

### Notes from Barb

- ☒ Coffee & donuts next week!
- ☒ Youth Liturgy is next week. If your child has a special part, please get them here by 8:45.
- ☒ Next week's special collection will be for the Church in Africa.
- ☒ 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.
- ☒ St. Margaret Mary Parish 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.

### Easter Collective Mass Intentions

We are able to accept multiple intentions for the Easter Sunday Mass. For each intention requested, the normal Mass stipend of \$10 will be collected. Specific intentions will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday but will only be announced as "Collective Mass Intentions".

To have your Mass intention included for Easter Sunday, please put your written intention along with the \$10 stipend in a plain envelope marked "Collective Mass Intentions Easter Sunday" and drop it in the collection basket or give to Barb. All requests must be received by March 24th.

### Second Sunday of Lent

*Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18*

### Loving Self-Sacrifice

Abraham would be arrested for child abuse if he pulled a stunt like this today. He brought his son up a hill and raised a knife to kill him. No parent should do that.

We remember this story not as a model of parenting, but as a symbol of sacrifice. Both Abraham and God serve as models.

Abraham completely trusted God. God promised him a son, and Isaac was born after Abraham waited one hundred years. Then God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, his only son, the one whom he loved. Abraham continued to trust God. His trust is what inspires us in times of extreme adversity.

The story also symbolizes God's love. God led his son, Jesus, his only Son, whom he loved, up a hill, where he was raised on a cross. In the story of Abraham, an angel stopped the killing. In the story of Jesus, the killing continues, but angels announce that the One who died has risen.

Some of our hardest choices concern children we love. We would never harm them physically, but sometimes we inconvenience them, disagree with them, or punish them for the sake of a greater good.

We love God more than anyone or anything else.

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February 25, 2024  
Second 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](mailto:plc@shjth.org) or 812-240-8092.

Ministries		
Date	February 25	March 3
Lector	Edie Breneman	Youth
Server	Bronson Thralls	Bronson Thralls
Gift Bearers	Blystone Family	Youth
Ushers	Scott Thralls & Charlie Cummins	Youth
Eucharistic Ministers	Pam Norris & MaryLu Thralls	Kelly Stafford & Kris Toney
Counters	Kay & Terry Jatczak	Tom McKinney Sarah Wyrick
Cleaners	Marlene & Chris Smithson	
Coffee & Donuts		Curley & Meyers Families

**Mass Intentions:**  
 February 25 Jacqueline Smith  
 March 3 Jerry Hooper

**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

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**  
 Couples married 25 or more years are invited to an **ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH** in your honor on **March 17th** after mass in Galvin Hall.  
 Reservations are required so we can prepare adequately. Please let Barb know if you plan to attend.  
 Reservations need to be in by March 10th.  
 We also ask that you bring a wedding picture when you come.

**Birthday Blessing to:**  
 Patty Curley 3-2  
 &  
 MaryLu Thralls 3-2

Finance Report			
	Feb. 18	Budgeted	Additional Donations
Sunday & Holy Day Collection	\$1527	\$2308	Black & Indian Missions \$50
Galvin Fund Donations	\$	\$ 115	Criterion \$16

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.

**Providence Food Pantry** is holding their Spirit of Giving II Year 30 Annual Appeal. Their goal is \$30,000 and any donations received by March 31 will be matched by an anonymous donor.  
 Donations should be sent to :  
 Providence Food Pantry  
 701 W National Ave  
 West Terre Haute, IN 47885

\$\$\$ 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

