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**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

**CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE
BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT.**

ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:40 A.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary – Carolyn Roth (Tim Roth)

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY 9:45 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY BEFORE
10:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. MARY CHURCH**

10:00 a.m. St. Mary – Deceased of the Steele, Craycraft, Flaugher Families (Chuck and Rose Craycraft)

Noon St. Benignus – Rosemary Kropfelder (Alba Shanks)
Fr. Mike Paraniuk

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

9:15 a.m. St. Mary – Exequiel Riguer (Josie Riguer)

ROSARY EVERY TUESDAY AT 11:00 A.M. AT ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

11:30 a.m. St. Benignus – Don Flynn (Birthday) (Bob Dye)
Fr. Mark Bredestege

ROSARY EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH

Thursday, February 29, 2024

7:00 p.m. St. Mary – Inez Koenig (Paul Vukovich)
Fr. Mike Paraniuk

Friday, March 1, 2024

9:30 a.m. St. Mary First Friday Mass – Richard Lane (Joe Lane)
Noon St. Benignus – Anthony Beverly (Josh Beverly)
Fr. Mark Bredestege

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – St. Benignus (Fr. Mark Bredestege)
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – St. Mary

Saturday, March 2, 2024

3:30 p.m. St. Benignus – Elizabeth Enzweiler (Don & Sharyn Salzano)
5:30 p.m. St. Mary – Gail Hollen-Smith (Amanda Hall)
Fr. Mark Bredestege

Sunday, March 3, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary – Ken Breckel (Lydia Breckel)
10:00 a.m. St. Mary – Charles Elking (Blake Walters)
Noon St. Benignus – Regina Gohring (Birthday) (Debbie Terry)
Fr. Mark Bredestege

ST. MARY COLLECTION FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Weekly Need	\$ 6,500.00
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 5,153.00
Variance	\$ -1,347.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED	\$ 221,000.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$ 202,321.00
VARIANCE.....	\$ -18,679.00

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Weekly Need	\$ 1,900.00
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 2,549.00
Variance	\$ +649.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED	\$ 64,600.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$ 80,595.00
VARIANCE.....	\$ +15,995.00

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Remember in your prayers those parishioners or their family or friends who are sick, in the hospital, nursing home, homebound or in need of prayers...

ST. BENIGNUS & ST. MARY PRAYER LIST

Holly Ruth Givens, Jeff Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Teresa Staten, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Howard Smith, Laura Sprauer, Anthony Conrad, Deacon Len Parker, Sandy Singer, Ed Davis, Jonda Davidson, Patricia Wolfe, Lillie Myers, The Feltner Family, Nancy Bushelman, Nick Oglesby

****To Add/Remove from Parish Prayer List, please inform the office (937-840-9932, St. Mary) or leave a note in the collection basket. (St. Benignus Church Office, 937-981-2785)****

BULLETIN DEADLINE

****Please submit by Monday 10:00 a.m. in writing or e-mail justleahatstmary@gmail.com, or submit in my mailbox located at the front of the school or call the office at 937-840-9932.****



\$75,512.21 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall.



Evangelization Team: Meets **April 11, 2024**, at **6:00 p.m.** at **St. Mary – Hillsboro**

Love In Action Team: Meets **April 13, 2024**, at **10:00 a.m.** at **St. Mary – Hillsboro**

Stewardship Team: Meets **April 18, 2024**, at **6:30 p.m.** at **Mary Queen of Heaven – Peebles**

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St. Mary Church BINGO Income – Total since May 5, 2023: \$12,352.15
Bingo Team 2 (April 5, 2024)

Sally Frydryk, Tara Bloom, Joyce Combs, David & Mary Tamborski, Kevin & Teresa Stuebs

Birthday Blessings!

