

Prayer for More Vocations

Loving God, You have made us in Your image and likeness, and for this we shall praise You forever.

Through Baptism, You invite us to serve as Your Son, Jesus served.

We call to mind the Priests and Consecrated Religious whose lives have been instruments of holiness.

Thank You, Lord, for the gift and inspiration each of them has been, proving that Your steadfast love endures forever.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, and Saints Peter and Paul, we pray to You, Lord Jesus, that more men and women will open their hearts to Your loving plan.

We pray especially for those whom You are calling to serve the Church as Priests, Deacons, Sisters, and Brothers. Help them to hear and answer Your call to discipleship.

Bless our families, Lord, that we may become instruments of Your holiness and peace.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Beginning this weekend, we will be praying the vocation prayer at the end of the petitions at every Mass. We ask the intercession of the Blessed Mother and that of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, that more men and women will open their hearts to God's loving plan.

~ CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF HUNTINGTON, INDIANA ~

SAINT MARY ✦ SS. PETER & PAUL

MARCH 15, 2026

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MASSES

Saturday Evening.....4:00pm

Sunday....7:30am, 11:00am, 3:00pm (Spanish)

T,TH 8:00am, W 7:00pm (Spanish), 1st Sat 8:00am

~ Rosary 30 min. before all Masses ~

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Fri....9-10am, 5-5:30pm Sat....3:00-3:45pm

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Marriages: Please call Rectory at least 6 mo. in advance.

Request for Sacramental Records: Please call Parish
Tues-Fri, between hours of: 9:00am -3:00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Pastor.

New Parishioners: We welcome all new parishioners!
If you are looking for a Parish home, call office to register.

Bulletin Deadline: **For 3/29 bulletin, please email FRI
March 20 by noon to:** awilcox@sspeterpaulparish.org

St. Mary Website: www.stmaryhuntington.org

Facebook: Saint Mary Catholic Church Huntington, In

Flocknote: Text **STMARYUPDATES** to 84576 or
stmary66.flocknote.com/generalupdates

MASSES & MINISTERS AT ST. MARY

Monday, March 16

No Mass (8am Mass at SSPP)

Tuesday, March 17

8:00AM Thomas Stoffel †

Wednesday, March 18

7:00PM (Mass-Spanish) Felix Mora †

Thursday, March 19

8:00AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Solloway Family

Friday, March 20

No Mass (8am Mass at SSPP)

5:40PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS followed by Simple
Supper in Assumption Hall

Saturday, March 21

No Mass (8am Mass at SSPP)

4:00PM For all who support Huntington Catholic School

EMHC: Jodi Zahm, Connie Buzzard, Cathy Krumanaker

Lector: Nicole Hahn

Servers: Isaac Scheiber, Wyatt Hughes, Nolan Lewis

Gifts: Jill Bowers, Vanessa Ball

Ushers: Dan Scheiber, Dave Buzzard, Nick Jackson

Sunday, March 22

7:30AM Myra Tovey

EMHC: Maxine Ptak, Shelly Melchi, Tim Albertson

Lector: Andrea Broxon

Servers: Augustus, Jedidiah & Syrus Kline

Gifts: Leist Family

Ushers: Vince Hunnicutt, Doug Melchi, Mark Linker

11:00AM For the Parish Family

EMHC: Sharon Jamison, Marissa Jarzynka, Craig Howell

Lectors: Joyce Rethlake

Servers: Henry Blackard, Scout & Ozro Stepler

Gifts: Pullum Family

Ushers: Craig Howell, John Gamble, Anthony Zahm

3:00PM (Mass-Spanish) Jose & Herminia Lobatos †

Morning Prayer available immediately following the
8:00am daily Masses at St Mary & SSPP!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

~ FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2026 ~

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent - 1 Sam 16:1b,6-7,10-13a, Ps 23:1
-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday - Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday - Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday - Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thurs-Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sam 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27&29; Rm 4:13,16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday-Wis 2:1a,12-22;Ps 34:17-18,19-20,21&23; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday - Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Ez 37:12-14;Ps 130:1-8;Rm 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

*** BETHLEHEM WOODS AT ST. MARY ***

Everyone is invited to come to the St Mary Gymnasium
to see the beautiful olivewood artwork available for
purchase after the St Mary Masses on the weekend of
March 14 & 15. Just in time for Easter!

