March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Times
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday:  8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
Weekdays: Tues: 7:30 am & 6:45 pm
Thurs: 7:30 am  Wed & Fri: 9:00 am
Sat: 9:00 am
Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm and by appt.

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NEW to St. Mary?

Welcome! You can register from our website or through the church office. We will contact you to answer any questions. We are glad you are here!

Sacraments

Baptism - Preparation class takes place on the First Thursday of the month. Preparation classes will not take place on April 5. If you wish to or need to schedule before May 3, please contact: Our Lord Christ the King Mt. Lookout for a session on April 26 at 7:30pm...register at 513-321-4121 or St. Cecilia for a session on April 15 at 12 NOON...register at 513-871-5757 ext. 202 – Barbara Browarsky or online: http://eastsidefaith.org/baptism.

Sacrament takes place on the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:00pm. Call the church office to begin this process. Godparent letters require 10 business days to process. Please email: mshank@smshp.com. Thank you!

First Eucharist & First Reconciliation - St. Mary School and Parish Religious Education Program students prepare in their second grade year. Call the church office for more information.

Confirmation - Confirmation - St. Mary School and Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) students prepare in their seventh-grade year. Please contact Michele Carle-Bosch with questions. mbosch@smshp.com. Adults, not yet confirmed, please call the church office for more information.

Reconciliation - Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm and by appt. Community Penance Services take place during Advent and Lent.

Anointing of the Sick - Call the church office

Marriage - Parishioners must contact the church office at least one year in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

Please Pray For...

Parishioners Called to Military Service: If you know of a parishioner who is called into, or presently serving in, our country’s military forces please notify the church office (321-1207). In serving honorably, they contribute to the good of the nation and the preservation of peace (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2310). Please keep the following in your prayers: Sam Anderson, Craig Blessing, Josue Vazquez, Tony DeFilippo, Louis Hamilton, Jr., Jake Keefe, Ewan MacDougall, Michael O’Connor, Andrew Quatkemeyer, Amy Rohs, Todd Seurkamp, Todd Smyth.

Circle of Care

Circle of Care is available to offer you support in difficult times. Meal assistance, housework, transportation etc. Please don’t hesitate to contact Emilie Kroner at kronerfamily@gmail.com or (513) 319-5028.

Gift of Treasure - Thank You!

March 11 ...............................................................................334 gifts ..................................................$19,857.00

Projected weekly Collection..............................................................................$17,884.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Want to write fewer checks? Sign up for Electronic Fund Transfer. To enroll go to our website www.smshp.com and click on “Giving” found at the top of the main page. Questions? Call Jeff Rinear 321-1207 ext. 5502. + to increase your electronic giving: Log in to smchp.weshareonline.org and click Payments/Schedules/Click Edit next to Sunday offerings

Church Office Hours

M-F 9:00-Noon and 1:00-5:00pm

Child Care is available during 9:30am Mass in Robisch Hall.

Parish and School Space Reservations

Please reserve parish space with Connie: cerdmann@smshp.com or 321-1207

Bulletin Content Deadline: Monday at NOON to: cerdmann@smshp.com

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, March 20**
7:30 am Bill Wimberg - Margie & Family
6:45 pm George Serey - Kohrman Family

**Wednesday, March 21**
9:00 am Thomas L. Neyer Sr. - Greg & Katie Dorr

**Thursday, March 22**
7:30 am Marilyn Perry - Rita & Chuck Cullen

**Friday, March 23**
9:00 am Sharon Sprunger - Jim Ralph

**Saturday, March 24**
9:00 am Raymond Giblin - Donna Haithcoat
4:00 pm Richard Kiley - Adult Faith Formation Comm.

**Palm Sunday, March 25**
8:00 am For the People of the Parish
9:30 am Dolores Spaeth - Jos. Perry Family
11:30 am Stephen Cotter - Jonas Family

*To request a mass intention please contact the rectory*

The Week Ahead

**Monday, March 19**
† Lego Club—3:30 pm, Seton Ctr. Marian Room
† Wolf Scouts - 6:00 pm, Seton Ctr. Scout Room

**Tuesday, March 20**
† Mass, 7:30 am, Church
† Crafty Ladies, 10:30 am, Seton Center
† Mass, 6:45 pm, Church
† Finance Commission, 7:15, Seton Ctr. 2-L

