

March 3, 2019
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Petunias in Onion Patches

Many gardeners practice crop rotation. Where this year's peas grew, next year's carrots are planted. Last year's lettuce is replaced by beets. Families with young helpers can find more surprising results. The frothy leaves of a young carrot crop up between the smooth, rounded sides of an eggplant. A neatly space row of radishes is broken by a single pepper plant. Try as it might the misplaced vegetable cannot hide what it is, and no gardener will misidentify a plant simply because of its location.

Today's Gospel teaches the same lesson about God's garden of growing Christians. "Every tree is known by its fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes... or grapes from brambles." When God looks at the fruit of our lives, He sees the truth, no matter what row we've planted ourselves in. If we are the lone onion in a petunia patch, it shows, and vice versa. Jesus' words are a call to each Christian, reminding us to dig deep into the rich soil of the Gospel, watering our roots with prayer, that we might bear good fruit and be known by it.

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WHERE YOU ARE
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Weekly Calendar

Monday, March 4

Memorial of Saint Casimir

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 am: Mass: Edith Payleitner

Wednesday, March 6 – ASH WEDNESDAY

Day of Fast and Abstinence

3:50 pm: CCD Gr. K-6

4:00 pm: Mass: Clifford Zenner

7:00 pm: CCD Gr. 7-12

7:15 pm: Mass: St. Mary Parish Family

Thursday, March 7

Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs

8:00 am: Mass: Birthday Blessings for Alice Gross (99th)

6:30 pm: The Turning Point Study, parish office

Friday, March 8

Memorial of Saint John of God, religious

8:00 am: Mass: Felix Kotcon

2:00 pm: Nursing Home Mass

6:00 pm: "Into His Likeness" Book Study, church hall

7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross, church

Saturday, March 9

Memorial of Saint Frances of Rome, religious

4:00 to 4:45 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Diane Gurney

Sunday, March 10

First Sunday of Lent

7:00 am to 7:30 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: Robert Kallian

10:30 am: Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family

General Parish Information

Father Varkey Emergency Cell Phone: 715-937-3664

New Parishioners: You are most welcome to join the family of St. Mary's. Please contact the parish office.

Prayer Chain: Jean Kuhn (715) 937-1161

Meal Ministry: Mary Sladich (715) 743-4466

Bereavement Ministry: Annie Augustine (715) 937-1432

Visitation Ministry: Anne Durst (715) 743-3352 or Annie Augustine (715) 937-1432

Elizabeth Ministry: Renee Schoen (715) 743-4059

Marriage: Contact with the parish is required six months to a year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:30 am Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. Baptisms following Mass can also be scheduled. Preparation classes are required.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Gretchen Fitzmaurice (715) 486-6674.

Weekly Collection

February 24, 2019

Tithe	\$1,994.00
Fuel Offering	50.00
Offertory	124.78
Student	5.40
CCD Tuition	90.00
Catholic Life	40.00

Total **\$2,304.18**

Weekly Budget **\$4,479.79**

Building Fund "Paying the Way" \$950.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday, March 9-10

<u>Lectors</u>	(A)	(B)
Sat. 5:00 pm	Jeanne Strey	Delores Schmitt
Sun. 8:00 am	Dr. Greg Foster	Allen Mohr
Sun. 10:30 am	Gary Veltus	Mary Hartung

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm	Bonnie Langreck/Mary Sladich/Jeanne Strey
Sun. 8:00 am	Dr. Greg Foster/Allen Mohr/Scott Swita
Sun. 10:30 am	Mary Hartung

Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm	JoAnn Blum/Lorraine Spencer
Sun. 8:00 am	Mike Hart/Mary Ann Ingold
Sun. 10:30 am	Rita Kuchenbecker/Renee Schoen

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun 8:00 am	Eastan Swita	Wesley Swita
Sun 10:30 am	Austin Gross	

