



Jesus said to
Nicodemus:
“Just as Moses
lifted up the
serpent in the
desert, so must
the Son of Man
be lifted up, so
that everyone
who believes in
him may have
eternal life.”

John 3:14,15

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4TH SUNDAY OF *L*ENT



St. Mary of Hannah Catholic Church

2912 W. M-113 Kingsley, MI 49649

Parish Office Phone: (231) 263-5640

St. Mary Mass & Confession

Saturday Mass: 6:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Wednesday Mass: 10:00 am

6:00-8:00pm Adoration & Confession

Friday Mass: 8:30 am

Adoration 9:00-10:00am

Confession 4:00-6:00 pm

St. Mary: First Saturday Mass 9:00am (the first Saturday of each month)

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St. Patrick Mass & Confession

Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm

Saturday Confession: 2:30-3:30 pm

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Tuesday Mass: 6:00 Adoration to follow

Tuesday Confession: 4:30-5:30 pm

Thursday Mass: 9:00 am

Thursday Confession: 7:30-8:30 am

Baptism: Prep Class will be March 14th
at 6:00 pm in the Church with Fr. Joe.
Parish membership is required.

Marriage: Arrangements and Instruction
must be made with the Pastor at least
6 months in Advance.

RCIA: The Right of Christian Initiation
for Adults. Please contact Deacon Tim
Webb at 231-409-0786 (cell)

Visitation of the Sick: Please call the Parish
office or the Rectory at 231-263-2430 if you
or a member of your family would like a
visit from a Priest or Deacon.

Funeral: Please contact the parish office to
arrange for funeral services or a Mass.

Cemetery: Contact Ellen at 989-948-8866

Parish Membership is by registration in the
Parish Office. To register contact the parish
office or pick up a registration form at both
church entrances.

Parish Mission Statement

"We the Roman Catholic Community of St. Mary Church believe in a loving and caring God. By our Baptism we are called to proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we use our gifts and talents to build the kingdom of God, a kingdom of love, peace, and justice in our families, in our school, in our parish, and in our world."

From Fr. Joe

The gospel selections for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent in Cycle A of the Lectionary (*Yes, we are in Cycle B, but since we have catechumens who will be baptized at Easter, the Cycle A readings are properly used for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent.*) are all from John's Gospel and are rather long, because they are accounts of how people came to believe in Jesus, and in each case it was a process of becoming gradually more aware of who he is (Savior of the world/Son of Man/Son of God). This 4th Sunday of Lent (Cycle A) we hear of the man born blind whom Jesus heals and gives the gift of sight. Through a long interrogation process with the Pharisees who questioned the blind man as to how he was able to see, he goes from stating it was because of a "man called Jesus", to "He is a prophet", and then eventually coming to believe Jesus is the "Son of Man". Actually all three readings from this Sunday are about sight and light. In the 1st Reading from 1 Samuel, we hear of God *seeing* into the heart of the young King David. In the 2nd Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, we hear about having been in darkness but now being *light* in the Lord. In the Gospel, a blind man gains his *sight*.

God is the one who initiates encounters of faith, so what is God doing in our lives to help us move from darkness to light, from blindness to sight, from knowledge to faith? One thing is the gift of those "elect" who are preparing for Baptism at Easter, and those preparing to enter fully into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this year by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. These "candidates" are already baptized, but want to be in full communion with and fully initiated into the Church. They help us to re-encounter our faith, to see it through new eyes, with a new perspective. Not all of us are involved in the RCIA process, but those who are, are truly blessed. Let us all pray for our "candidates". (FYI – the acronym RCIA, which most people are familiar with, has technically been replaced by OCIA, which stands for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.)

The NCAA College Basketball Tournament (aka March Madness) starts in less than two weeks, and what follows is a reprint of an article I wrote last year during the tournament. It is still pertinent, so here it again (*slightly modified*):

The scripture reading in Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, for the 4th Sunday of Lent is from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians:

While all the runners in the stadium take part in the race, the award goes to one man. In that case, run so as to win! Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things. They do this to win a crown of leaves that withers, but we a crown that is imperishable. I do not run like a man who loses sight of the finish line. I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing. What I do is

discipline my own body and master it, for fear that after having preached to others I myself should be rejected. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

That letter, written almost 2,000 years ago is still relevant today. Think of all the people – the athletes, coaches, their families, the fans, the broadcasting companies, advertisers, me, and maybe you – who go out of their way, if not to physically and mentally get ready for the game(s) (as the athletes and coaches do), then at least to prepare to be able to watch the game(s), and particularly the championship game that will be played on Monday, April 8th. Those athletes commit themselves to work hard, sacrifice much, deny themselves (i.e. discipline their bodies) for this one goal. But at least they – we – aren't doing all this simply for a crown of leaves that will wither. No way; we wouldn't waste our time on something like that. No, they/we do it for something really special – a trophy and the status of being the National Champions!

All that energy, all that preparation, and of the 68 teams that qualify for the tournament – and their respective supporters – only one is going to be the champion and get the trophy.

How much preparation do you/I/we put toward the crown of everlasting life with God in heaven, something that actually is imperishable? Shouldn't we be giving at least as much attention, as much effort, as much discipline in preparation of, hopefully, receiving that imperishable crown, as we do for those things we consider so important in this present life? If we were asked that question in dire circumstances, realizing the full impact of our answer, we know the answer would be that we should do that, and so much more. And what about those whom we love – our spouses, our children, our families, our friends? If we really love them, don't we want them to get that imperishable crown too? Are we helping them to win that?