**Wednesday, March 21**
† Men’s Bible Study, 7:15 am, Seton Ctr.
† First Communion Potluck-6 pm, Café'/Robisch Hall
† Boy Scouts - 7:00 pm - Seton Center
† Voyage, 7pm, Seton Ctr. Marian Room

**Thursday, March 22**
† RCIA, 5:30 pm, Rectory

**Friday, March 23**
† Fathers Team, 6:45 am, Seton Ctr. Marian Room
† 40 Days for Life, 3-5pm, Planned Parenthood in Clifton
† Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, 5-7:30 pm, Cafeteria

**Saturday, March 24**
† Lenten Series, 9:30 am, Seton Ctr. Marian Room
† Boy Scout Mulch Sale, 9-5pm, Parking lot

**Palm Sunday, March 25**
† Rosary, 8:00 pm, Church

From the Desk of Fr. Ken

It's interesting as I am writing this at The Capital Grille in DC while I am waiting for the seventh graders to arrive, that everyone are using I pads or smartphones or laptops. No one is conversing unless it's to the waiter. Has society come to this. My prayer is that we rediscover the art of conversation as we are on our journey to the Lord.

Next Sunday's Readings
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 25, 2018
Mark 11:1-10
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1–15:47

From St. Mary School Office

We enjoyed a record breaking Grandparents’ Day crowd last week. Thank you to all the grandparents who joined us for classroom time, a Prayer Service, and the 4th grade performance of “Rats, the Story of the Pied Piper.” We LOVED having you in our presence. We are blessed.

We are accepting registration for our Kindergarten Fall 2018 Class. If you would like a personal tour, please call the school office at 321-0703. Visit us at www.smshp.com to learn more and to view photos of SMS Life!
Lenten Saturday Morning Series

“Can We Get Serious Now?”

The St. Mary Lenten Series draws to a successful close on this Saturday. Thanks to the more than 25 faithful people who attended most all of the sessions.

This week, Fr. Tom Dennemann will present a wrap-up and summary of what “Living as Missionary Disciples” is all about in his presentation “Can We Get Serious Now?” Captain Sully made this remark in the movie of the same name. They had investigated what had taken place causing them to land a flight in the Hudson River and finally they had to “get serious” to understand it. We’ve investigated this Lent what it means to get serious about understanding being called and being sent to evangelize our faith. We have all been called and all been sent. This last week of Lent, we get serious about the what, why, and how to fulfill this call. Fr. Tom Dennenman is a retired priest, and celebrates Mass on the weekends here at St. Mary.

All this takes place this coming Saturday, March 24 in the Seton Center, beginning at 9:30 am (after the 9:00 am Mass) with coffee and donuts. The presentation is 9:45-10:45.

St. Mary Vacation Bible School needs you!

There are many folks interested in helping with Vacation Bible School, and we do have one co-leader! If you can be the partner to Jessica Rhoades, we will have this wonderful program again this year. Please contact me with any questions or if you can help!

Michele Carle-Bosch: mmbosch@smshp.com 513-321-1207 x5533

FAITH FORMATION

In the Community

Come join fellow parishioners in attending the Catholic Cincinnati Men's Conference on April 28 at Taft Theater. Enjoy an All Star Line up of speakers: Fr. Mitch Pacwa, Fr. Larry Richards, Coach Gerry Faust and Bas Rutten (UFC Heavyweight Champion/ HoF that prays a daily rosary). For more info, see: https://catholicspeakers.com/cincinnati-mens-conference. In order to avoid Ticketmaster and other charges, we will buy discounted tickets ($27.50) in bulk by March 24. If interested, contact Trey Rouse (strcincy@hotmail.com)

Easter Flower Fund

You may have noticed that there is an envelope in the packet for Easter Flower Offering.

