

St. Mary Catholic Church

The Chronicle

Mission Statement

St. Mary Parish, Monroe, Michigan, is a Catholic Community of Faith, rooted in Christ Jesus and in the history of our city and the Archdiocese of Detroit. As a parish we strive to deepen our relationship with God through our celebration of the Word and Eucharist, and ongoing education formation.

We understand our call to be a welcoming people extending loving service to young and old, within our Parish Community and beyond, always with concern for the less fortunate, while conveying God's message of love to all.



MARCINGS

March 14, 2010

Any doubt that we are in the thick of Lent can be dispelled by the opening prayer of today's liturgy, which collects our thoughts and prayers from our gathering and prepares us to listen and hear to God's word in the Liturgy of the Word.

Father of peace
We are joyful in your Word,
Your Son, Jesus Christ
Who reconciles us to you.

Let us hasten toward Easter with the eagerness of faith and love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
One God, forever and ever
AMEN

The images of this prayer point us to the story of the Prodigal Son which is our story! The Father of peace is the one who embraces the prodigal in each of us and welcomes us home during Lent and always. That reconciliation has a history, and name, and a face, and a presence: Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Like the son who left the pigs behind to become his Father's slave, we hasten toward Easter. But like the Son, the Father changes our destination from slavery to freedom. So our eagerness is rooted in the faith and love that comes from knowing God's reconciling power in our lives.

Returning home with the Prodigal Son

May I suggest some ways in which the weeks of Lent to come may lead us to the same joy the prodigal son felt in his father's embrace.

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Will Our Teens Have Faith?

Join us on Sunday, March 21, 2010,

6:30pm – 8:30pm in the Parish Life Center for this special presentation

Attention: All those concerned with the faith lives of today's adolescents (parents, parish staffs, commissions, councils, grandparents).

This presentation will explore the findings of the National Study of Youth & Religion (NSYR) concerning the religious and spiritual lives of today's youth. This talk will examine the crucial role of parents and the family as revealed in this study. This talk will offer some concrete suggestions on how to reverse these statistics.

What do we know about the religious lives of our youth?

Thanks to the National Study of Youth and Religion, we know a lot. The Office for Youth Ministry believes that the NSYR's findings are essential to promote. *(Will Our Teens Have Faith continued on Page 6)*



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Liturgy Schedule and Mass Intentions for March 14—March 21

Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am—Presider: Fr. Marc Gawronski
Albert & Donald Zenz, Anthony B. Stritt
9:30 am—Presider: Fr. Marc Gawronski
People of the Parish
11:30 am—Presider: Fr. Marc Gawronski
Betty Maveal, Anna Masserant, Alton & Rose Nadeau,
Jacob Trpelka (18A), Thelma & Joseph N. LaHood, Sr.
1:00 pm—*Misa en Espanol*

Monday, March 15

5:00 pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 pm—Evening Prayer

Tuesday, March 16

7:00 pm—Mass
James & Mary Godfroy

Wednesday, March 17

8:15 am—Mass
Shirley (B) & David Burke, Dennis O'Brien

Friday, March 19—St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am—SMS Mass *no 1:15 pm Mass
2:30—7:00 pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 20

7:55 am—Rosary
8:30 am—Mass
4:30 pm—Presider: Fr. Marc Gawronski
Camiel Van Belle (39A), Laura Braunlich, Anna Appner,
Maurice & Flora Denecker (A), Patrick Bourbina (B),
Joe Schnorberger (B), Julius Pipis (22A),
Ann Elaine Pipis (6A)

Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am—Presider: Fr. David Whalen
Dorothy Barron (1A), M. Jeanette Kull,
Mildred L. Kuras (B)
9:30 am—Presider: Fr. Marc Gawronski
Clara Driessche, Erik Peterson (3A),
Frank & Margaret Assenmacher,
Donald & Myrtle Knabusch,
11:30 am—Presider: Fr. Marc Gawronski
People of the Parish
1:00 pm—*Misa en Espanol*

Triduum and Easter Liturgy Schedule

April 1, Holy Thursday (bilingual) - 7:00 pm Mass
April 2, Good Friday—Noon: Stations of the Cross
1:00 pm Liturgy
April 3—9:00 pm Easter Vigil (MG)
April 4—7:30 am (DW), 9:30 am (MG), 11:30 am (MG)

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

(March 7 offering)

Envelopes.....	\$	12,387.00
Loose.....	\$	557.28
Total Collection.....	\$	12,944.28
Weekly Budget.....	\$	11,000.00
Difference.....	\$	(+) 1,944.28

Lay Leanings

by Deacon Mike Stewart

I love the desert, and this past week was a special treat. We were visiting Arizona, and were enjoying a mid-winter walk through some open desert terrain, just taking in the incredible scenery. The skies were bright blue and the sun was warm, but not oppressive. The morning haze had burned away to reveal the majestic mountains that surrounded us on all four sides in brilliant oranges and purples. One mountain peak still had snow visible. I felt as though I was a privileged visitor to God's art studio; and no matter how hard I tried, I couldn't take it all in.

