

Ministers of the Liturgy February 6 & 7, 2016

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Karen Hebert (L), Flora Maria Be, Marian Quigley, Patrick C. McKinney, Joseph Segari, Merle & Charles Dittmer, Carl A. Guidroz, Jr., George Spaulding, Rose Marie Greco Federico, Hubert LaBorde, Elvera Youngblood, Archille Bougere, Thanks to St. Michael
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
A. & P. Delaup
Cantor: Trish Foti

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Hilda Thibodaux
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
M. Evola, P. Fleming, C. Frederick, L. Director
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Mary Comberrel, Ebling Family, Joseph Donald Bernard, Colgan Family, Poor Souls, Mary & Jules Haydel, Dianne Z. Harrison, Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote, Joseph Casse, Jr.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
K. Robertson, R. Meece, N. Bostick, L. Frey
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
A. Calongne, T. Keller
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (2/8-12)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Sheila Barry
	5:30 p.m.	Isabella Forsythe
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Ryan Vignes
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Special Intention (L)
	9:00 a.m.	Karen Hebert (L)
	Noon	Liturgy of the Word
	6:00 p.m.	Chris & Marine Peters
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Bill C. Johnson
	5:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday	7:00 a.m.	Paul LaRocca, Sr.
	5:30 p.m.	Infant Jesus of Prague



Blessing of the Stations of the Cross

We will formally bless our new set of Stations of the Cross on the first Friday of Lent, February 12, at 6 p.m. The Rite of Blessing will be followed by praying the Stations of the Cross. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Ash Wednesday

The holy and penitential Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, with the distribution of Ashes. The Mass Schedule is 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 noon (Word Service with the Distribution of Ashes – No Mass) and 6 p.m.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Feb. 8, and Tuesday, Feb. 9, in observance of Mardi Gras. We will reopen Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 9 a.m.



Golden Wedding Anniversary

Attention couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2016. The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sunday, June 5, at 3 p.m., at St. Philip Neri Church, 5500 Kawanee Ave. **You must register through the Parish Office by Feb. 15.**

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Feb. 13/14

4 p.m.	K. Hartdegan, D. Martin
9 a.m.	K. Klapatch, R. Theriot, C. & R. Ayers
11 a.m.	P. & R. Serio, J. Hutchinson, R. Oleksik
6 p.m.	L. Daigle, B. David



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



Altar Care

Altar Ladies

Week of February 7
A. Delaup

Linens

Large - Y. Morise Small - C. Ayers

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$2,683.00
Loose	3,360.65
Repairs and Maintenance	287.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund	121.00
Totalling	\$6,451.65
Catholic Schools Collection	\$668.00

Fr. Cooper's Corner A Marian Lent

On Ash Wednesday, we begin our 2016 Lenten Pilgrimage – journeying with Jesus in His Passion and Death – to His Glorious Resurrection on Easter morning. It's a journey with Jesus. It's a journey with each other. It's in Lent that Jesus Himself announces a pilgrimage and wants to serve as the expert guide. But on the pilgrimage of Lent, Jesus sends us His mother to do something far greater than being salt, leaven and light! What I'd like to do is to examine together the four lessons that the Church has given us to guide us on this pilgrimage with Christ from a Marian perspective, because Mary teaches us how to be a good pilgrim in Lent and in life.

The first message is given to us by God through the Prophet Joel. It's the fundamental theme of Lent. "Return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return." Lent is fundamentally about the transformation and healing of our heart. The first challenge for us is whether we're going to rend our hearts and return to the Lord with all our hearts or whether we're going to harden them to His offer of healing. The one who shows us how to love God with our whole heart is Mary. Her heart was pure and saw God and His love in everything. Hers was a receptive heart, treasuring all God has said and done within. It was an obedient heart ready to act on the word heard. It was a loving, self-giving heart, pouring itself out for others.

That brings us to the second message God seeks to give us to guide our Lenten pilgrimage, which is given in the Psalm for Ash Wednesday. We will pray, "Be Merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned!" We turn with confidence to God saying, "Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness. In the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. ... A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Give me once again the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a spirit that wills what you will." On this journey of receiving God's mercy and then becoming as merciful toward others as God is toward us, Mary accompanies us to help us to trust above all in God's mercy.

That leads to the third message found in the epistle for Ash Wednesday. It's not enough for us to recognize we need God's mercy and cry out for it. We need to come to get it. St. Paul implores us as an ambassador of Christ, "Be reconciled to God," and not to procrastinate, reminding us that now, today, is the acceptable time and the day of salvation. Now the offer of a brand new start has been given. Like St. Paul, Mary is always appealing and acting as an ambassador, bringing God's message of mercy and asking us to become heralds of this gift as well.

The fourth lesson is how to live out this change of heart, this rending and returning, this dwelling in God's mercy, this seizing the acceptable time and day of salvation. It's daily through the practices Jesus describes in the Gospel for Ash

Wednesday: prayer, fasting and almsgiving, which seeks to recalibrate respectively our relationship with God, ourselves and others.

The first Lenten practice is prayer. Jesus says, "When you pray....," which obviously shows the expectation that we will be praying along the journey. Mary is the the paragon of prayer and teacher of prayer.

The second practice is fasting. Jesus says, "When you fast...." The purpose of fasting is to learn how to hunger for what God hungers. Mary does! In her Magnificat, she asserted that God "fills the hungry with good things." She was filled with good things because she hungered, and she teaches us how to open ourselves up to those good things by our hunger.

The third practice is almsgiving. Jesus says, "When you give alms..." Jesus wants to help us to learn how to love others as He loved us, holding nothing back. In this, Mary is again exemplary, giving her entire self, her entire life to God and then for us and our salvation.

We finish with what we're about to receive in three days, ashes. As Ash Wednesday approaches, as we look towards our Lenten Pilgrimage on the horizon, let us prepare well and let us invite Mary along on the journey!(Full article on frcooper.info)

Lenten Masses and Devotionals

For our complete Lenten Schedule visit: www.stbenilde.org/lent

Save the Date

On Saturday **February 27**, men and women are invited to join the St. Benilde Rosary and Altar Society for its annual **Morning of Reflection**. This year the presenter will be the Very Rev. James A. Wehner, S.T.D., Rector/President of Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology. The program will start with the recitation of the Rosary at **8:30 a.m.**, followed by Mass. Then a coffee and donut breakfast will be provided by the Rosary and Altar Society in the school library. Fr. Wehner will start his presentations at 10:30 a.m. The morning will end at approximately **12 noon**. Please contact Anita at 504- 835-3119 or Kay at 504-834-7908 to let us know if you plan to attend.



Mark Your Calendar

The Men's Club will be hosting a **Fish Fry** on **Friday, February 19**, from **5:30 to 8 p.m.** in the cafeteria. Don't miss the new, expanded menu that now includes a soft shell crab plate, fish taco, and Thai Shrimp taco! Pre-sale tickets for adult fish plate - \$10 (\$11 at the door), child fish plate - \$6 (\$7 at the door), soft shell crab plate - \$11 (\$12 at the door) and grilled redfish with shrimp cream sauce - \$11 (\$12 at the door). Corn and crab bisque, seafood gumbo, pizza, drinks and more will be sold. Hope to see you there!