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*Our mission is to
 involve ourselves in
 lay ministries, living
 and spreading the
 gospel message of
 justice and peace.*

Voice of St. Mary

Hello,

Thanks to all the folks who have offered to serve on the Parish Council, and in many other ways both in and beyond the Parish. For me, service and prayer have been clear ways of focusing during the Lenten Season. However, I've struggled always with the third pillar of Lent: **Fasting**. Last night (at RCIA) I was given the following reflection by Pope Francis entitled:

*"DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?"
 Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
 Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
 Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
 Fast from worries and have trust in God.
 Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
 Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
 Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
 Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
 Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
 Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

Think about it and have a great Lent.

Peace + Good, Fr. George

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YOUTH MINISTRY
 HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

YM has been busy working, but we've also had lots of fun! Several of the kids ended the year helping serve refreshments at the Christmas Cantata. We also assisted in placing the new hymnals in church. Right after Christmas we traveled to Sky Zone and had a blast! Vicariate basketball is under way, and we chose to have a team this year. YM once again collected for Souper Bowl of Caring. We plan to have "Shadow" Stations of the Cross on March 14, and all are invited to join us. YM will distribute Rice Bowls from CRS for Lenten reflections and almsgiving. We will welcome the Easter Season by hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the youngsters of the parish.

If you're in high school and would like to be part of YM contact
 Judy Doerr 830-9225.

Calendar

Wed Feb 14.....Ash Wednesday; 7:00 am & 6:45 pm
 Mar 3 & 4.....Parish Council Election at all Masses
 Sat Mar 10.....St. Mary Parish Reverse Raffle
Sun Mar 11.....Lenten Reconciliation Service; 3:00 pm
 Thurs Mar 29.....Holy Thursday; 7:30 pm
 Fri Mar 30.....Stations of the Cross; 3:00 pm
Good Friday Liturgy; 7:30 pm
 Sat Mar 31.....Easter Vigil; 8:00 pm
 Sun Apr 1.....Easter Sunday; 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt following 10:00 am Mass
 Tue May 1.....Confirmation; Cluster celebration at
 St. Boniface, Germantown; 7:00 pm
 Sun May 6.....First Communion; 10:00 am
 Sun May 20.....HS Grad Recognition Mass; 10:00 am

Lenten Reconciliation Services

Feb 27.....7:00 pm St. Theresa, Salem
Mar 11.....3:00 pm St. Mary, Carlyle
 Mar 11.....4:30 pm St. Boniface, Germantown
 Mar 15.....7:00 pm St. Dominic, Breese
 Mar 18.....3:00 pm St. Francis, Aviston
 Mar 18.....4:30 pm St. Mary, Trenton

Lenten Liturgies

Tuesdays during LentMass at 7:00 pm
Novena at 6:30 pm
 Fridays during LentStations of the Cross
12:10 pm

Remember to vote for your Parish Council
 representatives at the weekend liturgies
 of March 3 and March 4



The Holy Eucharist is available to those who are homebound or unable to attend Mass.
 Please contact Fr. George or call the Parish Office at 594-2225.

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Meet Your Parish Council Candidates



Brad Clark My name is Brad Clark. I have been married to my beautiful wife Kayla Clark for 5 years, and we have 2 children: Owen, 3 and Avery, 4 months old. We live outside of Hoffman.

I work for BJC Healthcare in St. Louis MO as a cyber-security engineer. I keep computer viruses out of the systems while protecting patient information. I participate in the church choir as well as the men's group that sings at 4pm Mass once a month. In my free time I like to spend time camping with my family and friends. I also enjoy doing woodworking projects with my Dad.



Kent Diekemper I am Kent Diekemper, son of Leon & Kim Diekemper and husband of Holly Diekemper. I am a long time member of St. Mary parish.

I worked in construction with my father during high school and college. After college, I began employment with Ameren as a lineman.

I currently reside in Boulder with my wife Holly and 4 children: Emma (9), Adilyn (7), Kinsley (5), and Weston (1). I coach my daughter's softball team. I also participate in wildlife management techniques. I look forward to serving on the Parish Council.



Paulette Evans Hello, my name is Paulette Evans. I was married to Darrell Evans (deceased) for 42 years. We have three children Nicole, Sara, and Eric and seven grand-children. I am a retired Registered Nurse and spent 42 years at St. Joseph Hospital, Breese. In 2014, I was named as President and CEO of St. Joseph's Hospital until my retirement in August, 2017.

I have been a lifelong member of St. Mary Church, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and various committees. I am also a member of the St. Ann's Lady Sodality. I have a passion for Christian outreach and serving others. I would be honored to serve on St. Mary's Parish Council.



