

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday, 5:00 PM February 17	Sunday, 8:30 AM February 18	Sunday, 10:30 AM February 18
Extra - Ordinary Ministers Of Holy Communion	Cheryl Becker Annette Kalkhoff Tom Kalkhoff Mary McClurg Eileen Skogerboe Jed Skogerboe Brenda Walsh Jack Walsh	Ron Crowley Sharon Crowley Marilyn Fleming Mary Lou Korwes Ryan Lee Susan Lynn Sharon Schrunk Stacy Sieperda	Sharon Johnson Jason Kirschbaum Kim Kirschbaum Brian Koppen Michella Koppen Monica Niccum Cathy Thee Pam Wingert
Lectors	Paul Katzfey	Doug Zemler	Dick Staver
Altar Servers		Corbin Quance Taylor Schneider Gracie Zemler Victoria Zemler	Catherine Gulick Sarah Gulick Brent Scott
Hospitality Ministers	Jim Carney Vince Elser Marv Spieker Dale Vortherms	Larry Bortscheller Jim Leinbaugh Mike Schrunk Thad Wiedemeier	Mike Davis Mike Fergen Bob Huls Sylvia Jennings
Music Ministers	Cain Junkman Laura Slawson	Donna Williams Allison Oyler	Donna Williams Gaylene Rolling
Giftbearers	The Endres Family	The Emgarten Family	The Lynch Family

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, February 10

4:00PM Confessions
5:00PM Mass
+Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's

Sunday, February 11

8:30AM Mass
+Mary Buckingham
10:00AM Confessions
10:30AM Mass
+Mike Dailey

Monday, February 12

No Mass

Tuesday, February 13

5:30PM Mass
+Elizabeth Giefer

Wednesday, February 14

7:30AM Mass
+Janet Iedema
+Margaret Gargano

6:00PM Mass

+Steve Bortscheller

Thursday, February 15

5:00PM Stations of the Cross
5:30PM Mass
+Louis Huber

Friday, February 16

12:00 Noon Mass
+Christopher Johnson

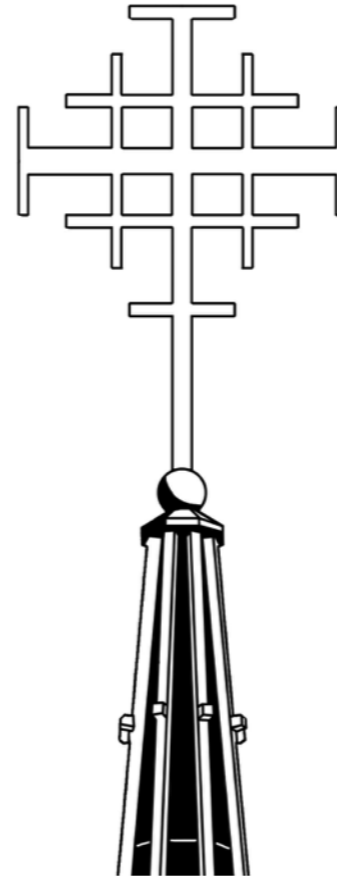
Saturday, February 17

4:00PM Confessions
5:00PM Mass
+Lee Eral

Sunday, February 18

8:30AM Mass
+Edwin & Mary Catherine Duffy Family
10:00AM Confessions
10:30AM Mass
+ Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's

St. Mary's Parish



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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

Parish Staff

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Second Sunday

All couples are invited to our monthly Second Sunday gathering this weekend. We will have a light meal starting at 4:30PM Sunday, February 11th, followed by a presentation and individual reflection on Pope Francis's "Love and Marriage" document. Even if you have not attended in the past, we want to see you there! It's a great opportunity for time together as a couple.

Ash Wednesday

The solemn season of Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14th. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Catholics are to avoid eating between meals and to abstain from meat. Two small meals and one regular sized meal is the custom. Fasting and prayer for a day demands a little attention and planning. It is a day of focus and intention and the fasting helps prolong that experience on the Lord and his presence in our lives.

Ash Wednesday Masses and Religious Education

This coming week we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday Masses being offered at 7:30AM, Noon and 6:00PM. Religious education classes will not meet. Students and families are encouraged to attend Mass at 6:00PM and a great Ash Wednesday dinner in the parish hall immediately following. We will have tuna and noodle casserole and homemade macaroni and cheese. All are welcome to join together for the meal.

