



## Weekly Update | March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

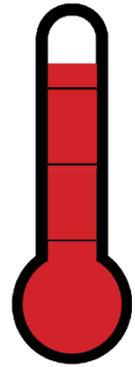


### 2021 Bishop's Appeal

Almost there! Thank you to all who have contributed already! We've never failed to achieve our goal - let's keep the streak alive. If you haven't yet contributed, please prayerfully consider doing so.

**Remember to send your contribution directly to the Green Bay Diocese, not the parish office.**

**2021 Goal: \$60,000**  
**Reached: \$59,223 (99%)**



### Big News for St. Mary Cemetery

Did you know that St. Mary Parish cemetery contains a beautiful chapel? The chapel is 60 years old and in need of updating along with renovation to accommodate the burial needs of those choosing cremation. The project will include minor demolition, carpentry, drywall and texturing, painting, flooring, heating, lighting and electrical work. Work will be completed this summer. To learn more or to receive plans for bidding, please contact Theresa Rohm at [trohm@stmaryparish.org](mailto:trohm@stmaryparish.org) or 920-739-5119 by March 19.

### Lenten Alms

This year our parish Lenten Alms Project will benefit **REACH**, a program that supports in-home caregivers of those with memory loss. COVID-19 has placed a greater burden on this group as they have faced greater isolation, limited respite opportunities, and decreased community support. The **REACH Program** is offered at no charge to caregivers and data collected shows that it decreases caregiver's sense of burden, depression scores, desire to move their loved one to a facility and stress resulting from a loved one's symptoms of dementia. Alms can be dropped in the collection boxes near the back of church. You can also choose "**Lenten Alms Project**" as a "**One Time Gift**" in **Faith Direct**. Thank you to those who have already contributed!

# A Grateful & Blessed Family

Ripples of God's Love - Through Our Hearts - To All Hearts!

St. Mary Parish Support			
March 2021	Budget	Received	Variance
received 3/8- 3/12/2021		10,250	
March- month to date:	68,000	48,021	-19,979
7/1/20-3/31/2021			
Fiscal Year To Date :	682,000	608,944	-73,056



## Mass Attendance

In an effort to help you determine your safest options, we are providing Mass attendance numbers from the previous week. For reference, our church capacity at 25% is 120.

Monday, 5:30 pm (17)

Saturday, 4:30 pm (86)

Tuesday, 5:30 pm (8)

Sunday, 7:45 am (56)

Wednesday, 12:05 pm (45)

9:45 am (97)

Thursday, 12:05 pm (43)

6:30 pm (36)

## In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family of Marcella Vanden Heuvel. May fond memories comfort you at this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

## Prayer Needs

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@gmail.com) or Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

## UPDATE! COVID-19 Safety Protocols

We are encouraged by the increasing number of people in our community who are able to receive the vaccine! The Diocese of Green Bay has given direction that taking temperatures is now an optional practice for parishes. Based on this directive, we will discontinue temperature taking starting the weekend of March 27 & 28 (Palm Sunday). Please continue to monitor your personal health. If you have a temperature, other symptoms, or aren't feeling well, stay home.

Mask wearing, hand sanitizing, and social distancing will continue to be required for Mass and all other parish activities.

## Mass Times

Mon., March 22, 5:30pm  
Tue., March 23, 5:30pm  
Wed., March 24, 12:05pm  
Thur., March 25, 12:05pm  
Sat., March 27, 4:30pm  
Sun., March 28, 7:45am  
9:45am  
6:30pm

## Intentions

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James J. & Marie Magee Peterson  
Parishioners of St. Mary  
Lawrence, Dolores & Kay Keller  
Merlin Hein  
Bob & Sis Balliet  
Marie Powers

## Events Calendar

### *Monday, March 22*

7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room

### *Tuesday, March 23*

2:00pm Rosary Group/Chapel

6:15pm Confessions/Chapel

### *Wednesday, March 24*

6:00pm Beacon - Elementary/virtual

6:30pm Confirmation Small Groups/Community Room & L7

6:45pm First Eucharist Meeting/virtual

### *Thursday, March 25*

5:30pm Stations of the Cross/Church

### *Friday, March 26*

Parish office closed

9:00am Adoration/Church

### *Saturday, March 27*

8:00am Adoration/Church

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

### *Sunday, March 28*

11:00am RCIA/Community Room

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**Marriage**

Congratulations! Contact Fr. Bill at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

**Baptism**

Congratulations! Contact the parish office for information.

