



SAINT MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Second Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2010

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat. Feb. 27	5:00 p.m.	Marie Murphy
Sun. Feb. 28	8:30 a.m.	For All Our Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Malcolm & Betty Cullen
Mon. Mar. 1	9:00 a.m.	Eucharistic Prayer Service
Tues. Mar. 2	11:30 a.m.	Jim & Jodie Stephenson-Allen
Wed. Mar. 3	8:30 a.m.	Dick Keilman
Thurs. Mar. 4	7:00 a.m.	Wilbert Stewart
Fri. Mar. 5	5:00 p.m.	Maxine Wagman
Sat. Mar. 6	5:00 p.m.	Biddle Gunn
Sun. Mar. 7	8:30 a.m.	Cindy Gaddini
	10:30 a.m.	For All Our Parishioners



Bulletin announcements are due by Monday, 9:00 a.m.

LITURGY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 6 & 7

If you notice an opening at a particular Mass and you are able to fill-in, please call 868-3335 and let us know. Thank you!

Ministry	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Reader One	Cindy Baughman	Mary Jane Hendricks	Ken Hansen
Reader Two	Frank Daniels	Sandy Tiegلمان	Jessica Schafer
Commentator	Dennis Sitter	Ron Kaiser	Penny Portman
Cantor	Sharon Swanson	Mary Jo Bergs	Julie Armstrong
Servers	Brittany Riesterer Emily Riesterer Madison Berggren	Heather Hammil Kiah Snow	Kylie Berberich Sydney Hecimovich Kevin Schuh
Extraordinary Ministers	B1 – Helen Dickinson B2 – Barbara Hilliker B3 – Dave Matthusen W1 – Sophie Perrotto W2 – Pat Windle W3 – Cindy Wroblewski W4 – Betty Daniels	B1 – Marion Kaiser B2 – Linda Groeschl B3 – Darlene Brewer W1 – Donna Garbe W2 – Cathy Thomas W3 – Shelly Collins W4 – Catherine Sweeney	B1 – Nancy Heiman B2 – Rick Murphy B3 – Pat Mosher W1 – Donna Curley W2 – Marion Cousin W3 – Mari Anne Warren W4 – Sue Scherwitz
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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY PARISH

Sun. Feb. 28: RCIA will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Ark.

Sun. Feb. 28: Child care will be available from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the church hall.

Mon. Mar. 1: Optimists play practice in the center at 5:30 p.m.

Mon. Mar. 1: Stations of the Cross in church at 6:30 p.m.

Tues. Mar. 2: Weekend Scripture will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Ark. All are welcome!

Tues. Mar. 2: FF-1 Grade K – 6 classes will be held from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Tues. Mar. 2: Maintenance Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Ark.

Wed. Mar. 3: Staff Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Wed. Mar. 3: FF-1 Grade K – 6 classes will be held from 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 3: Children's Choir practice in church – 5:15 – 5:45 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 3: FF-1 Grade K – 6 classes will be held from 5:45 – 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. Mar. 4: Music Selection Committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Ark.

Thurs. Mar. 4: Optimists play practice in the center at 5:00 p.m.

Thurs. Mar. 4: Financial Peace University at 6:30 p.m. in the Ark. Class 8 – That's Not Good Enough

Thurs. Mar. 4: FF-2 Youth Ministry Leaders In- service at 7:00 p.m. in the center.

Sat. Mar. 6: Confessions from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the Reconciliation Room.

Sun. Mar. 7: FF-2 Youth Ministry Leaders makeup session at 9:20 a.m. in the center.

Sun. Mar. 7: RCIA will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Ark.

Sun. Mar. 7: St. Mary Choir will practice at 9:30 a.m. in church.

Sun. Mar. 7: FF-1 Preschool classes will be held from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the church hall.