MASSES & MINISTERS AT SSPP

Monday, March 16

8:00AM Catherine Kiser † & Deceased Members of the Kiser, Young & Ley Families † (Funded)

Tuesday, March 17

5:00PM David Eckert †

Wednesday, March 18

8:00AM Patricia A. Jackson †

Thursday, March 19

7:00PM Deceased Husbands of the Widows of Prayer †

Friday, March 20

8:00AM Leonard Scher Family

2:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS with Students

7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 21

8:00AM Parish Family

No 5:30pm Mass at SSPP this week - the only Vigil Mass offered this day will be at 4:00pm at St. Mary.

Sunday, March 22

9:00AM Living & Deceased Members of the Jake & Sue Pfister Family

Ushers: Ed Hinen, Greg Holzinger, Brent Stanley, Chris Vickrey, Steve Reust, Greg Young

EMHC: Deacon Roger Dinius (OMHC), Dave Blocker, Lynn Pinkerton, Courtney & Dennis Wiegmann

Servers: Mia & Jesús Mendoza, Aubrey Wiegmann

Lector: Kevin Thompson

Morning Prayer available immediately following the 8:00am daily Masses at St Mary & SSPP!

YOUR STEWARDSHIP - SSPP 2025-2026 BUDGET

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| Amount needed weekly..... | \$21,304.46 |
| Year to date needed..... | \$745,656.10 |
| Year to date collected..... | \$627,433.26 |

Weekend of February 28 & March 1, 2026 Regular Collection

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| Envelopes..... | \$8,672.20 |
| Loose..... | \$686.00 |
| Online Giving..... | \$7,990.00 |
| Total Offertory Collection..... | \$17,348.20 |

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| Food Pantry..... | \$85.00 |
| Church Repair Fund..... | \$535.00 |
| Tuition Assistance..... | \$112.00 |
| Black & Indian Mission..... | \$110.00 |
| Cemetery Fund..... | \$5.00 |
| Easter Flowers..... | \$687.00 |
| Other Income..... | \$1,257.00 |

Weekend of March 7 & 8, 2026 Regular Collection

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| Envelopes..... | \$11,973.20 |
| Loose..... | \$537.00 |
| Online Giving..... | \$6,195.00 |
| Total Offertory Collection..... | \$18,705.20 |

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| Food Pantry..... | \$56.00 |
| Church Repair Fund..... | \$192.00 |
| Tuition Assistance..... | \$410.00 |
| Easter Flowers..... | \$135.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services..... | \$10.00 |
| Religious Education Fees..... | \$70.00 |
| Other Income..... | \$193.00 |

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - FOUNDER'S DAY ROSARY

On **SAT Mar. 28**, the K of C will host a Founder's Day Rosary at **SSPP following the 8am Mass**. All knights and their families, and all parishioners from both parishes are invited. Come for Mass or the Rosary (~8:30am). **Hope to see you there!**

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MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 5:30pm --- Sunday: 9:00am

M,W,F, Sat (except 1st Sat) 8:00am, T 5:00pm, Th 7:00pm

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Pulpit Announcements: By Thursday, Noon in writing.

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March 20 by noon to: awilcox@sspeterpaulparish.org

SSPP Website: www.sspeterpaulparish.org

SSPP Facebook: **SS Peter & Paul's Family in Christ**

SSPP YouTube Channel: **SSPP Huntington**

ADORATION DURING HOLY WEEK AT ST MARY

Please look at your calendars to find time for spending an hour with Our Lord in Adoration during Holy Week at St. Mary. Sign-up sheets are at both churches.

Love to sing? Mass Cantors needed!



If you are someone who enjoys singing, **please** come and share your talents with our SSPP Family!

We are in **great** need of additional **Cantors**.

You do **not** need to be a “professional” singer to be a Cantor—only a desire and heart to praise God and lead others closer to Him through song! I will help to train you, as needed.

