

St. Mary Catholic Church

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February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

PARISH MISSION

Our Lenten Mission this year is a video series from Augustine Institute entitled *Forgiven*. It will be presented in the Parish Hall on the following dates:

Monday - Wednesday

March 4, 5 and 6

6:30 PM

St. Mary Parish Hall



Please sign up at the entrance of church so materials can be prepared for everyone.

Fr. Uriel will be available to hear confessions after each session.



SWEET TREATS RETURN!

Starting the weekend of March 9-10, our Sweet Treat Raffle returns! Each week a delicious homemade baked item will be raffled off at each Mass. Sign up now to donate your favorite sweet creations. Bakers will sell tickets before Mass, winners will be notified after Mass and can pick up their treats. Proceeds will go to the Flower Fund. Contact Janna Sweitzer if you have questions.

Our bulletin will have a new look in March!



MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM 10 AM St. Joseph, Cobden

Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM

Holy Rosary before each Mass

Reconciliation by Appointment



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Psalms 116:10,15-19; Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

The First Reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect on sacrifice. What is a sacrifice? And why would God want one, from Abraham or from us through Christ?

The first thing to see is that a sacrifice is a peculiar kind of gift. When one person gives something as a sacrifice, however great his gift is, in the giving of it he himself receives something of very great value. In sacrifice the gift-giver is the primary beneficiary of gift-giving.

And so God, who lacks for nothing, is glad to have the gift of our sacrifices, not because he gets something great from them, but because we do.

~ Eleonore Stump

VOCATION CORNER

People will often describe discovering their vocation to religious life at Mass or in adoration, but as we hear in the reading from the Book of Genesis today, God's call can come at anytime and anywhere. Abraham could not have suspected that God was going to call, and certainly would not have guessed what He was going to ask of him! Yet, Abraham trusted in the Lord, so much so that he was willing to sacrifice anything he was asked, even his only son! But God had a plan for Abraham, and blessed him abundantly for his obedience. For all those discerning the path God has planned for us in this life, this season of Lent gives an opportunity through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to become the person God created us to be, to say "yes" to His plan for us and ready to fulfill our mission.

Bishop Michael McGovern will host a St. Andrew Dinner for young men interested in learning more about the Catholic priesthood on Sunday, March 10 at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. All young men ages 14-32 are invited to attend; parents or guardians are also welcome to join us. The event will begin at 4:30 PM with gathering and introductions and Evening Prayer and will be followed by dinner and conversation.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday March 2:

Lector: Cathy Belcher

Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Hoyle, Joe Wendling, Paul Cairatti

Sunday March 3:

Lector: Ellen Quertermous

Servers: Jameson, Ben, & Mac Marggraf

Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Belcher, Jackie Beatty, Jordan Jansen

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 24: Floyd & Angeline Miller

Sunday February 25: Diana Woolridge-Perry

Saturday March 2: Jack Sherwin

Sunday March 3: Donald Kula

WORD OF LIFE

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen,
Sent usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection*

Intercession:

February 25th May every human person, from conception to natural death, be recognized as precious and beloved in the eyes of the Lord;

We pray to the Lord

LITURGY SCHEDULE

LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Printed schedule available at the entrance

PENANCE SERVICES:

Thursday March 7 6:30 PM St. Joseph

Thursday March 14 6:30 PM St. Mary

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays 7 PM alternating churches

St. Mary: February 23, March 8, March 22

St. Joseph: February 16, March 1, March 15

PALM SUNDAY:

March 24

HOLY THURSDAY:

March 28 7 PM in Cobden

GOOD FRIDAY:

March 29 3 PM St. Joseph

Stations of the Cross at noon at St. Mary

EASTER VIGIL:

March 30 8 PM St. Joseph

EASTER SUNDAY:

8 AM St. Mary

