

MARCH 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Welcome. The parishioners of our four parishes wish to extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting our church this weekend. Thank you for joining us in worship. We sincerely appreciate all contributions for the maintenance of the church and parish ministries. We hope you enjoy your visit and we pray for your safe return home. For those newly moved into our area, we invite you to contact the parish office to register as a member of our parish family. God's blessing to you all!



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RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday before First Friday @ 6:00 P.M. @ Sigel

Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 @ St. Michael's, Sigel

Or by requested, please call the pastor to set up an appointment.

BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism can be held during Mass or after the 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday. You are required to attend a Baptismal Class. Classes are held the 2nd Sunday of every other month. The godparents are required to have a letter from their pastor stating they are an active Catholic. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

HOLY COMMUNION is taken to the sick and elderly on a regular basis. Please call the parish office when illness or infirmity keeps you from coming to Church and you would like a minister to bring you Communion or make a visit.

WEDDING: Couples wishing to be married in the Church must contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CONTACT INFORMATION: Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation (217) 321-1155.

My Dear Parishioners,

Today's gospel passage tells us of the great breadth and width of God's love. Not an excluding love for just a few or for a single nation, but a redemptive love that embraces the whole world, and a personal love for each and every individual whom God has created. God is a loving Father who cannot rest until his wandering children have returned home to him. Saint Augustine says, *God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love.* God proved his love for us by giving us the best he had to offer - his only begotten Son who died for our sake. Do you love God above all else? Do you give him first place in your life?

Thank you: Thanks a lot to each and every one for making our Parish Mission a great success. It was a wonderful time to renew our faith. I appreciate and thank Eric Thomson and all the volunteers from Four Parishes for giving their time and talent during the Mission. Father Knab did a great job!

Blessed Lent!

/ S/ Fr Ery

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS. Michael Bright, Joanie Meyer, Bob & Joyce Westjohn, Bill Moran, Ken Krampe, Sawyer Wiessing, Frances Hoene, Helen Schumacher, Hannah Stapleton, Doris Jansen, Marcella Purkiser, Barb Deters, Louise Niebrugge, Zale Walk, Ron Deters, Bonnie Baker, Sr. Jeanette Willenborg, Bridgette Ludwig, Rose Hickman, Pat Wente, Jane Hewing, Bill Althoff, Norma Althoff, Mya Schumacher, Joe Walk, Mariamma (Fr. Ery's mom), Ann (Fr. Suresh's mom), and John Moran.

PRAYER FOR OUR SOLDIERS. St. Michael Church's bells ring **Taps** each evening at 8:00 P.M., reminding us to pause and say a prayer for our soldiers: "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them & their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord & Savior. Amen."

SPECIAL DIOCESCAN COLLECTIONS. *We have several Special Collections that the Diocese request us to gather throughout the year. Ushers, we will continue to pass the collection basket twice as we have in the past.*

ALMSGIVING DURING LENT is encouraged in the Catholic Relief Services on March 11; the Holy Land Collection on Good Friday, March 30; Operation Rice Bowl on March 28; and the Seminary Collection on Easter, April 1st.

A Mass of Remembrance for Fr. Sylvan Pera is being planned for Monday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Green Creek. Come join us in remembering him and his life of service.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018:

6:30 P.M. Mass in Memory of Fr. Sylvano

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018:

6:30 A.M. Mass at St. Michael Church, Sigel -

Mass for Paul Bushur, requested by Family & Friends

8:00 A.M. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Lillyville

Mass for the Sick and elderly of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018:

8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Michael's Church, Sigel

Mass for Theresia Funneman, requested by Clarence & Patsy Funneman

8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Mary's Church, Green Creek

Mass for Marie A Schoenhoff, requested by Albert & Richard Buening

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018:

8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Michael's Church, Sigel

Mass for Doris Sietman, req. by Mary Ann Swingler

8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Mary's Church, Neoga

Mass for Genevieve Schniederjon, by Family & Friends

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018:

