

**February
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


St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Jan. 28 Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass S.T.O.R.M.'s Sunday Snack Pack sales  Baptism of Jenna Reiter after 10:00am Mass 6:00-7:30pm Confirmation 1 & 2, Hall 6:00-9:00pm Team meeting for 8th gr. Retreat, Youth Area | Jan. 29 | Jan. 30 5:30-7:00 SM-HC hosts community meal at Elkhart Christian Church 6:30-8:00pm Dave Ramsey, Social Hall | Jan. 31 5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross 6:00-7:00pm PreK-6 RE catechists workshop, Ed Center 7:00pm Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study, Conference Room <i>No PreK-12th Religious Ed Classes</i> | Feb 1 8:00am Mass, St. Mary  3:00-7:00pm Blood Drive, Social Hall  | 2 8:00am First Friday Mass, St. Mary, followed by conversation and refreshments, Social Hall | 3 Feast of St. Blaise <i>Blessing of throats during Mass</i> 4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation After Mass: S.T.O.R.M. distributes Snack Packs — Wine & cheese in Social Hall |
| 4 <i>Blessing of throats during Masses</i> Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00am Mass After Masses: S.T.O.R.M. distributes Snack Packs Coffee & donuts after 10:00am Mass, Social Hall | 5 | 6 6:30-8:00pm Dave Ramsey, Social Hall | 7 5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross 6:00-7:00pm one PreK-6 RE class; Mardi Gras Party, Ed Center 6:00-7:30pm EDGE 7 & 8th gr, Social Hall 7:00pm Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study, Conference Room 7:45-9:00pm Youth gathering, Retreat Work Session/Creativity & Brainstorming, Youth Area | 8 8:00am Mass, St. Mary | 9 | 10 8:00-9:00am Meditative Prayer Time, Office Area 4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation 6:00-8:00pm Confirmation Parents Appreciation Dinner, Social Hall |
| 11 11:00am Budget prep meeting with all Committee/Program Ministry Leaders, Social Hall Pastoral Council to prepare meal for Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter 6:00-9:00pm Team meeting for 8th gr. Retreat, Youth Area | 12 Book Study: <i>Enrique's Journey</i> , 6:30pm, Social Hall | 13 6:00pm Stewardship Committee mtg, Office 6:30-8:00pm Dave Ramsey, Social Hall | 14 Ash Wednesday  8:00am and 6:30pm Mass St. Mary Fast and abstain from meat No Mass at Holy Cross today <i>No PreK-12th Religious Ed Classes</i> | 15 <i>No morning Mass at SM</i> 9:30am Crafts, Games & Social Time, Social Hall 5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross 6:30pm Friends of St. Francis gathering, Hall  7:00-8:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Cross | 16 6:00pm Stations of the Cross, St. Mary 5:00-7:00pm fish fry, Social Hall Abstain from meat | 17  8:00-9:00am Meditative Prayer Time, Office Area 4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation Collection for Catholic Charities Food Pantry |

Fasting and Abstaining

✠ Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

✠ Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juice are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply.



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| <p>18 First Sunday of Lent </p> <p>Collection for Catholic Charities Food Pantry</p> <p>Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10:00am Mass</p> <p>Choir practice, 11:00am - 12:30pm Adult Choir, 12:30-1:30pm Men's Choir, St. Mary Church</p> <p>6:00-7:30pm Confirmation 1 & 2, Ed Center</p> <p>6:00-9:00pm Team meeting for 8th gr. Retreat, Office Area</p> <p>7:00pm K of C mtg, Social Hall</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> <p>6:30-8:00pm Dave Ramsey, Social Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Finance Council meeting, Conference Room</p> | <p>21</p> <p>5:15-7:30pm PreK-6 RE, Ed Center</p> <p>5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross</p> <p>6:00-8:00pm 8th Grade Retreat Team work session, Youth Area</p> <p>7:00pm Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study, Conference Room</p> <p><i>No EDGE or Youth Group tonight</i></p> | <p>22</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p> <p>6:00-8:00pm 8th gr. Retreat prep and set up, Youth Area</p> | <p>23</p> <p>6:00pm Stations of the Cross, St. Mary, followed by Lenten meal</p> <p>6:00-9:00pm 8th Grade skit dress rehearsal & pizza, Ed Center</p> <p>Abstain from meat</p> | <p>24</p> <p>8:00-9:00am Meditative Prayer Time, Office Area</p> <p>8th Grade Retreat prep/environment prep, Ed Center, Time TBA</p> <p>4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation</p> |
| <p>25 Second Sunday of Lent </p> <p>Coffee & donuts after 8am Mass</p> <p>9:15am 8th Grade Retreat Team meets, Ed Center</p> <p>10:00am 8th Grade Retreat, begins with Mass, ends 5:30pm, Social Hall Ed Center, St. Mary Church</p> <p>Choir practice, 11:00am - 12:30pm Adult Choir, 12:30-1:30pm Men's Choir, St. Mary Church</p> | <p>26</p> <p>7:00-8:30pm Confirmation Core Team Meeting, Social Hall</p> | <p>27</p> <p>6:30-8:00pm Dave Ramsey, Social Hall</p> | <p>28</p> <p>5:15-7:30pm PreK-6 RE, Ed Center</p> <p>5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross</p> <p>6:00-6:30pm RE students practice for Stations of the Cross, St. Mary</p> <p>6:00-7:30pm EDGE 7 & 8th gr, Social Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study, Conference Room</p> <p>7:45-9:00pm Youth Group & Retreat Team R & R, Youth Area</p> | <p>March 1</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p> <p>8:30am Staff meeting, Conference Room</p> | <p>March 2</p> <p>8:00am First Friday Mass, St. Mary, followed by donuts and conversation</p> <p>6:00pm Stations of the Cross led by Religious Ed students, St. Mary</p> <p>5:00-7:00pm fish fry, Social Hall</p> <p>Abstain from meat</p> | <p>March 3</p> <p>8:00-9:00am Meditative Prayer Time, Office Area</p> <p>4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation</p> <p>Wine & cheese after Mass, Social Hall</p> |



The 40 days of Lent is based on two Biblical accounts: the 40 years of wilderness wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan. Each year the Church observes Lent where we, like Israel and our Lord, are tested. We participate in abstinence, times of fasting, confession and acts of mercy to strengthen our faith and devotional disciplines. Our goal is to leave the Lenten Season a stronger and more vital person of faith than when we began.

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