

Saint Mark Catholic Church

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Weekend Masses: 5 pm
Saturday and 8 am Sunday
Weekday Masses: Tues. 5 pm
and Thurs. 5 pm

Confession: Saturday at St. Mark
from 4 pm to 4:45 pm or by
appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration: Second
Tuesday of the Month at 4:30 pm.

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Mission Statement: We are called to help complete the Mission of Jesus Christ by reaching out to all the lives we touch by word and example.

Stations of the Cross: Thursday 5:30 pm

Parish Council Chair Sonny Finnegan (314) 550-9169
Financial Council Chair Bob Chaplin (270) 969-8358

Please contact Fr. Jojy for Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion or Pastoral calls to the sick, shut-in or hospitalized.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Intentions

+ Deceased

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Monday		Mar 11	No Mass	
Tuesday	St. Mark	Mar 12	5:00 PM	Person and Arriola Families+ Eucharistic Adoration 4:30
Wednesday	St. Paul	Mar 13	6:30 PM	Karen Elder + followed by CCD
Thursday	St. Mark	Mar 14	5:00 PM	Karen Elder + followed by Stations of the Cross
Friday	St. Paul	Mar 15	9:00 AM	Karen Elder +
Saturday	St. Mark	Mar 16	5:00 PM	Harper/Nelson families - Salvation of Souls+
Sunday	St. Mark	Mar 17	8:00 AM	for the people of our parishes
Sunday	St. Paul	Mar 17	10:00 AM	Mag & Emil Weidner +

Starting Monday, March 11th, St. Mark will be painted. People with a sensitivity to the smell of paint should be aware.

REFLECTION

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Lætare* (Rejoice) Sunday, from the first words of today's liturgy. As on *Gaudete* Sunday in Advent, rose-colored vestments may replace violet, and flowers may grace the altar, symbolizing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of Our Lord. The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness, and grace extended to us in Christ.

In the first reading, taken from the Second Book of Chronicles, we see the compassion and patience of God. God chose Cyrus the Great, a pagan conqueror, to become the instrument of His mercy to, and salvation of, His chosen people exiled in Babylon. In the second reading, Paul tells us that God is so rich in mercy that He has granted us eternal salvation and eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus. Today's Gospel provides a theme that parallels the first reading, but on a much higher level. Jesus, the Son of God, becomes the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation but for the sinfulness of the whole world.

Through John 3:16, the Gospel teaches us that God has expressed His love, mercy, and compassion for us by giving His Only Son for our salvation. Nicodemus, the wealthy Pharisee and member of the Sanhedrin, meets Jesus by night and begins a long religious discussion. Jesus explains to him that he must believe Jesus' words because Jesus is the Son of God. Then, by referring to the story of Moses and the bronze serpent, Jesus further explains God's plan of salvation. Just as God saved the victims of serpent bite from death through the bronze serpent, He is going to save mankind from its sins by permitting the crucifixion and death of His Son Jesus, because the love of God for mankind is that great.

We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than simple generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image, and carry our own daily cross with joy, while helping other to carry their heavier crosses.

We need to reciprocate God's love by loving Him in others. God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful. Let us try to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities in sharing our love with others during Lent.

Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an ongoing process. That is, we must lead a life of repentance and conversion which will bring us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us, to an ongoing renewal of life through prayer, adoration, Bible reading, frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist, and doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

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Lenten Penance Services – *“Confession is the soul’s bath. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see it needs dusting again.”- St. Padre Pio*
 Catholics must go to Confession at least once each year. Additional priests will be on hand to hear confessions.

St. Paul, Sun, Mar.10 2pm

St. Henry, (Aurora) Sun., Mar.17 1pm

St Leo, (Murray) Wed., Mar.13 4:30 pm

St. Stephen, (Cadiz) Thurs., Mar. 21 6pm

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday- St. Mark 5pm Saturday and 8am Sunday; St Paul 10am Sunday

Tuesday- No mass at St. Mark. All are invited to attend the **Chrism Mass** 6:30pm at the Owensboro Sports Center.

