

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



CURRENT WEEK

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 • **Saturday, March 23 - 6:00 PM** *Intention:* In Memory of Larry Ryan from James & Gloria Sellhorn
 • **Sunday, March 24 - 8:00 AM** *Intention:* For the People of St. Ann
 • **Sunday, March 24 - 10:00 AM** *Intention:* In Memory of Bill Sullivan from Kathy & Dan Hefner
 • **Wednesday, March 27 - 8:00 AM** *Intention:* In Memory of Joey Niepokoj from Family and Friends
 • **Friday, March 29 - 8:00 A.M.** *Intention:* In Memory of Joann Goldman from Family and Friends

NEXT WEEK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 • **Saturday, March 30, - 6:00 P.M.** *Intention:* In Memory of Jim Bapst from Family and Friends
 • **Sunday, March 31 - 8:00 A.M.** *Intention:* Vytautas & Eva Kasniunas from Family
 • **Sunday, March 31 - 10:00 A.M.**
Intention: In Memory of Father Joseph Kelchak from Ralph & Faith Caron
 • **Wednesday, April 3 - 8:00 A.M.**
Intention: In Memory of Richard J Jendrzeczyk Sr. from Family and Friends
 • **Friday, April 5 - 8:00 A.M.** *Intention:* In Memory of Helen Barasinski from Family and Friends



Saturday, March 23, 6 pm - Dorothy PALMER
Sunday, March 24, 8 am - Phil DITTMAN
Sunday, March 24, 10 am - Cindy BLOCK
Saturday, March 30, 6 pm - Jim & Camille MELLO
Sunday, March 31, 8 am - Gloria BOLDUC
Sunday, March 31, 10 am - Nora KILMER

If unable to read at your appointed time, please secure a replacement from the master schedule previously sent to you.

Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass & check in with the Sacristan.

To all 10 am Lector/Commentators: When a CCD student is scheduled for Readings at your assigned Mass, please only do the Introduction, Prayers of the Faithful, and other announcements as needed.



Saturday, March 23, 6 pm - Dorothea PLATH, Linda SPERLING
Sunday, March 24, 8 am - Julie KASNIUNAS
Sunday, March 24, 10 am - Ralph CARON, Perry CARTWRIGHT, Annaliese McSWEENEY
Saturday, March 30, 6 pm - Joe ESTEP, Judy MURPHY
Sunday, March 31, 8 am - Julie KASNIUNAS
Sunday, March 31, 10 am - Sharon AMBROSIC, Ann BEESE, Lou FALAT

If unable to serve at your appointed time, please secure a replacement from the master schedule previously sent to you.

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ALTAR SERVERS

Servers, you are an important part of our parish liturgical services. We will be conducting on the job training. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board if you are interested. **REMINDER: Those children who made their First Communion are eligible to serve as Altar Servers.**

HOSPITALITY

• **Sunday, March 24:** Rick and Shirley COLLINS
 • **Sunday, March 31:** SPIRITUALITY AND WORSHIP COMMISSION

Treats after the 10 AM Mass have been a long-time tradition here at St. Ann's. Please consider volunteering to provide either homemade or purchased treats. If you have any questions, please ask one of our Hospitality Ministry Coordinators for details. Thank you!

SCRIP VOLUNTEERS

- **Saturday, March 23, 6:00 PM:** Ed RYSUCK & Linda LANCASTER
- **Sunday, March 24, 8:00 AM:** Nancy LAKIN
- **Sunday, March 24, 10:00 AM:** Faith CARON & Joan BARUFFI
- **Saturday, March 30, 6:00 PM:** Jim MELLO
- **Sunday, March 31, 8:00 AM: Please fill in**
- **Sunday, March 31, 10:00 AM:** Kris JACOBUCCI & Arlene BEGLIN

SCRIP is always looking for extra volunteers to help sell SCRIP. If you can help out, stop by the SCRIP table to find out more information. THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 24, 2019 - Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; First Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9
Monday, March 25, 2019 - Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalms 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday, March 26, 2019 - Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 - Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Psalms 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday, March 28, 2019 - Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Luke 11:14-23
Friday, March 29, 2019 - Hosea 14:2-10; Psalms 81:6-8, 8-9, 10-11, 14, 17; Mark 12:28-34
Saturday, March 30, 2019 - Hosea 6:1-6; Psalms 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21; Luke 18:9-14



WELCOME TO ST. ANN OF THE DUNES!