Easter brings new life in Christ through the Resurrection. The earth rejoices with the burst of new growth at Spring. The Easter lilies and spring flower help us celebrate this joyful time in the Church Year. Thanks for your generous donation in helping to make our church and worship space beautiful throughout the 50 days of the Easter Season. A Mass will be offered during the Easter Season for those who donate to the Easter Flower Fund.

FATHERS TEAM - Easter Schedule

Friday morning FATHERS TEAM will not meet on Good Friday, March 30 and Friday, April 7. We welcome all FATHERS to join us other Fridays at 6:45 am in the Seton Center for faith, fatherhood, and fellowship!

St. Mary Youth Group: Tribe 4:13 March Meeting

This coming Thursday, March 22

6:00-7:30 pm.

Seton Center on the second floor.

There will be snacks, prayer, conversation and friends.

Open to students in Grades 6-8

If you have not done so already, please formally register to be part of the St. Mary Youth Group from the St. Mary Parish website.

Contact Ashley Gabriel with any questions at smyouthminister@smshp.com.

Looking for volunteers to bake dessert goods (cookies, brownies, etc... ) to sell at the St. Mary Knights of Columbus Fish Fry scheduled on Friday, March 23. Anyone willing to bake please contact Orla Bowman at obowman@smshp.com or 321-1207 ext. 5500. Thank you!

Little Cougars Spring Soccer

Little Cougars is a great way for you and your child to stay active, become involved, and make new friends! Registration is now open to all St. Mary Parishioners entering Kindergarten in Fall 2018 or 2019. A 30 minutes practice followed by a 30 minute game will take place on:

- Wednesdays/5:00 - 6:00 pm at Otto Armleder Park
- April 18 - May 16

Questions-please contact Clare Taylor - Clare.M.Taylor@gmail.com or 513-374-9161

Registration NOW OPEN at www.stmarysoccer.assn.la
The Word In Your Heart
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31: 33. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

My first thoughts after reading that sentence were:
1) It reminded me of the kid covenant of “cross my heart” to emphasize that the promise is solid.
2) Wouldn’t Jack Greiner, a fellow Word in Your Heart writer, have a field day with the legal aspects of that covenant and the implied contract!

Sorry—no Jack Greiner this week, so I guess I’ll take on the kid promise aspect.

From the time we are young, we learn how important it is to honor our commitments and promises—our covenants. Sure, contracts may be made to be broken, and so are many promises (campaign promises come to mind). But does a promise that is pledged with all your heart have a greater level of commitment? As kids we would say yes, and the second part of pledge—“and hope to die”—demonstrates that. [A little bit of research: many people think that “Cross my heart and hope to die” has its origins in Matthew 5:33-37, which includes “Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.”]

In Jeremiah we learn that the Lord’s promise—or covenant—is not like any that came before. It’s a law written on our hearts of knowing God and God forgiving us. That’s a great deal for us! God forgiving us—all of us, from the least to the greatest.

And what is expected of us in return? Just a clean heart on which the law is to be written? Well, perhaps we can do a bit more. Perhaps we could cross our hearts on our promises and pledge our lives to the Lord.

—Bill Scoville

Bill Scoville may be an adult parishioner of St. Mary Parish but, as his friends know, he remains a kid at heart.

The Word In Your Heart welcomes new contributors of all ages—no writing experience required, just the willingness to share what is in your heart. Contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or ja-netrehlingbuening@gmail.com for info and guidelines.

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION

Six Ways to Evangelize During Lent from the USCCB

During Lent, when your friends or co-worker’s express curiosity about Catholic customs and symbolism, use those moments as opportunities to evangelize! The sixth (and final inning).

Observing Good Friday vs. Opening Day: So, why can’t you go to the baseball opener on Friday?

In some years, Good Friday occurs on the same day major league baseball teams have their opening day celebrations with games usually starting at 3:05 p.m. While everyone else is heading to the stands, eager for hot dogs and home runs, all those Catholics are walking quietly towards churches. Why? Because at three o’clock on a Friday, on a hillside called Calvary, the Savior of the world took his last breath. All for love of us. "It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last." (Luke 23:44-46) At 3p.m. on Good Friday, we take the time to reflect on what Christ has done for us, not only by fasting, but also by the various devotions that our churches offer: veneration of the cross, the reading of the Passion and the Stations of the Cross.

