

# LENT 2010...TIME FOR PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

Three Lenten practices form a pyramid of right relationships. Prayer establishes our relationship with God in love...prayer enhances our capacity to hear God speaking to us personally. Alms establishes our relationship with others in compassion...almsgiving expands our hearts. Fasting establishes our relationship with our own selves in humility...fasting demonstrates just how weak we are and how desperately we are driven by our desires.  
*From Celebration February 2010*



## ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 17

### Masses at St. Mary Church

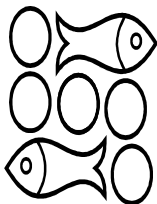
8:30AM (with School); 12:05PM; 4:30PM

### Masses at St. Joseph Church

12:05PM; 6:30PM

### Rules for Abstaining / Fasting

Catholics who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. On these days of complete abstinence, meat or soup or gravy made from meat are not to be eaten.



Catholics who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and Good Friday, April 2. Fasting means eating only one full meal per day. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not require this. The obligation to fast ceases with one's 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In the spirit of Lent, [we] the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

*We fast and abstain not merely because the church says to but because these ancient practices help set our minds and hearts on the matters of GOD. Fasting and abstaining from meat can be a sign of solidarity with the poor of the world, especially those who suffer from hunger.*

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This past year Candidates, Jodi Bunks, Tom Carle, Heather Gutenberger, Mark Mettleman, Duane Rohm, and Paul Tank have been seeking to learn more about the practices, prayers, and teachings of our Church. They will experience the

**Rite of Sending** & **Rite of Election** – 2:00PM February 21 in DePere  
8:00AM Mass, February 21 *To be recognized by Bishop David Ricken*

**Scrutinies** 8:00AM Mass, Sundays, March 7 & 14

**Palm Sunday RCIA Retreat**, March 28.

**Easter Vigil** 7:30PM Service of Light and Easter Vigil Mass on April 3.

Please continue to pray for and welcome them into full membership in the Catholic Church.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP...

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### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays & Tuesdays	12:05PM in St. Joseph Church
Wednesdays & Thursdays	12:05PM in St. Mary Church (except Holy Thursday)
Thursdays	8:30AM in St. Mary Church (except Holy Thursday)
Fridays	8:30AM in St. Mary Chapel (except Good Friday) 12:05PM in St. Joseph Church (except Good Friday)



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER...

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- X St. Mary Church is open 7:00AM to 4:00PM (Mondays through Fridays) and 9:30AM to 5:30PM Saturdays.
- X Private prayer is encouraged at home, at church, and anywhere the conditions are right for it.



- X Should you wish to walk The Way of the Cross, booklets are available in the pamphlet racks. Please return them when you complete your devotion.

On Ash Wednesday, and for as long as they last, we will have handy prayer cards available. This will allow you to reflect on the Way of the Cross whenever your time permits.

Further resources for prayer are available in the pamphlet racks at the back of church.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNAL LENTEN DEVOTIONS

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### **Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions**

Tuesday afternoons at 2:00PM in St. Mary's Holy Family Chapel.

### **Stations of the Cross with Benediction or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

#### **St. Mary Church**

**2:00PM Friday afternoons** during Lent in Church, *except Good Friday*.

Begins February 19

**7:00AM Friday mornings** during Lent, *except Good Friday*,

with Communion, in St. Mary's Holy Family Chapel.

Begins Feb. 19.

**Fri., March 5 at 6:30PM Family Way of the Cross at St. Mary's**

Families of the parish present a live reenactment of the Stations of the Cross. Anyone is welcome to attend this time of prayer and experience of Jesus' generous gift of redemption.

**Good Friday, April 2 at 6:00PM – Mary's Way Of The Cross**

in St. Mary's Holy Family Chapel.