Cantors lead the congregation in all music, including the *Responsorial Psalms* and *Gospel Acclamations*. Cantors are scheduled throughout the month for weekend Masses and Holy Days, and sing all year, & through the summer months, as well.

If you have questions or are interested in being involved in the *SSPP Music Ministry* as a **Cantor**, please contact:

Sue Meadows, Director of Music, 260-224-0877
smeadows@sspeterpaulparish.org

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

SUN Mar. 22, 7:15am-12:15pm ~ SSPP-Fr. Rieder Auditorium

Appointments recommended, but walk-in's will also be taken.

THE NEED FOR BLOOD DONORS IS CRITICAL.

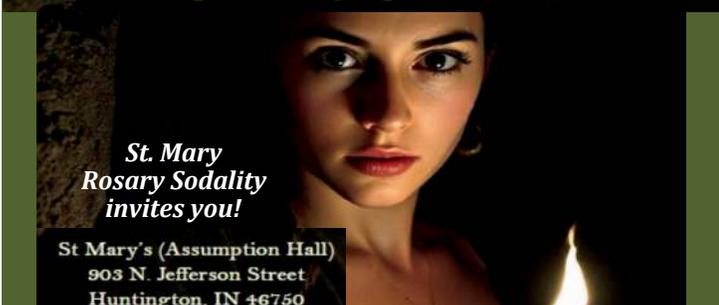
LENTEN SERIES - DR. TOM MCGOVERN

March 15, 22 & 29, St. Charles Church, FW, 6:30pm

Dr. McGovern will present several nights on the Passion of our Lord. He is just now publishing his second book about the crucifixion. Using the latest medical information and also recent archeological finds, he gives a theory of what the crucifixion of Jesus would have entailed. He will weave in the theology of suffering from St. John Paul II.

Evangelizing with Saint Mary Magdalene

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
6:30pm Rosary, 7pm Conference



**St. Mary
Rosary Sodality
invites you!**

St Mary's (Assumption Hall)
903 N. Jefferson Street
Huntington, IN 46750

Jennifer Ristine, Consecrated Woman of Regnum Christi and author of three books on Saint Mary Magdalene, will share her journey of being called by Christ. During her 29 years of consecrated life, she became a special friend of Saint Mary Magdalene as well as lived and worked in her hometown, Ancient Magdala in the Holy Land. Hear her insights on this great historical figure and how she missioned with this saint. Her latest work of historical fiction, *Becoming Magdalene*, will be available.

PRAYER CHAIN

Contact Alice Pillsbury (St. Mary) call: 260-388-2884,
text: 260-222-3129; Pam Rorick (SSPP) 260-519-1350.

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FROM FATHER TONY'S PEN

Sin has plagued us as human beings ever since the fall of Adam and Eve. When we do not take our sins seriously, the lesser wrongs that we do can destroy the life of God within us. While we may be ready to avoid the “big sins” we can become complacent about smaller ones. This can harm our relationship with God leading us on a slow but sure path to lose the life of grace that God always intended for us to participate in.

Venial sins wound the soul, impede the working of God's Grace, deform the image of God and make the rest of our actions less pleasing to God since they no longer come from a pure source, but rather from a divided heart. Therefore, when left unchecked, our venial sins cause us to become even more distant from God.

Because God does not want us to have a lukewarm relationship with Him, let us make every effort to escape the patterns of venial sin that we have developed by availing ourselves to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A kind reminder that we will be having our area **Penance Service on March 24 at St. Mary beginning at 6:30pm** where we will have five priests available for your individual confession. Please arrive by 7:30pm to ensure that your confession is heard.

Please refer to last week's bulletin for the Holy Week Liturgical Schedule. In addition to the Confession times listed, please know that **Confessions will also be heard on Good Friday at St. Mary, 3:30-5:30pm** by Fr. Oscar.

Finally, if you haven't already, please sign-up for at least one hour of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary. Sign-up sheets are near the back of each Church.