As Karin and I walked along, we were trying to pay attention to where we were stepping; careful to avoid the many obstacles that were along the way. But it was nearly impossible not to look up under the circumstances. Suddenly, and quite fortunately, I happened to look down; there, about five feet in front of us, directly on our path, a rattlesnake was coiled up on the edge of a gopher hole, apparently sunning itself while awaiting lunch. I grabbed Karin's arm, and quietly we backed away; this time paying as much attention to our feet as the beauty around us.

As I prayed that night and gave thanks for the many blessings of that beautiful day, I couldn't stop thinking about that snake encounter. In particular, I thought about how it provided a less-than-subtle reminder of how, especially during this solemn season of Lent, we can get distracted by the lure of things that could eventually lead us to sin. Isn't it uncanny that most sin is usually preceded by feelings that make us feel good? Think about it. I know I'm not supposed to do it, but doggone it; just this one time won't make much of a difference.

So, here's some practical Lenten advice; when you're wrestling with your conscience over something, look down; there might just be a snake coiled up in your path.

Give ear and hear my voice, pay attention and listen to what I say. Is 28:23

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Our Catholic Community Encountering and Living the Word of God

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year C
March 14, 2010
Welcomed Home

Reading 1— Joshua 5:9a, 10 – 12
(The Yield of Canaan)

Reading 2— 2 Corinthians 5: 17 – 21
(Ambassadors for Christ)

Gospel— Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11 – 32 (The Prodigal Son)

Gospel Summary

Today's Gospel is the well-known story of the prodigal son who begged for his share of the family inheritance. He took his fortune to a far away place and quickly spent all he had on his personal pleasures. He was completely broke when a serious famine struck the area and he was forced to tend pigs, an occupation prohibited to Jewish people. As he tended the pigs, he hungered for their scraps and realized that his father's slaves lived better than he did. It was then that he decided to return home, not as a son, but as a hired hand. So happy was the man's father when he saw his son return that he celebrated with all sorts of signs of honor. The father's older son, however, was very displeased with the way his father treated his brother, claiming that he had always been there working like a slave for his father. Never once had the father celebrated with this son. The father explained that the older son had always been with him and obedient. It was cause to rejoice, however, that his other son had been lost but now was found.

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

This parable about the prodigal son is a story about families and filled with emotion. Gather all your loose family photos and organize them into an album. (If you are lucky enough to be up to date, go through your photo albums.) As you arrange the photos, talk about your memory of that picture and the emotions that you associate with its circumstances. When you have finished, decide which emotion most characterizes your family. Are you pleased with this emotion or is this a good time to work on some changes?

Living the Gospel in Our Daily Lives

A time when someone welcomed me back occurred when. . .

The strongest experience I recall of unconditional love was. . .

Question of the Day:

Adults: Am I envious of anyone? Do I believe that my own blessings are not enough??

Children: What person makes my life joyful and good? Have I thanked God for that person?

Generations of Faith

Who: Every person in the parish is invited and encouraged to attend

What: A gathering of people from ALL GENERATIONS to share faith and food

When: Sunday, March 21, 2010, 11:00am – 1:00pm

Where: St. Mary Parish Life Center and Gym

Why: To prepare to celebrate the events of Holy Week, which lead us to the great feast of Easter.

Please call the Office of Faith Formation for more information.

2010 St. Mary/St. Michael Vacation Bible School

What: "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace" published by "Group"

When: The week of June 21 – 25, 2010
9:00am – 12:00pm

Who: Children age 4 years through Grade 4.

Where: St. Mary Parish Life Center, Gym and School

Why: To grow in awareness of God's presence, through a joy-filled spiritually focused experience. To have fun while discovering God's love for each person.

Adult and teen help is needed:

- Leaders of small groups of children
- Station leaders (music, snacks, arts and crafts, games, scripture),
- Advertising, communication

For more information please call Lorie Bronson or Karin Stewart(734-241-6097).