#### **St. Joseph Church**

**Taizé Prayer Service** – 4:30PM – Fridays, February 19, March 5, 19

**Stations of the Cross** - 4:30PM – Fridays, February 26, March 12, 26

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



*We are called back to the fervor which flows continually from the grace of baptism. The path of the faithful leads to the sacrament of penance, which releases us from sin, restores us to baptismal innocence, and reconciles us to God and the community.*

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### Private Confessions:

Sat.	March 13	5:30-6:30PM	Thurs.	March 25	5:30-6:30PM
Tues.	March 16	Noon-1:00PM	Fri.	March 26	Noon-1:00PM
Thurs.	March 18	5:30-6:30PM	Sat.,	March 27	5:30-6:30PM
Sat.	March 20	5:30-6:30PM			

**St. Mary Church** Saturdays 11:00AM-Noon  
**(except Holy Saturday, April 3)**  
*Other times by request. Privacy is assured.*

**St. Joseph Church** Saturdays 9:30AM

### Interparish Reconciliation Services

Saturday	March 27	11:00AM	at St. Mary
Monday	March 29	6:30PM	at St. Joseph

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## ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITIES...

This year our Lenten Alms will be directed toward the **Fox Valley Warming Shelter**. In Spring, construction for a new building for the homeless will begin. The location is behind the St. Vincent de Paul building. It will have much needed showers, laundry facilities and expanded sleeping and eating space.



**St. Joseph Food Pantry**...containers in the back of church welcome your donations of non-perishable items.

**World's Poor** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on March 13/14. This annual collection benefits three organizations: Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief Services, and Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

**Peter's Pence** is the Holy Father's emergency relief fund. Catholics throughout the world send proceeds to the Holy Father for him to apply to emergency relief causes to benefit the world's poorest people, particularly when natural disasters strike the developing world.

**Catholic Relief Services** is the U.S. Catholic Church's international relief organization. It serves 99 of the poorest countries in the world by providing disaster relief and medical, education, social, and agricultural programming to the developing world.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development** is the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops domestic poverty fighting arm. It provides funding to organizations led by low income people that increase the political and social status of poor people and/or increases the economic development of such persons. It also helps educate the non-poor on the state of poverty in the U.S.

## WEEKEND MASSES

St. Mary Church	4:30PM (Sat.)	8:00AM	9:30AM	11:00AM
	<b>except for special schedule on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday:</b>			
	4:30PM (Sat.)	8:00AM	<b>9:45AM</b>	<b>11:30AM!!</b>
St. Joseph Church	4:30PM (Sat.)	7:30AM	9:00AM	10:30AM 6:30PM

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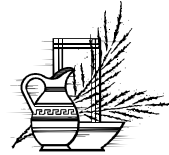
## TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

### Holy Thursday, April 1

**Parish Family Supper** 6:00PM St. Mary Parish  
*All are invited to attend in the Parish Center Community Room. Please bring a dish to share.*

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7:30PM St. Mary Parish  
Two special rituals make Holy Thursday unique from other Masses: the washing of feet (**Mandatum**) and the procession of the Eucharist followed by a time of private adoration.

The **washing of feet** is a ritual of humility and servanthood. We encourage you to participate that evening by having your feet washed by a servant leader in the parish. The **private adoration** is our response to spend an hour or more with the Lord remembering his night of agony when he accepted the suffering which was at hand for all of us.



6:30PM St. Joseph Parish, followed by Taizé Prayer Service

### Good Friday, April 2



#### **Celebration of the Passion and Death of our Lord**

12:15PM St. Mary Parish, followed by private veneration of the cross

1:00PM St. Joseph Parish, *Stations before starting at 12:30PM*

#### **Evening Devotions**

**Mary's Way of the Cross** 6:00PM in St. Mary's Holy Family Chapel

**Stations of the Cross** 7:00PM at St. Joseph Church

### Holy Saturday, April 3

**NO 4:30PM MASS !!!**

**Easter Vigil and Mass** 7:30PM St. Mary Parish  
*(This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.)*

7:30PM St. Joseph Parish



### Easter Sunday, April 4

#### **St. Mary Parish**

8:00AM, **9:45AM, and 11:30AM** *(Change from regular weekend schedule)*

*Children are invited to bring decorated Easter Eggs and present them at the altar during the Opening Procession at each of the Easter Sunday Masses. These eggs will be given to the less fortunate people in our area.*



