



**First Sunday Of Lent**  
18 February 2018  
**Primera Sunda Of Lent**  
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# St. Ambrose and St. Mary

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:

I do not like to quibble over semantics or to exact precise, strict interpretations of basic principles of life. That resolution particularly applies to the Holy Season of Lent; especially in regards to whether or not one can “cheat” on the Sundays of Lent because, technically they “don’t count”!

I will never forget Monsignor Dierker at St. Nicholas in Struthers, Ohio; a suburb of Youngstown. He was the third pastor under whom I was raised as a child (all three of whom were Monsignors!). When Monsignor visited the classrooms of the school, which happened every month, he often spoke of remembering to live “according to the spirit rather than the letter of the law.” By that he meant that if we tried to figure out how to get around a particular principle, we were not trying to understand the reason why it existed in the first place! He further explained that if we took the Sundays of Lent as “free days” (because they are considered “little celebrations” of the Resurrection) we were trying to find a sneaky way into heaven!

It was in the eighth grade at St. Nicholas parish in Struthers where I learned how Easter was determined every year. It is always the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox (the beginning of Spring). It is a “movable feast” as compared with Christmas which is always celebrated on December Twenty-fifth in the Latin

Rite of the Catholic Church. Monsignor taught us that the exact number of days during Lent are not what mattered—it is the WHOLE season that makes a difference.

According to his manner of thought, if we children decided that we could “cheat” on the Sundays of Lent and stop our Lenten practices that we had chosen to offer up to the Lord for ourselves or others, then we were not following the example of Jesus, Who fasted and prayed for forty days before beginning His public life of service and healing. Monsignor told us, “If you cannot walk with Jesus for forty days, children; you will never be able to walk with Him for your whole life!”

It is a lesson I have never forgotten. It is actually a reason why, even though Church Law allowed me to stop fasting when I turned Fifty-Nine, I have not done so; and, God willing, I will not do so for the rest of my years. Monsignor’s teaching of how to “walk with Jesus” so impressed my thirteen year old mind that it has become a mantra for life. So, for me, there are no “cheat days” during Lent. I enjoy the challenge of trying to do something (or step aside from something) for however long the weeks last. In that way, the Feast of Easter is even more a joy. May your own Lenten journey be blessed, each and every single day.

Peace be with you, Monsignor

## Parish Information

	Monday 2/19/2018	Tuesday 2/20/2018	Wednesday 2/21/2018	Thursday 2/22/2018	Friday 2/23/2018	Saturday 2/24/2018
<b>St. Mary</b>	8:00 AM Jonathan Norris	NO MASS	NO MASS	8:10 AM Susan Flora	NO MASS	2:30-3:30 Confessions
<b>St. Ambrose</b>	8:00 AM Suzann O'Connor	8:00 AM Charles Graybill	8:00 AM Fr. Edward Dhondt	8:00 AM Ronald Huntzinger	8:10 AM Amelia "Jean" Rudolf	4:00-5:00 Confessions
<b>Other Locations</b>			11:30 AM St. Vincent Hospital  Poor Souls		10:30 AM Providence  Poor Souls	

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Feb. 24th & 25th	Sat. 4:00 PM St. Mary	Sat. 5:30 PM St. Ambrose	Sun. 7:30 AM St. Mary	Sun. 9:30 AM St. Ambrose	Sun. 11:30 AM St. Mary
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	Patrick Wildman	William Carter	Veriero Ippolito	Pro Populo	For Barbara St. Clair and Dora Duran, In Thanksgiving
<b>Reader</b>	Betty Myer	Ron Bollman	Maurene Sparks	Greg Kalisz	Deyda Valenzuela
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	S. Schipp H	Stephanie Metz H	George Zink H	Michael Block H Mary Lamper H	Rosa Rodriguez H
<b>Servers</b>	Katie Greene Michael Smith Kayla Smith	Tony Martin	Ella Murphy	Simon Bell Lillian Villegas	Daniela Flores Jose Ibarra Mya Ibarra

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



<u>Stewardship</u>	
<b>St. Ambrose</b>	\$ 4,948
YTD	\$ 44,837
NTD	\$ 78,000
<b>ST. Mary</b>	\$ 5,577
YTD	\$ 57,582
NTD	\$ 108,000
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,391 (\$86,324 of \$330K)