Mission Statement: St. Mary and St. Michael Parishes, working together through Vacation Bible School, strives to grow in the grace of collaboration to become a family of disciples with Christ as our Head.



Walk to Jerusalem

During the past two weeks "Walk to Jerusalem" participants have walked 4,093 miles!! We are well on our way to returning to Monroe from Jerusalem. Now in our 8th week, our walkers have demonstrated faithfulness to the mission of physical exercise. We are half-way through Lent as well and hope that your spiritual reflections and prayers are sources of strength.

LET'S KEEP WALKING ON!

We "walk on" now from Jerusalem to Monroe, remembering Christ's journey. With love for each of us He carried the cross that is the symbol of our salvation. Reverencing our body and spirit, let us "walk on" physically and spiritually from the Jerusalem destination to our homes in Monroe.

Please call Carie Kuras (734-731-0403) or Theresa Kennedy (734-384-9713) with your questions.

Let us **Walk ON!** to Monroe!

Lorie Bronson

Upcoming Exercise Activities

Yoga in St. Mary School Gym

No Yoga on March 16, date will be rescheduled, please see future bulletins for new class date
Bring water/mat/towel; Kelly Harrington, instructor

Line Dancing in St. Mary School Gym

Saturday, March 27, 3:00—4:30 p.m.

Denise Roberts, instructor

Arm Chair Exercises in the PLC

Wednesday 24, 9:30—10:30 a.m.

Monroe Home Care Connection instructor

*Soup luncheon to follow arm chair exercises on
March 24.*

(Will Our Teens Have Faith continued from page 1)

The results of the study are very relevant both in the lives of families (especially those with teenagers) and are of interest to all those concerned with the faith life of today's young people.

More information is available by calling Cliff Jackson (734-819-2203), Tonino and Renee Vicari (734-657-3855) or the Office of Faith Formation (734-241-6097).

Interested in Learning More About Your Catholic Faith?

Thursday, March 18 – "Holy Trinity: Sacred Mystery" 7:00pm – 9:00pm, St. Michael Parish, Monroe, offered by Fr. Stephen Vileo.

Thursday, March 25 – "Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist"; 7:00pm – 9:00pm at St. Michael Parish, Monroe, offered by Fr. Stephen Vileo

Please call the Faith Formation Office (734-241-6097) to register.

St. Mary Parish Lending Library

There is a new addition to the library! *The Teaching Company's* religion course entitled **Jesus and the Gospels** is taught by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, a former Benedictine monk who has written 20 books and holds a Ph.D. in New Testament studies from Yale University.

The focus of this course is not simply on Jesus, but also on the Gospels as literary compositions. Dr. Johnson explores how the Gospels came to be, how they are related to one another, and how they communicate through their structure, plot, character development, themes and symbolism. It is, as literature that the Gospels influenced history. And it is through literature that present-day readers can continue to encounter Jesus.

If you are interested in listening to these CD's, please call Lorie Bronson (734-241-6097) to reserve them.

Communal Penance Dates Monroe Parishes

Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30 pm

St. John the Baptist Parish
511 Monroe St.

Saturday, March 27 at 11:00 am

St. Anne Parish
2420 N. Dixie Hwy

Sunday, March 28 at 3:00 pm

St. Joseph Parish
924 E. Second St.
and
St. Michael Parish
502 W. Front St.

Lenten Prayer

God who created me,
 You offer me new life through your Son and through
 the gift of your sacraments.
 While I see new life all around me,
 I don't always recognize the new life you offer me.
 Help me to grow this Lent in an awareness of the gifts
 you place in my life
 and in a greater appreciation for your care.
 Give me the courage to ask for help.
 May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and
 bring us to everlasting life. AMEN.

Prayer for Priests

*"O Jesus,
 I pray for your faithful and fervent priests:
 For your unfaithful and tepid priests:
 For your priests laboring at home or abroad
 in distant mission fields.
 For your tempted priests:
 For your lonely and desolate priests:
 For your young priests:
 For your dying priests:
 For the souls of your priests in Purgatory.
 But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest
 to me:
 The priest who baptized me;
 The priests who absolved me from my sin:
 The priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me
 Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion:
 The priests who taught and instructed me:
 All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way,
 O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart.
 God bless them abundantly in time and Eternity.
 Amen"*

St. Therese of Lisieux



St. Mary Parish Respect Life Committee

"40 Days for Life" is a pro-life campaign that seeks the end of abortion. Using prayer and fasting, constant vigils at abortion facilities and community outreach, this campaign educates local communities on the consequences of abortion.