In Christ Service, *Fr. Tony*

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Kelli Allen
Richard Beemer
Deb Bickel
Mark Bickel
Karen Bir
Carl Bosworth
Angie Bowman
Logan Boyer
Victoria Boyer
Tony Brinkman
Peggy Broderick
Dee Burnworth
Kris Call
Matt Doctor
Jody Foster
Jim Garwood
Marilyn Isaac
Mariella Johnson
Marilyn Kaltenmark
Braelynn Keller
Connie Kindler
Debra Kriegbaum
Michelle Lynch
Silas McCammon
Bee Miller
Shelby Osborn

Matthias Pfister
Michael Piedmont
Nadine Piedmont
Ken Pitts
Esther Rice
Fr. Ron Rieder
Jackie Riggers
Ruth Schoeff
Marge Shultz
Julia Swada
Bonnie Teusch
Richard A. Teusch
Nancy Vogleman
Mary Lou Wilcox
Sheryl Winters
Tayah Wozniak
Rex Yentes
George Young
Janet Young
Judy Young
Larry Zahm

All Serving in the Military
& Their Families

All Those Who Are Ill &
Those Battling Cancer

THE WEEK AHEAD AT THE PARISHES

MONDAY, March 16

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| 6:00 PM | Discipleship Group | St. Mary Church |
| 6:00 PM | SSPP Choir Practice | SSPP Church |
| 6:30 PM | Lenten Book Study | SSPP-BFSC Center |

TUESDAY, March 17

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| 5:30 PM | JOY Group | SSPP-BFSC Center |
| 6:30 PM | Fidelis & Fraternus | St. Elizabeth FW |

WEDNESDAY, March 18

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| 9:10A-5:30P | Adoration | SSPP Church |
| 8:45 AM | Morning Bible Study | SSPP-BFSC Center |
| 6:00 PM | Pray the Rosary | St. Felix Center |
| 6:00 PM | OCIA | SSPP-Fr. Gollner Hall |
| 7:35 PM | Young Adult CHOSENight | SM-Span. Ministry Rm |

THURSDAY, March 19

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| 1:00 PM | Widows of Prayer | SSPP-BFSC Center |
| 5:00 PM | Digging Deeper | SSPP-BFSC Center |
| 7:30 PM | SSPP Choir Practice | SSPP Church |
| 7:40 PM | Evening Bible Study | SSPP-BFSC Center |

FRIDAY, March 20

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| 9A-5:30P | Adoration | St. Mary Church |
| 2:00 PM | Stations w/Students | SSPP Church |
| 5:40 PM | Stations/Supper | St Mary/Assump. Hall |
| 7:00 PM | Stations of the Cross | SSPP Church |
| 7:00 PM | Lent Praise Holy Hour | St. Mary Church |

SATURDAY, March 21

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| 7:15-7:45A | Adoration/Confession | SSPP Church |
| 12:30/1PM | Rosary/Mass for the Sick | St. Felix Center |
| 5PM DOORS OPEN | Run for the Rams | Northwest Place |

SUNDAY, March 22

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| 9:10 AM | Religious Ed | St. Mary School Bldg |
| 7:15A/12:15P | Red Cross Blood Drive | SSPP-Fr. Rieder Auditorium |

Food & Fellowship-3/15, SSPP-Fr Gollner Hall, after 9am Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



HUNTINGTON COUNCIL 1014 NEWS

•Annual "Knight at the Races" **SAT, April 25.** Tickets on sale now (\$30/person). Call or text Amy Richert 815-912-2401 for table reservations and/or tickets OR purchase at the 1014Club.

The 1014Club is **open every THUR & FRI, 5:30 to ~ 9pm.** When you arrive, ask one of our competent staff members; they can direct you. To be eligible for the \$100 early bird drawing your tickets must be paid for by April 18.

•"Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (Initiation) Degree"- If enough interest, **SAT, May 16, 10am.** We realize that some folks work evenings and we wanted to get a weekend date degree to accommodate these individuals. To join, contact a Knight or Jeff Young: 260-224-5711 or email by WED 4/ 29: msgr.dillon.1014@kofc1014.org.