On Good Friday, we spend our afternoon walking with Christ to Calvary, immersed in his love and mercy... and that beats any baseball game, any time.

Next week – the Triduum
Margaret: 513-533-5500 ext. 5521 or mshank@smshp.com

Is Your Marriage Hurting in Anyway?

Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring?

Then please consider Retrouvaille (ret’ ro-vi) -a Catholic sponsored, confidential program open to all faiths and designed to help heal and renew marriages.

† The next program in Cincinnati is April 6-8, 2018.
† For more information call (800) 470-2230 or Retrouvaille.org.
† Other weekends and locations are Available -call for details or check the website.
Sunday, March 18, 2018
Covenant

Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15; Hebrews 5:7–9; John 12:20–33. During the past few weeks, the theme of the Scriptures focused on God’s covenant. In the reading from Jeremiah, God’s covenant takes center stage once again. Jeremiah tells the people that God will make a new covenant with them and it will not be the covenant of their fathers. We learn that this covenant will be written on hearts and that all will know the Lord. It is clear that God deeply loves his people. No matter how many times before they have disobeyed the Law and turned away from God’s love, God continues to reach out to them in love.

This new covenant is revealed in Christ, and in Baptism, the new law, the law of love, was written in our hearts. Yet, we still submit to sin and often turn away from God. Psalm 51 is a helpful prayer when our hearts have gone astray. The deep emotion of the petitioner can be sensed as this text is sung. When have you needed to seek God’s mercy? We know that God will not abandon us; God wishes to share abundantly his mercy. The law that God has placed within us demands that we die to self and learn to follow the Lord. As the Second Reading states, Jesus learned obedience from his suffering on the Cross. His death brought about a new creation. The suffering we undergo as part of dying to self will strengthen us and lead us to produce much fruit. For prayer this week, meditate upon your favorite hymn about God’s love or mercy.

Pure Hearts
Good and loving God,
you have written your law within
our hearts.
In these final Lenten days,
examine our hearts and purge them of
all that keeps us from you.
Grant us, who were baptized into
Christ Jesus,
the strength of the Holy Spirit to release
our selfish desires
and through this dying to self, rise to
new life.
Grow within our hearts a deep desire to
live in union with you
and aid our journey as we follow
your will.
Give us pure hearts that remain
obedient to your promises
so that, filled with the grace of
your covenant,
we may imitate your Son
and proclaim your goodness throughout
the earth.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Tuesday, March 20
Son of Man
The desert of the Lenten season might find us complaining as did the children of Israel. Our parched hearts yearn for drink. In the desolation of the desert our hearts and minds can be free to seek God. The First Reading foreshadows the life-giving event of Christ’s death and Resurrection. Just as the serpent was raised and healed the Israelites, so too was the Son of Man raised so that whoever believes in him will be saved. What have you learned in the desert this season? Plant some seedlings, nurture them in the coming days, and watch your desert bloom. Today’s Readings: Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 102:2–3, 16–18, 19–21; John 8:21–30.

Wednesday, March 21
Fiery Furnace
The three men in the First Reading refuse to worship the idol. They had faith that God would protect them from death in the furnace. Even the king is transformed when he learns of the angel of the Lord walking among them and protecting them. The Psalm response, “Glory and praise for ever,” is a portion of the song of praise the men sing. Pray the Psalm at mealtime and name something for which you would like to praise God. Today’s Readings: Daniel 3:14–20, 91–92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31–42.

Thursday, March 22
I AM
Today’s Gospel presents another encounter between Jesus and the Jews. The passage helps to affirm the divinity of Jesus once again, even though his audience struggles to understand. For the third time in John’s Gospel Jesus says, “I AM.” By saying this, Jesus equates himself with God. This was radical and not well-received. Jesus truly reveals God to us. Place yourself in the story. What do you hear? What do you see? Today’s Readings: Genesis 17:3–9; Psalm 105:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; John 8:51–59.

