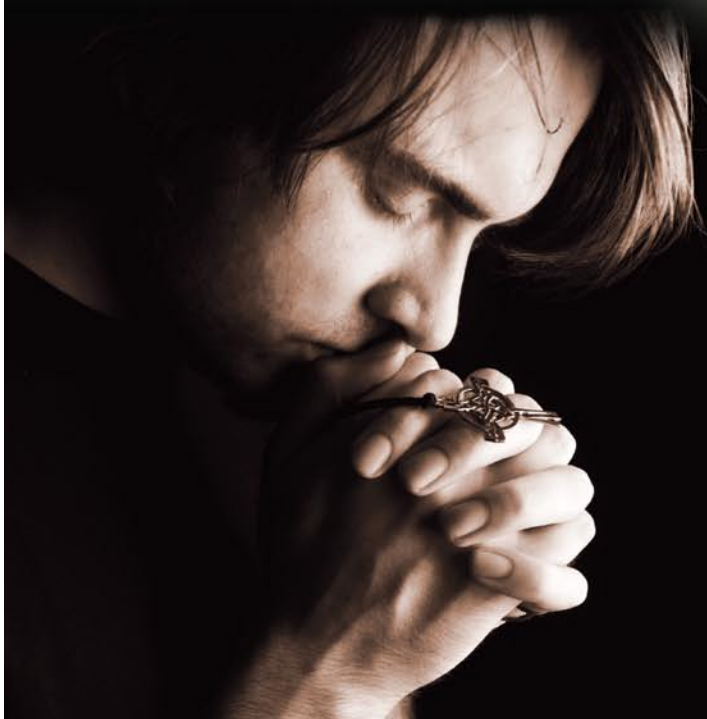


For dust
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and



unto dust
you shall
return.

THE WEEK AHEAD**TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 24**

Rosary for the unborn – 11:30 a.m. – church
 Card Party – 1:00-4:00 p.m. – ed. building
 Adult Choir – 6:00 p.m. – church
 Pastoral Council – 7:00 p.m. – ed. bldg.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 25

Catechist Workshops – 6:30 p.m.
 No Religious Ed. classes – 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 26

RCIC – 5:30 p.m. - church
 RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – ed. bldg.

PRAYER REQUESTS**Please pray for the sick and suffering and their families of our parish and**

community: Michael Bower, Vickie Despain, Kristy Fasbinder, Paul Huber, Dale Koors, Doug Loyd, Leonard & Margaret Mauer, Aaron McCrary, Ralph Meer, Jeremy Powers, Gish Ray, Kortney Snyder, Ed Young.

Please pray for all of our armed forces serving both abroad and in the U.S.

especially for: Stephen AmRhein, Joe Davis, Chris Gauck, Adam Herbert, Edward Hurt, Travis Kohrman, Jeff McNeal, Joe McCullough, Steve Redmon, Kevin Rohr, Victor Tumilty, Brent Wright.

If you have a friend or loved one that you would like to add to our prayer list, please call the parish office @ 663-8427. They will remain on our list for 4 weeks.

LORD, Heal My Soul
For I Have Sinned Against
YOU.

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All bulletin articles will need to be in the office (e-mailed or written) no later than 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

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Lent 2009 – “The Glory of the Cross”

Our Lenten journey begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday, February 25. Mass times are 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Each year the Lenten season gives us the opportunity to deepen our faith and focus on the glory and the power of the Cross.

Family Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday evening during Lent, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Also, on Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. as part of the Religious Education program.

The Assembly's Book of Petitions will once again be placed in the rear of church for your special intentions. Each weekend we will pray for the intentions of the assembly.

We will also pray for our seminarians with a special calendar prepared with pictures and names of each seminarian, as we remember one of these men each day during our Lenten season.

Fast, abstinence rules for Lent: Ash Wednesday is February 25th which marks the beginning of Lent. This solemn season is a penitential period that leads to the celebration of Easter, on April 12th. Ash Wednesday, February 25th and Good Friday, April 10th are days of complete fast and abstinence. ***FAST*** binds all over 18 and less than 59 years of age. On the days of fast, one full meal is allowed, two small meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. ***ABSTINENCE*** binds all over age 14. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. (NOTE: When health or ability to work is affected, the law does not apply.)

