p.m. Frederick J. Tabler
- Tuesday** March 25th The Annunciation of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Leon St. Marie
- Wednesday** March 26th
5:00 p.m. Deceased of the Kovacs & Pawelski Family
- Thursday** March 27th
8:30 a.m. Clemence, Carolyn, Robert Alan
and Richard Faeking
- Friday** March 28th
8:30 a.m. Gordon Freeman
- Saturday** March 29th
9:00 a.m. Sam Sottosanti, Sr.
4:30 p.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish
- Sunday** March 30th 4th Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Charles Hoover
9:30 a.m. Dominic Giovannazzo
11:00 a.m. Genowefa Bdzak

Readings for the Week of March 24th:

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| Mon | 2 Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 42: 2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30 |
| Tues | Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 |
| Wed | Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19 |
| Thurs | Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23 |
| Fri | Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34 |
| Sat | Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14 |
| Sun | 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 |



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Karlie Anne Plas** and **Robert E. O'Donnell** who died this past week and for the consolation of their 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: **Barb, Bette, Bob, Bobby, Carmen, Christie, Dan, George, Jim, Joan, Lois, Margaret, Mary, Matt, P.J., Pam, Paul, Rose, Ruthie, Sean, Tom, Tony** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct (03/04/14)	\$6,992.00
Sunday Collection (03/16/14)	\$9,462.48
Envelopes	292
Tuition Assistance	\$808.93

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection March 23rd - Eastern Europe]
[2nd Collection March 30th - Catholic Relief Services]



My Friends,

Next Sunday, following the 11am Mass, we will celebrate all those who have given of their time and talent to carry on the mission of God's Kingdom here at St. Mary's. We invite all of our volunteers to a dinner to be served in the Parish Hall. The purpose of a volunteer appreciation dinner is not a payback for services. Rather, it is a witness to the commitment of so many parishioners serving our parish. It helps energize us in supporting one another. I know that I do not say thank you enough to those who give so generously of their time. If we want to continue to lay claim to St. Mary's as a vibrant parish, we need more people to be engaged and involved.

I would like to say that this is the purpose of our Sunday Eucharist. We are not doing God the favor by showing up. It is a chance for us to recharge our batteries. If you go to a family or class reunion and nobody shows up, you leave disappointed as you miss seeing so many of your family and friends. Last Sunday when we had so many of our third grade families attend the 11am Mass we had a packed church and it was an encouragement to one another. Every single person makes a contribution to the wellbeing of the whole. We need one another to experience Christ's presence in our midst.

If you haven't read Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel* yet, I would encourage you to go on line at Vatican.va and read it. You can either read it on line or download it to your ipad or kindle. He says we are looking for love in all the wrong places. Money or prestige is not going to bring happiness. Our true joy is to be found in the gospel. When we have a strong relationship with Jesus, we have everything we could ever need or desire. That is why it is so easy to experience Jesus among the poor. We still have much of Lent ahead of us. May I encourage you to deepen your relationship with the Lord through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Fr Charlie

Community Book Study: 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life by Karen Armstrong. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 27th ~ 7pm at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 300 3rd St. Facilitators: Rev. June Hardy Dorsey and/or Jafar Mafaladi discuss - The 7th Step "How Little We Know" & The 8th Step - "How Should We Speak to One Another".

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.

St. Mary Parish Pierogi Lunches will be served from 11am-1:30pm on Fridays during Lent in the Weigand Room. Lunches consist of 5 *Sophie's Choice* Pierogi, applesauce, tossed salad, roll & beverage. Cost is \$6.00.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Monday **March 24th**
3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts [Bears] - Green Room
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
5:45 p.m. Finance Committee - Staff Room
6:30 p.m. P.S.R. Marian & St. Joseph Buildings
7:00 p.m. Stewardship - Staff Room
7:00 p.m. Book Club - Cahill Library 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life by Karen Armstrong

Tuesday **March 25th**
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
5:30 p.m. Awakening Faith - Weigand Room
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room
7:30 p.m. Evangelization - Weigand Room

Wednesday **March 26th**
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft

Thursday **March 27th**
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
2:30 p.m. Daisies - Art Room
6:00 p.m. Daisies - Green Room
6:00 p.m. Parish Council - Conference Room

Friday **March 28th**
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

Saturday **March 29th**
9:00 a.m. First Eucharist Retreat - Hall & Church

Sunday **March 30th**
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 - Green Room
12:00 Noon Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon - Hall
6:30 p.m. Vespers - Church

200 CLUB WINNERS: 03/23/14 Linda Minnehan #263



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 1st 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 by Fri., Mar. 28th.

Our speaker is Sister Meribeth Rome, SND. The topic will be "All I really know about the Missions, I learned from Bishop Sheen." 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 with you.

Altar & Rosary Society

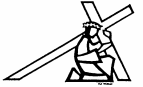
Easter Memorial Fund envelopes were included in the February/March envelope packet. Donations can be dropped in with the Sunday collection – please be sure to include your name and in whose memory you would like the donation to be made.

Thank you for your continued support!



Registration for the **2014-2015** school year for Preschool, Kindergarten and **NEW** students to St. Mary School has begun. Please contact the School Office at 322-2808 to set up an appointment to visit the School or for additional information regarding registration.

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



FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, APRIL 4TH: Our speaker will be Most Rev. Roger W. Gries, O.S.B. Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland "Pope Francis – Who is He?" Conversion, the pope said, starts with recognizing that "we are creatures, that we are not God." Too many people today, he said, think they have power and "play at being God the Creator." Pope Francis, it is safe to say, has had an impact on not only our church, but on the world. His homilies are on the internet, and media sources carry his messages worldwide. Bishop Gries will share with us his reflections on this pope, his message and the man. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship and good food at LCCC Spitzer Conference Center, 11:30am. Tickets: \$17. RSVP by calling the reservation line 440-244-0643 or ffflorain@gmail.com before 3pm Friday, March 28th.

St. Vincent dePaul Church is selling Nut & Poppy Seed Rolls. Cost: \$10/each. To order call: 282-8255 [Lorain] or 324-3090 / 324-2622 [Elyria] Pick-up dates: Fri., April 11th & Sat., April 12th ~ Noon-6pm. (NO SUNDAY PICK-UPS.)

The Living Stations of the Cross

Elyria Catholic Auditorium
Sunday ~ March 23rd at 7pm



presented by: Elyria Catholic High School Students

While praying the stations, you will witness each one come to life in dramatic fashion and feel like you are there, as we explore the thoughts of those who walked with Christ.

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Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Mission: Mar. 30, 31 & Apr. 1st. The speaker will be Fr. Damian Ference, a priest of the diocese of Cleveland, an assistant professor of philosophy at Borromeo Seminary and a member of the formation faculty. This Lenten Mission will deal with God & Creation, Fall & Redemption and Sacraments & Mission. The mission begins at 7pm each evening, lasting approximately an hour. On Sunday evening the youth of the parish will be presenting a 'Living Stations' at 6:30pm - prior to the mission.

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