

# PARISH HAPPENINGS

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, the please join us for UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study, you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ.

This 8 week study is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. For more information please come to the meeting Wed. Feb. 21st at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart or contact Sue Junge at 985-3021.

## MATTHEW: THE KING AND HIS KINGDOM

This exciting study explores the life and mission of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel. Matthew demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ, who establishes a New Law and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Set in the rich context of Jesus' Jewish culture, this study will help participants understand who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today. Matthew is an ideal follow-up study to the basic narrative of Scripture taught in Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. Tuesday morning Bible Study will begin this study April 3rd. Contact Sue Junge for information and registration at 985-3021.

"Is God calling you to share your love of music? Join in on the fun! The church is seeking cantors and musicians of any experience level to join the choir and the mosaic ensemble group. Time commitment is minimal. For more information contact Jackie Zimmerman at [jevazquez42@aim.com](mailto:jevazquez42@aim.com) or Art Dahl at 970-618-2773. Thank you!"

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION!

\*\*\*Miss Mandie's Confirmation class (high school group that meets from 2:30 -4:30) will meet Sunday, February 25, from 2:30 - 4:30 pm.\*\*\*

### \*\*\*Confirmation\*\*\*

Confirmation will be March 17. Students are signing up for which mass time during class, please make your choice know to your student. Times are 10 am or 2 pm. Please be aware, space is limited and you may not get the mass you want. Please plan on being available for both times. I will post the final time schedule in the upstairs hallway by the bathroom at the end of the month, for you to see what mass your child will participate in.

There will be a Confirmation Retreat for 6th graders 10am-11:30 and 7th graders, 1:00-2:30 on Saturday, March 3. There will be no retreat for Miss Mandie's class.

I AM STILL NEEDING PAPERWORK!!!! YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED THIS YEAR IF PROPER PAPERWORK IS NOT TURNED IN. NO PAPERWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 4. YOU ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!!!!!!

## Religious Education Schedule

Grades 1st-8th: Meet Sunday mornings from 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. ,

### March 4

RCIC 1, Class A & B (Younger), Class (Older) ; RCIC 2 Class (Sunday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m)

### March 4

1st Year High School (did not attend in 2016-2017) :  
March 4, March 11

Confirmation (Attended 2016-2017 in grades 7, 8 and HS Pre-Con) :

Feb 25, March 4th

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle and High School youth group will meet again next Sunday March 4th at 4:45 PM and continue our enriching curriculum with middle schoolers learning about "how to navigate the terrain" of Catholicism and High Schoolers starting a new and interactive curriculum on Mary- Queen of Heaven and her role in our salvation!

Thank you to all who generously donated to our Steubenville High School students during the Fish Fry on February 16th- we made over \$350 during our bake sale! We really appreciate your help and support as we raise money toward our registration and transportation fees for this summer's conference!