It's Almost Here! Do you have your ticket?

Late Night Catechism 2 - Come join “Sister” for raffles, refreshments, and lots of laughs!

Saturday February 28 - Grbg Junior High School Auditorium.

6:30pm - St. Mary's Youth Choir **7:00pm** - Show begins

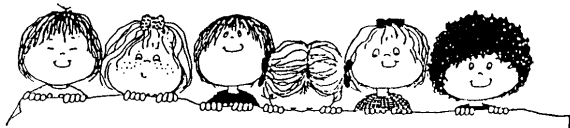
Ticket holders are automatically eligible for a prize drawing. Proceeds will benefit the Decatur County Special Olympics.

Tickets are available at St. Mary's office building, Jean and Co., Doerflinger Insurance, Main Attraction, and the chamber office, and online. www.entertainmentevents.com.

Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door for this professional show. The first 200 tickets sold receive preferred seating! Groups of 10 or more purchasing tickets *at the same time* receive a special rate of \$20 per ticket. For more information, or to have someone come speak to your group, please call Anita Navarra (663-8427), Carol Blankman (663-7315), or LeeAnn Diekhoff (663-9509).

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COOK A MEAL? During our parish mission, March 8-12, we will provide meals for our facilitator and our own priests. If you would like to volunteer to provide a meal one evening. Sunday through Thursday, please contact Sharon Wickens 663-2998 or Anita Navarra 663-8427.





SCHOOL ZONE

St. Mary's is blessed to have a wonderful custodial team to keep our floors shining and our heat running. Our team happens to be a husband and wife team – Mary and Phil Marciniak. Phil and Mary (Kniola) have one daughter, Kemberly (Dan) Markham, who is a Catholic school principal in northern Indiana. She and Dan have three children, Ian, Kiera, and Cormac. Phil and Mary are very involved grandparents and they enjoy visiting and spending time with the grandkids.

Mary grew up in Michigan City, Indiana where she attended Queen of All Saints elementary and Elston High School. A special memory she has from her elementary days is winning the fourth grade spelling bee. Mary's hobbies include reading, attending the theater, and gardening. Her favorite book is Three Weeks with My Brother by Nicholas Sparks. She enjoys watching football in her spare time. Mary's favorite color is green and her favorite restaurant is Albano's Pizza in Michigan City. Mary has enjoyed her nine years at St. Mary's in part because she likes to see the "faculty and staff working together to ensure the children receive the best education possible."

Phil also grew up in Michigan City, Indiana. He attended St. Mary's elementary and Elston High School. When asked about a favorite elementary school memory, he said that it had been too long – he couldn't remember! He enjoys playing horseshoes and watching football and baseball in his spare time. His favorite color is orange and he likes to eat at Burghoff in Chicago when he is not enjoying Mary's cooking. In his ten years as St. Mary's custodian, Phil says his favorite part is the kids. He loves "watching how the kids grow and learn at St. Mary's. The feeling is mutual – the students love having Phil (and Mary) around. We are blessed to have them as a part of our school family.

An **Open House** in honor of Angela Wolter celebrating her 100th birthday will take place March 8th at the St. Maurice Church Hall, St. Maurice, IN from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Happy 85th Birthday to Geneva Land.

Congratulations to J. Howard & MaryAnn Ernstes celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

Thank You

To our St. Mary's Family—Our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for all you did to make our 50th Anniversary so special. Thank you, Monsignor Knueven, for blessing our marriage at the Mass and the prayer before the meal. Thanks to Joan Koors for the beautiful music and to Diane Hoeing, Kenny's sister, for being the cantor. Thanks also to everyone who gave us cards, notes, flowers, prayers or those who just thought of us that day. May God in His goodness and mercy shower each and every one of you with His richest blessings always.

Our love, Ken and Ann Stagge

Dear Community,

There is a banquet for Clergy and Pastoral Musicians at 6:30 in Indianapolis on February 23.

