



# ST. MARY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. Mary Mission Statement:*  
To be companions with Christ  
our Savior

March 27, 2022

The Fourth Sunday  
of Lent

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil -5:30pm  
Lord's Day -8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Forgiveness  
(Confession)

Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment  
Sun. 8:00-8:25 am

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Dixie Pomeroy-620-327-2437

**Knights of Columbus**

Chris Kitzke-316-217-4541

**Catechism Class (Formerly PSR)**

Mandy Casey-620-200-7278



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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**OPEN ADORATION HOURS:**

**Monday:** 7pm & 9pm  
**Tuesday:** 5pm  
**Wednesday:** 4pm (til August)  
**Thursday:** 2am & 3am  
Please call OLG at 316-283-3499 if interested in taking an hour or being a substitute!

**Office Hours:**

**Monday--Thursday 9am-4:30pm**  
**Friday--9am-12:30pm**

**WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday:**  
**5:30pm; Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00am**



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	March 29
5:30pm	✦ Don Snapp
Wednesday	March 30
8:00am	Haleigh Carson
Thursday	March 31
8:00am	✦ Fred Kuestersteffen
Friday	April 1
8:00am	June Claassen
Saturday	April 2, St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
8:00am	✦ Gerald Huelskamp
5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	April 3, Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30am	✦ Sue Casey
10:30am	✦ David Winter

**Please Pray For our Sick, Home Bound & Care Home Parishioners:** Deanna Beckner ✦ Nancy Budde ✦ Barbara Fayette ✦ Alma Gordon ✦ Betty Hanna ✦ Virginia Holub ✦ Deb Kelso ✦ Lou Kuestersteffen ✦ Joe LaBelle ✦ Nancy McFarlane ✦ Terry Meyers ✦ Maggie Morgan ✦ Stacy Morris ✦ Brett Roufs ✦ Bryan Sahlfeld ✦ Kay Schommer ✦ Walt & Lois Silvernale

## Stewardship Message —

Reckless Love

Jos 5:9A, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Today we read the parable of the prodigal son — a familiar story to most of us. We have learned to study the three main characters in the story: the unconditionally forgiving father, the righteous older son, and the sinful younger son. Chances are, each time we read this story, we find that we relate to a different character. But let's consider this story from a stewardship perspective. The younger son took all the gifts he was given and spent them selfishly and sinfully. He thought he was living life to the fullest, but quickly found that to be untrue. The older son protected the gifts he received out of obedient devotion to his father but, in the end, he seems to resent doing so. Only the father in this story gives recklessly. He gives abundantly of himself, knowing how each son will react to the gifts, and he forgives in incredible proportions when the boys realize their mistakes. It is the father who disciplines his sons and it is he whom we should emulate each day of our lives. Being fully alive as disciples means receiving the gifts we've been given and sharing them in incredible proportions!!

## CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**Morgan Elaine Brenneman** received the Sacrament of Baptism on March 19, 2022. She is the daughter of Tyler & Marie Brenneman and granddaughter of Mark & Janet Scheffler.

## Our Deepest Sympathy....

To the family of **Norman Salmans**, who passed away on March 18, 2022. He was the father of Joe Salmans & Sharon Harrison.

—May the love of God comfort you all

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will serve Lenten Fish Fry Meals on April 1st & April 8th at St.

Mary's from 5:00pm—7:30pm in the gym. The menu: Fried catfish or baked tilapia with mac n cheese, fried potatoes, coleslaw, garlic bread, drink & dessert. The cost is \$10.00. Dine in our carry out.

## NOTICE—St. Mary Cemetery Cleanup

St. Mary Cemetery has had much activity during the year following the Covid-19 pandemic and consequently there is much to do to get back to normal. We ask that you prayerfully consider adjusting your schedule to help with activities. 8:00—12:00pm Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

**Clean up is scheduled for April 9, 2022**

**Rainout April 16, 2022 ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

## OFF TO THE RACES

**St. Mary School Auction is back live this year, with an online silent auction available in the days leading up to the event.** The online silent auction will run Sunday, April 24-Friday, April 29, with the live auction event on Saturday, April 30th. For more information, call the school office at 282-1974.

## Our Gifts to God & Parish

**Fiscal Year: July 2021-June 2022**

Collections for: **March 20, 2022**

*Regular Collection	\$ 11,700.77
Children's Collection	\$ 133.85
	<b>\$ 11,834.85</b>
Other:	
*Building Fund.....	\$ 677.00
Budget per week is.....	\$ 14,584.60

Collections year-to-date compared to budget

Through March 20, 2022 **\$ (16,160.68)**

**Your contributions are greatly appreciated. If you are behind, please make every effort to catch up & do your part. Thank you!** —Father Voelker

