

# PARISH HAPPENINGS

At the Sunday 9:30am Mass this weekend we celebrate the First Scrutiny of the Elect who are preparing to receive Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. What is a Scrutiny? It is three brief ceremonies where the Elect are presented to the Church community, which prays for them, so that they may defeat sin and Satan, successfully endure temptation, and be strengthened in Christ. Why not do all this quietly and privately? Because we are the People of God welcoming new people to our midst. When a person is baptized they are received by Christ into his body, the community of faith. We have great cause to rejoice that men and women wish to be part of us, and we celebrate that fact. Just as the Elect spend this time of Lent in preparation, allowing the words of the Gospels to fill their hearts and reshape their lives, so too must we, the community of faith. The Church walks with the Elect toward the great feast of Easter.

The second collection today is for Easter flowers.

**Youth Group:** No Youth Group Sunday, Feb. 28. Our next gathering is Sunday, March 13.

**Altar Server Training** for students in 4th grade or higher that have received 1st Communion and are interested in learning more about becoming an altar server is Monday the 29th at 6:30pm. Father Jose Maria, Luke and Miguel will explain all that you need to know! Current altar servers are invited to attend for a refresher course.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The Knights of Columbus thank all who donated by buying Toostie Rolls. The funds go to support *Colorado Discover Ability* that assists special needs persons at Powderhorn.

Next Sunday, Mar. 6 the Knights of Columbus will serve the best breakfast deal in town with their delicious pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and hash browns, coffee and juice.

There will be a membership drive in honor of the founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, on March 12 & 13. All Catholic gentlemen are invited to join the Knights of Columbus to have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith, and to protect your family.

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 18th for another Lenten Fish Fry! The new item, "baked fish", was a great hit, so they will be serving it again. Thanks for your support for the youth of our parish that are planning the Steubenville trip.

Easter is just around the corner! Sharon Pritt is seeking a few adults to help on Easter Sunday morning. She can be reached at slonghurstpritt@gmail.com or 366-2969.

**Baptism preparation classes** (for all parents & godparents) will be held in Spanish on Fri., March 11 at 7:00pm and in English on Sat., April 2 at 10:00am. Pre-registration is encouraged (call the Parish Office). Registration fee is \$30 per child being baptized. Plan to arrive 15 min. early if you do not pre-register.

## LENTEN INFORMATION & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

This Lent focus on spending time in silence opening your heart and mind to the Lord. "Silence amplifies the

reality of what we experience. The silence of the liturgy is a gift which helps us understand the greatest gift we can receive. As we cultivate silence, we will begin, more frequently, to hear the voice of the Lord." *Bishop James Conley*

**Fasting & Abstinence:** Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence and Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat is binding from age 14 onwards.

We pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** immediately following all weekend masses during Lent. There is no recessional song and those who do not wish to remain and pray are asked to exit in silence in consideration of those who choose to do so.

- **Stations of the Cross** each Friday: 6:30pm at Sacred Heart (English) and 7:00pm at St. Mary (Bilingual). Can't make it to church to pray the Way of the Cross? Visit <http://archden.org/eflm/way/> for an audio experience that places you in the midst of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Listen online, or download the MP3 to listen-on-the-go.
- **Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls** are available from the table by the Lighthouse CDs.
- **Lenten Reconciliation Service:** Wed., Mar. 16, 6:30pm.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

*Mandie Dovey*, Religious Education Coordinator  
(MandieDovey@StMaryRifle.com, 625-3891 x23)

**Attention Confirmation Candidates:** The final deadline for your baptismal certificate and sponsor information is Sunday, Feb. 28th. If you are having problems meeting this deadline, contact Mandie as soon as possible. Also, don't forget to finish up your service hours!

## CLASS SCHEDULE

- **Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** 10:45am to 12pm, Feb. 28 and Mar. 6
- **RCIC classes, 5<sup>th</sup> grade PM and 7<sup>th</sup> grade PM:** 2:00pm to 3:30pm, Feb. 28 and Mar. 6
- **High School Pre-confirmation:** Feb. 28 (4:15pm to 5:45pm) and Mar. 6 (2:15pm to 3:45pm)
- **Confirmation:** 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Feb. 28 and Mar. 13

## MEETINGS AND THINGS

- **Hispanic Committee & Hispanic Stewardship:** Sunday, immediately following 12:30pm Mass
- **New Altar Server Training:** Mon., 6:30pm, Church
- **Guitar Group:** Tue., 5:00pm, Room 4
- **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday, 8:00am to 7:00pm, Chapel
- **Year of Mercy '24 Hrs. for the Lord' Adoration @ St. Stephen Glenwood Springs:** Friday Mar 4 5:00pm to Saturday, March 5, 5:00pm. Confessions heard Friday 5-10pm and Saturday 9:00am-4:30pm
- **Family Reconciliation:** Sunday, March 6, 11:30am - 12:30pm

