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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Monday-Friday at 8:00 am

Saturday at 5:30 pm

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 am

3rd Sunday at St. Mary of the
Rock at 11 am

Holy Days

Check the Bulletin for Mass Times

VIRTUAL MASS SCHEDULE

LIVE on Saturdays at 5:30pm

on our Facebook page

A link is available on our website from
livestream 'til next Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month after
Daily Mass - 7pm

Main body of Holy Family Church

ADORATION

Monday-Friday 9am-9pm

St. Anne's Chapel located by
the East side entrance.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact **Beth Geis** to arrange a Baptism
[holyfamilybeth@gmail.com/](mailto:holyfamilybeth@gmail.com)
812-934-3013 (ext. 125)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday from

7:15am-7:45am

Saturdays from 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Sundays 7am-8am & 9am-10am

A Franciscan Parish for 158 years! • March 9, 2025 • First Sunday of Lent

Holy Family Parish



"Jesus...was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days..." (Luke 4:1-2)

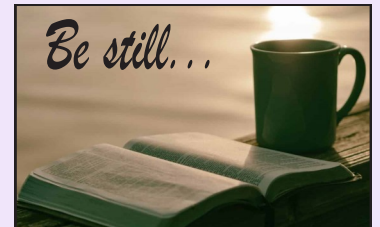
Immediately after His baptism, when He was anointed by the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:22), that same Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness, the desert, to face temptations. He is being prepared to take on His public ministry – to proclaim the coming of God's Kingdom, to call God's people to

repentance, to teach and heal and forgive, to live and die and rise again for the salvation of the world and the glory of His Father.

Why the desert? At His baptism, Jesus took on his role as representative of sinful humanity. He joined us all in a saving solidarity. Now He does the same thing by going into the desert. Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years before coming into the promised land. During those years God's people tested Him to see if He could provide water and food for them. They turned to other gods who they thought could save them. They had trouble trusting that His power and goodness could protect them. Where they failed, Jesus succeeds. He shows us that it is possible to overcome temptations, with the help of God.

In the book of the prophet Hosea, God struggles with an unfaithful "spouse," the people who have wandered far from Him. His solution: "I will allure her now; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak persuasively to her. ... There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as on the day she came up from the land of Egypt" (Hosea 2:16, 17). God knows that time alone in the wilderness will allow Him to speak to Israel's heart, reconcile her to Him, and reestablish their relationship.

God is calling each of us into the desert with Him this Lent so that He can speak to our hearts, too. What does that mean? It means setting aside the distractions that we often welcome into our lives and just spending time with Him in prayer. Every day. It doesn't have to be complicated – in fact, it should not be complicated. Just take some time every day to be alone with the God who loves you. Tell Him the things you are grateful for. Share with Him your joys and your struggles and your fears. Invite Him more completely into your life. Sit quietly alone in the desert of your heart with God and let Him speak to you there. You may not hear much at first, but the more you share with Him, the more He will share with you. Give it a try. Make quiet time with God a priority this Lent.



Read Angel's Story

Our Lenten outreach project this year is called Water for Life. You will learn more about it as the season goes on. Every week you will find in the bulletin an activity guide related to the project, something to do at home as a family to make this project come alive and deepen your own faith, while learning about the struggles of people in other parts of the world. The activity guide invites you to reflect on a story about a little girl called Angel. To find that story online, use this QR code right here:



- Fr. John

RUMMAGE SALE Upcoming Collection/Sorting Dates

MARCH Collection Dates:

SAT., March 15, 2025 from 9am-Noon
March 25, 2025 from 6pm-7:30pm

April Collection Dates:

April 8 from 6pm-7:30pm
April 22 from 6pm-7:30pm

Please use **FRONT** entrance of school. Must bring items to sorting room **INSIDE** building.



STATIONS of the CROSS

**Every Friday During Lent
Holy Family Church - 7pm
March 14, 21, 28 & April 4 & 11**



LOCAL LENTEN FISH FRIES

Annual Faith Formation Fish Fry

Hosted by: St. Anthony & St. Nicholas Parishes
St. Anthony - 4773 Church Rd - Morris, IN
March 14th from 4:30pm-7pm
Drive Thru & Dine in

Knights of Columbus Fish Buffet

The Hall - Delaware Rd - Guilford, IN
Fridays - March 14th - April 11th
from 5pm-7:30pm. Fried Pollock, Fried
Cattfish, Potato, Vegetable, Cole Slaw, or
Applesauce. \$15/Adults or \$7/Kids 4 to 8.
Questions call 812-934-2729. Carry Outs
Available. Open to the Public