Troy Hemen I grew up in Carlyle and attended Carlyle Schools. I am married to Janice Hemen, and we have five children and two grandchildren together. I earned a bachelor's degree from SIU Carbondale, later receiving a master's degree in Elementary Education from Greenville College. I taught at the elementary level for four years, and now I teach adult basic education for the Department of Corrections. I previously worked as a corrections officer and part time police officer as well as working with juvenile delinquents. I also managed my own construction company and built homes for 10 years. Janice and I have been Eucharistic Ministers for 3 years. I look forward to becoming more involved in the parish by serving on the parish council.



Jason Snow My name is Jason Snow, and I am seeking the opportunity to serve on our Parish Council. My wife Sara (Beckmann) and I were married here nearly 19 years ago. We have four children; Camden (15), Kaiden (12), Ella (10), and Adilyn (4). I serve as the Director of Human Resources at St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese and the Division Director of Learning and Development for the HSHS Southern Illinois Division. I have over 22 years of experience in Human Resources field in the healthcare and manufacturing industries. In addition, I have been a member on the United Way and Big Brothers Big Sisters Board of Directors. I would be honored to serve the parishioners of the St. Mary's Church on the Parish Council. Thank you for your support.



Tiffany Wesselmann My name is Tiffany Wesselmann. I have enjoyed being a member of St. Mary's for 14 years. I have been married to Tim Wesselmann for 14 years, and we have 3 children: Kylee (11), Angeleen (9), and Tyler (5). I have been an Eucharistic Minister for about 2 years. My daughter, Angeleen is a cantor and sings in the choir.

I would be honored to serve as a member of our parish council. I strive to do what is best for our children, church, and community. I love to be part of things that make a difference. I enjoy working with people and completing challenges that make a positive impact. I will do what it takes to hear the voices of our parish and to use the gifts God has given me to do what is best for our church.



Scott Winter My name is Scott Winter, and I've been a parishioner at St. Mary's for almost 10 years. I grew up in Breese and was a member of St. Dominic. I graduated from Mater Dei High School, the University of Illinois at Urbana and I work at Gateway Motorsports Park as the Director of Sales.

I'm married to Bridget Beckmann and we have three daughters: Elena (7), Lauren (7), and Clare (4). All three girls attend All Saints Academy in Breese. If elected, I'd welcome the opportunity to serve in this capacity and would look forward to working with members of the council and Fr. Mauck.

Voting takes place the weekend of March 3 & March 4 at all Masses

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join us Saturday, March 10th at the K of C Hall for the 7th Annual St. Mary Church Reverse Raffle. **The proceeds from this year's raffle will help offset the cost of replacing the church boiler.** You should have received your tickets in the mail. If you need additional tickets, contact the church office. Your \$20 ticket purchase provides your entry, chicken, and a chance to win \$2000! If you are present for the drawing, the grand prize is \$2500! So plan on joining us for an evening of fellowship. Doors open at 6:00PM. Food will be served from 7:00 to 8:00. The raffle drawing begins at 7:00. There will be music, silent auction, and oral auction. Cash bar will be available. **Invite your friends!**



During Lent our St. Mary family will participate in **CRS Rice Bowl**, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter our neighbor, as companions on the journey, through prayer, fasting and alms-giving. Rice Bowls will be available in church during the Lenten season.

We will reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities.

As we prepare for this holy season, it is especially meaningful to come together in prayer as a family. Reflecting on the crosses of hunger, poverty and war carried by our brothers and sisters forced to flee their homes, we have an opportunity to also reflect on our roles in caring for them as members of our human family.

Please visit crsricebowl.org for reflections, activities, and videos to enrich your Lenten experience.



Please join us in welcoming these new members to our St. Mary Parish Family:

Craig & Deb Loddeke



Faith Formation is preparing for Lent. We gathered on the playground on Feb 7 at 7:30 pm for the Burning of the Palms. Scripture was proclaimed, we prayed, and said goodbye to the Alleluia until Easter. On Feb 21 at 7:15 in church, Faith Formation classes will pray the Stations of the Cross. All are invited to celebrate the Way of the Cross with us. The Confirmation Class will have a retreat to prepare for reception of the sacrament. Candidates from St. Rose, St. Felicitas will join our youth for a day of reflection. During Lent, all Faith Formation classes will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sins, which are written on slips of paper, are burned as students pray their penance together. YM will lead us in a Shadow Stations of the Cross on Wed Mar 14 at 7:15 in the gym. Parishioners are invited to join us!

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At the liturgies of Super Bowl weekend, Youth Ministry collected for the Souper Bowl of Caring. This collection benefited Matthew 25 Food Pantry. St. Mary Parish donated \$415! Youth Ministry thanks you for your generosity.



Congratulations to the winners of this year's **Keep Christ in Christmas** poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Pictured are the participants in the contest.