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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17, 2024**

CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT.

ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:40 A.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Edward Nerswick (Ann Schlater)

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 9:45 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY

BEFORE 10:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. MARY CHURCH

10:00 a.m. St. Mary Healing for Suzanne Walters (Walters Family)

Noon St. Benignus Loren, Margaret & Michael Hays (Patty Hays)

Fr. Mark Bredestege

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

9:15 a.m. St. Mary Joe Vermeersch Healing (Cynthia Sprauer)

ROSARY EVERY TUESDAY AT 11:00 A.M. AT ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

11:30 a.m. St. Benignus Kathy Dye (Ellen Clark)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

ROSARY EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH

3RD THURSDAY MASS EVERY MONTH IS DEDICATED TO PRO-LIFE

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

7:00 p.m. St. Mary Intentions of Mary Tamborski (Dave Tamborski)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

Noon St. Benignus Jeff Hadley (Ann Marie Gunderman)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – St. Benignus

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – St. Mary (Fr. Mark Bredestege)

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

3:30 p.m. St. Benignus Nancy, Joyce & Lucy St. Benignus Seniors (Sisters of Gene Kropfelder)

5:30 p.m. St. Mary Ellen & Elwood Walker, Harold Baker (Joyce & Gary Baker)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary George Wehner (Mumy Family)

10:00 a.m. St. Mary Charles Elking (Blake Walters)

Noon St. Benignus Steve Lerch (The Dean Family)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

ST. MARY COLLECTION – MARCH 10, 2024

Weekly Need	\$	6,500.00
Weekly Collection.....	\$	6,327.00
Variance	\$	-173.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED	\$	240,500.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$	221,440.00
VARIANCE.....	\$	-19,060.00

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION – MARCH 10, 2024

Weekly Need	\$	1,900.00
Weekly Collection.....	\$	1,488.00
Variance	\$	-412.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED	\$	70,300.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$	85,848.00
VARIANCE.....	\$	+15,548.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

BEACONS OF LIGHT

Evangelization Team: Meets **April 11, 2024**, at **6:00 p.m.**
at **St. Mary – Hillsboro**

Love In Action Team: Meets **April 13, 2024**, at **10:00 a.m.**
at **St. Mary – Hillsboro**

Stewardship Team: Meets **April 18, 2024**, at **6:30 p.m.**
at **Mary Queen of Heaven – Peebles**



March 18 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Confession at St. Mary Church.

ST. MARY

The sign-up sheet for the Holy Week Mass schedule is posted on the bulletin board. We need Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Servers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

8:45 a.m. PSR – Parish Hall – **St. Mary**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

1:00-3:30 p.m. GACC Pantry- **St. Benignus**

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

6:00-7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Pantry – Rel. Ed. Bldg. – **St. Benignus**

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

8:45 a.m. PSR – Parish Hall – **St. Mary**

10:30 a.m. PSR-Rel. Ed. Bldg.- **St. Benignus**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

6:00-7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Outreach – Parish Hall – **St. Mary**

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Parish Hall – **St. Mary**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen- Parish Hall – **St. Mary**

ADDITIONAL LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

APRIL 19-21

Do you have the feeling there is something missing? Don't know what it is? These Seminars have led millions to the fullness of life in the Spirit.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Remember in your prayers those parishioners or their family or friends who are sick, in the hospital, nursing home, homebound or in need of prayers...

ST. BENIGNUS & ST. MARY PRAYER LIST

Paula Miller, Ann Marie Gunderman, Claudia Frank, Holly Ruth Givens, Jeff Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Teresa Staten, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Howard Smith, Deacon Len Parker, Sandy Singer, Lillie Myers, The Feltner Family, Nancy Bushelman, Nick Oglesby, Todd Blankenship, Greyson Meyer, Tina Hudson

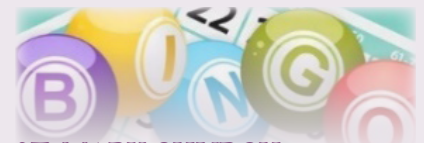
****To Add/Remove from Parish Prayer List, please inform the office (937-840-9932, St. Mary) or leave a note in the collection basket. (St. Benignus Church Office, 937-981-2785)****

BULLETIN DEADLINE

****Please submit by Monday 10:00 a.m. in writing or e-mail at justleahatstmary@gmail.com, or submit in my mailbox located at the front of the school or call the office at 937-840-9932.****

FR. LUEHRMANN HALL

\$73,041.81 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall.



ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO INCOME

Total since May 5, 2023: \$12,352.15

Bingo Team 2 (April 5, 2024)

Sally Frydryk, Tara Bloom, Joyce Combs, David & Mary Tamborski, Kevin & Teresa Stuebs

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

March 17 – Marc Duckwall, Christy Kelner

March 18 – Linda Bradford, Kit Lowe

March 19 – Jim Georges, Patti Herron, Lil Piezer

March 21 – Dennis Lafferty, Richard Lushek, Ralph Schweitzer

March 22 – Sherryll Cordrey

March 23 – Rick Howell

March 25 – Marie Marshall

March 26 – Allison Hendrix

March 27 – Robert Kossler, Matthew Thery

March 28 – Joanne Lake

March 29 – Nicholas Cimis, Travis Marsh

March 30 – Robert Roth

March 31 – Adam Rockey, Ellen Turner



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FIFTH WEEK OF LENT: EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit csrricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



MARCH CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, or 75 years ... Request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting the Archdiocese of Cincinnati web page at: <https://bit.ly/3lgyXfv>. Questions? Please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cne@catholicaoc.org.

ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2024?

Married couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2024 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses:

- Saturday, September 7 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Tipp City. Celebrant: To be determined
- Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati. Celebrant: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. Registration is required to attend one of the Golden Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Masses. Please register online by completing the anniversary certificate request form linked here: <https://bit.ly/3lgyXfv>. Questions? Please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cne@catholicaoc.org.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

March 24	Palm Sunday 8:00am - St. Mary 10:00am - St. Mary Noon - St. Benignus Fr. Mike Paraniuk
March 28	Holy Thursday St. Benignus 7:00pm Fr. Mark Bredestege
March 29	Good Friday Noon - St. Mary 6:00pm - St. Benignus 7:30pm - St. Mary Fr. Mike Paraniuk
March 30	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 8:45pm - St. Mary Fr. Mike Paraniuk
March 31	Easter Sunday 8:00am - St. Mary 10:00am - St. Mary Noon - St. Benignus Fr. Mark Bredestege



Prayer of the Nine-Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe 12 March to 12 December, 2024

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelope the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So, too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.

Through your apparitions on Tepeyac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your messenger, Saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world.

Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage of life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with yours, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to you, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to your Divine Son in Whose name we pray. Amen.

Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke
To be prayed daily throughout the nine-month novena from March 12 to December 12, 2024.



SERMON ON JOHN 11:35

“Jesus wept.” Why did Jesus cry knowing He would raise Lazarus from the dead? Did He cry because of the overwhelming grief of the mourners or seeing the pain on the tearful face of His two good friends Martha and Mary? I believe Jesus cried because of “compassionate anger.”

Jesus was very angry. Jesus knew what the Father intended for humans. The Father created humans for a life of joy, peace, love and eternal life. Pain, suffering and death were never part of God’s plans for His children. Satan deliberately messed it up.

Satan was so jealous that God treasured humans more than him. Satan got revenge by gaslighting two humans, Adam and Eve, to believe they didn’t need to obey God or even need God. With that betrayal of God, death came into our world and killed our union with God. Satan destroyed our “forever home” in Heaven. It’s like a dog spending a few days in a loving forever home only to be returned to the kennel.

Jesus was angry about what Satan did. It angered Jesus that Satan hurt Lazarus and all of us whom He loves. Have you ever felt anger when someone hurts the one you love? The Bible describes Jesus as “bursting into many tears.” Yet, in His tears was born the water for our eternal life.

Jesus cried because He is compassionate. He cares for the sufferings of others. Jesus became human so He can understand the sufferings of His people. Jesus didn’t know suffering in Heaven. He surely knows it now on earth. Jesus shows His compassion in this way: Jesus weeps with you while drying your tears.

I ask this question. How does Jesus care for me in my suffering? I believe Jesus shows it by bringing someone into your life who truly understands your cross. Someone who can cry with you while wiping away your tears.

A traumatic event happened to me when I was in fourth grade. I was in Phys Ed class. The teacher was talking about body posture. He used students as a show-and-tell to describe good and bad posture. He called forth one athletic kid to demonstrate good posture. Then he described bad posture. He looked around the class to pick out a student as an example. He looked right at me and said, “Mike, come to the head of the class.” He made me stand before the entire class. He proceeded to make fun of me for being fat and not standing straight. The kids laughed at me. Then came the fat jokes. I remember one kid telling me not to wear yellow because I’ll be mistaken for the school bus. News of my body shaming spread around the school.

I felt so alone. One day this all changed. A student came up to me and said, “I know how you feel.” He told me his name was “Bumper.” He was a good-looking kid who seemed fairly normal. How could he possibly know what I feel? He’s not fat. After a few moments of speaking, I found out. He had a stutter. He shared the pain of constantly being mimicked, of kids making him feel stupid.

We fast became friends. We cried together and dried each other’s tears. Our friendship not only took away my loneliness but gave me strength to deal with the daily barbs. Kids can be cruel. The best thing about our friendship was that we could look beyond our impediments to see the goodness within ourselves. There is a phrase for this coined by Sasha Chapin. It is called “Deep Okayness.” It means I am worthy of love just as I am.

Jesus cried for those who not only suffer physical death, but also for many whose souls have died from lack of love, rejection, or not given the right to live. What a painful suffering to be marginalized, considered unimportant, or not given basic human respect.

Jesus calls you to dry each other’s tears. Tears are holy water that make the seeds of compassion grow.

I left for the seminary at 14. I never saw Bumper again. I will be forever grateful for the healing he brought to me. Bumper showed me God cares. Happy Lent...Fr. Mike

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