Wednesday – St. Paul 6:30 pm

Holy Thursday - St. Mark 6:30 pm

Good Friday - St. Paul 6:30 pm

Holy Saturday- St. Mark 8pm

Easter Sunday -St. Mark 8am and St. Paul 10am



Prayer Requests

St. Paul: Meredith Janiak, KayTomes, Rodger Rush, Ronald Weidner, H.C Beck, Jim Hayes, J. D. Gray, Melody Maki, Kendra Redd, Teresa Angelilli, Johnathan Vanover, Karen Wurtman, Mary Reil, Sherry Curling, Rick Bennett, Beth Berton, Lynn Ann Basso, Lewis Wurtman, Tammy Cannon, Mike Toomey, Sister Clarita Browning, and Mary Cheeseman

St. Mark: Jim Hibbard, Alisha Finnegan, James Martin, Gary Wood, David Harkins, Austin Benthem, Cale Goodwin, Carol Kelly, Cheryl Osborne, Dan Glenn, David Boyd, Destiny Oliver, Diane Edelbrock Nelson, Eric Roberts, Faye Morse, Frank & Deborah Vipond, Gerry Maynard, Gloria Orr, Jackie Kohlhagen and Baby, Jan Piche, Jenny Rivera, Jim Eich, Karen Reibel, Kelly George, Kenny Pierson, Lonnie & Terry O'Neill, Lynn & Mike Jamieson, Maggie Pierson, Makenna Finnegan, Margie Hibbard, Marie Berger, Reene McCartney, Richard Berger, Ron Eich, Roy Maynard, Shannon Doney, Sr. Joan Claire, Susan Hanf, and Terence Carlin.

Both Parishes: Please remember our shut-ins and nursing home residents in your prayers: Barb Adams, William Moertl, Yvonne Stilinovic, Linda Stevens, and Dottie Thomas and all those living in nursing homes. Pray for our military and their families, especially Jack Rooyackers.

Stewardship		February 24 - 25, 2024	Thanks for your support!	
St. Mark	Regular collection	\$2,998.00	Infirm Priests: \$140.00	
St. Paul Week 36	Total collection:	\$3,165.00	Weekly budget expense:	\$ 2,750.00
	Infirm Priests	\$ 190.00	Year-to-date collection:	\$96,918.09
	Youth 2000	\$ 560.00	Year-to-date budget:	\$99,000.00
	Diocese of Mandeville	\$ 100.00		
	Building Fund	\$ 200.00		

St. Paul Second Sunday Dinner on March 10th

Please join us after the 10am Mass at the Center as we spring forward with daylight savings time to enjoy a springtime dinner! Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish, casserole or dessert to share with family and friends for our gathering. Afterwards, don't forget the Penance Service at 2pm.

The Easter Egg Hunt (March 31) will be here before you know it! Please drop off candy-filled eggs at the St. Paul Narthex or give them to Natalie Adams.

K of C News: Friday Fish Fry This is your final chance to enjoy a carry-out meal available from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at St. Paul. (March 22nd Fish Fry will be in Dawson Springs.) For information call (270) 625-0269.

"Building the Domestic Church Program."

Watch for a kiosk with various free, faith related booklets. The kiosk will rotate among the Council's three parishes. A donation jar will be available to help with the cost of continuing the program, but do not feel obligated to donate.

St. Paul 150th Anniversary- Sunday May 5th

Ken Negray is putting together a history of St. Paul Church. If you have any stories about our priests, church, activities or school, please contact Ken at 270-559-9624, or see him at church.

Mass Ministers for Next Weekend

St. Mark		Altar Server	Lector	Greeters/ Ushers	Eucharistic Ministers	Counters	Financial Rep.
March 16	Saturday 5 pm	Doug McCartney	Michelle Edelbrock	Kathy and Tom Murray	Joe Merimee Volunteer		Joanne Bogle
March 17	Sunday 8am	Bob Chaplin	Marilyn Terry	Vicki and Steve Roby	Jan Chaplin Joe Rivera	Lynn Jamieson Rose Swierczynski	Bob Chaplin

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Mar. 17	Sunday 10 am	JD	Dan Adams	Susan Brinkley Sebastian	Susan Brinkley Maureen Adams	Bob Hayes* and Mike Wasielewski
March 25	Sunday 10 am	Colin	Anna Ray	Joe and Kathy McEnaney	Cesar Turmero Susan Rush	

St. Mark/St. Paul bulletins are available at <https://stmarkeddyville.weconnect.com>

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813 S. Jefferson St.
Princeton, KY 42445
Office Hours:
9 to Noon Tues/Wed
12:30-3 pm Thurs/Fri

Sunday Mass: 10 am
Weekday Masses:
Wed. 6:30 pm
(Followed by CCD)
Fri. 9 am



Mission Statement: Let us experience a change in every moment of our lives for the better and touch the lives of other people whom we meet every day.

Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30 am First Friday of the Month Confession: Fri. 8:30 – 9 am
Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 6 pm

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Bookkeeper: Pamela Haberlock

Baptism: Please contact the Pastor for scheduling of Baptism and one-month notice is required.

Matrimony: Please contact and make an appointment with the Pastor for scheduling of the wedding. At least six months is needed for preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Jojy for Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion or Pastoral calls to the sick, shut-in or hospitalized. If you are admitted to the hospital please give them the name and phone number of the church so the Pastor can visit.

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