8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Michael's Church, Sigel

Mass for Harry Ludwig, requested by Francis Schatz

8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Mary's Church, Green Creek

Mass for Pauline Jansen, req. by Dan & Alf Doedtman

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018:

4:00 P.M. Mass at St. Michael Church, Sigel

Mass for Mark Harrington, req. by Mary Ann Swingler

5:30 P.M. Mass at St. Mary Church, Green Creek

Mass for Linda Kreke, requested by Ron & Evelyn Weber

7:00 P.M. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Lillyville

Mass for Marietta McWhorter, requested by her Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2017:

6:30 A.M. Mass at St. Michael's Church, Sigel

Mass for Alice Flach, requested by Dave & Renee Flach

8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Mary Church, Neoga

Mass for Parishioners for the Four Parishes

8:30 A.M. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Lillyville

Mass for Phyllis Vahling, requested by the Family

10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Michael Church, Sigel

Mass for Rosella Pruemmer, requested by Family & Friends

THANK YOU

To all who attended the Missions this past week

To all who cooked a meal for Fr. Knab

To all who hosted the social after the mission talks/masses each day and evening.

To all who provided the refreshments after the mission talks and/or masses.

To all the Pastoral Councils and Women's Council for organizing.

To all the volunteers to read, minister, ushers, organist, choir, sacristans, and others who help with the missions

To Fr. Knab for sharing his life of service with us

GREAT JOY to present the newest members of St. Mary Help of Christians, Green Creek: VAYDA LYNN BLOEMER, infant daughter of Luke and Carrie (Kowalski) Bloemer. Through the pouring of water and calling forth of the Holy Spirit, VAYDA began her faith journey. Keep VAYDA, her parents, and godparents in your prayers.

GREAT JOY to present the newest members of St. Mary Help of Christians, Green Creek: MACKENZIE MARY ALTHOFF, infant daughter of Cody and Marissa (Tegeler) Althoff. Through the pouring of water and calling forth of the Holy Spirit, MacKenzie began her faith journey. Keep MacKenzie, her parents, and godparents in your prayers.

WELCOME new parishioner Casey Koester and her daughter Brynley Jo who has joined St. Michael Parish Family.

EASTER FLOWERS. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards Easter Decorations in memory of a deceased loved one, or in honor of a living loved one, may place this donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" in the Offertory Collection. Be sure to include your name, the parish name, and the name(s) you are remembering. Donations must be in by Monday, March 26th, 2018.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE will be at Sacred Heart Parish, Lillyville on Monday, March 19th. Rosary at 6:00 P.M. Mass at 6:30. Meeting to follow Mass in the Parish Hall.



BLOOD DRIVE. Red Cross will be here on **Monday, March 20th** from 2:00 – 7:00 P.M. K of C members are hosting this blood drive.

Come share the gift of life! Our last drive we had 29 donors. Our goal is to exceed this!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday evening

6:00 P.M. @ Neoga, Sigel and Green Creek

7:00 P.M. @ Lillyville. Come join us!

When Fr. Ery or Fr. Suresh is present, there will be confessions immediately after Stations.

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE. Do you have a loved one that is suffering from sickness or illness? Do you have plenty of worries on your mind? Come join us for the Wednesday Evening Prayer Service and offer your prayers to God. Every Wednesday evening we gather to pray for Fr. Bud and for all the sick and suffering of our four parishes. We begin at 7:00 P.M. The service takes approximately 30/40 minutes. The prayer service is at Green Creek in February. March we will be at Lillyville.

CONGRATULATIONS, you are expecting a baby! This is a very happy time in your life, a very busy time in your life, preparing for a new addition to your family. With all the doctor's appointments and pre-natal classes, don't forget you will also want to attend a Baptism Class. Please include the Baptism Classes on the important list of things to do before the birth of your child. Next class will be on March 11th at 9:00 A.M. Call (217) 844-3371 or e-mail smparish@rr1.net or twente76@gmail.com to register for class.

A **PRE-CANA** is scheduled at St. Mary of the Assumption, Sainte Marie on March 17, 2018. Registration is at 8:30 A.M. There is a fee of \$50 for the day, which includes meal and materials. If you would like to attend, please find the registration form at www.stemariechurch.org or call St Mary's Parish (618 455-3155 or e-mail stmaryschurch@psBnewton.com).

ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER

Hosted by the St. Mary's CCW

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Serving a variety of soups, sandwiches & and desserts from 3:00 – 7:00 P.M. at the Assumption Hall in Neoga, Illinois



SACRED HEART, LILLYVILLE

PARISH BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH

Serving from 7:00 – 12:00 noon

Please join us at Sacred Heart, Lillyville, for our annual breakfast on March 11, 2018. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm with a menu of sausage, ham, eggs, pancakes, rolls, and drinks. Country Store with baked goods, craft items, 50/50 drawing and CYO raffle.

CONFIRMATION DATES FOR 2018.

St. Mary, Neoga will be on Friday, April 6, 2018 @ 6 PM
 St. Michael, Sigel will be Sunday, April 15, 10:00 AM
 St. Mary, Green Creek will be Sunday, April 15, 2:00 PM
 Sacred Heart, Lillyville will be Sunday, April 15, 2:00 PM

PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE. St. Michael the Archangel School will be holding their annual preschool / kindergarten open house on **Tuesday, March 13th at 6:00 pm** at St. Michael School, Sigel, IL. If you are interested in your child attending St. Michael School please come see our facilities and meet our teachers. Both parents and children are welcome. St. Michael's provides a quality Catholic education that develops students of high moral character and superior intellect. Children of all faiths are accepted. Kindergarteners must be 5 years old and preschoolers 4 years old before September 1st. All children must be potty-trained. Transportation is not provided for preschoolers. If you have any questions please contact St. Michael School at 217-844-2231.

Join us for the Sacred Heart Lenten Retreat, *"Be a Disciple from the Womb to the Tomb"*, being held March 12-14. Rev. Chuck Edwards of St. Anthony of Padua Parish will lead our retreat, which focuses on our call to discipleship and stewardship throughout our lives. On Monday, March 12, we kick off the retreat at 5:00 pm with a Soup Social, "Fill your Stomach; Feed your Soul" in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Join us for homemade soups, crackers/breads, and drinks to satisfy our human hunger before feeding our spiritual hunger with Fr. Chuck's presentation in the Church at 6:30 pm. Area priests will administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, March 13, as confession is part of the program and part of our preparation for Christ's Resurrection. The concluding presentation on Wed. March 14, is part of an all-parish Mass. The usual 8:30 am Wednesday Mass will not be held this day so all can plan to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at the evening Mass. Everyone welcome to the retreat.

ANNUAL EFFINGHAM COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

RUMMAGE SALE on Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 7:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at the Effingham Event Center. Items accepted on Wednesday, March 14th from 6:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Donation of clothing, books, toys, kitchen items, bedding, small appliances, etc. are most appreciated. \$3.00 bag sale all day Friday. No TV's, computers or printers will be accepted.

**ANT TO FEEL BETTER?
 CONFESION IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL,
 RELIEVES MENTAL DISTRESS
 AND STRENGTHENS THE BODY!**

UPCOMING EVENTS**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

READINGS: 2 CHR 36:14-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
 6:30 A.M. Mass at St. Michael, Sigel
 8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Mary's, Neoga
 10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Michael, Sigel
 9:00 A.M. Baptism Class @ St. Mary's Green Creek
 7:00 – 12:00 BREAKFAST @ LILLYVILLE
 3:00 – 7:00 SOUP SUPPER @ NEOGA

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018:

READING: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
 6:30 P.M. Mass of Remembrance for Fr. Sylvano
 7:00 P.M. K of C Meeting @ Neoga

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018:

READING: Ez 47:1-12; Jn 5:1-16
 6:30 A.M. Mass at St. Michael, Sigel
 8:00 A.M. Mass at Sacred Heart, Lillyville
 10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting @ Sigel
 1:30 P.M. Heartland Christian Village
 7:00 P.M. Parish Pastoral Council Mtg @ Lillyville
 7:00 P.M. Inquiry Classes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018:

READING: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
 8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Michael, Sigel
 8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Mary, Green Creek
 7:00 P.M. Prayer Hour @ Sacred Heart, Lillyville
 PSR CLASSES: regular schedule

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018:

READING: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
 8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Michael, Sigel
 8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Mary, Neoga
 7:00 P.M. Parish Pastoral Council Mtg @ Sigel

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018.

