

Notes from Barb!

- ✘ Today's special collection will be for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Envelopes are at the church entrance and can be put in the regular collection
- ✘ Next week's special collection will be for Black & Indian Missions.
- ✘ The Fundraising Committee is taking donations of gift cards for the Gift Card Raffle. We are asking families to approach at least one place where you do business to see if they will donate a gift card. Gift cards will be available at Coffee & Donuts.
- ✘ Sacred Heart will host a Knights of Columbus Fish Fry this Friday 4:30-7pm. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Come to support the Knights and their ministries.

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15

The Rainbow Covenant

People give things up for Lent, but they also do some things extra. They enter into the renewal that God desires for all creation. Renewal often demands both strategies: giving up and doing extra.

Take God, for example. At the end of the story of Noah, God gave something up. You remember the story. People had behaved so badly that God sent a flood to wipe out creation. But God took pity on Noah, his family, and pairs of animals. As the floods receded, God established a new covenant with Noah and set a rainbow in the sky as its sign.

What did God give up? God gave up global floods. "There shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God gave up giving up on people.

The story of our relationship with God did not end there. We know at the beginning of Lent where that story will end at Easter. God did more than give something up. God did something extra. God sent us a redeemer. By ending destruction and offering redemption, God set a perfect example of renewal.

Lent is like a desert. It is also like a flood. But most of all, it is like the balance of sun, water, and soil that yields a bountiful harvest.

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February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent



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Sacramental Life

Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays 4:00-4:20 at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

We welcome new members. To enroll call the Parish Office or contact Barb Black: plc@shjth.org or 812-240-8092.

Ministries		
Date	February 18	February 25
Lector	Reagan Taylor	Edie Breneman
Server	Dallas Thralls	Bronson Thralls
Gift Bearers	Bennett Family	Blystone Family
Ushers	Jody Stafford & Owen Ramsey	Scott Thralls & Charlie Cummins
Eucharistic Ministers	Kelly Stafford & Kris Toney	Pam Norris & MaryLu Thralls
Counters	Bob & Patty Kane	Kay & Terry Jatczak
Cleaners	Off week	Marlene & Chris Smithson

Mass Intentions:
 February 18 Casey Quast
 February 25 Jacqueline Smith

Prayers Please for:
 David Auterson, Dick Stultz, Joe Mangia, John Kirkham, Jonnie Hooper, Ray Edwards, Lou Ann Wake, John Heck, Terry Jatczak, Sr. Jane Iannaccone, Jane Frazier, Regina Crowell, John Finley, Ray Veit, Dorene Rude, Clara Maywell, Jennifer Faulkner, Crystal Mondell. Tony Perrelle, Jr, Patrick O'Sullivan (Saudi Arabia)
 Please let Barb know if any of these people can be removed from the list.

Finance Report			
	Feb. 11	Budgeted	Additional Donations
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$2822	\$2308	Central & East Europe \$125
Galvin Fund Donations	\$120	\$ 115	Criterion \$84

All are invited to join us on the Tuesdays of Lent for "Scripture and Supper". We begin in the church at 6pm with a communion service, then move to Galvin Hall to share a pitch-in supper.

Lent
 Pray • Fast • Give

At Sacred Heart we will be praying Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30pm.

Did You Know?
 The word "Lent" has its origins in the Germanic languages. It is derived from the Middle English word "lente", which means "springtime". This Middle English term itself descends from the Old English word "lencten". Lent is a time of simplicity or austerity, as it is traditionally a time of self-denial and penance.

\$\$\$ Fundraising \$\$\$
ST. MARYS VILLAGE CHURCH
 Gift Card Raffle


We are now taking donations. Tickets will be available March 2, 2024 and drawing will take place May 5, 2024

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thanks to all who came to Super Bowl Bingo!

Coffee & Donuts.... We need volunteers for April 7. Barb picks up the donuts. You just need to make coffee & pick up milk.

Celebrate your anniversary! The date for the **25+ and 50+ anniversary party** is March 17th. If you have not already done so, please get your anniversary dates to Barb as soon as possible.

 **Birthday Blessing to:**

Maria Heyen 2-19	Jeanette Stultz 2-21
Blaine Corbett 2-22	Mark Dailey 2-24