Ushers for March

Sat 5:00 pm	Tim Brekke/Wayne Opelt
Sun. 8:00 am	John Pagenkopf
Sun. 10:30 am	Dan Pekol/William Poesche/Gary Ruzic

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm	Marian Ball
Sun 8:00 am	Jack & Theresa Hammond
Sun 10:30 am	Joel & Christine Feucht

Greeter Schedule – March

5:00 pm: Jim & Sue Resong

8:00 am: K Weirauch

10:30 am: Karen Gilbert & Mary Hartung

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

8:00 am: Kim Swita /10:30 am: Volunteer

Parish Announcements

Annual Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast
THIS Sunday, March 3, 2019
Serving 8 am to 12:30 pm



COME AND ENJOY!!!

Proceeds support the ongoing efforts of our relationship with Uganda Africa.

Learn more about ending porn exposure on Safe Haven Sunday, March 10th Research studies have found that viewing porn decreases a person's ability to become intimate and that it desensitizes you to cruelty. Neither of these are good for you or your family. Learn more about the harms of pornography and how to protect your family on Safe Haven Sunday.

The Word Among Us Lent 2019 are available. Thank you to St. Mary's PCCW for sponsoring the books for Advent and Lent each year.

Knights of Columbus Lead Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays during Lent beginning March 13th at 6:30 pm.



Lenten Fasting Guidelines

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th.

Lenten regulations are as follows:

- Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.
- In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Paving the Way

GREEN ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN PEWS THE FIRST WEEKEND EACH MONTH.

Summary of the project presented to Parishioners February 16 & 17

What is the project?

- ❖ To reconstruct and reconfigure the entrance driveway and rear parking area behind the school and parish office.
- ❖ Add a new access drive behind the rectory garage connecting the rear parking area to the main parking lot.

Why is this needed?

- ❖ Current pavement is in poor condition. It is uneven, prone to potholes, and difficult to snowplow.
- ❖ Visibility exiting current driveway onto Highway 73 is poor to oncoming northbound traffic. New connecting driveway would allow one way through traffic and avoid nose to nose confrontations and potential mishaps on current narrow drive.
- ❖ Better access is needed for emergency fire and rescue vehicles to all buildings on the campus.

How much will it cost and when will the work begin?

- ❖ Estimated cost for entire project is \$ 53,000 based on preliminary inquiries with contractors.
- ❖ Work cannot begin until all the money is collected.
- ❖ Projected start date is early spring (March or April) 2020.

How can I contribute to the fundraising campaign?

- ❖ Pick up a "Paving the Way" brochure from the church carport entrance.
- ❖ Discuss, pray, and decide with your household how much you can contribute over the next year from March 2019 to February 2020. Remember as Catholics we understand that sacrifice ultimately brings joy!
- ❖ Decide whether to pay monthly, quarterly, or a onetime payment.
- ❖ Read in the brochure how the Green Envelope Campaign can be used to make your contribution. This begins with first Sunday in March 2019.
- ❖ Fill out the tear off section and return it via the Sunday collection.
- ❖ Thank you for your generosity and your prayers for the success of the project and the fundraising campaign!

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

CCD Assignments

Grade 1 – Mrs. Grotz: Color the picture “When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a crowd of people cheered for Him”. Pray the Hail Mary each night before bed with your parents. Continue to collect Box Tops for our CCD Program.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Carney: Read Chapter 19 “The Sacrament of Penance” and complete homework sent home. Say Act of Contrition every night. Know the 5 steps to a good Confession. Review Chapter 18. Next week is Ash Wednesday. We will go to Mass.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Schmitt: Do assignment sheet.

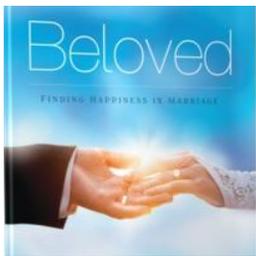
Grade 5- Mr. Veltus: Chapter 18 in workbook, pages 71 through 74.