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St. Ambrose—[https:// www.osvonlinegiving.com/272](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/272)

St. Mary—<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/13>

### **Dates To Remember**

February 22nd—Grief Support 6:30-8 PM St. Mary Rectory

March 3rd—Men’s Lenten Breakfast 7:00 AM at St. Ambrose Ambrosian Hall (downstairs)

### **Grief Support Group**

Coping with loss can be a very difficult thing. A support group can make you / help yourself heal. There will be a group starting on February 22nd, from 6:30-8 PM in the St. Mary Rectory. This will be a 13 week Session. Find hope through healing while coping with loss. If you have any question please call Patricia Farran at (765) 623-4080.

### **Fruitful Harvest Updates**

St. Ambrose goal- \$124,686. 89.6% has been pledged and only 65.7% has been paid.

St. Mary goal- \$186,040. 89.4% has been pledged and only 57.9% has been paid.

Both parishes are responsible for 90% payment of goal. When our goals are paid in full, a 10% rebate can be used for parish projects. If we do not reach 90% of our goal, funds will be taken from parish resources to complete it. Please make your payments to Fruitful Harvest. You may drop them in the collection basket or pay on line. The link is on our website, [www.stambroestmary.org](http://www.stambroestmary.org).

**Fruitful Harvest 2018**-If you are interested in leadership personnel please call St. Ambrose 644-5956 for both parishes.

### **That Man Is You (TMIY)**

Our meetings are at the Columbian Hall on Main Street (behind the Toast). Breakfast is at 6:00 AM, presentation at 6:15, Small group discussion at 6:45. Dismissal at 7:15. You can call Mike Evans at (765) 602-0306 for more information.

Session 20– Money and Trust In Divine Providence

- Money and Happiness
- Setting Expectations For Youth
- The Pressures Of A Father
- Trust In Divine Providence
- Laying The Foundation For the Future
- Hearing The Cry Of A Child
- Building A House For The Lord

## **Fridays During Lent**

5:30 Evening Prayer at St. Mary

6:30 Stations with Communion at St. Ambrose

7:00 Stations (Spanish) at St. Mary

**All Fridays Of Lent Are Abstinence (7 yrs. and above) Ash Wednesday And Good Friday are Abstinence and Fasting (Age 18-59)**

**Adult Confirmation Classes** have begun. This class is for adults over 18 who though raised Catholic, have not yet been Confirmed. Please call Janice this week at 765-644-8467, if you would still like to be included in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

## **Lighthouse Catholic Media**

A selection of Lighthouse Catholic Media books and CD's are available at greatly reduced prices across from the handicapped restroom at St. Ambrose and in the Church annex or at the LCM display in the vestibule at St. Mary Church. Several titles are available in both English and Spanish.

## **Forty Days-Forty Prayers**

The 40 Days For Life 2018/ Spring Campaign has begun, and continues to March 25th. Please pick up at the entrances of the Church "**Forty Days-Forty Prayers**" and join your prayers to those of all the pro-life people who will also be participating in this campaign to save the lives of preborn children.

## **Estimados todos:**

Les saludo con la paz de Cristo!

anexo encontraran una invitacion para un retiro en español para las parejas que se encuentran en proceso de preparacion para recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio. Esto sera el dia sabado 7 de abril, 2018 de 8:00 AM a 7:00 PM, en la parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo. Que nuestro Señor continúe guiando a nuestras familias por el camino Sacramental y les fortalezca en sus parroquias.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

**St. Mary Adoration** is on Thursdays from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Santa Maria** Adoración es el jueves de 14:00-19:00 PM

## **Need Prayer Intentions**

Parishioners of St. Ambrose and St. Mary will pray for you and your special intentions. Call Betty Worden (642-0824). You do not have to give your name. Call Betty if you can help with the prayer line.