READING: Wis 2:1-22; Jn 7:1-30
 8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Michael, Sigel
 8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Mary, Green Creek
 6:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross @ Neoga, Sigel, Green Creek
 7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross @ Lillyville

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018:

READINGS: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
 4:00 P.M. Mass @ St. Michael, Sigel
 5:30 P.M. Mass @ St. Mary, Green Creek
 Baptism after Mass @ Green Creek
 7:00 P.M. Mass @ Sacred Heart, Lillyville

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018: Fifth Sunday of Lent

READINGS: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
 6:30 A.M. Mass at St. Michael, Sigel
 8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Mary's, Neoga
 8:30 A.M. Mass @ Sacred Heart, Lillyville
 10:00 A.M. Mass at St. Michael, Sigel

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Secretary: Cassie Jansen 895-2166/stmary@rr1.net
Neoga Parish Office is open Tuesday 9 am – 4 pm
 Lunch hour 12-1 pm

WEEKLY OFFERING: March 4, 2018		
	<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>Total-to-Date</u>
Envelopes ~ 43 of 120.....	\$1,762.75.....	\$ 59,374.15
Children ~ 0 of 50.....	\$ 0.00.....	\$ 198.62
Loose Change	\$ 19.00.....	\$ 1,603.65
Total.....	\$ 1,781.75.....	\$ 61,176.42
Budget Goal.....	\$ 2,000.00.....	\$ 72,000.00
Difference.....	\$ (218.25)	\$ (10,823.58)
India...\$ 5.00		Catholic Charities..... \$ 249.00

APPOINTMENTS

THURSDAY 03/15/2018 @ 8:00 A.M. -Volunteers

FRIDAY 03/16/2018 @ 6:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross-
Fr Suresh SERVERS: Joah & Atalie Osborn

SATURDAY 03/18/2018 @ 8:00 A.M.

- SACRISTAN: Christy Baker
- LEAD ROSARY: Bitsy Trummer
- SERVERS: Katie Baker, Camden Hill, Kyra Swearingen
- READER: Teresa Beltz
- MINISTERS: Dave Keck
- USHERS: Randy Beltz, Greg Rawlings
- GIFTBEARERS: Greg Rawlings Family
- VOCATION CROSS: Kurt Koester Family
- MUSICIAN: Vicky & Victor Ludwig

NEOGA FOOD PANTRY is asking for donations of canned vegetable soup for the month of March and ketchup for the month of April. Thank you for your continued donations to the Neoga Food Pantry.

COFFEE AND DONUTS The last Sunday of every month, coffee and donuts will be served immediately following 8 am mass. We will be looking for different families to take care of each month. If you are interested in helping out, please sign up on the south bulletin board at the back of church.

ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER

Hosted by the St. Mary's CCW
 Sunday, March 11, 2018

Serving a variety of soups, sandwiches & and desserts
 from 3:00 – 7:00 P.M. at the Assumption Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS REQUESTED FROM OUTSIDE OUR FOUR PARISHES. . . .

SIGEL PARK. *Wanting to play ball at the Sigel Park? Sign up now. Forms are at the Sigel Bank or in back of Church. Return to Maria Probst 821-7763. Deadline is March 12th.*

Start the New Year by Making a DeColores Weekend!