FEBRUARY 28, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



## ST. MARY PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Parish Staff

**Pastor:** Fr. José María Quera  
**Pastoral Assistant:** Karla Jacobs  
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 After Lunch break by appointment  
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 MandieDovey@StMaryRifle.com  
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 Sun.: 8:30am-9:15am & 12:00-12:30pm  
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**Email:** [info@stmaryrifle.com](mailto:info@stmaryrifle.com)  
**Submission Deadlines:**

- Bulletin - Tuesday Noon
- Announcements - Thursday Noon

Online: [www.stmaryrifle.com](http://www.stmaryrifle.com)

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## Parish & Finance Councils

**Parish Council:**  
 Larry Brady Daniel Bucio  
 Julie Burner Agueda deLeon  
 Bernie Whitman  
**Finance Council:**  
 Dan Niedbalski, Chairperson  
 Allan Cyr Lillian Dahlin  
 Michelle Duran Bob Prendergast



## Liturgical Schedule

### English Mass

- Mon., Tues., Fri.: 7:30am
- Saturday: 4:30pm
- Sunday: 9:30am

### Misa en Español:

- Jueves: 7:00pm
- Sábado: 7:00pm
- Domingo: 12:30pm

### Sacred Heart - 230 N. 6th St., Silt

- Sunday: 7:30am (English)

### Reconciliation Schedule:

- Mon., Tues., Fri.: 7:00am
- Thursday: 6:30pm
- Saturday: 3:30pm & 6:30pm
- Sunday: 12:00pm

### Adoration Schedule:

- Mon., Tue., Fri.: 8:00am-9:00am
- First Friday of Each Month: 8:00am-6:00pm

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## WE PRAY FOR...

Brian Garland, Bill Oaks, Ann & Ed Andzel, Anita Sundin, Rick Sundin, Joshua Jones, Julia Avonovich, Tammy Waller, Fred Garcia, Julie Kuper, Marty Thompson, Ernest "Joe" Thompson, Terry Whitley, Pat Schmeckel, Luke Anderle, Ted Diaz, Corky Wilson, Rick Seymour, Alex & Linda Garcia, Georgi Aibner, Megan Doll, Alicia & David Thorpe, Tony Martinez, Linda Tomasi, Lauren Giard, Cathy Richard, Mary Ann Olson, Irene Goergen, Lyle Green, Kim Nieslanik, Susan Armstrong, Freddie Romero, Gerald Waters, Dick Buchan, Nancy Newton, Joe Elliot, Agnes Skelly, Ann Arrington, Jean Buchan, Kathy Willeart, Roberta Sisneros, Patrick Chavez (Esther Jones' uncle), Reagan Nelson, Joyce Cawley, Clarence & Elaine Gomez, Esther Jones, Lucy Wolff, Bob Christensen, Yvonne Diaz, Tanya Giard, Loretta Kochis (Mable Sanders' sister), Scott Gordon, Tonya Buchan, Kari Kuerstan, Megan Branham, Bert Garlitz, Eliza Gallegos, Amelia Zemlock, Mary Benson, Daniel Tena, Connie Ritter, Rosalia Garza, Derek Miles, Gordan Hammel, Kimberly Green, Virginia Escalante, John & Therese Daly, Clarence Gomez, Amanda Axelson, Mary Brennan, Betty Fulton, Andrea Gallegos (Eliza Gallegos' granddaughter), Janet Blea, Nadine Gadis, Pat Squire, Marlene Brandt, and for all others in our Parish and Community who are in need of our prayer. **For the souls of our departed:** Ula Kirkman, Billy Mauer, Tom Scanlon, Fr. Robert Hehn, Alma Koster, Bellard Garcia, Bill Barrett, Ed Ptacek III, Betty Garcia, and Ed & Patricia Murphy.

For prayer requests or to join our e-mail/ phone prayer ministry contact **Dorothy Zinn (625-4509)** or e-mail [prayer@stmaryrifle.com](mailto:prayer@stmaryrifle.com).

## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

Universal: That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Sunday:** 3rd & 4th Year Theology  
**Monday:** 1st & 2nd Year Theology  
**Tuesday:** 1st & 2nd Year Theology  
**Wednesday:** Spirituality Year  
**Thursday:** College Freshmen & Sophomores  
**Friday:** Vocations Ministry  
**Saturday:** Applicants & Prospective Seminarians

## MASS INTENTIONS

Feb. 27 7:00pm Herlinda Tapia †  
 Abraham Gutiérrez †  
 Feb. 28 9:30am Marie Westphal †  
 12:30pm Eva Perez †

To request a Mass Intention call 625-5125 or e-mail [info@stmaryrifle.com](mailto:info@stmaryrifle.com)

## EXPANDING THE WORD

### PRICELESS

A well-known priest had been invited to speak at a parish mission. The church was packed and all eyes were on him as he started his presentation. He looked around the congregation and took something out of his pocket. Everyone could see he was holding up a one-hundred-dollar bill. He asked, "Who would like to have this hundred-dollar bill?" People looked at each other and wondered if this was some kind of trick, but hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this one hundred dollars to one of you, but first, let me do this." Holding both hands up high he crumpled the bill up into a small tight ball. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" More hands went up in the air. "Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe as hard as he could. When he picked it up, everyone could see the money was all crumpled and dirty. "Now who wants it?" Almost every hand was in the air. "My friends, today you have all learned a very valuable lesson because, in spite of what I did to it, this bill has not lost any of its value. It is still worth one hundred dollars. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. When you don't live up to God's love for you, you may even feel as if you are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen in your life, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. Whether you are dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to God."