- February 25 – Kelli Cole, Mary Eldridge, Dr. Don Salzano
- February 26 – Bobby Harless, Mary Jo Schultz
- February 27 – David Frump, Yvonne Miller, Carole Moses
- February 28 – George Kuntz
- March 1 – Jim McKown
- March 2 – Heather Moeller, Michael Mobley
- March 3 – Pat Adams, Cheryl Moeller, Richard Vilvens
- March 5 – Margaret Mobley, John Moenster, Jonathan Michael, James O’Connor, Mike Shanahan
- March 6 – Karen Kowalewsky, Jenna Repula, Mike Sams
- March 7 – Adaliene Ackley
- March 8 – Mason Collins, Mark Gillespie
- March 9 – Blake Bagshaw, John Combs

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, February 25, 2024

- 10:30 a.m. PSR Religious Ed. Bldg. – *St. Benignus*
- 1:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting – Fr. Lay Hall – *St. Benignus*

Sunday, March 3, 2024

- 10:30 a.m. PSR Religious Ed. Bldg. – *St. Benignus*

Thursday, March 14, 2024

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – *St. Benignus*



Knights of Columbus

**-FRIDAYS-
FISH FRY!**



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ST. MARY FISH FRY

Each week during the Fish Fry season at St. Mary, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer to bring a dessert and/or to serve food at the Fish Fry. Each week we will need 15 desserts and 14 volunteers to serve. Please sign your name on the sheet if you can help out. Desserts and workers need to be at the hall by 4:00 p.m. on the afternoon of the Fish Fry. Any questions please contact Lois Richendollar at 513-543-4098. Thank you.

ST. MARY PSR REQUEST

Wanted: Metal Altoids tins. We have a PSR project in the spring; please contact Michelle at 937-840-9932 or at stmarycre119@gmail.com or drop off on the Narthex Table at St. Mary Church.

**Saint Benignus
Knights of Columbus 14092**



FISH FRY



**Friday February 16
And every Friday
until March 22**

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Adults: \$12.00

Child 12 and under: \$8.00

Fish Sandwich: \$7.00

ALL YOU CAN EAT OR CARRY OUT

Fish, Cole slaw, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Deserts, Drinks

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St. Benignus Knights of Columbus are asking ladies of the Parish to provide desserts for the Fish Fry and help serve.

FORMED SIGN-UP-LOG IN:

- Search (45133) Zip Code to gain access on Formed for Free!
- We currently have the book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* purchased.
- Planning on forming a book study after Easter. More information to come.
- Contact Michelle Vanzant-Salyer for more information/questions at 937-840-9932.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT OVERCOMING HUNGER

In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately– due to the changing climate– the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit csrricebowl.org to read this week’s Story of Hope.





HELPING PARENTS CHOOSE LIFE...

WHAT BETTER TIME TO GIFT TO NEW LIFE THAN EASTER!

Saint Mary Catholic Church is accepting collections for our local mothers and babies for The Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center (SOPC). Simply gift a box of diapers and/or wipes and place in the Narthex by March 24th. In lieu of items, the pregnancy center is also asking for monetary donations this year for the Lenten Baby Shower. This is a friendly reminder that there is the monthly SOPC envelope in your packets of envelopes.

Items in need:

- Baby wipes
- Diapers size 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and/or Pull-Ups
- Monetary donations to purchase special items in needs and material aids

"It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters."
 – Mother Teresa

Final collection will be made Sunday, March 24th and given to The Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center before Easter. Thank you for your donation. Let us pray for peace this Lenten season and always. In JESUS' name.

PRAY FOR OUR CATACHUMENS:

Amy, Calab, Jay, and Roe and our Candidate for Full Communion, Erica as they continue their journey into the Catholic Faith. They will be received into the Church at this year's Easter Vigil.