Students are dismissed at 12:08 on Tuesday, February 24, for the staff development.

Parish council meeting will be Tuesday, February 24.

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. See this bulletin for the times of the Masses. There is a Catechist Workshop after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

I will teach the RCIA class this Thursday. The topic will be the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation.

We are planning to have Msgr. Schaedel talk to the parish in the gym at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday about our plans for the future development of our building project. You are all invited to attend. Then Msgr. Schaedel will offer the 4:30 Mass in the church. Come early because there will be standing room only. We will have chairs in the side aisles and in the sanctuary for the overflow crowd. Msgr. Schaedel will stay after Mass to answer your questions if you can't make the 3:00 p.m. meeting.

Please don't forget to attend the Late Night Catechism 2 show at the Greensburg Jr. High School, 6:30 our youth choir and 7:00 class begins.

We will have the Rite of Enrollment for RCIA class at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, March 1. Then we will go for the Rite of Enrollment at the Cathedral at 2:00 p.m.

It took a ton of persistence to open a hole in the roof and lower a man down in front of where Jesus was preaching. The determination of those men on the roof is like the "keep on trying" attitude of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln had a long history of failure before he was elected president. He failed in business in 1831; the next year he was defeated for the legislature; a year later he failed in business a second time. He suffered a nervous breakdown in 1836, was defeated for speaker in 1838, defeated for elector in 1840 and defeated for Congress in 1848. He lost the election for senator in 1855 and was beaten for vice president in 1856. He was defeated again for Senate in 1858. Finally, after all this defeat and struggle, he was elected president in 1860!

Keep smiling, Msgr. Knueven

✚ MASS INTENTIONS**MONDAY – FEBRUARY 23****7:15 a.m.** Geneva Tunny**TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 24****7:15 a.m.** Jean & Pete Doerflinger
Catherine Loechle**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 25****7:15 a.m.** Dale E. Muckerheide**8:30 p.m.** Alvin & Mary Harmeyer**THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 26****7:15 a.m.** Joseph & Kathryn Tebbe**2:30 p.m.** Andrew Sturwold

(Morning Breeze Nursing Home Mass)

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 27**7:15 a.m.** Lawrence Schneider
Julie Bedel**SAT./SUN. – FEBRUARY 28/MARCH 1****4:30 p.m.** Rosie Koors**7:00 a.m.** Robert J. Koors**9:00 a.m.** For all people**11:00 a.m.** Clifford Ricke**✚ SERVERS****WEEKDAY/FEBRUARY 23, 24, 26, 27****7:15 a.m.** Megan Schmidt
Danielle Schroeder**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 25****7:00 a.m.** Megan Schmidt
Danielle Schroeder**8:30 p.m.** School Liturgy**5:30 p.m.** Madelyn Hunger – Taylor Lang**7:00 p.m.** David Bokelman
Abby Bokelman**SAT./SUN. – FEBRUARY 28/MARCH 1****4:30 p.m.** Joe Buening – Taylor Reed**7:00 a.m.** Katherine Teague
Morgan Springmeyer**9:00 a.m.** Tom Lawrence – Ry Burkert**11:00 a.m.** Austin Diekhoff
Jacob Moorman**✚ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 25****7:00 a.m.** Mike & Diane Novak
Diann Reisman – Phyllis Schwering
Paulette Duerstock – Marilyn Davis**8:30 p.m.** School Liturgy**5:30 p.m.** Charles & Linda Greiwe
Bob Scheidler – Rita Schoettrup

Karen Conley – Linda Ricke

7:00 p.m. Glenn & Laura Jo Tebbe
Priscilla Kramer – Rose Hellmich
Bernie & Janet Hagerty**SAT./SUN. – FEBRUARY 28/MARCH 1****4:30 p.m.** Barb Brown – Becky Brown
Kathy Davis – Johanne Davis