This approach upholds our Catholic teaching that each human is made in the image and likeness of God and therefore has a dignity that is sacred. It is a purposeful and peaceful approach that actively works to end abortion in the United States.

This "40 Days for Life" campaign takes place each spring and fall in hundreds of communities throughout the United States. As a result of the Fall 2009 campaign two abortion facilities closed their doors, nine clinic workers quit their jobs, and 607 lives were saved from abortion! More information is available by visiting www.40daysforlife.com.

What: St. Mary sponsored 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

Where: Planned Parenthood, 3100 Professional Dr. Ann Arbor, MI

When: Saturday, March 27th, beginning at 9am, ending at 4:00pm.

You are encouraged to sign up for a shift. Invite a friend or family member to join you. Please contact Monique Peterson (734-693-5540) for more information.

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1. Embrace someone this week with the love of the Father. A child or an adult, a friend or a family member. We find such healing in embraces. In a society that is increasingly technological and cold, do not be afraid to embrace at least one person on the name of the One who embraces us in love upon our periodic prodigal return.
2. Pray in the midst of your day. I imagine the prodigal had to pray while he was feeding the pigs. I don't doubt that prayer helped him to "come to his senses", and return to his father. Our work and busyness are not necessarily the most important task at hand. Perhaps 5 minutes spent with scripture, or a review of our day will help us to come to our senses as well on our way back to the Father.
3. Take care of the older brother: the one in your family, or at work, who just works hard, and does what is expected, but doesn't feel appreciated. They may be appreciated by you. Maybe you're the one who notices. Tell them, so that they will never feel left out of God's forgiving love.
4. Finally, plan for the feast. Instead of the fatted calf, we will celebrate the Sacred Triduum with the spotless lamb. Put the Triduum schedule in your calendar, and begin to imagine the washing of the feet, the kissing of the cross, and the blessing of the new fire that make these days so beautiful and important to us. The feast our salvation is being prepared. We have been embraced repeatedly in our lives by the forgiving father. Don't turn your back on the lavish feast that is being prepared, like the jealous older son. Hear God repeat that beautiful phrase to your heart: "everything I have is yours..." and come to rejoice with the Elect who will be brought to new life through baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist. *(Marcings continued on page 9)*

Some Suggestions from psychologist, Timothy Hogan, Ph.D. How to Find the Help for your Marriage that you Need

If destructive relational patterns have become entrenched in your marriage, choose a more intensive intervention now: you can enjoy the benefits for a lifetime! Consider a weekend experience. You will often see more improvement that you would in 20 sessions with a therapist; it is cost-effective, and a weekend away gives you the momentum for real change that runs deeper than what you often get from weekly hour-long sessions.

1. **Marriage Encounter (wwme.org)** is an excellent, time-tested enrichment weekend for any couple. It is done from a Catholic Christian perspective, although non-Catholics would be very comfortable. These weekends use brief testimonials from other couples and letter-writing exercises to improve communication.
2. **Retrouvaille (retrouvaille.org)** is like Marriage Encounter, only this weekend is for couples who are in trouble. Often couples who are struggling with infidelity, longstanding conflict, and/or are actively considering divorce will participate. Dr. Hogan has seen many couples who were close to divorce experience intense healing and go on to build very satisfying marriages through this program.
3. **Imago Relationship weekend (imagorelationships.org, 800-729-1121)**. Based on the bestselling book by Harville Hendrix, *Getting the Love You Want*, this weekend will help you to understand how your unresolved emotional issues led you to choose your spouse, and how understanding these issues for both of you hold the key to your own transformation. This is a tremendous and powerful weekend of healing. If you have been in therapy and/or are aware of your childhood wounds, then this weekend will likely be very positive. If you are not sure, get Hendrix' book and see if this approach works for you.
4. **Awakened Heart Ministries (AHMMinistries.org)**. Scott Engelman is an evangelical pastor and excellent marriage therapist who leads weekend retreats for couples called "Getting to the Heart of Marriage". Scott has a powerful ability to help couples to understand how crucial marriage is to our spiritual and emotional well-being.
5. **Recovery Groups: Recovering Couples Anonymous (recovering-couples.org)** If you or your partner is in recovery (from alcohol, sexual issues, etc), these 12-step groups do a tremendous job helping people to integrate their individual recovery with ongoing relationship building.