**Confession**

Sat. 9-10am and Tues. 6:15-7:15pm (except for the 1st Tuesday of the month)

## St. Mary Parish Office

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# *In Joy & Sorrow with Fr. Bill*

I wanted to share with you the prayers and music that were a part of A CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S MERCIFUL LOVE: A PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION that took place in our Church last Tuesday evening, and was live-streamed, as well. The recorded prayer service can be accessed at our St. Mary Catholic Community YouTube page.

PRELUDE MUSIC: *Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring* - Johann Sebastian Bach

GATHERING SONG: *Psalm 32*

I turn to you, LORD, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Blessed the one whose fault is taken away,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed the one to whom the LORD imputes  
not guilt,  
in whose spirit there is no guile.

OPENING PRAYER

Standing at the foot of your Cross, Merciful Lord, we admit our need for your forgiveness. Our hearts are knotted up at times and our consciences are troubled, because often we find ourselves doing the very things we do not want to do. Our selfishness binds us and Your mercy frees us from our misery. You remind us again and again that you never tire of forgiving us. We are grateful for your unconditional gift of forgiveness, which you shower upon us during this Holy Season of Lent. We pray in your Name. Let all say:  
AMEN!

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL  
ACCORDING TO JOHN  
THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "LORD, if you had been here, my brother, Lazarus, would not have died." When Jesus saw Mary weeping and the people who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the people said, "See how he loved him." So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." Then Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go free."

HOMILY

EXAMEN

JESUS, you know me better than I know myself and, knowing all of that, you never stop loving me. JESUS, you know those areas of darkness in my heart that keep me from loving you with all my heart and keep me at a distance at times from others.

TAKE THE STONE AWAY! COME OUT!  
COME OUT!

JESUS, you know what troubles my conscience and weighs me down. You know what ties me up and keeps me from the freedom that you promise to those who love you. I want to be free. Lift the chains from my body, my heart, and my spirit.

TAKE THE STONE AWAY! COME OUT!  
COME OUT!

JESUS, sometimes I want to lick my wounds and resist your command to forgive those who have hurt me. I am haunted by my past at times. My guilt and shame weigh me down. Help me, JESUS, to place my wounds into the wounds that you received as you hung upon the Cross. Help me to trust that by joining my wounds to your wounds, I am healed.

TAKE THE STONE AWAY! COME OUT!  
COME OUT!

JESUS, upon the Tree of the Cross, your heart was pierced for love of me. JESUS, you are Mercy within Mercy within Mercy. Let your soothing Mercy wash over me. JESUS, I trust in you. JESUS, I love you so very much.

TAKE THE STONE AWAY! COME OUT!  
COME OUT!

#### ACT OF CONTRITION

LORD JESUS, you chose to be called the friend of sinners. By your saving death and resurrection, free me from my sins. May your peace take root in my heart and bring forth a harvest of love, holiness, and truth.

#### MEDITATION SONG: *Psalm 103*

Loving and forgiving are you, O LORD; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

All my being, bless the LORD, bless the holy name of God. All my being, bless the LORD, remembering the goodness of God.

God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain, saving us from final death. God fills us with goodness and love.

CLOSING PRAYER [after receiving a penance and absolution, offer this prayer to the LORD on your own]

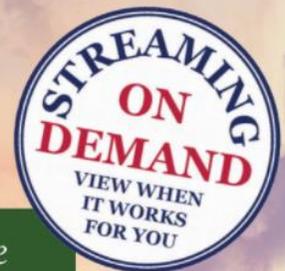
LORD JESUS, your marvelous love for me is beyond what I can begin to imagine. You never tire of forgiving me. May your love fill my heart to overflowing, like a fountain of living water. Freed from all that keeps me from drawing near to you, may your love spill over onto all my words and actions. I am so grateful for your promise to always be with me. Amen.

Father Bill +

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