## **Weekly Scriptures:**

**Sun.** Gn 9:8-15, 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mk 1:12-15; **Mon.** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Mt 25:31-46; **Tues.** Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15; **Wed.** Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32; **Thurs.** 1 Pt 5:1-4, Mt 16:13-19; **Fri.** Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26; **Sat.** Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48

## **Project Rachel**

If you are suffering after abortion, you may feel very alone. You may have been denied the choice you wanted or the support you needed. Regardless of the circumstances, healing is possible. Our next retreat is scheduled for March 9th-11th. Please contact Project Rachel at 317-452-0054.

## OUTREACH

**Eucharistic Ministers** are in need for the Nursing Homes and the Homebound for both St. Ambrose and St. Mary. If you feel you are called to help with this ministry please call St. Ambrose 644-5956, St. Mary 644-8467 or Barb Kemp at 643-3977.

**Knight of Columbus** will be holding their fish fries **every Friday during Lent** beginning on Feb. 16th. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. They will be from 5-7:30 PM. Come and join us for good food and friendly company. . . . Bring Friends!

The Knights of Columbus regrets that they **will not** be holding their annual St. Patrick's Day party this year due to a variety of reasons. We are hoping to start it up again in the coming years. We hope you understand and continue to support us and our activities throughout the year. Thank you.

**Men's Lenten Breakfast** is coming to St. Ambrose this year on Saturday, March 3rd. Sign-ups will be available the weekends of Feb. 18th and 25th at both parishes for you to offer breakfast foods and help with this great event. Doors open at 7:00 AM with registration at 7:30 and breakfast at 8:00. Youth from our parishes will be there to serve. Thanks for your generosity!

**Soup Kitchen Menu** "For I was Hungry and you gave me Food." (Mt 25:35) The Catholic Community of Anderson encourages **everyone to bring any of the following food items** to Church and place them in baskets during the weekend Masses on **Saturday, February 24th or Sunday, February 25th**. We will be serving Chili at the Christian Center and Alternatives Shelter for Women.

We are in need of: 14.5 oz. can diced tomatoes; 15.5 or 30.5 oz. cans of Chili Hot Beans; Onions; 8 oz. box of spaghetti; 3 oz. cans of Chili powder; 30 oz. or 6 lb. cans of fruit; 1 lb. pkg. of frozen ground beef; packages of American cheese; boxes of Saltine crackers; quart or gallon size cans of fruit.

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE SALES ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FEB. 24-25.**

### **The Cross and the Light**

Last year we were invited to The Cross and The Light in Carmel. It is playing again this year in Brownsburg. Ticket information is in the link below. Those who have seen it say that this show is more than worth the ticket price and travel time.

It is the only Broadway caliber show of Christ's Passion to Pentecost in the Catholic Church today and it's the only tour stop in Indiana. Five shows coming to St. Malachy in Brownsburg on February 23-25. Buy your tickets at [www.CrossAndLight.org/StMalachy](http://www.CrossAndLight.org/StMalachy).

**Please Pray For** all those who are ill or injured, especially the sick and elderly in our parishes.

**The Military in the Middle East:** Josh Fisher, son of Gary and Kathy; Pfc. Cole Gillespie Army Infantry, son of David & Samantha Gillespie; Pvt. Jalen Lewis US Army, son of Stephanie Akin; Specialist Mark Schulten, Sergeant Joseph Schulten, Matthew Schulten HM3, grandsons of Cathy Thompson; Michael Shane Carter Air Force, grandson of Marllon and Emily Carter; Pvt. Caitlyn Fernandez Duarte, granddaughter of Rhonda Cox. Lance Corporal Brock Acra stationed in Okinawa Japan US Marine Corp, son of Greg and Sonia Acra. Specialist Clayton Keogh, US Army, grandson of Tim and Maryfrances Kincaid. YN3 Tyler Brock, son of Karen (O'Connor) Brock.

If you have a family member who is in the service and called to active duty and would like to add their name to a list for special prayers, please call the rectory and give us this information. Let us pray for **PEACE World Wide**. God Bless us all!





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**Dates to remember**

**February 19th**—School will be in session on President’s Day (as a snow make-up day)

**February 23rd**—Box Tops are due

Holy Cross School had a Coin War during Catholic School’s Week. The students and staff brought in \$615.57 in coins! Money will go to the Catholic Relief Fund.