Lorie Bronson

Faith Formation Job Opportunity

Karin Stewart, Faith Formation Secretary, has returned to school in recent years, and continues her formation in preparation for a position in early childhood education. She has decided to devote her energies full time to her academic/professional goals. Her responsibilities in the Faith Formation Office will be complete this summer.

Faith Formation Section Head, part time. Basic catechist certification desired. Computer literate, self-starter. Willing to facilitate intergenerational learning and Vacation Bible School. Secretarial responsibilities. Resumes and references accepted online to lorieb@stmarymonroe.org or mailed to St. Mary Parish, 127 N. Monroe St. Monroe, MI 48162

St. Patrick Altar Society's Annual Roast Beef Dinner

Sunday, March 14

11:30 am—5:00 pm

Family Style Dinner includes roast beef, homemade soup, salads, potatoes, green beans and desserts.

Adults \$11, Children ages 6-11 \$4.50, Ages 5 and under free. Located at the corner of Exeter and Labo Roads in Carleton.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Lenten Fish Fry

Parish Hall

Fridays through March 26

4:30—7:30 pm, Dine in or Carry out

All-you-can-eat Perch & Shrimp, choice of potato, salad, vegetable, roll, homemade dessert, coffee, lemonade, water. \$10.00 Adults, \$8.00 Seniors & Ages 8-12 \$5.00 Ages 3-7. Free ages 2 and under. Meatless Entrée meal \$5.00

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Stewardship of our resources for the good of all

A couple of weeks ago, I pointed out that we had not been meeting our collection budget numbers. You have come through for the last two weeks, and I appreciate your willingness to help. With your help we will be able to finish the fiscal year on June 30, 2010 with our income and expenses balanced, without drawing upon our savings.

The improvements to our buildings from the *Loving in Word and Deed* will continue, with your support. Of course, those funds are kept separate, as they were raised for investment in our infrastructure. We count on your support for the operation of our Catholic school, the catechesis of all of our children and adults, the care of the poor in our community, and our worship together. We continue to monitor our spending carefully, and we do our best to economize, as you do in your homes.

An apology and an encouragement

It was brought to my attention that I failed to announce ahead of time that our Ash Wednesday evening Mass would be bilingual. I'm sorry I didn't advise people ahead of time. Many people expressed their appreciation for the beauty a celebration that includes such a diverse representation of the Body of Christ. But I should tell you ahead of time if we're going to celebrate in that way. In that vein, continuing the pattern of the past couple of years, our 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass will be a bilingual celebration

A bilingual celebration does *not* mean that everything is repeated! It does mean that the main language of the liturgy is the language of the majority of those praying there. In our parish that will usually be English. In a bilingual liturgy, the readings are introduced by a brief summary of the content of the reading in the opposite language from the language the reading will be proclaimed in. Some of the prayers of the liturgy are prayed in Spanish as well. The Eucharistic prayer is only prayed in one language and generally the language of the majority present. There can only be one Holy Thursday Mass in each parish, so a bilingual liturgy offers me as a pastor a way to evangelize people "on the margins" which has been one of our parish goals for the past two years. No matter how we feel about reforming immigration laws, our obligation to welcome Christ in the stranger during these most holiest of days never ceases. I ask your patience and understanding and invite your prayer and your participation on Holy Thursday, and through rest of the Triduum. Holy Thursday will be the only bilingual celebration in this year's Triduum.

Pray For Us



Bryn Anteau, Joseph Balk, Gertrude Bazick, Kathleen Bolt, Bill Brancheau, Margaret DiSabatino, Timothy DiSabatino, Kathy Gaynier, Amanda Jordan, Doris Lester, Paul Merz, Margaret Ocobock, Beatrice Peters, Nora Poupard, Ben Rais, Mary Ann Riehle, Mary Smith

Also, pray for our men and women in the military: Cpt. Matt Aubry, Cpt. Nicholas Cook, Joshua Gusten, PFC Nathan Ihrig, SSG John Kinsey, Sgt. Jason Mell, Michael Oley, Maj. Mark Peters II, Lt. Stephanie Zarb
Remember in prayer those in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living. You might also want to consider a friendly visit:

Fountain View

Rose Mariano
Catherine Moosman
Eunice Miller
Florence Ryland
Medilodge
Mary Ochs
Lutheran Home
Judy Jondro
Constance Emerson
Violet Bleyaert

Mercy Memorial Nursing Center

Josephine Hetu
Elta Meyers

Parkcliffe, Toledo

James Riehle

Tendercare

Edward Koessler

Pray for Peace and for the Unemployed

To add or remove a name, Please contact the parish office at 734-241-1644 or via email at parishoffice@stmarymonroe.org



Readings for the Week of March 14, 2010

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12, Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21, Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11

Seminarian Play!