Say yes to 3 day beautiful experience at Camp Walter Scott. Share in inspiring talks, renew your faith, and make new friends. For more information, please call Mary Sur at 342-2003. The Men's Weekend will be April 5th thru the 8th. Leader: Steve Kidd (618) 922-9751 olmckidd@hotmail.com. Women's Weekend will be April 12th thru 15th. Leader: Mary Jo Orme 343-7312 maryjoorme@gmail.com

DIETERICH QUASQUICENTENNIAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, March 24 at the Dieterich Civic Center in Dieterich. Doors open at 6:15 pm . Trivia begins at 7:00 pm. Lots of fun including a basket raffle, 50/50 drawing, heads or tails and a gun raffle. Food will be available for a free will donation. Adult drinks and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Cash prizes will be awarded to teams finishing in 1st and 2nd place. \$20.00 per person, 8 people per team \$160.00 per team, and must be 21 years of age to attend. Please contact Mary Jo Probst at 217-690-3802 for more information and reserve your table. Make checks payable to Dieterich 125 and mail to Mary Jo Probst at 20468 E. 600th Ave., Dieterich, IL 62424 Visit our Facebook page: Dieterich's Quasquicentennial Celebration @ Dieterich 125.

Lent is a good time to decide to deepen your faith, and your relationship with your spouse. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends offer you new tools to improve your communication, and open a whole new world of closeness. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Apr. 20-22 in St. Peters, MO; and Mar. 23-25, 2018 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to www.stl-wwme or call 314.649.731.

Primary Election is Tuesday, March 20th: Be sure you are registered to vote and/or request an Absentee Ballot if needed. Call your county clerk to do so.

CANCER CENTER SUPPORT GROUP. A new organization is starting for an opportunity for patients, families, friends, and caregivers to come together for fun and support! They will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Their first meeting will be on March 15th, 2018 starting at 5:30 P.M. at Crossroads Cancer Center in Effingham. There will be a contest at the first meeting to name the group – only rule is the name must not contain the words "support" or "group". The first meeting will also plan or propose yearly activities, ideas, and education items. For more info call Stephanie Jackson 342-2066.

St. Isidore Spring Breakfast at Bishop Creek is Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 7am - Noon. The menu will include whole hog sausage, ham, fried or scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade breads and rolls. We will also have raffles, a Country Store with baked goods and mystery boxes. We look forward to seeing you there!

I SAW THIS IN ANOTHER PARISHES BULLETIN AND THOUGHT YES, WE ALL NEED A REMINDER OR PROPER CHURCH ETIQUETTE FROM TIME TO TIME.

LITURGICAL ETIQUETTE . . .

External gestures of reverence become a witness to the truths of our faith. For this reason, we wish to remind our guests and parishioners of habits or practices which are not appropriate.

The rule of fasting from solid food for an hour before one receives the Eucharist still holds, and thus makes the chewing of gum in church completely disrespectful and inappropriate.

Although the Church does not require everyone to be dressed in their "Easter finest" every week for Mass, please remember that the way we dress for church is oftentimes, a sign of how important the celebration of the Eucharist is to us. Overly revealing clothes or bare midriffs are never appropriate.

Churches are meant to be a sacred space, places where all can pray and worship. While a cordial greeting is never out of place, carrying an audible and protracted conversation is never appropriate.

External gestures of reverence can become a witness to the truths of our faith. The bow immediately before receiving Holy Communion should be done with the conscious recognition that it is the Lord Himself before Whom we bow. He is truly present in the Eucharist, in both the host and the cup, and the extension of the hands must acknowledge our acceptance of a gift, not a grabbing for something owed us. The hands are completely empty, extended in the gesture of acceptance, The Lord should not be just another item among keys or other personal items.

Our spoken and sung responses at Mass are always meant to be done communally, with whatever abilities were bestowed on us by our Father. What is believed and held in our hearts ought to be expressed outwardly during the Mass in word and in music.

Finally, out of respect and reverence for the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, arriving at Mass on time and remaining until the priest has recessed down the aisle is appropriate behavior. Leaving Mass early and disturbing the flow of communion in order to exit is never appropriate. Please place cell phones and beepers in silent mode, and please remain in church till the end of Mass to be blessed and commissioned to go forth in Christ's name. (and really, what's five more minutes!)

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, SIGEL

Secretary: Mary Lou Hoene Email: smparish@rr1.net
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St. Michael Parish Office:

Hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:00 – 4:00 P.M. or call to arrange another time to meet.

