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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3 and 4, 2018

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Mass Schedule



Saturday Mass: 4:00pm

Months of October - March at St. Mary's

Months of April - September at Immaculate Conception

Sunday Mass: 8:00am at St. Mary's

9:30am at Immaculate Conception

Recitation of the Rosary 1/2 hour before Weekend Masses

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Tuesday & Thursday at Immaculate Conception

Wednesday & Friday at St. Mary's

Holy Day Mass Schedule: as announced in the bulletin

Confessions: 3:15 – 3:45pm Saturdays at Saturday Mass Site
or by appointment.

Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter your current family or marital situation; no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality; no matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue –

You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Mary Immaculate Parish.

We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!

“Mother Mary; I Love You! Help me at the hour of my death! Amen!”

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND:

Saturday, 4:00pm – February 3 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners – For their intentions

By: Father Innocent

Sunday, 8:00am – February 4 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners – For their spiritual and material well-being

By: Father Innocent

Sunday, 9:30am – February 4 in East Bethany

Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners – For the greatest yearning of their souls

By: Father Innocent

Saturday, 4:00pm – February 10 in Pavilion

Intention: Joanne & Art Topolski (RIP)

By: Family

Sunday, 8:00am – February 11 in Pavilion

Intention: John Clary (RIP)

By: Kevin & Rhonda Clary

Sunday, 9:30am – February 11 in East Bethany

Intention: Jay Schmidt (RIP)

By: Family

DAILY MASS: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany

Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

Tuesday, February 6 – Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Intention: For the loved ones of Mary Immaculate Parish

By: Father Innocent

Wednesday, February 7– Weekday

Intention: For Religious Liberty

By: Father Innocent

Thursday, February 8– Weekday

Intention: For service Men & Women

By: Father Innocent

Friday, February 9 – Weekday

Intention: For the health and wellness of our Mary Immaculate Parishioners

By: Father Innocent

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Joan Dowdell, Rose Gould, Cindy Bishop, Tom Gulczynski, Julia Barniak, Debbie Paschke, Cathleen Vania, Joseph Dean, Donald “Gene” Toal, David Welliver, Emma Burkell, Catherine Schmidt, Father Richard, Father Kemp and Father Innocent

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS: Audrey McNulty and Allan Carlson.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE

MILITARY: Joseph Stanley, Maj. Jason Palermo, W2 Christian Koch, Dan Murphy, Alex Roth, Tim Stalica, Jady Gray, Jakob Kosiorek, Paul Agan Jr., Mst. Sgt. Nicholas Boyer, Brett Sheffer, Captain Mathieu Philie, SFC Jay Knower, Michael Rigoni, Mark Wilkinsen and Sgt. Mike Steffenella

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Next meeting, February 15, 2018 at Immaculate Conception. All interested persons are welcome to attend:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Held at Immaculate Conception Hall - Starting in September.
Time: 10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection: (1/27 & 1/28)	\$2,282.00
Catholic Relief Services: (Cumulative)	\$ 397.00
Ladies of Charity: (Cumulative)	\$ 829.00

***Please make checks payable to
“Mary Immaculate Parish”***

**O come, let us worship God and bow low
before the God who made us, for He is the
Lord our God.**

Psalm 95 (94): 6-7

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister
Schedule:

Saturday, February 3 - 4:00pm - Pavilion

Lector: Ron Colantonio
Altar Servers: Sara & Samantha Platek
Eucharistic Ministers: Bruce & Samantha Platek

Sunday, February 4 - 8:00am - Pavilion

Lector: Carol Pursel
Altar Servers: John Callari
Cathy Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: Nellie Colvin
Patty Bodine

Sunday, February 4 - 9:30am - East Bethany

Lector: Mike Jackson
Altar Servers: Ava Strathearn
Ryan Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Shormann
Debbie Schmidt

Saturday, February 10 - 4:00pm - Pavilion

Lector: Pat Tiede
Altar Servers: Emma and Eric Cline
Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Dailey
Rae Snyder

Sunday, February 11 - 8:00am - Pavilion

Lector:
Altar Servers: John Callari
Cathy Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: John Callari
Patty Bodine

Sunday, February 11 - 9:30am - East Bethany

Lector: Marita Midwick
Altar Servers: Charlie Urbanczyk
Joey Forti
Elijah Grice
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Shaughnessy
Carol Wittman

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:

February 11th and 25th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE: Just a reminder that the Winter Escape is scheduled for Saturday, February 3rd. We hope all families can attend this special event. Because of this event, the religious education class scheduled for Sunday, February has been changed to Sunday, February 11th. The rest of the calendar year should remain the same. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Chris Bow at 768-4872. Thank you!

