

St. Mary's Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019



Dear parishioners,

Sometimes when we have been regularly gifted with God's blessings, we take the blessing for granted. Nearly every year we have had at least one catechumen or candidate to join our Church family. Perhaps we have lost sight of how every single person who is called to discipleship is a marvelous blessing to our parish. Every year we are reminded of God's work in our midst and we are encouraged.

This year we are blessed beyond imagination. Keith will be baptized at the Easter vigil. Clay and Kelli and the whole Speicher family will be making their professions of faith (three-year-old Seth by borrowed faith) and joining us at the Eucharistic table. How grateful we need to be for this blessing!

Lent is for all of them a time of purification and enlightenment, and it is for us a renewal of our baptismal commitment. Each Sunday there is a ritual to bring the Elect and candidates closer to their full membership in the Catholic Church—Rite of Sending, Scrutinies, Presentation of the Creed, Presentation of the Our Father, Reconciliation.

Please continue to support them with your prayers. Please also introduce yourselves and welcome them into our parish family. Encourage them on this journey. Satan is very aware of the blessing that their call is. Lent is sometimes a difficult time for RCIA candidates. Generously lend them your strength and joy.

Sister Carol

We extend our sympathy to the family of Tim Kahle—Lois, Travis, Matt, and Rachel--at the death of his mother Imogene Kahle. May she rest in peace.

Weekend Masses

Sat Mar 9 4:00 p.m. Father Bob DeSloover
Sun Mar 10 10:00 a.m. For the parish
Sat Mar 16 4:00 p.m. Jim and Ruth Badertscher
Sun Mar 17 10:00 a.m. For the parish

Communion Service

Fri Mar 15 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults \$3,847.00 Loose \$1,219.00
Children \$27.87 Total \$5,093.87

82 envelopes returned = 39%

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you also to those who give electronically!!

Assignments for March 16 & 17, 2019

Money Counters: Courtney Gerten and Janet Begg

4:00 p.m.

Greeters: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Steve McCullough

Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese

Lector: Jim Kinn

E.M.: Diana Bucher and Jennifer Tschuor

Servers: Elizabeth Honse and Carson Meyer

10:00 a.m.

Greeters: Steve and Kelly Yarnell family

Cantor: Choir

Ushers: Greg and Gabe Denecker

Lectors: Chris Denecker and Mel Heitmeyer

E.M.: Amy Marcum, Luke Denecker,
Kaden Reneker, Hank Schroeder

Servers: Josh Meyer, Nathan Meyer,
Julia Mehaffie and Issabella Stechschulte

Readings for March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28b-36

Please remember to turn in your Community Market receipts. We receive 1% of all the receipts that we submit for the Community Rewards program. The funds we receive are going to help with the Summer Camp program.