St. Martin Fish Fries

St. Martin Hall - 8044 Yorkridge Rd - Guilford, IN
Fridays - March 14th - April 11th
from 4:30pm-7pm

St. Mary's Fish Fries - Aurora, IN

211 Fourth St - Aurora, IN - 812-926-1558
Fridays - March 14th - April 11th
from 4:30pm-7pm

Dine in, Drive Thru or Carry Out

St. Teresa Fish Fries - Bright, IN

By Knights of Columbus - Council 14862
211 Fourth St - Aurora, IN - 812-926-1558
Fridays - March 14th - April 11th
from 4:30pm-7:30pm
Dine in or Carry Out



Come & support the St. Teresa's
Knights of Columbus fish fry dinner,
Fri., March 14th for our 3rd annual St.
Patrick's Day Celebration and Bonfire
Blessing! Authentic Irish Music will be
performed by the Ohlhaut Brothers,
starting at 6:30, and special Irish
Bagpipes performance outside after
Bonfire Blessing at 7:15 PM by
Fr. John Barker, OFM. Guest
appearance by St. Patrick as well!

MORRIS VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S
BREAKFAST
MARCH 9th, 2025
7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

ST. ANTHONY HALL | 4755 CHURCH ST. | MORRIS, IN

BREAKFAST INCLUDES
PANCAKES, WHOLE-HOG
SAUSAGE, EGGS AND
BISCUITS AND GRAVY

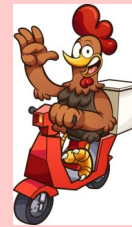
Free will offering | Proceeds go towards fire equipment

St. Peter's Ladies Sodality

Drive-Thru Fried Chicken Dinner

Sat., March 15 - 4pm-7pm

The cost of a dinner will be \$15.
Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, mashed
potatoes & gravy, green beans, slaw
or applesauce & dessert 1207 East
Road, St. Peter (Brookville) - School
Building - Not gym. For more info,
please call 812-623-2878 or 812-576-3153.



LENTEN SERIES & RETREATS

LENTEN SERIES

Thursdays in March
6:30pm-8:30pm

With Fr. John Barker, OFM

& Fr. E.J. Stein, OFM Join
Fr. John & Fr. E.J. for a special
Lenten series offering reflections,
spiritual guidance & meaningful
practices to deepen your faith
journey during this sacred season. Scan the QR
code to register for one or all! **Oldenburg
Franciscan Retreat Center - (812) 933-6437**



St. Teresa of Avila Retreat Center

Traditional Silent Retreats



Women's Lent Retreat
March 13-16

Men's Lent Retreat
April 3-6

For more info or to register scan the
QR code on the left
edelweisshouse.org / 812-221-5370

You're invited to...

MARY'S WAY

Women Answering Yes

3rd Annual
Mary's Way
Candlelight Dinner

Free will donations accepted.
Thank you, Parish Festival for
their generous contributions.

Thursday,
April 3, 2025
6:00: Doors open
for registration
6:30: Dinner
Guest speaker to
follow dinner

Candlelight catered dinner,
inspirational speaker, prayer
& fellowship for women (high
school age and older) in the
St. Mary's School gymnasium.

HelpOurMarriage.org

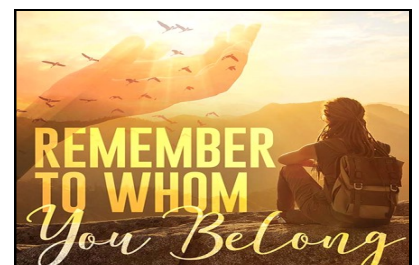
RETROUVAILLE

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Cincinnati Retrouvaille weekend
April 4-6

Retrouvaille has been helping troubled marriages
since 1977. The program is confidential, effective,
and can help you find hope and healing!