Whether you come from another part of the world or a nearby parish, we welcome you to St. Ann of the Dunes! We thank you for sharing in the celebration of the Eucharist with us and we appreciate your generosity. We invite you to join our parish family if you are looking for a spiritual home or a summer church home. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church. We look forward to getting to know you. **All parishioners are asked to keep us informed of change of address, phone number or email address. Should you need the Eucharist brought to you, please let one of the Greeters know and we'll be sure that someone will bring Communion to you at your seat.**

HELP US - HELP YOU!



"I was hospitalized and my pastor did not visit me." "I was in the hospital and wanted to receive the Eucharist but no one came." Do these comments sound familiar? There are two solutions to solve the issues:
 • When you are admitted to the hospital, request that they notify your pastor that you have been admitted. They can enter the name of your parish on the admitting form.
 • You or your family can call the parish office at 879-7565 to notify the parish of your hospitalization.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEN & WOMEN



St. Ann is honored to have members serving in both the Armed Services and the Peace Corps. As a community of Christ's people, we at St. Ann's honor their service and salute their dedication by offering prayers for their safety and welfare. Please remember all members of the U.S. military in your prayers. **Please note, we have been asked not to publish individual names, ranks, and locations of our military for security and safety reasons.**

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Any items you would like to be included in the bulletin each week need to be to the parish office, preferably via email, by **Tuesday for the week you wish to include the information. Further, if you wish to post something on the parish bulletin board, please request permission from Fr. John.**

NEWS FROM OUR DIOCESE

DIOCESE OF GARY TOTUS TUUS

The Diocese of Gary is currently looking for college aged men and women to serve as missionaries to pass on the Catholic faith to the youth of our Diocese. The Diocese will pay a stipend of \$2000.00 and all of the housing and food is paid for during the commitment from May 31-July 27, 2019 Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Our week-long Parish Summer Catechetical Program assists parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are already doing. Totus Tuus calls upon college students and seminarians from the Catholic Diocese of Gary and across the United States to carry this mission to every young person they encounter in the parish program. Students are hired for their energy, enthusiasm, love for the faith, commitment to spiritual growth, ability to work with a team, and desire to work with youth. If you know someone that might be interested, please have them email Sean Martin at or call 219-769-9292.

2019 NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Northwest Indiana Catholic Women's Conference will be held April 6, 2019 from 8:15am to 3:30 pm at Queen of All Saints Parish in Michigan City. This year's theme is Sharing the Joy of Our Faith. Come be inspired and uplifted! Outstanding speakers include Sr. Miriam James, Dr. Angela Franks and Kevin Matthews. Cost is \$40 for adults and \$20 for college and high school students. For tickets and more information visit www.nwicatholicwomen.com or call 219-769-9292 ext 259.

DIOCESE OF GARY MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Living a Joy-filled Marriage includes living the virtues, communication, resolving conflict and managing resources.
 Friday, April 26th, 6-9 pm at St. Mary in Griffith Friday, October 11th, 6-9 pm at St. Mary in Griffith
 Friday, September 6th, 6-9 pm at St. Mary in Otis
Called to the Wedding Feast includes Catholic teaching on Marriage, Theology of the Body, Intro to Natural Family Planning and Family Prayer.
 Saturday, April 27th, 9 am-4pm, St. Mary, Griffith Saturday, October 12th, 9 am-4pm, St. Mary, Griffith
 Saturday, September 7th, 9am – 4pm, St. Mary, Otis
 Contact Sean Martin smartin@dcgary.org or 219-769-9292 ext 230 or Rosanne Kouris at rkouris@dcgary.org at 219-769-9292 ext 259 for additional information.
 Registration and payment for the classes is done online at www.dcgary.org/marriageprep. Please registrar at least 10 days prior to class date. Total cost of both classes is \$100.00 per couple and must be paid in full before attending classes.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD POST-ABORTION RETREAT