## DOCTRINAL SECTION

In the teaching of Christ Himself, this image inherited from the Old Testament becomes at the same time simpler and more profound. This is perhaps most evident in the parable of the prodigal son. Although the word "mercy" does not appear, it nevertheless expresses the essence of the divine mercy in a particularly clear way. That son, who receives from the father the portion of the inheritance that is due to him and leaves home to squander it in a far country "in loose living," in a certain sense is the man of every period, beginning with the one who was the first to lose the inheritance of grace and original justice. The analogy at this point is very wide-ranging. The parable indirectly touches upon every breach of the covenant of love, every loss of grace, every sin. In this analogy there is less emphasis than in the prophetic tradition on the unfaithfulness of the whole people of Israel, although the analogy of the prodigal son may extend to this also. "When he had spent everything," the son "began to be in need," especially as "a great famine arose in that country" to which he had gone after leaving his father's house. And in this situation "he would gladly have fed on" anything, even "the pods that the swine ate," the swine that he herded for "one of the citizens of that country." But even this was refused him. It is at this point that he makes the decision: "I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"<sup>63</sup> These are words that reveal more deeply the essential problem. Through the complex material situation in which the prodigal son found himself because of his folly, because of sin, the sense of lost dignity had matured. When he decides to return to his father's house, to ask his father to be received-no longer by virtue of his right as a son, but as an employee-at first sight he seems to be acting by reason of the hunger and poverty that he had fallen into; this motive, however, is permeated by an awareness of a deeper loss: to be a hired servant in his own father's house is certainly a great humiliation and source of shame. Nevertheless, the prodigal son is ready to undergo that humiliation and shame. He realizes that he no longer has any right except to be an employee in his father's house. His decision is taken in full consciousness of what he has deserved and of what he can still have a right to in accordance with the norms of justice.

~St. John Paul II

### St. Vincent de Paul

This parable tells us most about the meaning of conversion, and is found in two verbs. The request the younger son makes to his father is this: "Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me." Toward the end of the parable, when the younger son returns home, the request he makes of his father is this: "Father, make me one of your hired servants." Between the "give me" at the beginning and the "make me" at the end lies the story of conversion. There is an altogether different attitude of mind expressed in the "give me my money" and "make me one of your hired servants." In the story of conversion you will find that the starting point is a selfish demand, and the finishing point is a readiness to be a servant.

## Parish Information

### Communion to the Sick

If you are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or are recovering from surgery, call the parish office so that Communion may be brought to you.

### Bulletin Deadline

Must be submitted in writing no later than 10am on Tue.

### Catechism Class (Formerly PSR)

Grades 1st- 8th - 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am in the Parish Center. Mandy Casey (620) 200-7278

### Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Wednesday: 7pm; Grades 9-12 Bill & Carrie Weber & Jonathan & Kasey Weber

### Perpetual Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Chapel is located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 421 S. Ash. If interested in a permanent hour call coordinator, call Laurie Kimere at (417)531-8904.

### Rosary Prayer Line

Call the parish office at 316-282-0459 ext. 3, to activate the line. If there is no answer, leave a detailed message and the line will be activated as soon as possible.

### Welcome/Registering

Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Parish. Please register by calling or dropping by the parish office. Please keep us informed of changes of names, addresses, numbers, etc.

### Interested in the Catholic Faith

A warm invitation is extended to non-Catholics to attend any of our religious services. They are particularly invited to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. For more information, call the parish office at 316-282-0459.

## Information About Sacraments

\*\*PLEASE CALL FR. VOELKER AT 316-282-0459 EXT. 2

### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are required to be registered in the parish. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

In an emergency of serious illness, if sick and confined to a home, entering a hospital or local nursing home - please notify the rectory.

### Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

Saturday 4:00 -5:00 p.m. Sunday at 8:00-8:25 a.m. Any time by appointment.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples intending to enter into Christian Marriage are asked to call the parish office for an appointment. The first appointment must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the proposed date of marriage.

Readings for the week of March 27, 2022  
 Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2  
 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and  
 13b/Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/  
 Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn  
 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and  
 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn  
 7:40-53  
 Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/  
 Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

**VALUE THEM BOTH!! Prayer Rally at  
 Wichita Abortion Clinic, April 1**

A local clergy member will lead KFL and other pro-life faithful for an hour of peaceful prayer on the sidewalks in front of one of the Wichita abortion clinics. Rally begins at 10 a.m., 5107 E. Kellogg Dr., Wichita

**The Parish Leadership Team**

The Movement called "Amazing Parish" has been adapted by many parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Wichita. Its founder is Pat Lencioni, a New York Times best-selling author and who has worked with hundreds of corporations to help them achieve success through organizational health and leadership. This Leadership team meets regularly with the Pastors to assist with the needs of the Parish of St. Mary. Our leadership team members are: *Joshua Bargdill, Mary Ann Bruggeman, Amber Holguin, Mike Weber, Fr. Voelker and Fr. Max Biltz.*

**New to the Parish?**

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish, we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you would like to join the parish please complete the information below and return it to us in the collection basket, or by mail. We will send you registration information or you may come by the parish office and register.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Liturgical Role**