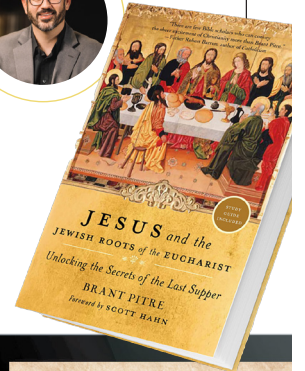
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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Holy Week & Easter Schedule



March 24

Palm Sunday

8:00am - St. Mary
 10:00am - St. Mary
 Noon - St. Benignus
 Fr. Mike Paraniuk

March 28

Holy Thursday

St. Benignus
 7:00pm
 Fr. Mark Bredestege

March 29

Good Friday

Noon - St. Mary
 6:00pm - St. Benignus
 7:30pm - St. Mary
 Fr. Mike Paraniuk

March 30

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:45pm - St. Mary
 Fr. Mike Paraniuk

March 31

Easter Sunday

8:00am - St. Mary
 10:00am - St. Mary
 Noon - St. Benignus
 Fr. Mark Bredestege

SERMON ON THE TRANSFIGURATION

I have been wearing glasses since I was twelve years old. The first time I wore them in public was traumatic. Kids in school made fun of me. On top of the chubby and big ears snarky slurs, now they added one more - "four eyes". But I didn't care because I could actually see. I remember looking in awe seeing the beauty of a flower. I said to my mom excitedly, "I saw a rose today. They are so pretty!" My mom asked, "Haven't you seen a rose before?" I answered, "No, not really."

There are two ways to look at everything in life. From the "outside in" or the "inside out". When I looked at that rose from the "outside in", I could only see a blurred picture of that rose due to my limited eyesight. From my outside vision I couldn't grasp the bright red color or the beauty of the petals within the flower. But through my corrective glasses I could see the true glory of that rose revealed from the inside out to my eyes.

What is a transfiguration? It means a change in appearance from the inside to something more beautiful or glorious on the outside. Picture a caterpillar changing into a beautiful butterfly.

God is giving you a message today through the Transfiguration of Jesus. God is saying, "Don't look at your life from the outside only. Look also to what lies within."

From the outside, Jesus looked common like any other Jewish man of his day. But from within Jesus there was another reality of God shining forth Divine Light from that lowly human body.

If you look at the things happening in your life only from the outside world, you won't get a clear picture. Your understanding will be incomplete or even blurred. This lack of clear vision could cause you to doubt God's Love and care.

God wants you to look within and see His Divine Presence in everything, especially your most difficult moments. From within God reveals His Divine Purpose out to you.

How do I see His Presence within the crosses I carry? How can I see His Plan for me when I feel so powerless. Through the lens of Faith.

Faith is the glasses that correct your limited earthly sight to spiritually see God is always there. "Be still and know that I am God." (Ps 46:10) This is God's command to stop worrying and trust in His Divinity dwelling even in your crosses. God placed His Divinity inside of you just like it dwelled inside of Jesus. You are a tabernacle holding the Glory of God. Jesus says this clearly in John 14:23, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

The same Divine Jesus of the Transfiguration lives in you right now. Think about that. That's totally awesome, beyond what my little mind can grasp.

What should your response be to God living in your soul? God tells you in Mark 9:7, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" What does it mean to listen to Jesus? It means you must humbly seek to be like Jesus so His life becomes your life.

God's desire is for you to be "conformed to the image of His Son" (Romans 8:29).

Just as I was asking God how to conclude this sermon, so I don't go too long, a text came through my iPhone. (In the Catholic tradition, any sermon over 8 minutes can induce a spontaneous coma.) St. Mary parishioner Brandon Fullenkamp texted me this beautiful reflection concerning Lenten fasting:

"The sacrifice is not in the stomach, but in the heart. They refrain from eating meat, but don't talk to their family, don't visit their parents or bother to care for them. They don't share food with the needy...A good barbeque or beef stew won't make you a bad person just like a fish fillet won't turn you into a saint. Seek to have a deeper relationship with God through better treatment of others. Let's be less arrogant and more humble at heart."

Whoever wrote that can truly see. Happy Lent...Fr. Mike

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