Friday, March 23
Son of God
Jesus’ adversaries question whether he is truly the Messiah. Jesus skillfully explains that he is the Son of God. He wonders why the works he performed are not proof enough that he reveals the one true God. The Jews in John’s Gospel account think this is blasphemous and try to arrest him once again. The end of the Gospel reminds us that Jesus’ ministry reveals God’s power and so many come to know God. At the Stations of the Cross this evening, meditate on how Jesus did the work of the Father as he carried the cross. Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 20:10–13; Psalm 18:2–3a, 3bc–4, 5–6, 7; John 10:31–42.

Saturday, March 24
One Nation
Ezekiel paints a great picture of what life will be when all heed God’s voice. In Christ, God will gather all peoples unto himself. God will heal them and restore them to life. They will flourish and God will dwell among them. This is a hopeful image. No matter how far away we are, God promises to bring us home and make us holy. As the week ends, think about how you will observe Holy Week. Today’s Readings: Ezekiel 37:21–28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11–12abcd, 13; John 11:45–56.
Behold

April 20 • 7pm • St. Mary Church, Hyde Park

Join young adults from around the greater Cincinnati area for Adoration • Confessions • Praise and Worship • Followed by a Night of Fellowship

Presented by the seminarians of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office for Young Adult Evangelization and Discipleship
St. Mary Hyde Park Annual

FISH FRY

Menu:
• Fried Cod
• French Fries
• Green Beans
• LaRosa’s Cheese Pizza
• Macaroni & Cheese

• Salad and Bread
• Lemonade & Water
• Sushi from FUSIAN
• Desserts for Purchase
• Guinness Products for Purchase

Food Cost:
• $9 per person
• $30 for family

Friday, March 23rd
5:00pm - 7:30pm
St. Mary Cafeteria

Contact: Matt Gockerman, 513.317.6449
Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus St. Mary Graduating 8th Grade Scholarship
Pay at Door with Cash, Check or Credit Card
Families, become what you are!

Celebrating *Humanae Vitae* as the bedrock of family life

Join CCL as we celebrate family life lived according to the principles of *Humanae Vitae*. We want to thank the Church for consistently defending God’s loving will for the family and all of the blessings that flow from it!

**July 6–7, 2018**

Sharonville Convention Center, Cincinnati, OH

**MAIN SPEAKERS**

**Christopher West**, founder of the COR Project and international Theology of the Body speaker

**Janet E. Smith, Ph.D.**, *Humanae Vitae* expert and professor of moral theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary

**Damon Owens**, founder and executive director of joytob, and an international speaker and evangelist

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Inspiring main talks and workshops
- Spanish track
- Daily Mass and Adoration
- Family concert
- Opportunity to make family memories on Friday afternoon

Open to families — childcare programming for ages 3–18; children 2 and under remain with parents

Special Pre-Conference Volunteer Enrichment Day

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Weekly Marriage Tip

"I am the Alpha and the Omega." (Rev 1:8) Just as God is the Beginning and the End, so your marriage has a beginning (your vows) and an end (your deaths). But do not forget what is in between - the middle. Make your "middle" meaningful today. -- USCCB

Weekly Parenting Pointer

Fostering Empathy - "Stop your kids when you see them acting cruel or unkind, and review the situation together. It’s easy for kids to be cruel to one another. They need our help to correct their ‘vision.’ They can act cruelly only if they don’t see that we are all one and that when one part of the body of Christ is hurting, we all hurt." -- Tom McGrath: Raising Faith-Filled Kids

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Holy Thursday - The Washing of Feet

The liturgy of Holy Thursday is so important as we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist. Another tradition on Holy Thursday is the washing of feet. This ceremony reminds us of Jesus washing the feet of the twelve apostles at the Last Supper. We are looking for volunteers to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass. Interested...please call the office (321.1207) or e-mail ronlamping22@gmail.com.

At the mass, you will come forward, remove your shoes and socks, and Fr. Ken will pour water over your feet and then dry them. Each of us who make up the People of God, the disciples of the Lord, are called to be a part of this blessed moment of true hospitality and humble service.