

St. Mary Parish Community

...since 1860

118 Church Street Algoma, WI 54201-1033

Come Worship With Us!

March 1, 2009 - First Sunday in Lent



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

MISSION STATEMENT

*With our eyes fixed on the Risen Lord Jesus Christ
Conformed to his image in Baptism and the Eucharist
We grow together in our Gospel faith And our
understanding of our rich Catholic tradition Building the
Kingdom by living in gratitude Reaching out generously
to all people in need.*

Baptism • Marriage • Reconciliation • Sacrament of the Sick

Call Fr. Bill at 920-487-5001 to make arrangements for these Sacraments at St. Mary or Holy Rosary Parish.

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Parish Office

In the School
You are welcome from:
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Worship

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TV Mass

Monday 11:00 am
Tuesday 9:30 am
Wednesday 6:30 pm

Liturgies For March 2 - 8, 2009

Monday

Algoma 6:30 pm Evening Prayer
Kewaunee No Liturgy

Tuesday

Algoma 8:15 am † Blanche Gilson
Kewaunee 8:15 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion

Wednesday

Kewaunee 8:15 am † Helen Lipsky
Algoma 8:15 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion

Thursday

Algoma 10:15 am † Marie Bongle Mass at Algoma Long Term Care Center
Kewaunee 10:00 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion @ Kewaunee Care Center
Kewaunee 1:30 pm Liturgy of the Word/Communion @ Linden Manor
Kewaunee 6:30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday

Kewaunee 8:15 am † Joan Hamachek
Algoma 8:15 am Morning Prayer
Algoma 10:00 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion @ Bayroad Place
Algoma 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Kewaunee 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday

Kewaunee 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Kewaunee 4:00 pm People of Our Parishes
Algoma 5:30 pm † Nathan Donart & Drew Livermore

Sunday

Algoma 8:15 am † John & Mabel Warras
Kewaunee 10:15 am † Living & Deceased members of the Scouts

Readings for March 1 - 8, 2009

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



St. Mary Parish Lights

Tabernacle:
Steeple:
Grotto:

We have some openings for steeple, grotto and tabernacle lights. If you would like to have the light be in memory of or honor a loved one, please stop in the parish office.

Financial Update Summary

Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly \$ 4,992.00 Budgeted YTD \$209,120.00
Received \$ 3,883.00 Received \$183,301.18
Overage/Deficit (\$1,109.00) Overage/Deficit (\$25,818.82)

Loose Collection

Budgeted Weekly \$360.00 Budgeted YTD \$ 17,163.00
Received \$258.22 Received \$ 14,500.25
Overage/Deficit (\$148.20) Overage/Deficit (\$2,450.95)

Taking Care of Our Saint Mary Parish Financial Update
We are still collecting for the Outdoor Projects that need to be completed. If you have not yet given to this project, please consider to do so.

Outdoor Projects \$10,000.00
Collected as of 2/23/09 \$7,000.00
Total amount needed \$ 3,000.00



Children's Corner

Here are just a few of the many offerings to God from the youth at St. Mary's.

This week my prayers of Special Intention were for: Uncle Danny, My great Grandma

This is how I used my Time & Talent: I prayed for my Great grandma.

Gifts from the youth envelopes: \$4.75

Happenings This Week:

Monday, March 2, 2009

Girls Basketball Games Kewaunee @ Algoma. Grade 7 starts 4:30 pm — Grade 8 to follow.

Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm in church

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Girls Basketball Games Southern Door @ Algoma. Grade 7 starts 4:30 pm — Grade 8 to follow.

Lunch for Body and Spirit with Father Bill. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy discussion & fellowship in the Rosary Society Room.

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Religious Education and Faith Formation

Grade School Faith Formation 3:45 pm –5:00 pm

High School Faith Formation 6:45 pm—8:00 pm

Faith Alive at 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 5, 2009

7/8 Forensics Meet @ Holy Family 3:15 pm to 8:00 pm

Rosary Society meeting, 6:00 p.m. in Rosary Society Room. Chairpersons: Missy Schmidt & Judie Bero; Committee: Marge Curtin, Almyra Havenhill, Mary Jane Ebert, Ruth Herlache, & Laura Kissinger. New members are always welcome. Any questions call Rose Marit (president) 487-5407. Please bring items for the Food Pantry

Friday, March 6, 2009

Destination Imagination Presentations 1:00 pm, school gym.

