



Weekly Update | Feb. 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

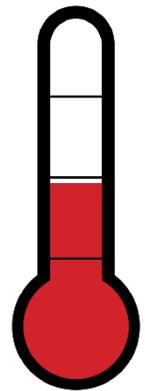


2021 Bishop's Appeal

We're doing great! Thank you to all who have contributed already! We've never failed to achieve our goal - let's keep the streak alive. If you haven't yet contributed, please prayerfully consider doing so.

Remember to send your contribution directly to the Green Bay Diocese, not the parish office.

2021 Goal: \$60,000
Reached: \$27,447 (46%)



Blood Drive - We Need You!

The next St. Mary Blood Drive will be on Sunday, March 7 from 7-11:30 am. To schedule your life-saving donation online, please visit communityblood.org or call the Community Blood Center at (800) 280-4102.

St. Joseph Food Program Collection - March 6/7

This time, we're looking for breakfast food. Suggestions: just add water pancake mix, cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, applesauce, juice or fruit. Nothing perishable, expired, or in glass containers please! Collection bins will be in the back of church and the Marian Way. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Shawls

The St. Mary/St. Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry has been busy making and blessing Prayer Shawls for anyone who is ill, in the hospital, having a rough time, or otherwise in need of some warmth and love. Stop in the parish office during business hours or ask an usher at a weekend Mass to pick one up for someone you know - or yourself!

Want to help make prayer shawls? The prayer shawl group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1pm at St. Joseph in Rooms L12 & L14.

A Grateful & Blessed Family

Ripples of God's Love - Through Our Hearts - To All Hearts!

St. Mary Parish Support

February 2021	Budget	Received	Variance
received 2/15- 2/19/2021		11,201	
February- month to date:	65,000	44,825	-20,175
7/1/20-2/28/2021			
Fiscal Year To Date :	614,000	549,061	-64,939



Mass Times

Mon., March 1, 5:30pm
Tue., March 2, 5:30pm
Wed., March 3, 12:05pm
Thur., March 4, 12:05pm
Sat., March 6, 4:30pm
Sun., March 7, 7:45am
9:45am
6:30pm

Intentions

Parishioners of St. Mary
Les Bohm
Gary Malchow Family
Sharon Brautigam
Audrey & Harold Deprez
Bill Polley
Janice Mercier
In memory of Maggie & Morgan Main

Mass Attendance

In an effort to help you determine your safest options, we are providing Mass attendance numbers from the previous week. For reference, our church capacity at 25% is 120.

Monday, 5:30 pm (8) Saturday, 4:30 pm (75)
Tuesday, 5:30 pm (8) Sunday, 7:45 am (54)
Ash Wednesday (209) 9:45 am (100)
Thursday, 12:05 pm (34) 6:30 pm (25)

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the families of those who have lost a loved one. May fond memories comfort you at this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

Prayer Needs

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (920-734-1182 or 920-843-1249) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

Events Calendar

Monday, March 1

6:00pm Matthew 25 Committee Meeting/virtual

7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room

Tuesday, March 2

1:00pm St. Mary & St. Joseph Prayer Shawl Group/at St. Joseph, L12 & L14

2:00pm Rosary Group/Chapel

6:00pm Quilting Group/Community Room

7:00pm Pastoral Leadership Council Meeting/virtual

Wednesday, March 3

12:35pm Holy Hour (following Mass)/church

6:15pm Beacon - Elementary/virtual

Thursday, March 4

5:30pm Stations of the Cross/at St. Joseph Church

7:00pm Cor Jesu/Church & Community Room

Friday, March 5

Parish office closed

9:00am Adoration/Church

Saturday, March 6

St. Joseph Food Program Collection

8:00am Adoration/Church

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

10:00am THEO/Community Room

Sunday, March 7

St. Joseph Food Program Collection

11:00am RCIA/Community Room

6:00pm Beacon - Middle School/virtual

7:00pm Beacon - High School/virtual

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Xavier Catholic School System

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Marriage

Congratulations! Contact Fr. Bill at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

Baptism

Congratulations! Contact the parish office for information.