WEEKLY OFFERING: March 4, 2018

	THIS WEEK	END – OF YEAR
ADULT ENV: 46 of 350	\$1,190.50	\$53,312.02
CHILDREN ENVELOPES: 2	2.00	247.47
LOOSE CHANGE	401.00	12,062.25
SCHOOL DONATIONS	2,359.50	81,868.60
FALL FUND DRIVE	4,650.00	218,238.26
TOTAL	\$ 8,603.00	365,728.60
BUDGET	10,000.00	\$360,000.00
Difference	\$ (1,397.00)	\$ 5,728.60

Donation to Catholic Charities \$3,647.00 - checks need to be made out to St. Michael Church not Catholic Charities

APPOINTMENTS:

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 @ 6:30 A.M.

SACRISTAN: Barb Walk READER: Tom Ordner

Friday, March 16, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.

STATIONS led by Parish Pastoral Council

Saturday, March 17, 2018 @ 4:00 P.M.

SACRISTAN: Marilyn More

READER: Beth Sturgeon

SERVERS: Katelyn Haarmann, Annabelle and Madalyn Dunbar

COMMUNION: Reba Kortte

USHERS: Randy Mayhall, Gary Ludwig, and Joe Dunbar

GIFTBEARERS: Joe Durdal Family

Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 6:30 A.M.

SACRISTAN: Barb Walk

READER: Chris Strohl

SERVERS: RyLee Dittamore, Kaitlyn Budde, Payton Budde

COMMUNION: Jim Probst

USHERS: Brian Krampe, David Krampe, Tim Krampe

GIFTBEARERS: Dave Krampe Family

Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

SACRISTAN: Susan Ordner

READER: Linda Schumacher

SERVERS: Brock Fearday, Landon Titus, Harrison Miller

COMMUNION: Marilyn More

USHERS: Brian Miller, Carl Ruholl, Tony Lindsay

GIFTBEARERS: Henry Hoene Family

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL CHURCH

- **CONFIRMATION**, Sunday, April 15, 2018, 10 A.M.
- **FIRST COMMUNION**, Sunday, May 6, 2018, 10 A.M.
- **GRADUATION MASS**: SMS 8th Grade Graduation May 13, 2018 at 10 A.M. Mass honoring our parish graduates, (Seniors & other graduates) Saturday, May 12, 2018, 4:00 P.M.

SIGEL, ST. MICHAEL PARISH LONG RANGE COMMITTEE

will meet on Wednesday, March 21st at 6:30 P.M.

The Committee's goal is to plan for the future needs of our parish and school, whether it is 5 years - 15 years down the road. The committee will be looking at all different areas of the parish, whether it be for the school, church, finances, or stewardship.

PICNIC – Our parish picnic is on July 15, 2018 and planning for the event will begin soon. Chairmen and co-chairmen, get together and start organizing your stand. Everyone between the age of 10 and 70 are expected to help. Do you have a preference on what you what to do? We will try to accommodate as many as we can. If you cannot help on the 15th, now is the time to let me know. You might consider, if you cannot help on the 15th for some reason, maybe you can take care of advertising or ordering or organizing or something that can be done before hand. So drop me an e-mail (marylouhoene@gmail.com) or call (844-3371) or drop a note in the collection basket. We may not be able to comply with everyone's request but we will do the best we can.

CYO EASTER EGG HUNT – Saturday, March 31, 2018 @ 1:00 P.M. at St. Michael School grounds (rain or shine) for ages 1 – 9. Bring a bucket or basket. CYO members, Please come at 12:15 to help out with the egg hunt.

SACRED HEART

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Mass Appointments: Ann Swingler 217-844-2205

Mass Intentions: Rita Deters 217-924-4224

Ministry to the Sick: Elaine Schumacher 217-663-7211
or Betty Wentz 217-821-8832.

