3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24TH, 2016

Picture this. *The whole town is gathered at the public square. Standing. Listening. The terms of the covenant – the loyal relationship between God and the People of God – is read aloud. Each of us is in that crowd. Each of us is part of that body. And no part of that body is unimportant – for we are the Body of Christ.*

- *Who in this Body has nothing prepared and needs festive food and drink?*
- *Who in this Body is captive and needs to be unbound?*
- *Who in this Body is poor and needs glad tidings, Good News?*

Liturgies for the Week of January 24th

****Sunday, January 24th – 4:30p.m.***
~Theresa Demers by Don & Phyllis Savoie
~Jack Hanson by Rick & Beth Hanson

****Tuesday, January 26th – 8:00a.m.***
~Communion Service

****Thursday, January 28th – 8:00a.m.***
~Virginia Lafond by Jim & Mary Jane Lafond

****Sunday, January 31st – 4:30p.m.***
~Virginia Lafond by Dean & Emilie Anderson
~Vivian Lovelass by Rick & Beth Hanson
~Hector & Nan Lawrence by Angie Clement

****Tuesday, February 2nd – 8:00a.m.***
~Communion Service

****Thursday, February 4th – 8:00a.m.***
~For the Parish

PASTORAL CARE

Please Pray For:

***Our Service Members*:** *Nick Meyr, son of Larry & Julie Meyr who is in the Marines*

Intentions: *Diane Houmes, Cindy Jamnik, Lisa Snow, Savannah Stucki, Barb Arseneau, Megan Seggebruch, Debra Silcox, Lauretta & Roland Lafond, Ruth Lesch, & Mike Caise.*

Our Departed: *Conrad Arseneau*

***Please notify the Parish Office at 815-435-2432 if a loved one is admitted to the hospital, rehab center, nursing home, or is homebound. The hospitals do not always let us know if you or a loved one is admitted. If you need someone to bring you communion at home, please let us know so we can arrange this.**

CO-MINISTERS FOR THE WEEK

January 31st~*4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30p.m.*

READER: Janet Loy
SERVERS: Dalton, Piper
E.M.: **L) Erin Gwaltney,**
Kathy Webster, Kathy Landrey
USHERS: Kenny, Rick, Tom

****We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Servers!! If you are willing, please talk to Ryan Loy.**

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Parish Need for Operation: $ 900.00
Offering for Sunday, January17th - $838.00
Deficit for the Week: -$(62.00)
32 Envelopes in Offering

***Restoration**-$70

~Sunday Offertory Budget Amount for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 is $46,000.
~Sunday Offertory Actual Money Donated as of January17th is **$32,617.75**.

PARISH ACTIVITIES….

Upcoming St. Mary's Events…

- ***Sunday, Jan. 24th-Religious Education 3p.m.-4:15p.m.***
- ***Sunday, Jan. 24th-CCW Meeting after Mass in Chapel***
- ***Sunday, Feb. 7th-Religious Education 3p.m.-4:15p.m.***
- ***Tuesday, Feb. 9th-Ash Services at 7p.m.—Soup & Sandwich Supper in Hall afterwards***
- ***Saturday, February 13th-Texas Night Dinner in the Hall***
- ***Sunday, Feb. 21st-Religious Education 3p.m.-4:15p.m.***
- ***Sunday, Feb. 28th-Religious Education 3p.m.-4:15p.m.***
- ***Sunday, Mar. 13th-Religious Education 3p.m.-4:15p.m.***
- ***Sunday, Mar. 20th-Religious Education 3p.m.-4:15p.m.***
- ***Sunday, Mar. 20th-Palm Sunday Mass-Kid's Egg Hunt &BBQ supper after church***
- ***Wednesday, Mar. 23rd-Holy Week Service @ 7p.m.***
- ***Friday, Mar. 25th-Good Friday Service @ 4:30p.m.***
- ***Sunday, Mar. 27th-Easter Sunday Mass @ 8:30a.m.***

****Please check your collection envelopes carefully when there are 2nd collections. Many people used the 2nd collection envelopes instead of our weekly collection envelopes. Our new boxes have all of the 2nd collection envelopes included in the box.**

***CCW Meeting-After Mass today in the**

chapel. They will be discussing upcoming events and plan events for the Year of Mercy.

St. Mary's Year of Mercy Events

TEXAS NIGHT

Save the date…On Saturday, February 13th the CCW will be putting on a Texas Night dinner. They will be serving chicken, ribs, & more. The flier is in today's bulletin. Come out for a night of fun!!
Please get your reservations turned in because they are only taking the first 100 people.

TREASURES OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

JUNE 14 – 24, 2016
Hosted by Rev. Dan Belanger, C.S.V.
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AROUND THE DIOCESE…

CATHOLIC EVENTS IN AREA

2016	
January 30	Kankakee K of C Cash Bash
February 6	St. George Winter Dance
February 13	St. Mary's- Texas Night in hall
March 5	St. Joseph School Las Vegas Night
April 30	St. Martin "Turkey" Cash Bash
March 12	ACA 5K Run
May 13	Bishop Mac Auction
June 5	St. George Golf Outing
June 24	Kankakee K of C Golf Outing
July 17	St. George Summerfest
September 11	St. Mary's Founders' Day
October 15	Presence St. Mary's Gala

2016 ANNUAL LENTEN SERIES …

Praying and Sharing on the Lenten Gospels

Come for one hour a week to share your reflections on the significance of these Lenten days for us in our time. Participants will use *"The Word Among Us"* with its daily reflections. Sr. Theresa Galvan, CND, and Sr. Helen Kavanaugh, CND, will facilitate these sessions. There will be three sites for your convenience:

***Tuesdays, February 16, February 23, March 1, March 8:**
***St. Anne Church - Mass Chapel* from 10 - 11 a.m.**

***Tuesdays, February 16, February 23, March 1, March 8:**
***St. Patrick Convent* from 7 - 8 p.m.**
***Thursdays, February 11, February 18, February 25, March 3:**
***Maternity BVM ParishLibrary* from 10 - 11 a.m.**

PRESENCE ST. Mary's - Volunteers Needed

Presence Kankakee Regional Volunteer Services invites you to join them and start your New Year off as a volunteer! We are looking for friendly, energetic men, women and students 15 years and older that would like to make a difference in our community. Positions are available at Presence St. Mary's Hospital, Presence Heritage Village & Lodge, Presence Intergenerational Center, Presence Our Lady of Victory, Presence Harvest View in Herscher, and Presence Merkle Knipprath in Clifton. A wide variety of volunteer opportunities are available. Please contact Volunteer Services at 815-937-2479 and we will strive to find the perfect volunteer position for you.

THE 2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY

"Chosen by God's Grace"

The 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Conlon asking for a pledge to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds many of the operations of the diocese, it also gives back to the parishes who exceed their amount.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "*Chosen by God's Grace*." What a wonderful thought! The Almighty God of the Universe has chosen you, His precious child. Can you imagine anything more unbelievable than being "*Chosen by God's Grace?*" God has a destiny for you. His plan for you is as individual as you are. You have been uniquely created for a purpose and God wants to see you passionately live His plan out.

How do we acknowledge God's Grace and show Him our gratitude? One way that we can show our gratitude is by giving back to God the gifts He shared with us. We can support our parish, our diocese and the Church throughout the world with gifts of time, talent and treasure. The gifts we give enable ministries, education, and services that touch thousands of lives.

Our parish goal is $4,271. With your financial support, we can exceed this goal. When we exceed our goal in paid pledges, we will receive 65% of the amount over goal for use in our parish.

Please answer Bishop Conlon's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten (10) installments. Thank you in advance for your support.