Come see the **seminarians of Sacred Heart Major Seminary** as they perform their first play in more than 20 years! On **March 26 and 27 at 7:30 pm**, they will be performing **12 Angry Men** in the seminary auditorium (2701 W. Chicago Blvd. Detroit, MI 48206). This play consists of seminarians from the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Chaldean Eparchy of St. Thomas, and many other dioceses. It is open to all, free of charge, and no reservations are needed. A free-will offering will be collected after the play to support the relief effort in Haiti. You don't want to miss this!

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241-0663

Weekend Liturgy Schedule**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 4:30 p.m.**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.**Sacraments****Sacrament of Penance:** Saturday, 3:00 p.m.**Baptisms:** An instruction class for all parents of children to be baptized is mandatory. Please call the parish office for more information.**Marriage:** At least one individual must be a member of St. Mary's Church. A minimum of six months previous notice is required before the wedding date. Please phone the rectory for more information.**Sacrament of the Sick:** The priest is available to administer the Sacrament of the Sick upon request.Please phone the parish office at 241-1644. *Please tell us when you are seriously ill at home or going to the hospital. Please let our priests and other parishioners share with you the sacramental and emotional resources the church has been given by Christ. When you face a serious illness, come for the sacraments Jesus entrusts to us for these occasions.***Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Anyone interested in inquiring about our faith, or anyone interested in becoming a Roman Catholic Christian please contact the pastor at 241-1644.**Parish Council**Tracy Esper—Chairperson
Al St. Pierre—Vice ChairSal Benisatto
Dennis Blanchette
Gary R. Davis
Glenda Gentner
Mary Beth Walsh (Recording Secretary)Theresa Kennedy
William Minney
Jack Ready**Bulletin Deadline:** Friday-12:00 p.m.**Rev. 3-5-09*****This Week at St. Mary Parish*****Monday, March 15**1:00 pm—SMCC Reconciliation/CH
5:00 pm—Lenten Series/CH and PLC
8:00 pm—Prayer Group/FFO**Tuesday, March 16**9:00 am—Rosary Makers/SH
1:00 pm—SMCC Reconciliation/CH
6:00—SVPD Mtg./SH
7:00 pm—Mass
7:30 pm—Stewardship Mtg./Rectory Dining Room**Wednesday, March 17**8:15 am—Mass
11:00 am—Christian Women Soup Luncheon/PLC
7:00 pm—Choir/CH, LME/SH, Bible Study/LIB**Friday, March 19**8:15 am—SMS Mass, *no 1:15 pm Mass
2:30 pm—7:00 pm—Exposition of the Eucharist/CH
6:00 pm—God Works! Meal/PLC
7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross/CH, Baptism Class/SH**Saturday, March 20**7:30 am—Rosary
8:30 am—Mass
10:00 am—Faith Sharing/SH
4:30 pm—Mass**Sunday, March 21**7:30 am—Mass
9:30 am—Mass
11:00 am—Generations of Faith PLC/Gym
11:30 am—Mass
1:00 pm—*Misa en Espanol*
6:30 pm—Will Our Teens Have Faith/PLC
Ministry Schedule for March 20 & 21
Eucharistic Ministers
4:30 pm—M. Gayde, J. Gagnon, J. Naida
7:30 am—J. Brancheau, B. McMillan, L. Yaeger
9:30 am—A. & M. Lee, e. Pietraniec, D. St. Pierre,
B. Wahl-Galbraith

11:30 am—K. Groves, K. Rafko-Wilson, S. Scheick

Lectors4:30 pm—M. Conner, T. Laverty
7:30 am—M. Laboe, J. Ready
9:30 am—C. Morrin, D. Sontag
11:30 am—D. Heilman, M. Thomas**Altar Servers**4:30 pm—N. Gagnon, M. Antonelli, G. Cramner
7:30 am—K. Barron, M. Lamour, C. Haut
9:30 am—T. Salisbury, T. Timko, B. Van Wasshenova
11:30 am—Alex & Anna Dobberstein, J. McMillan

Altar Workers: Group #1 —, V. Ehlert, captain