Parish Hall Rental: Jackie Beccue 217-821-3128

WEEKLY OFFERING: March 4, 2018

	This Week	Year-to-Date
Envelopes ~ 54	\$1,214.00	\$38,697.00
Children ~0.....	\$0.00	\$150.00
Loose Change	\$160.00	\$5,736.00
Total	\$1,374.00	\$44,583.00
Budget Goal	\$1,200.00	\$54,700.00
Difference	\$174.00.....	(\$10,117.00)
Catholic Charities.....		\$145.00
Building Fund.....		\$290.00

Tuesday, March 13 @ 8:00 A.M.

SACRISTAN: Patty Tegeler

READER: Elaine Schumacher

Stations/Confessions, Friday, March 16 @ 7:00 P.M.

READER: Fr. Sunder Ery

SERVERS: Micah McWhorter, Josh Habing, Sami Habing

Saturday, March 17 @ 7:00 P.M.

SACRISTAN: Barb Helmink

SERVERS: Alaina Helmink, Malea Helmink, Victor Walk

READER: Corinne Swingler

*MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Corinne Swingler,
Roger Swingler, Rachael McWhorter

USHERS: Doug Grunloh, Travis Will

GIFT BEARERS: Jake Hemmen Family

MUSIC: Laura Hemmen Family

Sunday, March 18 @ 8:30 A.M.

SACRISTAN: Jody Probst

SERVERS: 5/6 graders

READER: 5/6 graders

*MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Ann Swingler,
Karen Wentz, Kathy Ruholl

USHERS: 5/6 graders

GIFT BEARERS: 5/6 graders

MUSIC: Pat Will

*Please note that only one Minister of Holy Communion may be needed if the Precious Blood is not offered to the congregation.

Mark your calendars

Four Parish Mission, March 3rd – March 7th at Sigel

Parish Breakfast, March 11th, no mass that morning

Anointing Mass, March 13 @ 8:00 a.m.

Pro-Life Mass Monday, March 19th, 6:00 rosary, 6:30 mass, meeting following in the hall

First Communion, April 8 @ 8:30 a.m. Lillyville

Confirmation, April 15 @ 2:00 p.m. Lillyville

Graduation Mass (8th Grade & Senior) May 12, Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, the Parish Council meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice

Choir practice will be held Thursday, March 22, at 7:15 p.m.

Station's Schedule

Date: March 23

Servers: Cole Probst, Wyatt Probst, Ethan Beccue

Reader: CCW

EASTER FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to donate towards the Easter decorations in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living loved one may place the donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". Please include your name and the name of those being remembered. Donations must be in by Sunday, March 25.

2018 Breakfast, March 11th

The breakfast committee is asking for donations for the pork processing for this weekend's 2018 church breakfast. Please contact Jake & Stephanie Hemmen, Tim & Laura Will, Bob & Kathy Einhorn, or Jim & Amanda Buening if you are interested.

All parishioners are asked to bring items for the Country Store, and all CYO members are asked to donate an item for the CYO Raffle.

There will be no Sunday morning mass Sunday, March 11th, with our parish breakfast going on.

Anyone wishing to send Sr. Jeanette Willenborg, OSF, her address is: Sr. Jeanette Willenborg, OSF, Our Lady of Angels, 1201 Wyoming Ave., Joliet, IL 60435.

ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

SECRETARY: Cindy Zumbahlen

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 – Noon

(217) 844-2062 kimgreencreek@consolidated.net

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY OFFERING—MARCH 4, 2018

	<u>Weekly Total</u>	<u>Total-to-Date</u>
Adults (68).....	\$1,391.00	\$54,722.00
Children (0).....	\$0.00	\$176.25
Loose Change.....	\$50.00	\$1,917.00
Total.....	\$1,441.00.....	\$56,815.25
Budget Goal.....	\$1,750.00.....	\$63,000.00
Difference.....	-\$309.00.....	-\$6,184.75
Catholic Charities (14).....	\$515.00.....	\$1,494.00
Sister Parish (15).....	\$196.00.....	\$3,537.00

Appointments:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018 @ 8:00 A.M.

Reader & Sacristan: Helen Jansen

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018 @ 8:00 A.M.

Reader & Sacristan: Tom Zumbahlen

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – MEN'S HOLY NAME

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018 @ 5:30 P.M.