## Family life!

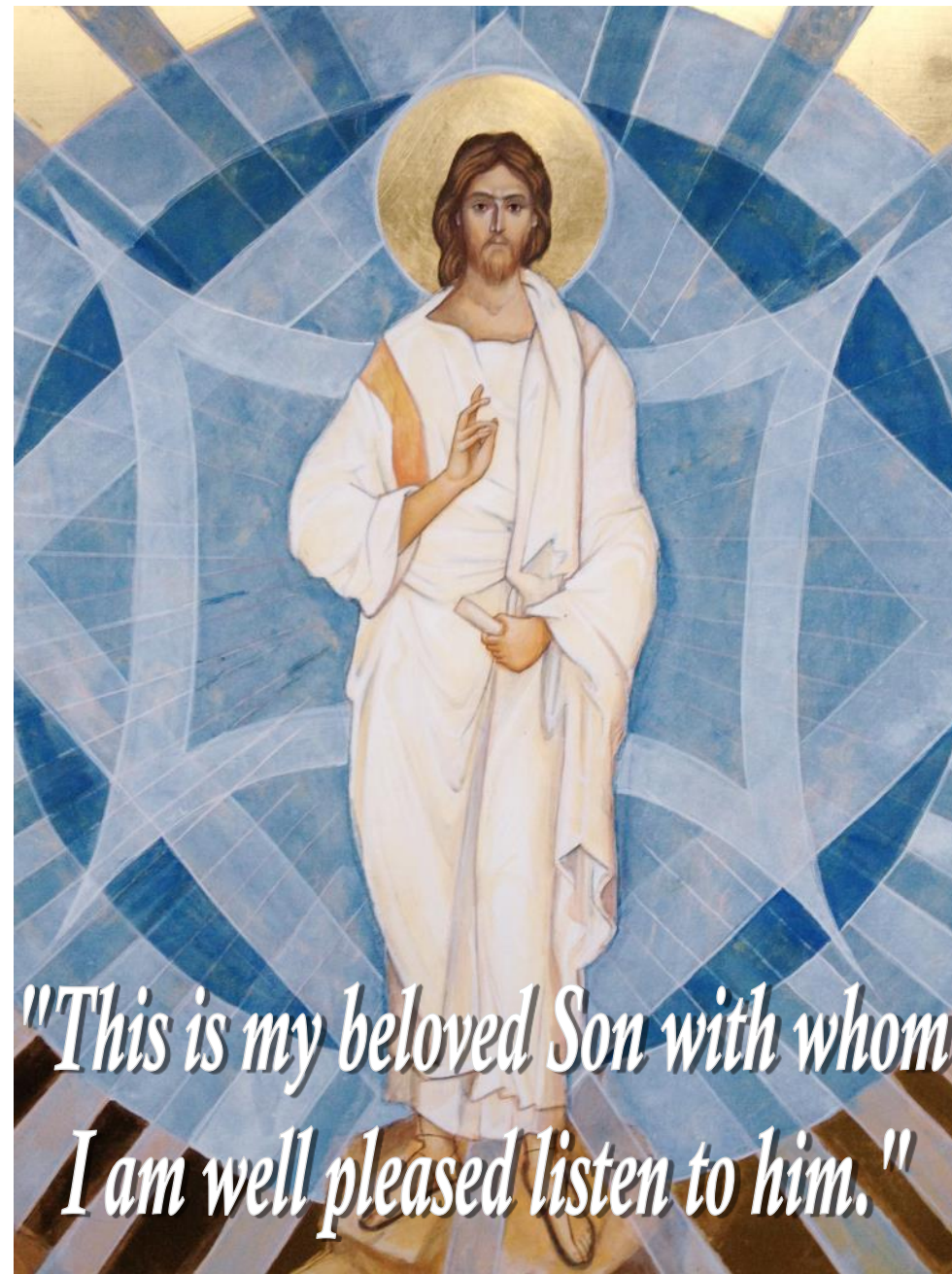
Become a part of our Family Life Committee and help us to reinvigorate parish life by helping plan activities such as Lenten events, Easter Egg hunt, summer fun, Advent wreath decorating, Christmas caroling and so much more. We are looking to form a team of 5-7 volunteers so that the work load is limited for all involved! We will be holding an initial informational meeting on March 6th at 5:15PM with light refreshments, we'd love for you to join us! Please contact Sharon Pritt at 9703662969 if you are interested in volunteering but cannot attend the meeting on March 6th.

Attention young adults, married/unmarried, with/without children, St. Mary Young Adult group will meet again on March 16th starting at 6:30 PM. Location will be announced as the date approaches. Child care and main course will be provided unless otherwise mentioned. Bring a side dish or dessert to share along with your favorite adult beverage! Contact Eric Simms at (970)948-5272 if you would like to be added into our Flock note group to receive notifications of upcoming events! We pray that we see many new faces on March 16th.

The next Liturgical Ministry schedule for March through May has been sent out in emails or text messages via Flock notes. If you have not received a copy or would like a printed copy there are some available in the "information" rack next to the elevator. Thanks to all for your continued faithful service to the community.  
Kathy

## MEETINGS & THINGS

- \* Tuesdays- Spanish prayer group 7:30am Eng. Mass
- \* Thursdays- 7pm Sp. Mass, 7:30 Sp. Bible study 7:30am Mass.
- \* Youth Group—Sunday March 4th 4:45pm
- \* March 2—Stations of the cross 7pm English
- \* March 2—Adoration Day 8am
- \* March 9th—Stations of the Cross



## ST. MARY PARISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Parish Staff

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Tues & Thu 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Religious Ed Coordinator:** Mandie Dovey  
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970-625-3891 x23

**Religious Education Office Hours:**  
Tues: 4:45PM-6:45PM, Sun: Before masses.  
**Family Life/Youth Ministry Coordinator:**  
Sophie Simms, 970-625-3891 x107  
[SophieSimms@StMaryRifle.com](mailto:SophieSimms@StMaryRifle.com)

Office Hours: Tuesday 12:30pm-2:30pm  
**Maintenance:** Joe Skelly Cell: 281-474-7650  
**Fax:** 970-625-1095

