

ST. MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS: Mon. – Closed - Call the Rectory for sacramental emergencies.
Please only use for sacramental emergencies (illness or death). Thanks 276-228-1019
Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9 am – 5 pm Fri. 9 am – 3 pm

MASS SCHEDULE: Fridays 12:00 pm *unless otherwise posted differently; Confessions immediately following or by appointment.*

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.
St. Edwards: Sunday 11:00 am

St. Marys Weekly Calendar

<u>Saturday, March 23</u>	5:00 pm Liturgy
<u>Sunday, March 24</u>	9:00 am Liturgy
<u>Monday, March 25</u>	OFFICE CLOSED
<u>Holy Thursday, March 28</u>	7:00 pm – Office Closed Early
<u>Good Friday, March 29</u>	<u>No Noon Liturgy-Office Closed</u>
	7:00 pm
<u>Saturday, March 30</u>	<u>NO 5:00 LITURGY</u>
	8:30 pm Liturgy
<u>Easter Sunday, March 31</u>	9:00 am Liturgy

The office will be closed the week after Easter, messages will be checked periodically.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 6-7 St. Mary's Capital Improvement

AGAPE FOOD PANTRY: Requested for the first quarter of 2024 is rice, vegetables, spaghetti sauce/noodles (no glass please). For the second quarter is canned fruit, peanut butter and cereal. Thank you for your continued support.

DOG/CAT FOOD AND CAT LITTER DONATIONS: URGENT REQUEST: Brother John is continually accepting cat and dog food donations. Please leave them at the Monroe Street entrance. He is grateful for your continued support. *Please pass the word.*

ECUMENICAL LENTEN ACTIVITIES: "Soup and the Word" lunches are being held at different churches on Tuesdays from 12 – 1 pm and all are invited to attend. Host: St. Paul United Methodist on March 26th.

Please continue your prayers for our sick and homebound: Keesha Arnold, James Biertzer, Kevin Biertzer, Brother John, Helen Conrad, Jason Conrad, Gene Deshler, Charlie Dix, Charlotte Driggers, Lori Francis, George Fuderer, Suzanne Molloy, Bill Mutschler, Sister Mary Ellen, Elizabeth Paradise, Yungho Park, Fran Parks, Evelyn Smith Reese, Judith Sweeten, Larry Wise. *If there is anyone that you would like to add to or can be removed from the list, please email, or call the office. Thank you!*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 28, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
Adoration to follow – sign-up in the gathering space 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Good Friday, March 29, Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 pm

NO NOON MASS

Easter Vigil, March 30 NO 5:00 PM Mass 8:30 pm
Easter Sunday, March 31 9:00 am

The office will close early on Holy Thursday, closed on Good Friday and the week after Easter, messages will be checked periodically.

FRIDAY MASS: There will be no Noon Mass in the month of April.

EASTER LILIES: Once again, we invite you to purchase an Easter Lily in memory or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$23 per lily and the deadline is THIS Sunday, March 24th. The forms are in the gathering space.

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION is scheduled for Thursday, March 28th from 8:00 – 10:00 pm immediately following the 7 pm Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

PARISH SURVEY: Together, both councils and Father Boat have put together a Parish Survey that was mailed to all parishioners. If you did not receive one and wish to complete one, please contact the office. Please carefully read and answer honestly. It is respectfully requested that they be returned in the provided envelope by April 3rd. Thank you.

UPCOMING PARISH GATHERING: The next parish gathering will be held on Saturday, April 6th following the 5 pm Mass. *This will be breakfast for dinner with pancakes, sausage and drinks provided.* Please feel free to bring something if you would like to. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Elections for new members to the Council will be held on the weekends of April 27-28 and May 4-5. If you are interested, you must be a registered parishioner in the parish. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm, except during the summer months, due to weather, or may be rescheduled due to other parish events. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: *If you missed the in-pew weekends, there are envelopes available in the office.* The parish target for this year is \$7,040.00. Please prayerfully consider donating to the appeal as the parish receives 50% of all donations back in tax free funds. The parish has received back over \$5,000.00 from the 2023 Appeal. When you support the Appeal, you will help to build up the Church and answer the Call to *Share His Love with Others* and help transform the lives of people who, like you, seek to be united in God's love and mercy. Thank you for your consideration to make a commitment to this effort.

HOPE PACK PROGRAM: *A gentle reminder that the Hope Packs are the Lenten alms giving project for the Lenten season.* We continue to accept donations for the Hope Pack Program in memory of Deacon Charles May. The baskets and envelopes are in the gathering space and at the Monroe Street entrance. *Please make all checks payable to "Open Door Community". Plastic shopping bags continue to be accepted.* Thank you for your continued support.

Sacrificial Offering

March 16-17, 2024

Operating Funds	<u>\$1,195.00</u>
Capital Improvement	<u>\$25.00</u>
Catholic Relief Services	<u>\$75.00</u>
Easter Lilies	<u>\$244.00</u>