Sun. Mar. 7: Eagle Scout ceremony at 1:00 p.m.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Molly Harris



FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Collection from last Sunday (February 21)

Envelopes	6,559.75
Offertory	384.31
Education	25.00
Loaves & Fishes	110.00
Catholic Herald	236.00
Special Collections	191.00

Collection from February 22, 2009

Envelopes	6,163.02
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READINGS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 1 - 7

Monday, March 1

Daniel 9:4b-10

Psalm 79:8, 9, 11, 13

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 2

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20

Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23

Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 3

Jeremiah 18:18-20

Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16

Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 4

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6

Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 5

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21

Matthew 21:33-34, 45-46

Sunday, March 7

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

LITURGY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: There is a sign up sheet for the various ministries for Holy Week and Easter in the gathering space. We are also asking for volunteers for the Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday. Please think about participating in this holiest of weeks and sign up soon. *Angie*

LENT 2010 Focus

The Season of Lent in the C cycle of readings invites us on a journey from where we are now in our lives to where we would like to be – to where God calls us to be. The journey involves having a clear vision of our goal – of where it is we are called to go; it involves making sure our priorities are straight; it involves repentance for past errors – correcting wrong turns; and it involves an openness to something entirely new, something we may never have thought of before.

Second Sunday of Lent: The Goal

Today's liturgy places the goal of Lent before us; it shows us where we're headed. In the first reading, God tells Abram to "look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can;" this is how many descendants he will have. And the covenant God makes with Abram is the means by which this goal will be accomplished. In the second reading, Paul describes to the Philippians the goal of the believer: "citizenship in heaven," or to say it in another way, being conformed to the glorified body of Christ. The gospel story of the transfiguration gives Jesus a glimpse of his future glory; it is also the future glory of Peter, John and James, present with Jesus on the mountain; and it is the goal, the future, of all believers. This is a vision we all need if we are to be successful in our struggle with the things of the flesh, with earthly things. We can't transfigure ourselves; it is the ultimate gift of God. Faith plays a major role: having the covenant with God (first reading); standing firm in the Lord (second reading); and listening to the Chosen Son of God (gospel).

Third Sunday of Lent Caution: Repentance Needed

Today's liturgy serves as a caution to all would-be disciples of the Lord: repentance is a key part of redemption. In the first reading, as Moses approaches the burning bush, he is cautioned by Yahweh to be careful of the holy ground he is approaching. In the second reading, Paul cautions the Corinthians concerning their faith; even though all of their ancestors ate the same spiritual food and drink, some were struck down in the desert. Paul concludes: "whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." In the gospel, Jesus cites two examples of the need for repentance; twice he cautions his audience: "if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" Still, there is a sense of rescue: in the gospel, the gardener suggests to the master that the fig tree be allowed to live and be given another chance to bear fruit before it is cut down forever.

TRAVELING CHALICE

A Program of Awareness and Prayer for Vocations

This week our parish gratefully acknowledges

Norbert & Patricia Jarzynski

as they host our Traveling Chalice



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT CATHOLIC SPIRIT CLUB: We will gather for a potluck at St. John Vianney's Marion Hall on Wednesday, March 10th at noon. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. At 1:00 p.m. Fr. Gary Krahenbuhl, pastor of Our Lady Assumption, Beloit, will speak on *The Priest Shortage and How It Affects the Church*. He will share his knowledge and insights on this timely subject. Join in for friendship, a delicious meal and an informative talk. All are welcome! Call Phyllis at 754-9462 for more information.



ST. MARY SCHOOL SALAD LUNCHEON: St. Mary's School in Janesville is having their annual salad luncheon buffet on March 5th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a wonderful variety of homemade salads, desserts, vegetable lasagna and traditional salmon loaf. Tickets are \$7 per person in advance or \$8 at the door. Children under 10 are \$3. Carry-outs are available for \$6. Please call the school for reservations at 754-5221, ext. 22.



Stewardship: A Way of Life

Second Sunday of Lent

What we can accomplish on our own is hardly worth noting. Yet with the hand of God, our life's work truly can be beautiful. When you commit yourself to living the life of a disciple, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of God whispering encouraging us. Make a list of what you feel are your God-given skills and talents, small or large. Ask someone you know and trust to check out your list and make any changes they feel are necessary. What did you learn about yourself?

A TIME TO GATHER STONES TOGETHER

Lectionary themes for March 2010

A loving husband whose work required extensive traveling never left home without asking his wife, "What would you like me to bring back for you?" Her answer to him was always the same: "Please, bring me a stone from wherever you go."

