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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 3, 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, MARCH 3, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Ken Breckel (Lydia Breckel)

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 9:45 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY

BEFORE 10:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. MARY CHURCH

10:00 a.m. St. Mary Charles Elking (Blake Walters)

Noon St. Benignus Regina Gohring (Birthday) (Debbie Terry)

Fr. Mark Bredestege

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

9:15 a.m. St. Mary Stanley and Rosemary Feder (Joyce Combs)

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

11:30 a.m. St. Benignus Arlene Boulas (Ellen Clark)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

7:00 p.m. St. Mary Barb Wilkinson (Mary Tamborski)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

Noon St. Benignus The Dye Family (Bob Dye)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – St. Benignus

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

3:30 p.m. St. Benignus Margery Speakman (Birthday) (Eric & Cathy Givens)

5:30 p.m. St. Mary Shine Frydryk (Sally Frydryk)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Isidor & Lydia Brown (Lydia Breckel)

10:00 a.m. St. Mary Charles Elking (Blake Walters)

Noon St. Benignus Janet & Lawrence Sowders (Debbie & Susie Kennedy)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk



ST. MARY COLLECTION – FEBRUARY 25, 2024

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----|------------|
| Weekly Need | \$ | 6,500.00 |
| Weekly Collection..... | \$ | 4,399.00 |
| Variance | \$ | -2,101.00 |
| FISCAL YEAR NEED | \$ | 227,500.00 |
| FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED | \$ | 206,720.00 |
| VARIANCE..... | \$ | -20,780.00 |

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION – FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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|-----------------------------|----|------------|
| Weekly Need | \$ | 1,900.00 |
| Weekly Collection..... | \$ | 1,845.00 |
| Variance | \$ | -55.00 |
| FISCAL YEAR NEED | \$ | 66,500.00 |
| FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED | \$ | 82,440.00 |
| VARIANCE..... | \$ | +15,940.00 |

Thank You for your Generosity!

BEACONS OF LIGHT

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**



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have filled out the Disciple Maker Index Survey. Your help in this process is greatly appreciated. These surveys have highlighted various strengths and weaknesses in our parishes and will be used to make them better for the future, especially as we move forward with the Beacons of Light.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

10:30 a.m. PSR – Religious Education Building
St. Benignus

THURSDAY MARCH 7, 2024

6:00-7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry – Religious Education Building
St. Benignus

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

10:30 a.m. PSR – Religious Education Building
St. Benignus

1:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – Religious Education Building
St. Benignus

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

6:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
St. Benignus

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, Deacon Len Parker, Sandy Singer, Ed Davis, Lillie Myers, The Feltner Family, Nancy Bushelman, Nick Oglesby, Todd Blankenship, Greyson Meyer

****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.****

FR. LUEHRMANN HALL

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



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!

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



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 need 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.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT - RAISING CHICKENS TO SUPPORT HER FAMILY

Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra’s family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services’ project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week’s Story of Hope.





-FRIDAYS- FISH FRY!



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ALL PROFITS GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES!

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ST. MARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

Fridays from 4:30-7:30 p.m.
March 8, 15, 22
Drive-thru available or Dine-In

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. If you have 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.

*Loving God,
I hear Your invitation
"Come back to me"
and I am filled with
such a longing to return
to You.
Show me the way
to return.
Lead me this day in good
works I do in Your
name and send Your
Spirit to guide me and
strengthen my faith.
I ask only to feel Your
love in my life today.*

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

Corner of 2nd St. and Mirabeau St.

ATTENTION:

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

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 JOHN 2:13-25

One of my favorite movies is "Oh God" from 1977. God appears as a kindly old man (played by George Burns) to an assistant grocery store manager named Jerry Landers (played by John Denver). God tells Jerry He has chosen him to be His messenger to a world that has grown corrupt. I remember this one scene where God sent Jerry to confront a megachurch preacher who used his preaching to grow rich. The preacher, wearing an all-white suit, waxes eloquently saying, "The Bible tells us God knows the falling of a sparrow and depth of your pocket!" It reminded me of comedian Gary Burbank playing a preacher telling his flock. "Don't make me holler, don't make me shout, turn those pockets inside out!" The movie preacher exhorts the people to put their money, "In our hands what you would put in God's hands!" The congregation yells "Amen!" as they approach the altar to place into the preacher's hands the "quiet of the green not the noise of the change."

Jerry courageously approaches the altar to interrupt the grift. He tells the preacher that God is unhappy that he is getting rich by manipulating people to give him all their money. He told the preacher to stop pretending he speaks for God. Jerry concludes by saying, "God suggests that you go back to selling shoes." The preacher responds, "Get him out of here!" to which Jerry replies, "Well, that's what God said."

Jesus takes on the role of Jerry in the cleansing of the temple. Jesus was peeved when He saw all the grift done in the name of worshipping God. Worshippers twenty years and older had to make a donation to the temple priests. They had to change their common money for temple money called "Tyrian" which was the purest silver coins. A lot of stealing occurred during this exchange of currency. Then you were forced to buy only "Temple Approved" sheep and oxen animals for sacrifice at marked up prices like what hotels do on the weekends.

At first, all this business was done outside the temple. But as business grew, they moved inside to get a better location. Imagine trying to worship God while walking through sheep poop attempting to get to the money changers screaming out, "Best rates in town over here!" Business was more important than prayer. God's House became a flea market. Jesus could not contain His anger that the holiest place on earth housed a den of thieves.

Jesus not only cleansed the temple, but He makes a dramatic proclamation. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (John 2:19) Jesus declares that He is now the Temple of God. To make sure everyone understands the importance of what Jesus just said, John writes verse 2:21 leaving no doubt, "But he was speaking about the temple of his body."

Here is why this proclamation is so important it will change your whole life. Since Jesus is the New Temple of God, anyone who loves Jesus, who believes in Him, who desires a close relationship with Him also becomes a Temple of God. The glory of God shining through the body of Jesus at the Transfiguration now radiates from within your body. (I have a big body to hold more of His Glory.)

Jesus said 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 within him." This is so awesome. A temple is the place where God dwells. God made your body His Temple. God said in 1 Corinthians 6:19 "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own."

You belong to God. What should your response be to this wonderful reality? First, cleanse your temple. Get rid of the dust bunnies of sin. Remove from your Temple any impurity like selfishness, greed, or pride.

Second, open wide the doors of your Temple to reveal God. Let God's Light shine forth through your acts of kindness, love and care. There is always someone who needs to meet God. May they meet God through you. I just got a call from a parishioner who wondered if she did the right thing by welcoming a gay neighbor into her home. I replied, "He met Jesus today. He met Him through you." I told her to welcome him to church.

I close with a line from the movie "Oh, God" where God tells Jerry not to worry about those who do not yet believe in God. "If you find it hard to believe in Me, maybe it will help to know that I believe in you." God believes in you so much He bought you at a great price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies. (1 Cor 6:20) Happy Lent... Fr. Mike

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