HelpOurMarriage.org
513-486-6222



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 8

5:30 pm † Elmer & Carol Goldsmith

Sunday, March 9

8:00 am Members of the Parish

10:00 am Living & † Deceased

Members of the Moll Family

Monday, March 10

8:00 am † Gil Honebrink

Tuesday, March 11

8:00 am † Ruth Riehle

Wed, March 12

8:00 am † Judy Raver Doll

Thurs, March 13

8:00 am † Albert & Ben Meyer

Friday, March 14

8:00 am † Bill Amberger

Saturday, March 15

5:30 pm † Dale Parmer

Sunday, March 16

8:00 am Members of the Parish

10:00 am Living & † Deceased Members

of the Leo & Loretta Werner Family

11:00 am Floyd Roell (SMR)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mike Moll
 Jim Heppner
 Joe Moll
 Patrick Schene
 Diane Raver
 Ben Batta
 Rita Batta
 Rita Brockman
 Rory Biltz
 Russell Wagner
 Tim Wurtz
 Logan Nicholas Doll
 Melanie Jones
 Dave Amberger
 Doty Amberger
 Tina Cohill

Connie
 Alisa Doll
 Terry Duncan
 Beth Fasbinder
 Rick Flodder
 Marvin Gehring
 Tony Gorbail
 Lisa Haessig
 Jean Ham
 Dennis Harmeyer
 Sylva Havens
 Becky Horstman
 Dale Kuntz
 Eugene Laker
 Beth Lamping
 Jim Lamping Jr.
 Todd Leising
 Gary Lewis
 Rita Litzinger

Carlos Luken
 Carolyn Meyer
 Sandy Meyer
 Keith Milligan
 Layla Mulcahy
 Shane Neal
 Bobby Patterson
 Gary Payne
 Tami Peters
 Corey Peters
 Jeanne Phillips
 Bill Pierce
 Clare Ronnebaum
 Ruth Ronnebaum
 Donn Salladay
 Carolyn Scheele
 Wilfrid Scheele
 Leah Schornick
 Pat Schrank

Ellen Siebert
 Alma Simmermeyer
 Ruth Ann Starost
 Paul Strassel
 Carol Strassel
 Steve Suding
 Terri Jo Thompson
 Wesley Neil Thompson
 Jen Tucker
 Dan Wagner
 Mattie Wagner
 Rick Wilhelm
 Tom Wilson
 and all our nursing
 home & homebound
 parishioners.

March 9, 2025

2025 Capital Improvement Projects/Expenses

Project	Estimated Cost	Current Expenses	Description
Confessional	(\$4,285.41)	(\$4,285.41)	Reconstruct current confessional
4 Stage carts and Roller	(\$2,800.00)	\$ ---	Rollers for tables stored under the stage to get them in and out
Flooring replaced in vestibule right & left entrances	(\$10,000.00)	\$ ---	Quoting-estimated
Camera System	(\$2,000.00)	\$ ---	Update the security cameras and ensure each outside door is covered
Grout needs fixed on Church		\$ ---	Quoting
Bedroom & Bathroom Redone in Friary	(\$8,000.00)	(\$2,528.28)	Renovate Friary Bathroom & New Carpet in Bedroom
Total 2025 Projects	(\$27,085.41)	(\$1,757.13)	
Remaining Donations left from 2024	\$4,169.00		
Donations from 2025	\$13,060.00		
Total Deficit for 2025 Projects	(\$9,856.41)		

OFFERING AN ACT OF WORSHIP

March 2nd Sunday Collection

Envelope Collection.....\$6,988.75
 Loose.....\$1,769.00
 Total.....\$8,757.75
 Budget.....\$7,692.31
ABOVE Budget.....\$1,065.44
 Central & Eastern Europe
 Second Collection.....\$2,372.00

Special Parish **MARCH** Collection:

Capital Improvements



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2025

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

NEED A PLACE FOR FAMILY GATHERINGS?

WE CAN HELP. LOCATIONS & DATES AVAILABLE

Holy Family Cafeteria &/or Gym

OR St. Mary of the Rock

Hall & Shelter

Call Cheryl Borgman

@ 812-934-3013 Opt.2



2nd Weekend of the Month

Offering - THIS WEEKEND

Children are encouraged to bring a non-perishable item for the Batesville Food Pantry as their weekly offering. Items will be taken up at offertory time by them & placed in a basket.



If you or a loved one are **seriously ill or getting ready to have surgery**, please contact

Fr. John Barker

@ 812-934-3013 opt. 1

or **Fr. EJ Stein**

@ 812-934-3013 opt. 6.

We will be VERY happy to come visit & celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing with you personally.

Upcoming MISSION Office Special Collections

THIS WEEKEND

Black & Indian Missions

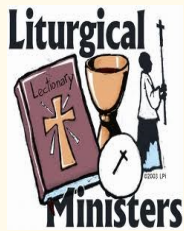
March 22 & 23

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

March 29 & 30

Catholic Relief Services

Info & envelopes can be found on the bulletin board in the center vestibule.