Servers: Karsyn Mette, Margaret Wente, Allison Will

Reader: Dot Zumbahlen

Ministers of Holy Communion: Kim Mersman

Ushers: Mark, Randy, Tim, & Tom Mette

Gift Bearers: Brian & Chris Wendt

Sacristan: Paul Mersman

Collection Counters: Mary Beth Niebrugge,

Maureen Kastl, Steve & Shanta Will

First Communion – Saturday, April 14th at

5:30 P.M.

Confirmation – Sunday, April 15th at 2:00 P.M. at

Lillyville.

Graduation – Saturday, May 12th at 5:30 P.M.

PSR Schedule

March 28th – No Classes – Holy Week

Choir practice will be held on Monday, March 12th after the 6:30 P.M. Mass of remembrance for

Fr. Sylvano and on Monday, March 19th at 7:00 P.M.

Parish council met on March 1, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Fr. Ery began the meeting with a prayer. Our volunteers for Vacation Bible School are Nikki Bloemer, Jeannie Gaddis and Kathryn Mette. We now have 8 men that have volunteered to help with funerals. We will be resurfacing the church parking lot during the summertime. We need 6 volunteers to help with washing of the feet. We started a discussion regarding our parish picnic and will be asking for suggestions to get more people to come. It will be after the Saturday night mass. We are going to start asking for one man and one woman to replace our outgoing parish council members. We will have a memorial Mass for Fr. Sylvano on Monday, March 12 at 6:30 P.M. Anointing of the Sick Mass is Friday, March 9 at 8:00 A.M. Fr. Ery ended the meeting with prayer. Our next meeting is April 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Easter Flowers - Anyone wishing to donate towards the Easter flowers in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living one may place the donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". Please include your name, and the name(s) of those being remembered or honored. Deadline is March 25.

VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLY THURSDAY AT LILLYVILLE

We need 6 men, women, or high school age kids to volunteer to have their feet washed during the Holy Thursday mass at Lillyville. Please contact Kim Mersman at pmersman@consolidated.net if you can help.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PARISH PICNIC

Our parish picnic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 8 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. We are asking for suggestions in order to get more people to come. Please email Kim at pmersman@consolidated.net for your thoughts or suggestions.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER

Want to be a part of volunteering and not sure how to start? Prayerfully consider being a parish council member. We meet the first Thursday of each month for one hour. It is a great way to get insight of what our parish is doing month to month. We are looking for one man and one woman (age 18 and over). Contact Kim Mersman at pmersman@consolidated.net for questions or to volunteer.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. SYLVANO

We will have a memorial mass for Fr. Sylvano on Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

LENT: The penitential season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and ends just prior to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 13th, 2017 when the Easter Triduum begins.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

Abstinence – Everyone **14 years** of age & over are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

Fast – Everyone **18 years of age and under 59** is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two meals should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but beverages are allowed.

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

WHY LENT? While a certain emphasis is given during the forty days of Lent to repentance and reparation for past sins, it really offers to every Catholic a setting in which to draw closer to God by the means of prayer, fasting, (self-denial), and almsgiving.

PRAYER: Participation in daily Mass. The Way of the Cross (the "Stations") will be commemorated every Friday at 6:00 P.M. An abbreviated form of this devotion will be held by St. Michael Grade School children every Friday at 2:45 P.M. The Friday evening "stations" led by a priest will close with Benediction. Also, the daily Family Rosary is strongly recommended. "The family that prays together stays together."

SELF-DENIAL: Each family is encouraged to place a small bowl in the center of the dinner table and, once a week, eat sparingly at one meal, placing in the "rice bowl" the amount of money saved, which can be brought to church on Easter Sunday.

ALMSGIVING to the poor is also encouraged in the Aid to the Church in Central/ Eastern Europe on Ash Wednesday, March 1st; Catholic Charities Collection March 12; Catholic Relief Services on March 26; the Holy Land Collection on Good Friday, April 14; Operation Rice Bowl on April 12; and the Seminary Collection on Easter Sunday, April 16.