**Altar Servers**

Fri. 04/01 5:30pm-Stations—Anthony Holguin, Alex. Hueslkamp  
 Sat. 04/02 5:30pm Luke & Leah Littlejohn  
 Sun. 04/03 8:30am Payton Ryan & Evan Kaiser  
 Sun. 04/03 10:30am Wilson & JD Eustace \*Ryan R

**Greeters**

Sat. 04/02 5:30pm Aaron Osner family  
 Sun. 04/03 8:30am Jacob Stucky family  
 Sun. 04/03 10:30am Dr. Tom & Lettie Kruse

**Cantor/Accompanist**

Sat. 04/02 5:30pm T. Osner, S. Herdler  
 Sun. 04/03 8:30am M. Frazier, L. Curriel  
 Sun. 04/03 10:30am A. Cox, E. Stabler

**Lector**

Sat. 04/02 5:30pm Barbara Bunting  
 Sun. 04/03 8:30am Betty Lanzrath  
 Sun. 04/03 10:30am Terri Bockhaus

**Sacristans**

Weekday-March 29-April 2—Mary Russell  
 Sat. 04/02 5:30pm Mary Russell  
 Sun. 04/03 8:30am Paula Blann  
 Sun. 04/03 10:30am Mary Ann Bruggeman

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Weekday—School staff Mar. 30 & Apr. 1; Mar. 31-MAB  
 Sat. 04/02 5:30pm Karen Ferguson  
 Sun. 04/03 8:30am Kathleen Morris  
 Sun. 04/03 10:30am Steve Holub  
 Schowalter Villa—Mike O'Halloran

**Nursing Homes & Shut Ins/EMHC—**

April 2—Shari McCall

**Hospital EMHC:**

April 3—Sue Schmidt

**Ushers**

Sat. 04/02 5:30pm Dennis & Blake Alexander  
 Sun. 04/03 8:30am Ray Schmitt & John Sommers  
 Sun. 04/03 10:30am Randy & Tami Carlgren

**Church Cleaners— April 1**

Rafael, Paulina, Gabriel & Melissa Navarro & Holly Terrell

**Wash Server Albs April 4—**

Tina Lanza & Marcia Mathews

Our advertiser of the week is

**Empower Physical Therapy**  
 Jerry Pomeroy, PT

Please check their ad in  
 the back of the bulletin.



# Calendar of Events

April  
2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 8am Mass 5:30pm Stations of the Cross K of C Fish Fry 5-7:30pm-gym Family Home Rosary-7pm 316-200-0412	2 8am Latin Mass Confessions 4-5pm 5:30 PM Mass
3 8:30 & 10:30 Masses Catechism 9:30  Catechism Confirmation class 7pm-PC Lord's Pantry A-F	4 No Mass SVdP meeting 7pm-OLG	5 5:30pm Mass  Staff Holy Hour 7pm	6 8am Mass  <b>Confession/ Adoration 7pm</b>	7 8am Mass Legion of Mary 5pm RCIA 7pm-PC  Altar Society 6:30pm-PC	8 5:30pm Stations  K of C Fish Fry 5-7:30pm-gym Family Home Rosary-7pm 316-200-0412	9 8am Latin Mass  Confessions 4-5pm 5:30 PM Mass
10 8:30 & 10:30 Masses Catechism Confirmation class 7pm-PC  Lord's Pantry G-L	11 No Mass Spring break Knights of Columbus 7:30pm—OLG	12 5:30pm Mass  <b>Confession/ Adoration 7pm</b>	13 8am Mass  <b>Confession/ Adoration 7pm</b>	14 8am Mass Legion of Mary 5pm 6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  <i>Parish Office Closes 11:30am</i>	15 8am Tenebrae NOON-CYM Stations of Cross Celebration of Lord's Passion 6pm <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	16 No 8am Latin Mass  Easter Vigil 8pm (Catechism Class confirmation)
17 8:30 & 10:30 Masses  Lord's Pantry M-R	18 No Mass  <i>Fr. Voelker out</i>	19 No Mass  <i>Fr. Voelker out</i>	20 No Mass  <i>Fr. Voelker out</i>	21 No Mass Legion of Mary 5pm  <i>Fr. Voelker out</i>	22 8am Mass Fr. Voelker Family Home Rosary-7pm 316-200-0412	23 8am Latin Mass  Confessions 4-5pm 5:30 PM Mass
24 8:30 & 10:30 Masses Divine Mercy Sunday 3pm Sacred Heart Halstead  Lord's Pantry S-Z	25 No Mass	26 5:30pm Mass	27 8am Mass Fr. Jorge	28 8am Mass Fr. Max Legion of Mary 5pm Finance Council 7pm-JPII	29 8am Mass Fr. Voelker Family Home Rosary-7pm 316-200-0412	30 8am Latin Mass  Confessions 4-5pm 5:30 PM Mass