Grade 10 – Mrs. Hannasch: Complete Candidate Commitment Form. Bring a bulletin from this Sunday Mass. Have family complete yellow survey.

Lenten Mite Boxes will be available next week at CCD as well as in the Narthex. Donations will be going to **The Missionary Childhood Association**. It was founded in 1843 to encourage children to help children. Today they are making Jesus known to children in over 110 countries all over the world. As we enter the season of Lent, let us lead our children in making spiritual and monetary sacrifices to grow in holiness and to help others in need. *May God bless our efforts.*

A few ideas to fill a Mite Box

- *Collect loose change at the end of every day
- *Sacrifice a treat and put what you would have spent in the mite box.
- *Put allowance earned for extra chores in the mite box
- *Put in a coin for acts of kindness
- * Mite Boxes will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 14th



Refresh Your Marriage During Lent...

Join Russ and Annie Augustine, Diocesan FOCCUS marriage facilitators, for 3 presentation sessions of Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage. The sessions are on Tuesday evenings 7- 8 pm on March 12th,

19th and 26th in the parish office conference room. The session topics include: How to put Christ at the center of your marriage; How to strengthen your marriage with a deeper unity; How to grow from conflict and communication in your marriage. Child care will be provided with advanced notice. For any questions or to sign-up, please contact Annie Augustine: annaliz09@hotmail.com or 715-937-1432.

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2018-2019

Target: \$37,250

Pledges Received: \$31,745 - 85% of Goal

Please prayerfully discern your pledge. Thank you to those who have already submitted their pledge for this year.

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

Generously Approve Donations

at February 19, 2019 Meeting

- ❖ “Paving the Way” Project - \$5,000 plus the proceeds from the 2019 Salad Luncheon and 2019 Fall Bake Sale.
- ❖ \$500 donation to assist with purchase of cassock and clerical shirts for Seminarian Alex Kren.
- ❖ \$400 donation for new alb for Father Varkey.
- ❖ Bake Sale May 18-19, 2019, will support Project Milk.

Thank you to all of the women of St. Mary's for the continuing support of the PCCW. The dedicated work allows for these generous donations.

PCCW Introduces Secret Prayer Partners for Lent:

A basket is located in the narthex of the church where you can put your name in or take a name out. The purpose is to pray for a secret prayer partner during Lent.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for all your prayers during Kathy's recent illness and recovery. It has truly meant so much to know that we were on your mind, in your hearts and in your prayers. We are happy to inform you that Kathy continues to move forward in the recovery and rehabilitation phase of healing.

In loving gratitude,
Bob & Kathy Barth
and family

House of Mercy Mardi Gras Party Tuesday, March 5th 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Noreno Restaurant, Curtiss, WI

Buffet Taco Bar &

Roasted Chicken with mashed potatoes and veggies

Tickets are available at St. Mary's Parish Office

Adult \$10 and \$5 for 3-8 years old

CCHD Collection: Envelopes are available in the carport vestibule for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development.

Please continue to root out wickedness and evil from the Catholic Church.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Sacramental Retreat

Saturday, March 23rd – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

First Reconciliation

Saturday, April 6th – 9 am

First Communion Rehearsal

Saturday, May 4th – 9 am

First Communion

Sunday, May 5th – 10:30 am Mass



Milk Moola Ending Soon..... Please gather and turn in all Milk Moola caps and bag tops you might be saving. The program will be ending. Please submit all

Milk Moola by March 25th so they can be mailed out before the deadline. We appreciate all of the effort on the part of our families and parishioners to collect and submit Milk Moola.

Winter Parking

The Pastoral Council strongly advises all people to park in the main parking lot during the winter months (November through April). Clearing of the snow from the back parking lot and the sidewalks to the north of the church may not be complete prior to Mass. For you and your family's safety, please park in the main parking lot.

Melody Gardens Christian Music Skate Nights

1200 South Oak Ave, Marshfield, WI

7:30 pm to 10 pm

February 22, March 22, April 26, 2019