

*If you are the son of God, throw yourself down.
Matthew 4:5*

MARCH 11th and MARCH 12th

5:30 PM MASS

Deacon:
Lector: B. Theisen
Lay Ministers: C. & S. Guenat, P. Thrift
Greeters: R. Beck, T. Mays
Altar Servers: H. Musquiz, D. Nguyen, S. Proctor,
T. Lockhart

7:30 AM MASS

Deacon: B. Rodriguez
Lector: C. Warren
Lay Ministers: D. Shepard, P. Proctor
Greeters: H. Vavra, S. Motl, JT & JR
Maldonado, J. Edwards
Altar Servers: T., A. & V. Lucksinger,
VM Maldonado

9:15 AM MASS

Deacon:
Lector: M. Guenat
Lay Ministers: K. & J. Bartz, L. Grygar
Greeters: B. & S. McAtee, T. Hodge,
D. Garza
Altar Servers: A. Tavernier, M. Knight,
A. Lambert, S. Berumen

11:00 AM MASS

Deacon:
Lector: L. Edwards
Lay Ministers: A. Mikeska, J. Dudley, J. Oakes
Greeters: C. Wohleb, S. Rodriguez, D. Stolp
Altar Servers: Z. Herzog, A., N., & V. Basile

**MARCH 5TH, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Extraordinary Ministers to Homebound

March 12th, 2017

P. & K. Cameron, G. & S. Guenat, P. Proctor,
Deacon B. Rodriguez, D. Shepard, P. Thrift, HM
Kreitz, A. Mikeska, K. Theisen, J. Solis

March 6th – March 12th

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 12:10PM †David Webb
Wednesday 7:00AM †Mary Flores
Thursday 7:00AM †Jerry Talasek
Friday 8:15AM †James Grygar
12:10PM †Daryl Entrop
Saturday 7:30AM †James Smetana
5:30PM Deceased of Danowski
Santacroce Families
Sunday 7:30AM For the People
9:15AM James & JoAnn Mason
11:00AM †Eddie Edwards

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

February 26 2017

Sunday Collection	\$	7,958.67
Building Fund	\$	200.00
Holy Days	\$	60.00
World & Home Missions	\$	60.00
Catholic Higher Education	\$	40.00
School Fund	\$	70.00
Total	\$	8,388.67

Note: totals include online giving

The second collection this weekend is for the benefit of our school. Thank you for your generosity.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Following Jesus' baptism, he is led by the Spirit into the desert for 40 days, where he is tempted by the devil. Jesus undertakes his journey prior to his ministry of proclaiming the kingdom of God. Jesus is presented with three temptations seeking to manifest his divinity, but each time, Jesus rebukes the devil. He quotes from Deuteronomy to demonstrate his fidelity to his Father and God's covenant. The theme of this testing in the wilderness portrays Jesus' perfect obedience to God as the fulfillment of the disobedient Israelites who wandered for 40 years.

In sending us his only Son, God gives us a path to reconcile ourselves and to know the dignity we have as his sons and daughters. Throughout the season of Lent, we must strive to avoid temptation just as Christ did. In doing so, we will become more willing to follow Jesus.

May this year's Lent be a true blessing.

God bless,

Fr. Steve

Ashes to Easter Lenten Mission Campaign has begun. Each family is invited to pick up a box to take home and keep in a prominent place. Drop in loose change and pray for worldwide missions throughout Lent.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship.....Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us! (See Psalm 51)



ALTAR FLOWERS

Last weekend's flowers donated in memory of Gloria Zambrano by Steve & Rachel Rodriguez.

No altar flower donations during Lent.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



is one on one time with Jesus!

Every Wednesday

7:30am - 6:30pm and

Every First Friday

7:00pm to 8:00pm.

In our Church

Make a date to receive his Grace.



FISH FRY IS BACK!

BEST MEAL, BEST DEAL!

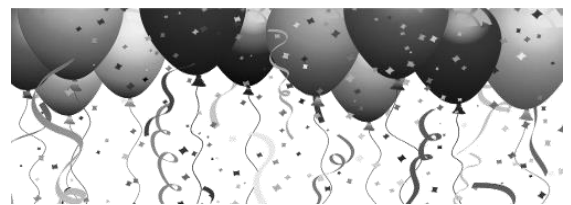
Every Friday, February 17th through April 7th

5:00pm to 7:00pm

Knights of Columbus are cooking and serving

at the Knights of Columbus Hall

Adult plate \$9. Kid's plate \$6.



SAVE THE DATE – PARISH FESTIVAL

April 30, 2017 10:30AM – 4:00 PM

Raffle, Auction (Live & Silent),

Family Fun for Everyone

Live Music w/ Billy Holt, and FOOD!!

IMPORTANT NEWS!!!

Tickets available after all masses starting March 4

Take envelope to sell – turn in money & stubs

- drop off or mail to parish office
- drop in collection basket
- then sell more!