Mike & Christy Bokelman

7:00 a.m. Marge Bruns – Sally Koors

Marilyn Davis – Paulette Duerstock

Helen Froehling – Sheila Kirchhoff

9:00 a.m. Steve & Mary Adam

Claude & Dott Bilbrey

Karen Conley – Denny Doerflinger

11:00 a.m. Ernie & Patty Stephens

Angie Wessler – Bev Stiers

Chris & Kristy Tebbe

✚ LECTORS**ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 25****7:00 a.m.** Peg Polanski**8:30 p.m.** School Liturgy**5:30 p.m.** Rosemary Schroeder**7:00 p.m.** Ed Dwenger**SAT./SUN. – FEBRUARY 28/MARCH 1****4:30 p.m.** John Nieman**7:00 a.m.** Dick Glaser**9:00 a.m.** Dave Weigel**11:00 a.m.** Don Wickens**Prayer for Our Campaign**

Heavenly Father, who gathers us into Your church; You have blessed us and St. Mary's Parish abundantly. We give you thanks for all that you have given and for this community of believers.

Give us the humility to listen to you and hear each other. Help us see clearly where we are and what you would like us to be and accomplish.

Send the Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey of hope and commitment. Open our minds and our hearts to evoke our passion to be like Christ and follow His mission for us.

Fuel us with love, focus us with faith and fill our hearts with joy at this opportunity to generously serve You.

Help us to give our best and to receive the best that others can give.

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.

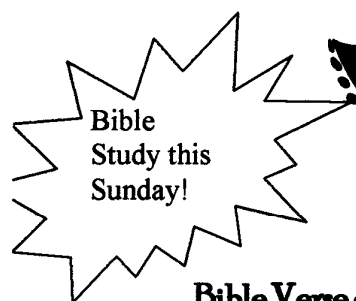
Amen.

Chicken Dinner: The Knights of Columbus are having a chicken dinner March 14 at the hall in Batesville. Serving is from 5 – 8 PM. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 8 and under. Proceeds will benefit St. Nicholas Young Apostles' Mission trip this summer. Please come and support them!

Daughters of Isabella Monthly Meeting, Thursday February 26, at 7:30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This is our regular monthly meeting, chairpersons for the meeting are Nickie Colson and Arlene Gehl. All members are asked to come and enjoy this meeting. Please remember if you haven't paid your 2009 dues; please do so as soon as possible.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry

Will take place the first Friday of Lent, February 27 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Menu will include: Fish, grilled cheese, cheese pizza, baked potatoes, French fries, cole slaw, green beans, jello, puddings & cake. Everyone is welcome



Youth News

Andi's email: andmackee44@yahoo.com

Bible Verse of the Week: Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! ~ Isaiah 43:18-19 (today's 1st reading)

BIRTY DAYS

Feb 22nd – 28th

Sun:

Mon:

Tues:

Wed:

Thurs:

Fri: Megan Colson
Gina Ricke

Sat:

Jr. High Retreat

You've been asking about it...and it's coming up sooner than you think. This year's Jr. High Retreat will be April 18th and 19th here at St. Mary's. The theme this year is "Let Your Light Shine." Mark your calendars now!

High School

So do you enjoy retreats? Do you want to be on the giving end of one? I am going to need 8 high school students to be table leaders, lead prayer services and/or do witness talks. Some of you have expressed interest already, but I need you to check your calendars for that weekend and let me know if you want to help.

Lent is almost here! Want to know more about it? Stay tuned right here.

During Lent, We follow the path of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who journeyed through his death to his resurrection. We die to ourselves so that we, like Jesus, might rise again.

In the mind of the Church, Lent is a "joyful season," a positive time – a time for new life to appear and old attitudes to disappear, a time to celebrate the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

The season of Lent, like all liturgical seasons, speaks to the whole person by appealing not only to the intellect but also to the senses. Saint Thomas Aquinas reminded us that the fingerprints of God are found all over creation and that by understanding creation we come to a better knowledge of the Creator.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent. It is this **Wednesday, February 25th**.

The ashes we receive on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday are an annual reminder of the passage of time and our constant need of repentance. The ashes were made from burning the palms blessed on the previous Palm Sunday. We had waved palms in praise of Christ at the beginning of Holy Week, and now we must call to mind humbly that we have failed him many times since then. Even in their origin, therefore, palms show the passing of this world and all created things.