Way of the Cross in church at 4:00pm

Saturday, March 7, 2009

Destination Imagination Baylake Regional Tournament @ So. Door 8:30 am - 5:30pm

8th Grade Girls Basketball Tournament

Notable and Quotable - Other News, Notices, Announcements and Happenings

St. Mary Trout Boil, 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Boiled Trout, Red Potatoes & Onions Coleslaw, Rye Bread, Desserts & Beverage

Adults—\$8.00 Children—\$4.00. Fish & Chips—\$4.00

Sponsored by St. Mary Building & Grounds. Helping Hands & Desserts

Are you looking for Spiritual Growth Opportunities?

Monday, March 2 Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm in church.

Tuesday, March 3 Lunch for Body and Spirit with Father Bill. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy discussion & fellowship in the Rosary Society Room.

Wednesday, March 4 Faith Alive in church. Prayer and Presentation of U.S. Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Thursday, March 5 Liturgy and Life in church at 2:30 pm. Study and prayer series on the Mass with Kathy Zeman.

Friday, March 6 Way of the Cross in church at 4:00pm.

Mark Your Calendars!

June 29th will be the 10th Annual St. Mary Parish Day of Retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Oshkosh. Robin Therese, Liturgical Minister at the Quad Parishes of Green Bay's west side: Annunciation, St. Joseph, St. Jude, and St. Patrick. Previously, she was Pastoral Associate at Our Lady of Lourdes, De Pere. Robin has led days of reflection and retreats in the diocese.

September 12-16th (tentative dates) Holy Rosary Parish will sponsor the Mission. "A New Beginning, A New Journey, A Fuller Way, A Happier Way". Presenter will be Fr. Conrad J. Kratz, O.P., the current director of the Norbertine Center for Spirituality.

More information on both these events soon.

In Joy and Hope: JOURNEY TOGETHER ALONG THE LAKESHORE

In this age of technology, I am sure that all of you know what a GPS device is. GPS is an acronym for Global Positioning System. These are nifty gadgets that can direct you as you travel to new places in your car. You and I probably don't need them in Algoma or Kewaunee – although I would find one helpful when I am driving on the east side of Green Bay. I always get twisted around in that vicinity. Certainly on my trip last fall to Seattle and the surrounding area, a GPS would have been helpful. Maybe I wouldn't have been as nervous about getting around in a new and big city.

Not sure where you are going? Wondering which way to turn? Need directions? Stuck?

I am thinking that the holy season of Lent is like a kind of spiritual GPS device. Lent is our annual retreat as a People of God who are to be faithful followers of Jesus. What is the status of our spiritual lives? The questions above certainly fit in well with the spirit of Lent as well as the following questions. Am I growing in my friendship with the Lord? Is my celebration of the Eucharist changing me ever so gradually into a holy person? Am I walking on the path of holiness? What habits or thoughts are tripping me up? What addictions are enslaving me? Am I living with integrity and honesty? Recalling my baptismal promises, have I turned away from sin and turned to the Lord?

These questions need to break through the noise of our hectic lives. I have said this many times before: Lent is not life as usual. In the true spirit of Lent, we slow down – make time for more prayer and pondering of the Scriptures, participate more consciously in the Mass, say “No” to some aspect of our self-centered, undisciplined lives, and say “Yes” to being more sensitive and attentive to the people around us – especially those in need.

As we worry about the state of the economy – and pray for those who have lost jobs and/or homes and who are near despair – let us “re-position” ourselves in the direction of the Lord. He is our hope. He is our way. In him, we place all of our trust.

I invite you to make the most of the opportunities Saint Mary Parish is offering during this holy season of Lent –

- Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM on the Mondays of Lent,
- Lunch for Body and Spirit with me at noon on the Tuesdays of Lent in the Rosary Society Room,
- Stations of the Cross at 4 PM on the Fridays of Lent,
- Liturgy and Life with Kathy Zeman on the Thursdays of Lent at 2:30 PM in the Rosary Society Room.

Mark your calendars for our annual Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, March 30 at 6:30 PM. I will also be available to celebrate Confession after Evening Prayer on Monday, March 2 and 16. Lent is really not Lent without coming to terms with our need for God and our sinfulness and then experiencing God's boundless mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Father Bill +