COFFEE HOUR: There will be a coffee hour after the 8:00am Mass in Conlin Hall this **Sunday, February 4th**. All are welcome!!

ALL BABIES CHERISHED: The All Babies cherished bottle drive has reached \$1,365.00 and we are still counting. There are still about 30 bottles outstanding, so if you have one of them, please bring it in. Every donation, no matter what amount, makes a difference.

SECOND COLLECTION: The second collection this weekend, February 3rd and 4th will be for the Catholic League for religious assistance to Poland and Eastern Europe. Please give as generously as you can.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14th is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at the **8:30am Mass in Pavilion** and again at the **7:00pm Mass in East Bethany**. Ashes could be taken to beloved home-bound and sick parishioners by their friends or relatives. But they need to come with a container for the ashes.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Jesus performed many healings and continues to heal those who come to Him. Can Jesus be inviting you to assist Him on His healing mission? If God is calling you to a Church vocation call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website - www.buffalovocations.org.

MARRIAGE MOMENT: Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off #9 - Let obsessions distract you from being present to your beloved. How clean does the house really need to be? Hobbies are fun but can steal together time. Perfectionism can rob you of laughing together at your mistakes.

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE: February 2 is Groundhog Day. Legend has it that these cute furry critters can predict the weather. Talk with your kids about what kind of weather they like best. If they are old enough, discuss climate change and how we humans can reduce our carbon footprint.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION: In today's first reading, Job reminds us that we all face suffering in our lives. Loss of loved ones, health problems, day to day struggles. How many times have you tossed and turned at night like Job, questioning the reasons for your pain? Like Job, we may not get the answers we are looking for, but we need to remember that no matter the suffering, God is always present to give us strength and hope. In fact, after we hear about Job in the first reading, the Psalm that follows draws us back to hope. "For He is good...He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds." The point is, we can choose to ask God for the strength to help us endure our suffering, or we can turn away from him in anger. Taking comfort in God and his goodness is undoubtedly the better choice.

Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WBEN radio 930 AM, WLOF 101.7 FM, or at www.faithmomentsonline.org.

REQUESTING FOR MASSES: If you would like to request a mass to be said, please contact the church office or use the monthly blue Mass Request envelopes that come with your envelope mailing. When you schedule a Mass, please remember that Masses are not just for praying for the repose of the souls of our departed loved ones. Masses can be said for your needs, or the needs of someone you know, for his or her recovery of health, for wedding anniversaries, birthday blessings, or in thanksgiving to God for favors received. It is one of the most gratifying things to do.

2018 LENT AND HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

ASH WEDNESDAY: (February 14, 2018)
8:30am Mass – Pavilion
7:00pm – East Bethany

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00pm
February 16th – East Bethany
February 23rd – Pavilion
March 2nd – East Bethany
March 9th – Pavilion
March 16th – East Bethany
March 23rd – Pavilion

RECONCILIATION: The sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at the regularly scheduled time – from 3:15 to 3:45 at the Saturday Mass location, except for Holy Saturday when no confessions will be heard.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES: (March 24 & 25, 2018)
In Pavilion: 4:00pm Saturday
In Pavilion: 8:00am Sunday
In East Bethany: 9:45am Sunday
(Please note this Sunday Mass at East Bethany is 15 minutes later)

HOLY WEEK TRIDIUM:
Holy Thursday: (March 29, 2018) - 7:00pm
Pavilion - The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Ceremonies: (March 30, 2018)
5:00pm – East Bethany - Stations of the Cross
6:00pm – East Bethany - Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday: (March 31, 2018)
8:30pm - Easter Vigil in Pavilion
(Please note: there is no 4:00pm Saturday Mass for Easter weekend. Also, no confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday.)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: Will be celebrated according to the standard of Sunday schedule.

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February 2018

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One Minute Meditations

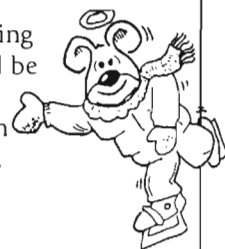
St. Scholastica

St. Scholastica was the sister of St. Benedict, the founder of the Benedictines. She was born in Italy around 480. She entered religious life and founded an order of Benedictine nuns. Every year, Benedict and Scholastica would meet about spiritual matters. After one of his visits, knowing she would die soon, she begged St. Benedict to stay longer. When he refused, she prayed to God and there was a terrible thunderstorm, forcing Benedict to stay. She died three days later.

Desire for change

When we decide that change in our lives is necessary, we can be impatient for results. Attitudes, outlook, and habits develop over time and will take time to modify. Sometimes our best achievement may be our determination to persevere for change, despite slow progress. Sincere, consistent effort is all that God requires.