**Prayer Requests:** Call: 625-5125 or e-mail  
[prayer@stmaryrifle.com](mailto:prayer@stmaryrifle.com)

**General Email:** [info@stmaryrifle.com](mailto:info@stmaryrifle.com)

**Submission Deadlines:**

- Bulletin - Tuesday Noon
  - Announcements - Thursday Noon
- Online: [www.stmaryrifle.com](http://www.stmaryrifle.com)  
St Mary Catholic Church in Rifle

## Councils-Pastoral & Finance

**Parish Council:**  
Larry Brady Daniel Bucio  
Agueda de Leon Bernie Whitman

**Finance Council:**  
Michelle Duran Dan Niedbalski  
Rosie Ruiz

## Liturgical Schedule

### English Mass Schedule:

- Mon., Tues., Fri. — 7:30am
- Saturday — 4:30pm, 1st Saturday 7:00am
- Sunday — 9:30am

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

- Sunday 7:30am

### Misa en Español Schedule:

- Thursday — 7:00pm
- Saturday — 7:00pm
- Sunday — 12:30pm

### Reconciliation Schedule:

- Mon., Tues., Fri. — 7:00am
- Thursday — 6:30pm
- Saturday — 3:30pm & 6:30pm
- Sunday — 12:00pm
- First Sunday of the Month — 11:00AM

### Adoration Schedule:

- Mon., Tue., Fri. — 8:00am-8:30am
- First Friday of Each Month— 8:00am-10:00pm

## WE PRAY FOR...

Matthew Barkey, Doug Itchen, Melissa Allen, Mark Drummond, Temple Glacier, Roy Hinchman, , Bill Knies, Dorothy Ceremuga, Linda Como, Zack Sowieja & family, Ruben Quintero, Marilyn Bryan, , Bernice Ghastin, Chris Chavez, Darrell Redman, the family of Rustin Franke Alice Holmes, Mark Holmes, Billie Jansky, Craig Leonard, , Bill Oaks, Anita Sundin, Rick Sundin, Joshua Jones,, Tammy Waller, Fred Garcia, Julie Kuper, Pat Schmeckel, Ted Diaz, Corky Wilson, Alex & Linda Garcia, Alicia & David Thorpe, Tony Martinez, Linda Tomasi, Lauren Giard, Cathy Richard, Mary Ann Olson, Kim Nieslanik, Susan Armstrong, Freddie Romero, Gerald Waters, Nancy Newton, Joe Elliot, Kathy Willeart, Patrick Chavez, Reagan Nelson, Joyce Cawley, Clarence Gomez, Esther Jones, Lucy Wolff, Bob Christensen, Yvonne Diaz, 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:** Gayl Bernhardt, Norman Buchan, Brian Garland, Joe Zeosky, Irene Goergen, Janet Blea, Julia Avonovich, Uriel Meraz, Derek Miles, Francisco Delgadillo, Trudy Heinman, Jay Sikora, Eva Diaz, Jim Sweeney, John Daily, Helen Mahon (Jackie Vazquez's grandmother), Georgi Aibner, Betty Fulton, Frank Breslin, Ed Andzel, Ernest "Joe" Thompson, Shannon Bascomb, Elaine Gomez, James Flynn, Billy Mauer, Tom Scanlon, Fr. Robert Hehn, Bellard Garcia, For prayer requests please contact the Parish Office.

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Say "No" to corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

### 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 24 7:00pm Jesus Contreras†

Feb 25 12:30pm Maria de Jesus Mendoza†

To request a Mass intention, please make your request in the sacristy following Mass.

## SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Dear family in Christ,  
**MAKING ROOM**

"Why would a loving God ask a father to kill his own son? I can't read this story without getting angry," said Michael. The other members of his parish Bible study group nodded. "Even if Isaac's life was spared at the last minute, it seems as if God wanted only blind obedience from Abraham. I don't get it!" Discussion followed Michael's remarks. Nora commented that our understanding of who God is and how God deals with people has evolved over time. Michael remained troubled. "I just can't see that this story has any value for me today." Jim spoke up, "Well, it hits me where I live." Jim, the new one in the group, tended to hang back—but not today. "Isaac must have been the most precious thing in Abraham's life: the one on whom all his hopes for the future were pinned." Jim went on, "To be asked to give up that child was to be asked to give up his greatest treasure, but the relationship with God was a greater treasure than even his own son." Jim paused and looked around him, "The most precious thing in my life has been my wife. We had no children so she's been my whole world. When she got cancer I bargained with God—"I'll do anything if you let her live"—and she did live. In thanksgiving for her recovery I joined the Tuesday prayer group and I signed up as a food pantry volunteer. Just doing those two things made me realize how much I wanted God and a life with God. My wife is still just as dear to me, but God has taken a hold on my life my life in ways I could never have imagined before—because I have finally made room for God."