St. Mary's Week Ahead

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday March 6 th	Garden Ministry	St. Mary Gardens	7:30am
	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria Building	9:00am
Tuesday March 7 th	Knitting & Crocheting	Ave Maria Building	12:30pm
	Adult Bible Study	Regina Caeli Room	1:30pm & 6:00pm
	Men of Joseph	O'Reilly Room 112	7:00pm
Wednesday March 8 th	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church	7:30pm
	Altar Society Meeting	Ave Maria Building	12:00pm
	Religious Education	Church	6:30pm
Thursday March 9 th	Middle School Choir Practice	School Auditorium	12:15pm
	Elementary School Choir Practice	Church	3:30pm
	Choir Practice (9:15am Mass)	Church	6:15pm
	Choir Practice (5:30pm & 7:30am Masses)	Church	7:00pm
	KJT Meeting	Ave Maria Room	6:30pm
	RCIA <i>Discovering Authentic Love</i>	Regina Cali Room	7:00pm
Friday March 10 th	Stations of the Cross	Church	2:30pm School
	Stations of the Cross	Church	7:00pm



CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Thank you to our families who pray for those being called by God to live out their vocation.

Mar. 12	R. & C. Hussey	11:00am
Mar. 19	B. & D. Keller	9:15am
Mar. 26	J. & J. Mason	11:00am



FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION

Could you stand up to "the tempter" as Jesus did? How well do you know Scripture? Can you live it out daily? We can't live what we don't know. Lent is a good time to grow in our knowledge and understanding of Scripture and deepen our relationship with God. Take time daily to prayerfully read the Bible or attend daily mass, consider joining an Adult Bible class. Jesus quoted scripture, he lived scripture and used it against the Devil. Every day we encounter tempters to stray from our Lord. Through his Holy Word we will boldly live our faith.

Adult Bible Study: Tuesday 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm OR 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Regina Caeli Rm. Books are \$25.00

Religious Education (PreK – 9th grade):
Wednesday Nights, 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

Vacation Bible School 2017 is coming to St. Mary. June 19th – 23rd. 9:00 am – 12:00 with early drop off at 8:00 am & pick up by 12:30 pm.

VBS KICK – OFF MEETING: Sunday, March 26, 12:30 pm in the RE (O'Reilly) Bldg. Library. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to make this a success: to plan, set up, clean up and work at VBS 2017. Call Patricia St. Amour if you have any questions.

Peace & Blessings,

Patricia St. Amour, DFF

Sacrament Preparation Parent /Child Meeting 2

Sunday March 5th, 1:00 – 3:30 in the Parish Hall.

Chapters 1-4 should be completed.

At least one parent needs to attend.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Bible Study each Tuesday

Explore First Corinthians

Regina Caeli room of the Ave Maria Bldg.

1:30pm to 3:30pm OR 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Workbook is \$25.00



FALCON'S CORNER

5K Fund Run

Have you signed up for our 5K Fundrun yet? We will be holding this fun event on



April 8th to raise money for tuition assistance. You may sign up online or with our representatives available after Family Mass this Sunday.

<https://runsignup.com/stmarys5kfundrun>

Important Dates to Remember

- Fri. March 10th All School Mass 8:15 am
Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m.
- Mon. March 13th Spring Break begins
- Mon. March 20th School Reopens
- Thurs. March 23rd 3rd Quarter Awards 2:00 p.m.
in the church
- Fri. March 24th All School Mass 8:15 a.m.
Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m.
- Sat. March 25th PSIA District Meet at
Holy Family School
Bell County Spelling Bee
- Tues. March 27th Walking for Education
- Fri. March 31st All School Mass 8:15 a.m.
NJHS Induction Ceremony
following Mass
Stations of the Cross 2:30 p.m.

ALTAR SOCIETY UPDATE

Next luncheon is **Wednesday, March 8th**. Please mark your calendars. Forms for volunteer hours for 2017 and registration forms for the ADCCW Convention at Bryan-College Station in April will be available at the meeting.



KJT
Catholic Union of Texas

Temple Society #114 monthly business meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9th at

6:30pm in the Ave Maria Building. Anyone interested in joining the Society is welcome to attend. For additional information or questions, contact Terry Simonton at 254.642.0103 or Gene Pavlat at 254.778.8954.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. ***Look for insert in next week's bulletin with dates and times of services and masses.***



Cedarbrake Retreats

Silent Lenten Retreat, March 10-12

Weekend of silence, communal prayer and Mass

Heart of Mary Women's Discernment Retreat

March 31 – April 2 Ages 18-45

Encounter the beauty of a vocation in religious life. Consecrated Sisters of the Apostles of the Interior Life will lead the retreat with time for prayer and one-on-one conversations. Contact the diocesan Vocation Office at 512.949.2430

Spanish Retreat, April 1

A Lenten Day of Reflection
9:30am to 2:30pm

JOB OPPORTUNITY at CEDARBRAKE

The Diocese of Austin has a job opening for a Live-Onsite Caretaker. This position is responsible for setting up meeting rooms for weekend retreats, greeting guests, facility maintenance and building security. All applications must be submitted directly through the Diocese of Austin web page <http://austindiocese.applicantpro.com/jobs/>