**Please join our school for Stations of the Cross at St. Mary’s Church on Friday, February 23rd at 2:20PM and Monday, February 26th at 9:30 AM.**

You can still listen to Holy Cross students on the Catholic Radio Indy Podcast. Go to [www.catholicradioindy.com](http://www.catholicradioindy.com), click on Podcasts and scroll down to Faith In Action for January 29th.

The school will now take part in a 12 month long challenge sponsored by the Diocese of Lafayette entitled #TakeFaith. The Diocese sent us a #TakeFaith banner to carry with us to activities and to take a picture to post on our Holy Cross School Twitter (HCS@UnitedNFaith) and Facebook page. Follow us on social media to witness our faith in action.

**Sunday Religious Education**  
**Clases de catesismo dominical**

**First Communion Class** is February 25th – 10:35 – 11:25  
**La Clase de Primera Comuni3n** es el domingo 25 de febrero – 10:35-11:25

**Young Church**

Youth Group meets on Sunday, March 4th at 6 PM at St Mary, Holy Cross North school. Come for a meal, games and small group discussion in the school gym.

**All high school youth are invited.** Our meeting will end at 8:00 PM

## DESDE EL PASTOR

Queridas Hermanas y Hermanos en el Señor:

No me gusta poner objeciones a la semántica ni a las interpretaciones precisas y estrictas de los principios básicos de la vida. Esa resolución se aplica particularmente a la Sagrada Temporada de Cuaresma; especialmente con respecto a si uno puede o no "engañar" los domingos de Cuaresma porque, técnicamente, "no cuentan"!

Nunca olvidaré a Monseñor Dierker en St. Nicholas en Struthers, Ohio; un suburbio de Youngstown. Él fue el tercer pastor bajo el cual fui criado siendo niño (¡los tres eran monseñores!). Cuando Monseñor visitó las aulas de la escuela, lo que sucedía cada mes, a menudo hablaba de recordar vivir "de acuerdo con el espíritu en lugar de la letra de la ley". Con eso quería decir que si tratábamos de encontrar la manera de moverse un principio particular, ¡no intentábamos entender la razón por la que existía en primer lugar! Explicó además que si tomamos los domingos de Cuaresma como "días libres" (porque se los considera "pequeñas celebraciones" de la Resurrección) ¡estábamos tratando de encontrar un camino furtivo hacia el cielo!

Fue en el octavo grado en la parroquia de San Nicolás en Struthers donde aprendí cómo se determinaba la Pascua cada año. Siempre es el primer domingo después de la primera luna llena después del equinoccio de primavera (el comienzo de la primavera). Es una "fiesta móvil" en comparación con la Navidad, que siempre se celebra el 25 de diciembre en el rito latino de la Iglesia Católica. Monseñor nos enseñó que la cantidad exacta de días durante la Cuaresma no es lo que importa: es la temporada ENTERA lo que hace la diferencia.

Según su manera de pensar, si nosotros los niños decidimos que podíamos "engañar" los domingos de Cuaresma y detener nuestras prácticas de Cuaresma que habíamos decidido ofrecer al Señor para nosotros mismos o para otros, entonces no estábamos siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús, que ayunó y oró durante cuarenta días antes de comenzar su vida pública de servicio y curación. Monseñor nos dijo: "Si no puedes caminar con Jesús durante cuarenta días, hijos; ¡nunca podrás caminar con Él toda tu vida! "

Es una lección que nunca he olvidado. En realidad, es una razón por la cual, aunque la Ley de la Iglesia me permitió dejar de ayunar cuando cumplí la Cincuenta y Nueve, no lo hice; y, si Dios quiere, no lo haré por el resto de mis años. La enseñanza de Monseñor de cómo "caminar con Jesús" impresionó tanto a mi mente de trece años que se ha convertido en un mantra de por vida. Entonces, para mí, no hay "días de trampas" durante la Cuaresma. Disfruto el desafío de intentar hacer algo (o dejar de lado algo) por el tiempo que pasen las semanas. De esa manera, la Fiesta de Pascua es aún más una alegría. Que tu propio viaje cuaresmal sea bendecido todos los días.

La paz sea contigo, Monseñor

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