### Living Stewardship Now

What matters above anything else in your life? Is it a person, material things, your health and comfort, your career? Be absolutely honest! Is God at the center, or off to one side?



Fr. Gerardo Garcia

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

February 25 - **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18    Romans 8:31b-34    Mark 9:2-10

February 26 - *Lenten Weekday*

Daniel 9:4b-10    Luke 6:36-38

February 27 - *Lenten Weekday*

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20    Matthew 23:1-12

February 28 - *Lenten Weekday*

Jeremiah 18:18-20    Matthew 20:17-28

March 1 - *Lenten Weekday*

Jeremiah 17:5-10    Luke 16:19-31

March 2 - *Lenten Weekday*

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a    Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

March 3 - *Lenten Weekday*

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20    Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Abraham offers the ultimate sacrifice of thanksgiving, the gift of his very son. This sacrifice prefigures the sacrifice of Jesus who died for us all. In his transfiguration, Jesus discloses a suffering messiahship.

## DEAR FATHER

**Q: Our guitar group plays music five minutes before the opening song at Mass. By the time the interminable Gloria is sung, I already have a headache! Why so much music?**

**A:** At Mass, the faithful "form one body, whether in hearing the Word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord's table" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 96). Thus, liturgical music can be a form of prayer, uniting the assembly in praise to God. Ideally, it's "a particularly apt way to express a joyful heart, accentuating the solemnity of the celebration and fostering the sense of a common faith and a shared love" (On Keeping the Lord's Day Holy [Dies Domini], 50) by Pope John Paul II. However, this ideal isn't always reality. To address your question, let us divide humanity into two groups: people who like to sing and people who don't; those who sing in full voice in the shower and those who prefer monastic silence. Every congregation includes both groups. While not everyone is naturally inclined to make a joyful noise, most people appreciate music's power to give voice to what's deep in the human heart. Some may even feel there's not enough music at Mass instead of too much. Nevertheless, happy the liturgical ministers who know when the sum of the individual Mass parts—sung or otherwise—can become too tedious. And blessed are the music makers who know the power of silence, an instrumental, or an optional recessional song, even for solemn occasions.

*"Lent... is a special time for recalling the gift of our baptism, when we became children of God. The Church invites us to renew the gift she has given us, not to let this gift lie dormant as if it were something from the past or locked away in a memory chest."  
 —Homily, February 14, 2016*

## SACRED HEART PARISH

**230 North 6th Street, Silt — Sunday Mass at 7:30am**  
 Coffee Hour - 3rd Sunday after Mass  
 Confessions after Mass by Request

Ministries for March:                      Glenda Antonelli  
 Extraordinary Minister (3/4):        Les and Margaret Simma  
 Lector (3/4):                                Steve Gamba  
 Offertory (2/18):                          \$579.80  
 Attendance (2/18):                        51

**We will have our stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:00pm!**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**4:30pm Saturday March 3**

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Cindy Bjerstedt, Julie Allen  
**Lector:** Linda P  
**Ushers:** Richard and Jean Buchan  
**Cantor:** Mike Westoff and Bill Poche  
**Gifts:** Patsy Noel and Mary Valencia  
**Sacristan:** Fred Garcia

**9:30am Sunday March 4**

*Coffee Hour following mass*

**Extraordinary Ministers:** Kim Feese, Nan Sowieja, Troy Feese, Julie Burner, Maria Alcantar  
**Lector:** Grace Burner and Luke Duran  
**Ushers:** Youth Group  
**Server:** Justin Vasquez  
**Cantor:** Mosaic Ensemble  
**Gifts:** Youth Group  
**Coffee Host:** Knight of Columbus  
**Church Cleaners:** Hispanic Community  
**Money Counters:** Barbara Salazar, Kathie Bernat, Billie Jansky  
**Sacristan:** Julie Lana

If you are not able to serve as scheduled, please find a substitute, trading if possible. Please note the change on the schedule in the sacristy or inform the Parish Office at 625-5125 x25

## STEWARDSHIP

**FEBRUARY 17TH & 18TH**

Offertory: \$5,924.07

Attendance: 484



**Making P.E.A.C.E. With Difficult People**



Dr. Gregory and Lisa Popcak, through a five-part P.E.A.C.E.

process, offer powerful insights to help you work through difficult situations with the people in your life. This system will assist you in resolving problems and work towards more fully reconcile with them. Full of practical guidance, this presentation will show you how to better love and relate to the difficult people in your life.