Ash Wednesday Liturgical Ministers

We will need some help from lectors, EMHC's, ushers and Mass servers for our three Ash Wednesday liturgies. If you are going to a particular Mass and you are available to assist at our Masses, we will be grateful. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex; please take a moment to sign-up. Thank you for all your service to St. Mary's.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate our 13 second graders on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday evening, February 7th. They are: Addison Anderson, Theodore Becker, Miles Ferguson, Beckett Halbersma, Reece Hartzell, Ty Higgins, Russel Kirschbaum, Olivia Leistikow, Jackson Morrison, Marie Mueting, Everleigh Trei, Rohan Verner, and Samuel Wavra. May the Lord bless them on their journey in faith.

A Biblical Walk Through The Mass: Understanding What we Say and Do in the Liturgy

As Catholics, The Mass is the center of our faith. We celebrate it every day, we know all the responses, we know all the gestures, but do we know what it all means? Explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Liturgy and discover their profound significance. The study, led by Father Hughes, is sure to renew your faith and deepen your love and devotion to the Eucharist. Class meets Thursdays, February 15th – March 22nd beginning at 5:00PM with Stations of the Cross, 5:30PM Mass, 6:00PM meal, followed by the study. Books are \$10.00 and a sign up sheet is available. All are welcome to participate in any part of our Thursday evening activities. We will begin the presentation at about 6:40 each evening.

Stewardship for February 4, 2018

Adults: \$7,988.00, Children/Students: \$32.00, Loose: \$1,563.01, Dollar: \$392.42, Pancakes: \$418.63.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 712-336-2559 or 712-320-5433. Prayer intentions may also be entered in the Prayer Request Book.

Rest in Peace

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Norma Schmitz, grandmother of McKenzie Sandy and Brad Schmitz of our parish. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

High School Lock-in Planned

All students 9th-12th grade are invited to the first-ever high school lock-in on March 9th and 10th. We will start around 3:00PM and conclude at 7:00AM Saturday. We will have food, speakers and a lot of fun. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact Mary to register of if you have any questions. The event is replacing the Jr/Sr Retreat that was scheduled for this weekend.

Middle School Bible Study Sign Up

A new 8 week bible study called Encounter is being offered to all 5th-8th grade students at St. Mary's. Class will be held from 5:15-6:15 on Wednesdays and includes a student workbook. Laura Beck will serve as the group leader. It will run from February 28th-April 18th. The cost is \$5.00 for the workbook. This class has been established in response to several requests from our middle school students for more Bible-based study opportunities. Registration forms for the study are on the south kiosk in the narthex and were also sent via email to all parents. Please call the parish office or talk to Mary Brandt.

Save The Date

The annual Winter Picnic will be held Sunday, March 18th. Be looking for volunteer opportunities for this event in February. The Winter Picnic is a great event for all of our parishioners to join in fellowship, food and lots of FUN! It's a great family friendly event with games, face painting and a bouncy house.

Adult Choir

A full choir rehearsal is set for Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00PM. All are welcome as we prepare for the Easter Triduum! If you have any questions, please contact Allison at stmarysmusic@q.com.

Children's and Youth Choir

There will be NO REHEARSAL Wednesday, February 14th due to Ash Wednesday Mass.

Liturgical Ministers

Please have any dates of unavailability to Allison, at the office or by email, no later than February 13th. Thank you for your assistance to the scheduling process and your willingness to serve the Mass.

Women's Conference Coming Soon in Carroll

All women of the Diocese of Sioux city are invited to the annual Women's Conference in Carroll, Saturday, March 17th. Registration is now open on the diocese website, www.scdiocese.org. Click on the ministry tab, then ministry-adult, then ministry- women to find more detailed information. Emily Cavins is the keynote speaker for the day. Her two-part talk, entitled, "What's Your Fear Factor", addresses how you can root out fear from your life and live in the peace of Christ that He has promised to give to you. Registration is \$35.00 if you register by March 10th. There is a \$5.00 discount per person for mother/daughter registrations.