The dates for the 2019 Rachel's Vineyard retreats are March 29-31 and September 13-15. These are weekend retreats for all women and men who have experienced an abortion or anyone who has been involved with one. The weekend focuses on the love of God, on his mercy, and on new beginnings and hope through scripture, meditation and sacraments. Those interested can contact Rosanne Kouris at the Pastoral Office @ 219-769-9292 ext 259 or email at rkouris@dcgary.org or on the confidential Rachel's Vineyard phone line @ 219-552-2944. The cost is minimal and should not prevent anyone from attending.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

SHARE FOUNDATION SPRING LUNCHEON

The Service League of Share Foundation with the Handicapped is planning a Spring Luncheon with broasted chicken, door prizes, a silent auction & entertainment on April 10th in the Halls of St. George in Schererville from 10:30 am-2:00 pm. The ticket prices are \$40.00 per person. For more information: Call Share Foundation @ 219-778-2585

SPRED NEWS

SPRED (special religious development) ministry is making progress at St. Mary Parish in Griffith. St. Mary will welcome adolescents (11 to 16 years of age) with special needs. They are also looking for a few more adult volunteers to help form a small community of faith to welcome six of these friends with developmental and intellectual challenges. There is no prior experience needed to be a friend to a child. Join Monica and others on Thursday, April 4, 6:30 pm., in the church of St. Mary on 525 N. Broad St., in Griffith. Learn more about this ministry and be open to discover if this is where you belong.

BLESSING OF MOTORCYCLES & PICNIC

On Sunday - April 14, 2019 @ Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine (The Salvatorian Fathers Monastery) 5755 Pennsylvania St. - Merrillville, IN 219-884-0714. There will be a Mass in the Polish language at 12 pm, followed by blessing of the motorcycles at approximately 1 p.m. A picnic featuring Polish foods will also be featured on the shrine grounds; menu items and prices vary. All are invited to attend!

POLISH-AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

UPCOMING MEETINGS
 PORTAGE CHAPTER Wednesday, April 3rd
 5 pm
 Portage Public Library
 2665 Irving St. - Portage, IN
 Facilitator: Rev. Walter Rakoczy of Michigan City All are invited to attend; for more information, call Theresa Child at 219-464-1369 or Email polamnwi@yahoo.com.
 MICHIGAN CITY CHAPTER
 Wednesday, April 24th
 5 pm
 St. Mary School Building
 321 W. 11th St - Michigan City, IN

CAMP SHARING MEADOWS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Camp Sharing Meadows is recruiting for Counselors, Cooks, and Nurses for our Spring 2019 Mini-Camps. Camp Sharing Meadows is a weekend camp for developmentally and intellectually disabled adults, but we like to call them our other-abled friends. At camp, our campers participate in communal camp activities with their counselors and each other while growing in their relationship with God through fun activities and value sessions. If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact Emily Barsic at 219-778-2585 or at camp@sharefoundation.org. Dates: April 12th-14th, and May 17th-19th.



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

PLEASE SIGN OUR PETITION – ITS IMPORTANT

For at least two years, we have tried to resolve with Porter County officials the issue regarding the "junkyard" that has been created on the front yard of the property at 101 Golfwood Road. Unfortunately, nothing has improved. We are determined to make our voices be heard but we need your help. Please sign a petition that is located in the back of Church next to the scrip table. We are respectfully requesting Porter County officials enforce property codes. Sometimes the road is blocked by vehicles and various items creating a safety issue in addition to the unsightly appearance of junk. We also have health concerns. So please have every family member over the age of 18 sign the petition. Take extra and ask your neighbor's to sign the petition as well. We need your help.