1014 CLUB EVENTS/NEWS

•The Club will be open - **SUN, Mar. 15** for the **NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Selection Show.** Doors open at **2:30pm**, right before the Big Ten Championship Game. The bar and kitchen will be open with food only available from the fryers. Games, brackets, and more. The evening will conclude with the revealing of the 68 teams that made the 2026 NCAA Tournament.

•Next Fish Fry at The 1014 Club-Good Friday, April 3 - Until then, please feel free to come to the Club for a variety of "meatless" meals including salads. **The Club is open at 5:30pm - Thursdays and Fridays during Lent.**

•Rent The Club - Weddings, graduations, etc. Call the Club (260) 356-0924 or Sue Karst (260) 519-3405.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 1014

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MASS... MON Mar. 16 at SSPP with gr. 2 leading.

STUDENT CHOIR PRACTICE... MON Mar. 16, 2:45pm, SSPP.

LAST 2025-26 HASA MTG... MON Mar. 16, 5:30pm, Fr. Gollner Hall.

GOLF PRACTICE... MON Mar. 16 & FRI Mar. 20, 4-5:30pm in St Mary Gym.

GOLF PICTURES... TUE Mar. 17, 4pm, St Mary Gym. No practice afterwards.

EVERYDAY APOSTLES... WED Mar. 18, 8:40-9:10am .

ALL STAFF MEETING... THU Mar. 19, 3-4pm, Fr. Gollner Hall.

ALL SCHOOL MASS... 3rd grade's All School Mass will be FRI Mar. 20 at SSPP with awards following in the Auditorium. This is also a dress up day.

STATIONS of the CROSS... FRI Mar. 20, 2:00pm at SSPP.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL GAMES... SAT Mar. 21, 8-11am in the SM Gym.

RUN FOR THE RAMS... SAT Mar. 21 at Northwest Place. Doors open at 5pm. Silent Auction opens at 5pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

Bishop Luers Freshman Registration Submit applications at www.bishopluers.org Jenny Andorfer (260) 456-1261 ext. 3051



A little reminder...
RUN FOR THE RAMS
is at a different venue this year...
NORTHWEST PLACE
formerly Northwest Elementary
(4524 W 800 N)
Doors open at **5:00pm.**

MENTAL HEALTH SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUPS

7:00pm - March 24 (4th TUES) - for adults who support those with mental health challenges Bl. Fr. Solanus Casey Ctr/SSPP
Drew 260-224-0522 or dstuart@huntingtoncatholic.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

•SVDP is actively working with multiple unhoused neighbors in our community. These neighbors do not have a car to provide shelter. Please consider a \$60 donation to sponsor a night in a local hotel.

•We are still receiving a high rate of calls requesting financial assistance for utility bills due to the extremely cold weather the last few months. Donations to SVDP help keep electricity on for our neighbors.

•Do you have furniture looking for a new home? To arrange for the Fort Wayne SVDP Thrift Store to come to your home to pick your furniture items, call 260-456-3561. A portion of the proceeds come back to Huntington!

ST. MARY ROSARY SODALITY

Church Cleaning - The Rosary Sodality is organizing the cleaning of the church in preparation for Easter on **SAT, March 28, 9am-11:30pm.** We would love to have your help in keeping our Church beautiful. Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080944A9AF28A1FE3-60379993-church>

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ADDITIONAL PRAYER AFTER THE ROSARY

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, Patroness of our World, we pray that this Holy Rosary prayed today be a seed that will grow and blossom into a Holy Bouquet of Roses, to be prayed before every Mass throughout our country and the world for world peace, reparation for our sins and the conversion of sinners. We ask this through your Immaculate Heart, and the Name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness and our Hope. To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To Thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, Thine Eyes of Mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the Blessed Fruit of Thy Womb, Jesus. O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. *Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER, PRAY FOR US!
BLESSED FATHER SOLANUS CASEY, PRAY FOR US!*

BEEKEEPER'S SPIRITUAL HONEY

**"Prayer is the best weapon we have;
it is the key to God's heart."**

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey, OFM, Cap.

PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2026

Blessed Trinity, source of our life and our unity, we ask for your presence with and within us as we undertake this synodal journey. **CREATE IN US** and all those responsible for preparing the synod a discerning spirit. **HELP US** to deepen our relationship with you and with one another over the months and weeks ahead. **GROW IN US** the fire of your love, that we may eagerly respond to your loving invitation to spread the joy of the Gospel, and to serve the poor, suffering and vulnerable. **FORM US** to be better disciples, creating vibrant, mission-oriented communities of faith, hope and charity. We ask this through the intercession of our diocesan patrons, Mary, the Immaculate Conception and St. Matthew. Amen.

ST. JOSEPH ROANOKE - FISH FRY - MAR 20

FRI Mar. 20 ~ Roanoke American Legion ~ 4:30-7pm
1122 N. Main St, Roanoke. The menu is fried fish, baked potato or french fries, applesauce or coleslaw & cookies.
Price: \$15/adults, \$7/children under 12.

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For Holy Week & Easter, please submit your bulletin announcements **by noon on the dates below:**
FRI Mar 20 for Mar 29 bulletin, **THU Mar 26** for Apr 5 bulletin

SAINT OF THE WEEK - ST. JOSEPH

Feast day: March 19 - Pope John Paul II emphasized that Joseph's "yes" to God was a mirror of Mary's. Like Mary, He was specifically chosen by God to create the Holy Family. Being a righteous man, he considered divorcing her quietly when he found out she was with child. Through dreams, God spoke to Joseph. He assured him of Mary's virginity and Jesus' incarnation by the Holy Spirit. He instructed him to flee with his family to Egypt while King Herod was killing all children under 2, and also when it was safe to return to Nazareth. The facts that he was not with Mary under the cross and that Jesus gave her to St. John, tells us that he was not alive at that time and that they had no children together who could take care of their mother. He is the patron of happy deaths.

St. Joseph, pray for us to have a happy death.

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THEOLOGY THOUGHTS: "WHY IS FATHER WEARING PURPLE OR ROSE VESTMENTS? - THE COLORS OF LENT" by Drew Stuart

You've probably noticed that the colors of the vestments and the altar cloths and banners in the church have changed. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, when you enter the church, you see purple or violet altar cloths and vestments. Perhaps you wonder why this color is associated with the Lenten season.

From its origins, Lent has been a season of penance in preparation for Easter, the commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection and our salvation. The colors of the banners, vestments, and altar cloths represent something about each liturgical season or feast (Advent, Lent, Ordinary Time, Christmas, etc). In the Roman Catholic liturgical tradition, **purple symbolizes penance and humility**. During Lent, we are called to humble ourselves by performing acts of penance (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) to prepare for the celebration of Easter. Lent is a time to put aside our own desires and comfort so that we can recommit ourselves to following Jesus, who humbled himself to the point of dying on the cross for our sins. The color purple therefore represents the penitential theme of the Lenten season.

On the fourth Sunday of Lent, you will notice that the priest is wearing rose (pink) vestments instead of purple vestments. This day, referred to as Laetare Sunday, falls in the middle of Lent and was originally meant to encourage the faithful as they continued their Lenten fasting. **Laetare means 'rejoice'** and comes from the first words of the psalm that used to be sung as the priests and deacons processed into the church on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

The color **rose represents this joy** and flowers are often featured prominently in the church on this day. Therefore, on Laetare Sunday, the bright rose vestments, joyful music, and the message of the **hope** in the readings are meant to encourage us to continue on the path of penance and repentance for the rest of the Lenten season. This day serves as a reminder that penance will lead to rejoicing at Easter, when we celebrate Christ's Resurrection, His victory over sin and death. After Laetare Sunday, the color purple and the theme of penance will return until Lent ends on Holy Thursday. However, as we focus on penance we should remember the reason for our self-sacrifice and look toward the joy of Easter.

14TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



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14th Annual Easter Egg Hunt
SATURDAY March 28
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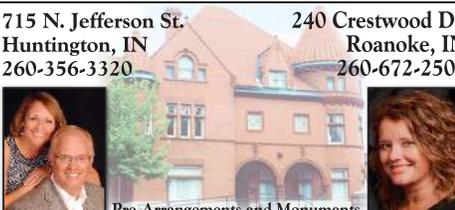


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