Liturgical Ministry Schedule

USHERS for March 5:30pm: Rick Obermeyer, Jay Pfeiffer & Ed Scheele
8:00am: Brad Laker, Bob Schrank & Matt Schrank - **10:00am:** Brian Lecher, Mike Meyer & Ron V. Obermeyer

USHERS for April 5:30pm: Louis Scheele, Marvin Wissel & Bill Beetz
8:00am: Chris Stange, Tom Honnert & Jason Honnert - **10:00am:** Ken Pfeiffer, Richard Rahe & Mike Schwegman

March 8th & March 9th

Servers:

5:30pm Makynze Borgman & George Jelinek
8:00am Henry Giesting & Kiersten Kreuzman
10:00am Heidi Werner & Nolan Wanstrath

Lector:

5:30pm Toni Cummings
8:00am Eric Doll
10:00am Jan Westerfeld

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Deann Eckstein, Maureen Grote, Elaine Hawkes, Tom Meyer & Lisa Oldham
8:00am Jeff Paul, Teresa Merkel, Eric Hep- pner, Connie Luers & Dennis Moeller
10:00am Tina Duncan, Wendy Havens, Julia Heidlage, Jenny Ilderton & Melissa Jacobs

Music:

5:30pm Leon Enneking, Tim Volz, Carol Roell & Kim Brockman
8:00am Jayne Enneking
10:00am Bryce & Shannon Mullins

March 15th & March 16th

Servers:

5:30pm Aubrey Kruthaupt & Greyson Farmer
8:00am Leo Spreckelson & Blaise Mullens
10:00am Annie Harmeyer & Gus Robben
11:00am Lauren Glardon (SMR)

Lector:

5:30pm Mary Gehring
8:00am Gary Laker
10:00am Jaculin Wilhelm

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Connie Chaffee, Dan Eckstein, Carla Enzinger, Michael Irvin & Carla Enzinger
8:00am Christy Honnert, Karen Trenkamp, Dorothy Ziegler, Cathy Kaiser & Deanna Raver
10:00am Kay Pulskamp, Allen Raab, Brandy Starost, Jacob Starost & Ryan Tekulve

Music:

5:30pm Bryce & Shannon Mullins
8:00am Parish Choir
10:00am Leon Enneking, Tim Volz, Carol Roell & Kim Brockman

March 22nd & March 23rd

Servers:

5:30pm Lauren Lecher & Easton Enzinger
8:00am Luke Raver & Maddie Balash
10:00am Audrey Stirn & George Jelinek

Lector:

5:30pm Kristina Schneider
8:00am Connie Luers
10:00am Gus Robben

Eucharistic Ministers:

5:30pm Deann Eckstein, Maureen Grote, Elaine Hawkes, Tom Meyer & Lisa Oldham
8:00am Kris Baumer, Isaac Trossman, Angie Harmeyer, Eddie Obermeyer & Jeff Paul
10:00am Beth Geis, Dave Rieman, Teri Rieman, AJ Strassell & Carol Dobson

Music:

5:30pm Leon Enneking, Tim Volz, Carol Roell & Kim Brockman
8:00am Jayne Enneking
10:00am Bryce & Shannon Mullins

Grab a copy of FORTY DAYS OF GRACE (WHILE THEY LAST)- Lenten reflections with the Saints. The daily reflections will help us deepen our relationship with God during Lenten journey. They are located by the bulletins at the side entrances & center vestibule.

**A LENTEN
 PENANCE SERVICE
 FOR YOUNG PEOPLE &
 FAMILIES**

Holy Family Church
 March 12, 2025
 6:30 PM

*There will be
 more
 JOY
 in heaven!*

A Lenten Penance Service
 Holy Family Church
 March 18, 2025
 7:00 PM

Secular Franciscan Meeting
COME & SEE
Sun., February 16th
2pm in Heppner Hall @ the Rectory
 All are welcome! Come & See what we are all about!

**COME & SPEND
 MORE TIME IN THE
 PRESENCE of the
 LORD, our SAVIOR**

Monday – Friday 9am-9pm in the St. Anne's Chapel. Join us ANYTIME & for however long you have.

If you would like to sub when needed, PLEASE join our GroupMe Chat. You will then receive text messages for times when a sub is needed. If interested to be added to the Chat OR help with an hour, please contact Dustin Walke at 317-691-5209 or walkedustin@gmail.com.

