

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF:**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
*Cromwell-Wright*  
**ST. MARY'S                      ST. LOUIS**  
*Meadowlands                  Floodwood*



**MASS SCHEDULE and CONFESSIONS**

**St. Louis**

**105 4th Ave E , Floodwood, MN 55736**

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Tuesday -Wednesday: 8:30 AM

Adoration after weekday Masses.

Confessions half hour before Mass on Sunday  
and Saturday from 10:00-11:00 AM

**Immaculate Conception,**

**5944 Hwy 210, Cromwell, MN 55726**

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Thursday: 8:30 AM

Adoration after Thursday Masses at the church

First Thursday Mass at Villa Vista: 8:30 AM

Confessions half hour before Mass on Saturday

**St. Mary's**

**9999 Hwy 133, Meadowlands, MN 55765**

Sunday: 8:00 AM

Friday: 8:30 AM

Adoration after Friday morning Mass.

First Saturday : 8:30 AM

Confessions half hour before Mass on Sunday

(Confession also available by appointment)

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**Tri-Parish Website:** [nemncatholic.com](http://nemncatholic.com)

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Before any detailed arrangements are made, parents must attend a pre-baptism class.

**Funerals:** Arrangements are to be made with the priest before publication in newspapers.

**Weddings:** Arrangements are to be made in person with the priest at least six months in advance.

**Sick Calls:** Inform the Rectory or Office of the ill and homebound.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "**Father, glorify your name!**" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable *expectation* of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

– Father John Muir

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March 17  
St. Mary's Len, Craig, Laura  
St. Louis Phil, Kay  
March 24  
St. Mary's Don, Len, Barb  
St. Louis Michael, Carrie



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTION

3/19 8:30 AM St. Louis  
  
3/20 8:30 AM St. Louis  
  
3/21 8:30 AM Immaculate Conception  
  
3/22 8:30 AM St. Mary's  
Darlene Horvath - Prayers for Healing  
3/23 5:00 PM Immaculate Conception  
Our Parishioners  
3/24 8:00 AM St. Mary's  
John & Anna Cernota+  
10:30AM St. Louis  
Leonard Schminski +

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

3/18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
3/19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
3/20 - St. Archippus, Bishop  
3/21 - St. Enda, Monk  
3/22 - St. Lea  
3/23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop  
3/24 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



LITURGICAL ROLES

March 23, 2024  
Immaculate Conception  
Lector Earl Nett  
  
March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday  
St. Mary's  
Lector Lorena Murphy  
Gifts Gene & Laura Kowarsch  
Ushers Steve Kucera & Kevin Kowarsch  
St. Louis  
Lector Michael Utech  
Gift Bearers Tom & Sheila Niemczycki



MARCH 17, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCA - Ministry Appeal

The Duluth Diocese is undergoing some reform in some of the area of finances and the way funds are collected and how they are dispersed for the various activities in the diocese. One of the areas that is affected is the United Catholic Appeal (UCA). Many of you have been contributing to the UCA over the years. In April, when the UCA used to begin, it will be replace by the **Ministry Appeal**. The UCA used to fund all the activities in the diocese. The Ministry Appeal will only be used to support three ministries in the diocese: *Education and Family 2. Evangelization and Outreach and 3. Vocations and Clergy Support*. The assessments for the Ministry Appeal will be the same as the UCA. Our goals will be assessed every year according to our Ordinary Income.

So please from now on make all checks to Ministry Appeal instead of UCA. You can still use the same UCA envelopes in your package for now. We will take care of them. As of April all the envelopes will be forwarded directly to the diocese where they will be opened and counted.

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” — Jn 12:24, 31-32

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

03 / 10 / 2024

Immaculate Conception

ENV	\$ 415.00
PLATE	\$ 34.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 50.00
Ministry Appeal	\$ 25.00
Ministry Appeal 2024	\$ 1,190.00
Ministry Appeal goal 2024	\$ 5,029.00

St. Mary's

ENV	\$ 335.00
Plate	\$ 47.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 30.00
Ministry Appeal	\$ 100.00
Ministry Appeal 2024	\$ 2,635.00
Ministry Appeal goal 2024	\$ 8,127.00

St. Louis

ENV	\$ 1,375.00
PLATE	\$ 156.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 10.00
Ministry Appeal	\$ 25.00
Ministry Appeal 2024	\$ 1,535.00
Ministry Appeal goal 2024	\$10,223.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- ♦ **First Thursday Mass:** Mass on the 1st Thursday of every month is at Villa Vista.
- ♦ **Stations:** Wednesdays at 5:00 PM.
- ♦ **Ham Bingo** is today at 6:30 PM in the Cromwell Pavilion. Free popcorn! Raffle drawings!

St. LOUIS

- ♦ **Soup Supper Lent:** The last Soup Supper for Lent will be Wednesday, March 20th.

St. MARY'S

- ♦ **First Saturday Mass:** Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 AM.
- ♦ **Stations:** on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

ALL PARISHES

- ♦ **Mass Intentions:** If you send a check with your Mass intentions, please make them out to St. Louis Church.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

**HOLY THURSDAY:** St. Mary's Church at 7:00PM.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** St. Louis Church in Floodwood, 12 noon. St. Mary's in Meadowlands, 3:00 PM. Immaculate Conception in Cromwell, 5:00PM.

**EASTER VIGIL:** Immaculate Conception at 7:00PM.

**EASTER:** St. Mary's at 8:00AM. St. Louis, 10:30AM.

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