Confession

Sat. 9-10am and Tues. 6:15-7:15pm (except for the 1st Tuesday of the month)

In Joy & Sorrow with Fr. Bill +

To keep each other safe and lessen the spread of the coronavirus, we have had to make many adjustments to the level of our participation at Mass. We do not use hymnals because too many hands would be touching them. We have not enjoyed the beauty of music led by our choir as too many droplets would fill the air. We do not exchange a handshake of peace. God's holy people have not been able to share in the cup of the Lord's Precious Blood. And it has been a whole year since our fonts at the entrances of our church have been filled with holy water.

We willingly make these sacrifices so that we can continue to worship our God together in person. We remember all too painfully when our churches were empty for nearly three months last year during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Thankfully, we will be able to celebrate the beautiful liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday this year, with a socially distanced assembly. There will be additional modifications to these liturgies to keep us all safe. More information on that to come.

I hope that you have missed the Signing of the Cross with holy water as you enter our church. This simple gesture is a powerful reminder that we belong to God and to each other because of our rebirth into the Family of God through the waters of our baptism.

While Lent is about turning back to the Lord through the exercises of prayer, fasting, and works of charity, Lent is also about preparing to renew our Baptismal Promises at Easter

Time. Lent is about joining in prayer together for those who will be entering the Catholic Church through the waters of Baptism, the sealing with the chrism of Confirmation, and the receiving of the Body and Blood of Christ. Throughout the world, the Church grows in number on Holy Saturday evening during the celebration of the Rites of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We embrace our newest members with joy as they inspire us to grow in our own faith.

Over the course of the next four weekends at St Mary Parish, we will have the opportunity to pray with those individuals joining our family of faith at Easter. Tomorrow, we will meet these individuals at the 9:45am Mass as we celebrate the Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion and promise to pray for our elect and candidates. Just a reminder that the elect are preparing for baptism while the candidates, who have already been baptized in other Christian denominations, are preparing for confirmation. Both the elect and candidates receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time at the Easter Vigil.

Then for the next three Sundays, at the 9:45 Mass, we will continue to pray for our elect and candidates, celebrating the Rite of Scrutiny. We join with them in examining our lives and hearts and casting out anything that prevents us from growing in holiness. Hopefully, you and I will begin to recognize the faces of these wonderful people who are joining our family of faith.

Mindful of them, we, who have been

baptized, are preparing to renew our baptismal promises at Easter. Do you reject sin? Do you believe in God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Here are some additional questions that are good to pray over during these Lenten days in preparation for the renewing of our baptismal commitment. A thank you is in order to Fr Bob Reiser, SJ, for the following:

- Do you accept Jesus as your teacher, as the example whom you will always imitate and as the one in whom the mystery of God's love for the world has been fully revealed?
- Do you dedicate yourself to seeking the reign of God and God's justice, to praying daily, to meditating on the Gospels and to celebrating the Eucharist faithfully and devoutly?
- Do you commit yourself to that spirit of poverty and detachment that Jesus enjoined on his disciples, and to resisting the spirit of consumerism and materialism that is so strong in our culture?
- Do you accept responsibility for building community, for being a person of compassion and reconciliation, for being mindful of the poor and the oppressed, and for truly forgiving those who have offended you?
- Will you try to thank and praise God by your works and by your actions, in times of prosperity as well as in moments of suffering, giving loyal witness to the risen Jesus by your faith, by your hope, and by the style of your living?

- Do you surrender your life to God as a disciple and companion of Jesus? Do you believe that God is the Lord of history, sovereign over nations and peoples, and that God's promise to redeem all of creation from its bondage to death and decay will one day be accomplished?

Let us all say, "I do!"

Father Bill +

ALL RISE!

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www.newpassionplay.org

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