With the following example, it may seem that I'm picking on parents of non-adult children – and I guess I am – but it's a suitable illustration. When parents, because they love their child(ren), hope they will excel in some endeavor (sports, dance, robotics, academics, music, etc.), they help and encourage them to pursue it to the fullest, often sacrificing precious family time and resources to the effort. And even if such an endeavor leads to a successful professional career, that career will not last forever – but everlasting life with God in heaven will! Are those parents sacrificing, disciplining, encouraging, and doing everything they can to help their children pursue that goal? And, are all of us, doing all we can to help those we love get to heaven?

Hmmm ... something to ponder – and act upon.

If you are a NCAA basketball tournament fan, enjoy the upcoming game(s), and have a blessed 4th week of Lent,

Fr Joe

St. Mary of Hannah ~ The Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 10, 2024

† PARISH NEWS

Stations of the Cross followed by Soup Supper: Each Friday during Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross on Friday evening at 6:00 pm, followed by a soup supper. Here is a list of the group that will be providing soup each Friday.

March 15	All Choirs & Musicians
March 22	People of the Parish

Job Opportunity: The Diocese of Gaylord is hiring an Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor. Here is the link: <https://jobapply.page.link/FRw1d>

Catholic Relief Services Collection: This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Rite of Election with Bishop Walsh



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We have Coffee and Donuts each Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Come and enjoy in the fellowship.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Students bring Parables to Life!

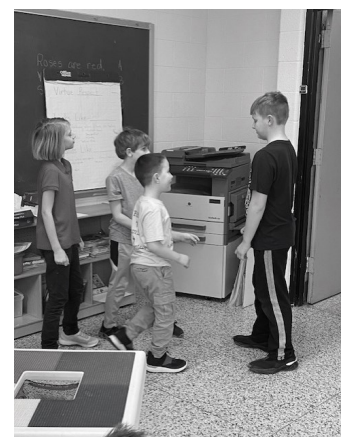
During all-school prayer, students of various ages played the parts of various characters from some of Jesus' most memorable parables. The parables included:

The Good Samaritan
The Talents
The Lost Sheep
The Mustard Seed

"The Good Samaritan" was played by Arya who assisted the beaten man laying on the side of the road who was played by Meadow, while the two passersby, played by Lilyanna and Parker, watched on.



Jace played the part of the "Master" in the parable of "The Talents." Willis, Wyatt, and Neveah played the role of the three servants entrusted with ten, five, and one talent.



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March 16 - 17

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMHC</u>	<u>Servers</u>
Sat. 6:00 pm	Dean B	Don B, Cathie B	Morgan & Wyatt
Sun. 9:00 am	Kelley F.	Kathy P, Michelle P	Degan & Clay S.

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Mass Intentions and Schedule

****St. Mary's Events are Bolded, St. Patrick's events are Italicized.****

Monday, March 11th

Lenten Weekday
NO MASS

Tuesday, March 12th

4:30 pm - 5:30pm
6:00 pm Mass

Lenten Weekday
Confession at St. Patrick's
At St. Patrick's Adoration to follow

Wednesday, March 13th

10:00 am Mass

Lenten Weekday
† Mary Ockert
By: Ockert Family
Adoration and Confession at St. Mary's

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 14th

7:30 am - 8:30am
9:00 am Mass

Lenten Weekday
Confession at St. Patrick's
At St. Patrick's

Friday, March 15th

8:30 am Mass

Lenten Weekday
† Elmer Zenner
By: Dick & Diane Gray
Adoration & Confession
Confession at St. Mary's
Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's
followed by Soup Supper

Following Mass - 10:00 am

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
6:00 pm

Saturday, March 16th

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
4:00 pm Mass
5:30 pm
6:00 pm Mass

Lenten Weekday
Confession at St. Patrick's
At St. Patrick's
Rosary at St. Mary's
† Bob Schichtel
By: Lucille Zenner

Sunday, March 17th

9:00 am Mass

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

11:00 am Mass

Fifth Sunday of Lent
People of St. Mary & St. Patrick Parishes
Faith Formation

At St. Patrick's

****Mass subject to change for Holy Days or Funerals.**

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION

March 2 - 3

	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Online</u>
General:	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 1,338.00
School:	\$ 730.00	\$ 1,430.00
Utilities/Fuel:	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.00
Holy Day:	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00
Loose:	\$ 234.00	\$ 0.00
Visitor:	\$ 282.00	\$ 0.00
Votives:	\$ 67.00	\$ 0.00
Foundation:	\$ 0.00	\$ 16.50

GRAND TOTAL: \$7,967.50

Please come to the Knights of Columbus every second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Even months are located at St. Mary-Hannah and odd months are located at St. Patrick's. For more information call Richard Karsneik, (313) 819-2469.



**Please keep the following, friends,
family, and fellow parishioners who
are sick in your daily prayers.**



MaryJane DelGrosso	Coral Negron
Kelly Pierson	Susan Chastney
Rita Sheren	Hope House
Juanita Weber	Chad Zenner
Hunter Javin	Debby Regiani
Jacalyn Knight	Sherrie Haggerty
Marie Sedlacek	Dan Schneider
Carolyn Miesch	Teresa Casper
Doris May	Carol White
Sheri Leach	Vic & Jan Rioux
Milo Schmuckal	Alexandria Grogan
Dick Weidner	Tom & Mary Weidner
Lucille Zenner	Steven Donaldson
Isaiah "zay" Benavides	Dick Gray
Dorothy Lark	Barb Harrand
Loretta Bach	Brian & Dawn
Jim Kik	Heidi Musser
Randy Zoodsma	Shannen Lowe
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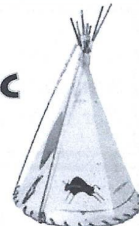
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