THANK YOU TO THE GUILD AND CHOIR

Recently, through the generosity of the St. Ann Guild, the choir was able to attend a concert by the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra at the Living Hope Church in Merrillville. The program included liturgical music—Mass for the Children by the English composer John Rutter—as well as classics by Mozart and Brahms. Thanks to the Guild for offering this opportunity for an inspiring musical experience and thanks to the Choir for all of their hard work.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Peace and Social Justice invites the entire family of St. Ann of the Dunes to participate in the 2019 Lenten food drive. Donations of nonperishable items may be left in the large white box in the back of church. You may also participate by purchasing a grocery card for donation--the good folks at the scrip table can tell you how that's done. All proceeds go to the Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU TO THE 1ST AND 2ND GRADE CCD STUDENTS

A special thank you to all of the 1st and 2nd graders (and their parents) who helped make and host tasty treats last Sunday. An especially BIG thank you to CCD teacher Anne Prokusi for taking the time and effort to teach her students a wonderful lesson in giving. The kids had a great time in service to others, it was a lesson that will stick with them for awhile.

LENTEN CALENDAR

As we approach this Lenten season, let us work toward a living relationship with God by attending some of the many services and events our parish is offering:
 Weekday Masses: Wednesdays & Fridays at 8 AM
 Stations of The Cross: Friday Evenings (3/29, 4/5, 4/12) at 6 PM
 Penance Service: Wednesday, April 3, 6 – 7 PM (opportunity for confessions in Lithuanian)
 Anointing of the Sick: Sunday, March 31 during the 10 AM Mass
 Holy Thursday: April 18, Mass at 6 PM
 Good Friday: April 19, Liturgical Service at 3 PM

On Sunday March 24th, we will welcome our Lenten Speaker Viva Bartkus. She will talk about working for peace. The discussion will begin at 11:15 AM.

Next Sunday, March 31st, we look forward to hearing from Sister Peg Spindler from Sojourner Truth House.

Information about our Lenten Speaker Series on March 31st, and April 7th, can be found on brochures in the missalette carts. Plan to attend these informative and inspirational sessions.ns.

LENTEN PALMS

If you have palms from last year, you can bring them in and place them in the container at the back of Church. Since palms are blessed, they must be buried or burned. Those we collect will be burned in our Easter Vigil fire.

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

During Lent we fast and repent in preparation for the Resurrection of Jesus. As you give up your excesses this Lenten Season, fill your rice bowl with thanks that you can help those in need. Anyone wishing to participate can pick up a rice bowl from the table at the back of church. Please give what you can during Lent and return your boxes on Palm Sunday, April 14th. th.

Pope Francis says, "Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty."

PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

Please keep all of our departed family and friends in your prayers especially Richard J Jendrzeczyk Sr. who passed away this week *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

IN THE SPOTLIGHT -- A Little Something About Our Advertisers

Edmonds and Evans has supported St Ann for many years as an advertiser in our Bulletin. Owner, John Evans along with Laurie, his wife and the rest of the staff are dedicated to providing healing experiences with integrity and respect during life's most difficult times. John purchased the Chesterton location in 1986 and has since added a location in Portage. He and Laurie are active members of the Duneland Community. Participating in many civic and community organizations has enabled them to acquire an understanding and empathy that allow them to help each family celebrate and honor the memory of their loved ones.

COMMISSION MEETINGS AND REPORTS

SCRIP REALLY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Scrip Profit for year 2019 is DOWN by \$400. Yes, sales for Scrip have been dropping, which means the rebates are less. Sooo... please do your share by purchasing Scrip cards on a regular basis. One, yes, only one card a month for \$100 would boost the rebates. Our profit for a year has been as high as \$8,500, but it is now running \$5,000.00 a year. What happened? Is there a reason you do not purchase Scrip? Please talk to us and let us know how to improve our rebate profit, CALL the church office or call Sharon at 219-928-3214. Let us know your reason for NOT purchasing Scrip. Change CAN happen but we need your help.

REFLECTION FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Seeking water. A hot day. A thirsty throat. A deep well. How is our thirst slaked? Often with help. The woman helped Jesus with a drink. Jesus offered the woman living water.

- What does the living water of Baptism still do in me?
- How will I support the elect – those who celebrate the Scrutiny today and long for Baptism at Easter – this day and week?
- I will do this mercy work, giving drink to the thirsty, by _____?