### Living Stewardship Now

*"A man turning from an evil life is bound to be rendered desperate by the knowledge of his sins, if he does not know how good God is, how kind and gentle, and how ready to forgive."* —Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

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## READINGS OF THE WEEK

**Feb. 29 - Lenten Weekday**  
 2 Kings 5:1-15ab Luke 4:24-30  
**Mar. 01 - Lenten Weekday**  
 Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Matthew 18:21-35  
**Mar. 02 - Lenten Weekday**  
 Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Matthew 5:17-19  
**Mar. 03 - Lenten Weekday**  
 Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23  
**Mar. 04 - Lenten Weekday**  
 Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34  
**Mar. 05 - Lenten Weekday**  
 Hosea 6:1-6 Luke 18:9-14  
**Mar. 06 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Psalms 23:1-6  
 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-44

Having arrived in the promised land, the Hebrews celebrated their deliverance from affliction and distress in the Passover. Christ, our Passover, has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation: let us forgive one another and celebrate the unconditional and abundant love of God our Father.

## JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Pope Francis wants "*Twenty-four Hours for the Lord*," around-the-clock availability of the sacrament of reconciliation, implemented worldwide this Friday and Saturday. Celebrated with his oft-recommended "tenderness," the sacrament is "a source of true interior peace," says Francis, enabling people "to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17).

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns us against judging others. Focus instead, Jesus says, on deepening—or restoring—our own relationship with God, for during this Lenten springtime that Master Gardener can use even life's manure (the parable's "fertilizer") to coax fresh fruit from a tree that seems hopelessly barren—*us!*

Parishes preparing catechumens use John's Gospel, which likewise cautions against judging. Imagine what the Samaritan woman's lifelong neighbors thought of her multiple relationships. But by discovering Jesus, then sharing her good news—and Jesus—with those very neighbors, she whom they had probably judged quite sinful became instead their evangelist and "missionary of mercy."

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*"It is necessary for Christians to rediscover their Baptism, cherishing the inexhaustible spiritual vigor of the sanctifying grace received in it in order to take it everywhere their life takes them. The "source of water that springs up to eternal life", mentioned in the Gospel passage today, is present in every baptized person, but has to be continually cleared of the noxious weeds of sin so that it will not be suffocated or dried up. For this reason our collaboration is indispensable. Let us accept the invitation of the liturgy to drink deeply at the sources of eternal life. May Our Lady, Mother of the Church, help those who prepare to receive Baptism and those who have already received it to achieve a journey of radical inner renewal."*

Pope John Paul II  
 2 March 2002

## SACRED HEART PARISH

**230 North 6th Street, Silt — Sunday Mass at 7:30am**  
 Coffee Hour - 3rd Sunday after Mass  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation available after Mass  
 Stations of the Cross: Friday 6:30PM

Ministries for March : Glenda Antonelli  
 Extraordinary Minister (3/6): Bob and Mary Layman  
 Lector (3/6): Yvonne Diaz  
 Offertory (2/21): \$567.00  
 Attendance (2/21): 51

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**4:30pm Saturday March 05**  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Karla Jacobs and Fred Garcia  
**Lector:** Trudy Giard  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus  
**Server:** Needed  
**Cantor:** Chris Sullivan and Cory Allen  
**Gifts:** Julie Allen and Anisa Orona  
**Sacristan:** Fred Garcia

**9:30am Sunday March 06**  
**Extraordinary Ministers:** Larry Brady, Mickie Hosack, Larry Bernat, Kathy Hill, and Tim Jacobs  
**Lector:** Megan Alstatt and Julie Burner  
**Ushers:** Susan Armstrong and Aaron Hosack  
**Server:** Grace Burner and Justin Vasquez  
**Cantor:** Choir  
**Gifts:** Brian and Sarah Fleming Family  
**Coffee Hosts:** Knights of Columbus  
**Church Cleaners:** Needed from Anglo Community  
**Money Counters:** Monday: Kathy Bernat, Sally Brands, and Billie Jansky  
**Sacristan:** Karla Jacobs

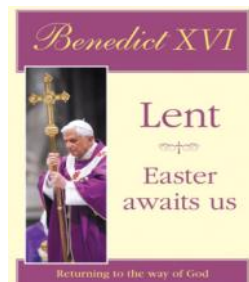
If you are unable to serve as scheduled please find a replacement and notify the Parish Office at 625-5125 x 20 or [info@stmaryrifle.com](mailto:info@stmaryrifle.com). Thank you.

## STEWARDSHIP

**FEBRUARY 20 & 21**  
 Offertory: \$3,070.30  
 Attendance: Feb. 20: 59 Feb. 21: 202



**LENT: EASTER AWAITS US — BOOKLET**



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's liberating insights into fasting, prayer, suffering, love, peace, sacrifice, and hope.