This is precisely what the husband did. On every trip he found a stone, sometimes more than one. At each homecoming, he would present the stone and tell the story of how he found it. Each stone had its story, and each made a memory to share. There was the stone from Machu Picchu; it was ancient and mysterious, for it held the secrets of a lost civilization. There was the stone from near the equator in Ecuador and another retrieved from deep within a Costa Rican volcano. There was the stone from the grotto at Lourdes and the ones from Bolivia, Argentina and Guatemala. One stone was found atop the Pyramid of the Sun in Teotihuacán, and another was picked up near the ancient walls of Avila where Teresa prayed with John. One stone traveled all the way from the Holy Land, sent by a brother and sister-in-law. Another stone came from the farm in Spain where past generations had harvested olives. Yet another was retrieved from Morocco, where the wind carves sand into crystalline flowers that the Bedouins have named "roses of the desert."



Through more than 30 years and countless miles, the couple amassed a great collection of little stones. Each had the potential to carry the wife to all those places she had not seen or heard, smelled or known except through the love of a husband and the little stones that brought home their unique messages.

As their family grew, the children too began to add to the collection. Stones from vacations were marked with the place and the year. A son-in-law brought stones from his native Brazil, and the memory stones became more numerous, more varied, more precious. Some stones in the collection were gathered from gravesites where a loved one was buried or from a garden or field where the family enjoyed a picnic. For the objective onlooker, the collection might have seemed like a worthless pile of mismatched pebbles, yet to the ones who recognized these stones as part of a precious ritual, they were more treasured than the finest jewels.

In a sense, all believers have in their possession a collection of stones, each unique in its own right, with its own place of origin and experiences that have made it what it is — smooth here, rough there, riddled with holes, lined with cracks, marked by the changing

tides and seasons of life. Every Lent offers an opportunity for us to bring these stones home to God, where each can be newly evaluated and offered to the great Architect of humankind.

For those who worry about the welcome that awaits them and their stones, the sacred texts offer reassurance. Through the experience of Moses and the Israelites (March 7, 14), we will be reminded that ours is an awesome but approachable God who knows our struggles and attends mercifully to each of us. Despite the baggage that burdens our lives, God welcomes us like a child who was lost but is now found again (March 14). On March 21, we will watch while the scribes and Pharisees bring forward an adulteress to test Jesus. Legally, she can be stoned for her actions, and we stand there with the others, armed with our collection of stones. Will we dare to hurl them at her or at others who sin? Or will we withhold judgment and keep them in our pockets until we present ourselves before God, who alone judges sinners?

As the Lucan narrative is read on Palm/Passion Sunday (March 28), we and our stones will walk the cobbled streets of Jerusalem with Jesus. We will look at Peter and see ourselves denying that we belong to Jesus. We will see in Judas the same weakness that sells out rather than stands up for the faith. Standing amid the crowds and listening to the goading of the chief priests and scribes, we will remember how easy it is to remain silent in the face of evil or simply to go along with the misguided majority. In Pilate we will see reflected our own indecisiveness; we will listen to the mocking and jeering leveled at the just Jesus and be ashamed that we allow similar injustices to go unchecked in our world.

Will we, like the women of Jerusalem who wept for Jesus, also weep for the downtrodden of this world and do something to alleviate their suffering? Will we, like Simon, who helped Jesus to carry his cross, help others carry their burdens through life? Finally, as the Passion proclamation comes to an end, we will stand at the rock-hewn tomb where they laid Jesus' body, and with all our stones gathered around us, we will be grateful that we know the rest of the story, yet to be told and celebrated on Easter.