"At the evening of life we shall be judged on our love." (St. John of the Cross, *Dichos*)



Goals for the Lenten journey

Lent is our gift from the Church to help us move from one state to another, through conversion to peace and joy at Easter. Consider these goals as you travel your Lenten journey.

Know that you are a sinner. The holiest people are most conscious of their sinfulness. The better we know God and his perfection, the more clearly we see our own faults and sins. The good news? Identifying our sinfulness leads to healing and cleansing.

Listen attentively. Hearing the sound of God's voice during prayer is rare. More often, God inspires us through Scripture, spiritual reading, homilies, prayer meditation. Throughout Lent, use these

opportunities to ask God questions and listen for the answers.

Grow in authenticity. God created us to become the best possible version of ourselves. Living authentically means saying "yes" to what helps us become that best self and "no" to what doesn't. Starting with Lent, work to acquire virtues – saying, "yes" – and exercise self-control to eliminate bad ones – saying, "no."

Live generously. It is easy to notice what we don't have but Lent invites us to live in gratitude for what we do have. Gratitude then gives rise to generosity – sharing

God's love and gifts with others. Generous people are encouraging, positive, and appreciative. During Lent, notice and appreciate God's gifts and share them with others.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Throughout Scripture, there are references to the prayers for the dead. For example, Judas Maccabeus prayed that fallen soldiers he commanded would be forgiven their sin (2 Maccabees 12:46). Jesus discussed the forgiveness of sins "in this age or the age to come" (Matthew 12:32).

Why do Catholics believe in Purgatory?

All who die in God's friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are assured of Heaven.

Purification after death may be required to achieve the necessary holiness to reach Heaven. The Church calls this state of purification, Purgatory.



How do I know God loves me?

God's love isn't earned and can't be lost. Such an amazing gift almost sounds too good to be true. So, how do we know God's love is real?

He sent his Son to us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

His closest friends told us so. St. Paul said, "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things

to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

He watches over us. "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'... your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well (Matthew 6:31-33).



from Scripture

Mark 9:2-10, The Transfiguration.

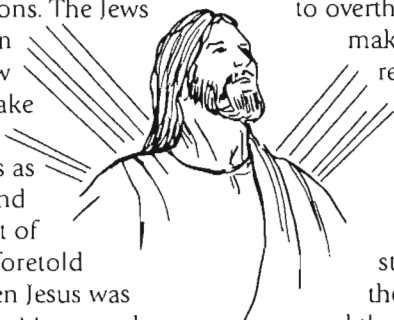
In Jesus' time, Israel was occupied by the Romans. By that point, the Israelites had a long history of being invaded and conquered by other nations. The Jews dreamed of the day when the Messiah would throw off their enemies and make Israel a strong nation.

God established Moses as liberator and lawgiver, and sent them Elijah, the first of the great prophets who foretold Christ's coming. So, when Jesus was transfigured in glory with Moses and Elijah, the Apostles realized that God was revealing Jesus as the Messiah.

Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus about his death and Resurrection. Jesus

had warned his disciples that he would suffer and die (Mark 8:31). While everyone was expecting the Messiah to overthrow the Romans and make himself king, Jesus revealed that the Messiah would save his people by his own death and Resurrection.

The Transfiguration strengthened the faith of the Apostles and prepared them for the Passion. The Transfiguration is a reminder that, however difficult this life may be, it is nothing compared to the glory that awaits us in Heaven.



Q & A What are the Corporal Works of Mercy?

In Jesus' parable of the judgment of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46), Jesus lists the ways we can take care of those in physical need: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35).



These are the Corporal Works of Mercy: to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick and imprisoned, to shelter the homeless and to bury the dead. Most importantly, "it is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2443). At their heart, the Corporal Works of Mercy are about being aware of others' needs and responding to them. By this, we make our love for God and others visible and effective. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday. The first day of Lent. Ashes from the burnt palms of the previous Passion Sunday are blessed and placed on the foreheads as a sign of penance.

Feb. 22 – St. Margaret of Cortona (1297). Born in Italy, St. Margaret ran away to live with a young man and had a son. When her lover was unexpectedly killed, St. Margaret returned home with her young son and became a penitent. Eventually, she joined the Franciscans. She founded the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy to

care for the sick and poor.

February 23 – St. Polycarp (155). Bishop of Smyrna, Asia-Minor, St. Polycarp was a disciple of the Apostle St. John and a friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch. He passed on the Apostles' teachings to the next generation of Christians. He faithfully cared for his flock despite being surrounded by pagans and a government opposed to Christianity. Before he was martyred, he thanked God for making him worthy of a martyr's death.



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