BATESVILLE PREGNANCY HOTLINE **DID YOU KNOW...** Planned Parenthood and abortion target Black America. In 2020, abortion killed 101,379 more African-Americans than the ten leading causes of death for Black Americans in 2019 combined. An estimated 20 million Black lives have been taken by abortion between 1967 and 2019. Batesville's pregnancy hotline mission is to help mothers in difficult situations. If you need help or know a mother needing help, please call 812-934-5116, go to www.batesvillecph.org, or search for Batesville Pregnancy Hotline on Facebook & also reachable at FB Messenger.

Religious Education/Youth Ministry Page

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:



1st – 8th Grade Religious Education - The next class will be **Wed. March 12th from 6:30pm-7:30pm.**
March 12th will be our **Young Penance Service – You are the Light of the World!**. Please meet in the church with at least one parent with you.

Preschool/Kindergarten Religious Education Class
 Next Class is on **March 9th** from 9:45am-11:00am.

On **Sunday, March 2nd**, we had a **Candidate/Sponsor Retreat** for our **Confirmation students** here at **Holy Family Parish**. We had a great time together talking to each other, talking about virtues, praying together & eating lunch together. We are looking forward to our **Confirmation Celebration** on **Saturday, April 26th** @ **11:00 AM!**



A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who helped with the **Religious Education Turtle Soup Fundraiser**. **We raised \$1,692.77!** We appreciate the time & effort you put into helping our program!



TEAM JESUS YOUTH GROUP (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP): High School Youth Group is **Sun., Mar. 23rd**, from **5:30-7:30pm** @ the **St. Louis Youth Center**. Beth Geis will give a witness on how her faith has impacted her during her highs & lows of life & followed by an unlock the box activity after!

Join your peers every Wednesday morning for High School Bible Study at the Youth Center 7:07-7:37 AM. Smoothies, Coffee, Hot Chocolate and Snacks provided.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: The next youth group is **THIS Fri., Mar. 21st** from **3-5pm** at the **St. Louis Youth Center**.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY: Middle School Bible Study is **Mon. Mar. 10th** at the **St. Louis Youth Center**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Beth Geis.

If you need any help getting your child from the Middle School to the Youth Center, please contact me & we will be willing to help figure something out.

TRIFORCE MISSION TRIP: This year, the group is going to **East Bank, West Virginia July 6-12th, 2025**. The next meeting is **Mar. 23rd** from **4:30-5:30pm** in the youth center at **St. Louis**.



ROYAL BALL & PIRATE COVE:

Tickets are on Sale now!!
Sun., March 30th @ the **St. Louis School Activity Center**. Early Event **12:30-2:00 PM** & Late Event **3:00-4:30 PM**. To order tickets, scan the QR code



ADULT FAITH FORMATION Due to some Lent events coming in the next few weeks, we will not be having Adult Faith Formation. We will let you know when the next class will be!

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

FORGIVEN: THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, **Forgiven** communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



BAPTISM: If you are preparing to have your child baptized or need to receive a Baptismal Certificate, please contact Beth Geis. **If this is your first child**, you will need to schedule a Baptism Class with Beth Geis. If this is not your first child & have attended a class already, we will need proof. **Phone #:** (812)-934-3013 ext 3 or **E-mail:** holyfamilybeth@gmail.com

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Beth Geis! E-mail: holyfamilybeth@gmail.com / Call: 812-934-3013 (ext. 3)



Calling ALL MEN who'd like to enjoy a cup of coffee & discuss the role of our Catholic faith in our everyday lives. **Join us TUESDAYS** after morning Mass in the **Fr. Rudolf room** for some friendly conversation with your parish brothers. No commitment, come & go as you please. Coffee is provided. Contact Dustin Walke at 317-691-5209 with questions.

Young adult men's group every third Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. The group welcomes young men who are single or married with or without young children. Call, text, or email Stephen Janssen to sign up or for more details. Phone: 317-502-9524 Email: smjanssen08@gmail.com



Young Mothers' New Baby Meal Train As many mothers of a new child know, those first few weeks bring excitement, challenges, and adjustments to family life. Let's support those mothers & families who have recently had a baby with the gift of a meal train! If you are interested in being on the meal train list to deliver a meal to a family that had a new baby or you recently had/will be having a baby and would like to receive meals, please contact Kara Janssen by email (kjanssen0517@gmail.com) or cell (812-212-3207).