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HEALING AFTER ABORTION: Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer hope and healing for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. Upcoming retreat will be held April 16-18 in the Madison area. For more information call 608-821-3177 or Mary 608-221-9593 or email HelpForYou@straphael.org; www.madisondiocese.org/rachel. *Confidentiality is assured.*

Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the trauma of abortion – one weekend at a time

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

JANESVILLE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB: Invites you to attend their annual Irish Luncheon on Saturday March 13th at Kandu Industries. Socializing at 11:30 a.m. (cash bar); luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Corned beef, cabbage and baked chicken. Children's menu: Chicken strips and french fries. Cost for adults is \$17.00 and children 12 and under is \$8.00. RSVP no later than March 6th. Make check payable to Janesville CWC and mail to Mary Ann Reilly, 2222 N. Lexington Dr, Janesville, WI 53545-0538.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY BUFFET & POT OF GOLD RAFFLE: St. Patrick's Church in Janesville will hold their annual Buffet and Raffle on Wednesday, March 17th in the school. Buffet served from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Menu includes corned beef and baked chicken, cabbage, mashed potatoes, chicken strips, french fries, corn, carrots, rolls, dessert and beverage. Cost for adults is \$9 in advance, \$10 at door; 6-14 year old: \$5 advance and \$6 at door; 5 years and under are free. Advance ticket deadline is March 12th at the rectory or school office. Grade Prize is \$3,000.



JANESVILLE ELKS LODGE 254: Join us for a St. Patrick's Party on Wednesday, March 17th. Serving corn beef and cabbage with chicken dinner buffet style. Cocktails at 5:00 p.m. and dinner served from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. cost is \$11.00 per person. Dancing 7:30 – 10:30 p.m. to the VIP's from the Butterfly Club. Irish songs by Brian Hansen. Call 752-2342 for reservations.

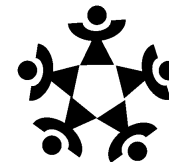


CLUSTER

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**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS
OF ANY PARISH IN THE CLUSTER**

March 1	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross – <i>St. Mary, Milton</i>
March 2	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Adoration – <i>St. William</i>
March 2	9:30 a.m.	Weekend Scripture – <i>St. Mary, Milton</i>
March 2	11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.	Bible discussion with Joni Jarstad (John 11:55-12:50) – <i>Nativity of Mary Nativity House</i>
March 2	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Adoration – <i>St. John Vianney</i>
March 2	6:30 p.m.	Fr. Bill Hower will speak of his experiences as a Military Chaplain as part of the Lenten Military Service Proj – <i>St. John Vianney Marian Hall</i>
March 3	9:15 a.m.	Women’s Scripture Study. All are welcome; child care available. - <i>St. John Vianney Marian Hall</i>
March 3	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Benediction - <i>St. Patrick</i>
March 4	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Adoration – <i>St. Patrick</i>
March 4	6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University-Class 8 That’s Not Good Enough – <i>St. Mary</i>
March 5	6:00 – 7:45 a.m.	Adoration – <i>St. John Vianney</i>
	9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Adoration – <i>St. John Vianney</i>
	2:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross– <i>St. John Vianney</i>
March 5	10:30 a.m.	Stations of the Cross – <i>Nativity of Mary</i>
March 5	2:15 p.m.	Stations of the Cross – <i>St. William</i>
March 5	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Salad Luncheon – <i>Nativity of Mary Gym</i>
March 5	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Fish Fry – <i>St. Patrick</i>
March 6	5:00 p.m.	Bingo – <i>St. Patrick</i>
March 7	After both Masses	Peace & Justice Breakfast. All receipts help pay for shipping of items to the military overseas. Veterans and current military are welcome to come in uniform. – <i>St. John Vianney Commons</i>



March 8	7:00 p.m.	First week of Dr. Gary Smalley's Marriage Enrichment video program. Four consecutive Monday evenings. Child care provided. Call 752-8708 to register. \$10 material fee – <i>St. John Vianney Marian Hall</i>
March 8	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Taize Prayer – <i>Nativity of Mary</i>

REMINDER: If you or a family member or someone you know is confined or hospitalized and would benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact your parish office and let them know. Staff does not always know of hospital admissions for a variety of reasons and often has no way of knowing of other situations in which a parish contact would be beneficial.

**CLUSTER CHURCH
MASS SCHEDULES**

<p>St. John Vianney Sat. – 5:00 p.m. Sun. – 8:15 & 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>Nativity of Mary Sat. – 4:30 p.m. Sun. – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>St. Patrick Sat. – 4:00 p.m. Sun. – 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>St. William Sat. – 5:30 p.m. Sun. – 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.</p>
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