Ashes are an ancient sign of repentance. "O my poor people, put on sackcloth, and roll in ashes; make mourning as for an only child, most bitter lamentation: for suddenly the destroyer will come upon us" (Jeremiah 6:26).

Centuries ago it was the custom at the beginning of Let to sprinkle ashes on public sinners as they came to the church in repentance. Now we acknowledge publicly that we are all sinner and in need of repentance. Carrying the ashes on our foreheads indicates our willingness to do penance for our sins. The words spoken as the ashes are placed provide a timely reflection: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return" or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel."

Colors of Lent

The colors of the vestments and the decorations in the church are meant to set a tone. Like ashes, Lenten purple is a sign of reflection and conversion. The purple of Lent is not the noble violet of royalty but rather the blue-purple of sober commitment. The practice began in twelfth-century Rome.

~ excerpt from *Journey of Faith: What is Lent?* Through Liguori Publications

Adults Needed

It's time to start putting together my team for the Jr. High Retreat ~ April 18th and 19th. Jr. High Catechists I highly encourage you to be part of this weekend and get to know the kids on a different level. Any other adults who might be interested in helping by being a table leader or heading up food, please let me know ASAP. You will not regret the time spent with these awesome teens.

St. Mary's Life-Long Faith Formation

Questions of the Week February 22, 2009 The Forgiveness of Sins

Reading I: Isaiah 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 (Something New)

Reading II: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 (Their Yes Is in Him)

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12 (The Authority to Forgive)

Adults - What might I do to carry a friend or family member closer to Christ?

Children - How do my actions of love show God's love to others?

MAKE TIME FOR CHRIST. As Christians we are disciples of Jesus and apostles of the gospel. Yet our daily lives are so full that we sometimes forget "who we are and whose we are." A parish mission is a time of listening to God's word, remembering what Christ has done and re-energizing our true selves. Set asides the dates of **March 8-12, 2009**, for "A Symphony of Faith," a renewal program conducted by Fr. George Knab, O.M.I. Make plans to be there.

Lenten Bible Study – "Two Edged

Sword" – Based on the Gospel message found in John, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but my have eternal life" (John 3:16). Each day we make choices and can choose to keep our focus on Jesus. During Lent especially let us draw closer to God and be conscious that the decisions we make lead us nearer to God's love.

We have 30 books available for this 6-week bible study at no cost to our parishioners. Call some friends – get a group together – come in and pick up some books. Or pick one up for individual use. (While supplies last).

Life Challenges – Job Loss

Coping With Job Loss - Loss in Value

Why is coping with job loss so difficult? When we meet a new person, one of the first questions we ask is: "What do you do for a living?" It seems that much of our worth is wrapped up in the work we do. Our job becomes our identity - who we are. What we do becomes what we value! When we lose a job or are faced with a career change, we often feel we've lost our worth.

<http://www.allaboutlifechallenges.org/coping-with-job-loss.htm>

MEN's RENEWAL WEEKEND

February 21- 22, 2009

We keep these men and the men presenting the weekend in prayer as they take time to renew their faith and relationship with Christ.

Hector Aguliar	Don Butz
Mike Cuskaden	John Elsner
Dave Giddings	Doug Haskamp
John Hogg	Kelly Hipkind
Jeff Koors	Chris Kramer
Kellen Lawrence	Lee Meer
John McCullough	Ken Nobbe
Dan Yager	Dan Schroeder
Mark Young	Charles Herbert
Fr. Lucas Amandua	

WOMEN!

You are Invited!

We are called to
"Love the Lord, our God, with our whole heart, mind, strength and soul; and to love our neighbor as ourself."

With this in mind, we ask you to take some time out of your busy schedule to renew your personal commitment to the Lord.

Don't miss this tremendous opportunity to grow in your faith while at the same time experiencing the fruits of Christian community.

Join us for
St. Mary's Christ Renews His Parish faith experience for women, **March 28 & 29, 2009**

Call the parish @ 663-8427 to sign-up or for information.

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