#### **St. Joseph Parish**

7:30AM; 9:00AM; 10:30AM and 6:30PM

## *Special Lenten Activities of St. Mary Parish*

### *Catholics Come Home*

Three television commercials will air during Lent 2010 throughout the Green Bay Diocese. These commercials, it is hoped, will appeal to Catholics who have stayed away from the church for reasons known only to them. The commercials will remind everyone of what the Catholic Church is, and its presence in our world and our history. Their purpose is to invite Catholics home to the Catholic church.

What we are being asked to do is to prepare. We all are aware that first impressions are important. It is our hope to make welcome all who come to St. Mary's. Let us reach out to others sensitively with our welcome smiles, open hearts and our warm greetings. Let us carry the presence of Jesus to all we encounter.

Ways in which we might welcome others...greet them, make room for them in our pews, get to know their names and interests, suggest that they might be interested in a parish action group or committee that has the same interests, invite them to Coffee and Donuts, express that you hope to see them again next week.

You may be asked questions about the church. You may refer them to Parish Staff members. However, you are encouraged to learn more about Catholic teachings and how it speaks to current social issues. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is an excellent book resource...something each household would find of value. You might visit the websites

[www.gbdioc.org](http://www.gbdioc.org) and select "Who We Are", "What We Believe", or "Common Questions"

[www.catholicscomehome.org](http://www.catholicscomehome.org) and select "Answering Your Questions"

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and select any issue you would like to receive current information on.

### *Family Way of the Cross* *Friday, March 5 at 6:30PM at St. Mary's*

Families of the parish present a live reenactment of the Stations of the Cross. It will be a visual portrayal which will immerse us into the events in Jerusalem during Jesus' final sacrifice...his suffering and death on a cross. It will be a time of prayer and an experience which teaches about Jesus. **Please see reverse side for opportunities.**

### *St. Patrick's Family Style Dinner* *Tues., March 16 at Liberty Hall, Kimberly*

Last year's social event was so enjoyable, we hope to get together again. Celebrate the wearin' of the green as we gather for the 5:30PM Social Hour (Cash bar), followed by a 6:30PM Dinner. Tickets are on sale soon. Prices are \$17 each for ages 3 and up. Children age 2 years and under attend free.

### *Women's Day* *Sat., March 20, 9AM-3PM at St. Mary's*

This annual event continues to provide women a day to get away and pamper themselves with inspirational speakers, creative workshops, delicious and well-presented food, and friends who understand life from a woman's point of view.

### *Christ Renews His Parish* *Men's Retreat, March 20/21 at St. Joseph's* *Women's Retreat, April 10/11 at St. Mary's*

Enthusiasm continues to grow for this established retreat series. Those who have experienced this retreat have come through it filled with the spirit to grow in faith and share the encounter. There are continuing opportunities to sign up for this retreat.

### *IPRF Lenten Family Night* *Wed., March 24, 4:30 & 6:30PM at St. Mary's*

This year's event will emphasize the rites of the Easter Vigil...Signs and symbols of this special night will be explained. There will be a collection for the people of Haiti. Join us for soup and bread in the Community Room between 5:30-6:30PM.

### *St. Mary's Bake and Craft Sale with Palm Braiding Exhibit* *March 27/28*

Plan to visit the Community Room to purchase some delicious baked sweets and breads at the annual Palm Sunday sale. There might also be some craft items which tickle your fancy. While you are there, marvel at the beautiful palm braiding creations on display. Donations of baked and craft items are welcome. Proceeds of the sale benefit St. Mary Parish.