



**Sunday, March 14, 2010**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 8 a.m. - All Souls' Day Intentions
- 10 a.m. - Mary Beth Johnston (Birthday Remembrance) - Forbes and Family

**Monday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday**

- Noon - Katherine DiProfio
- Nephew, Ray, and Niece, Jean

**Tuesday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday**

- Noon - Intentions for My Children and Grandchildren - Bessie Provenzano

**Wednesday, March 17 - Lenten Weekday**

**St. Patrick, Bishop**

- Noon - All Souls' Day Intentions

**Thursday, March 18 - Lenten Weekday**

**St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

- Noon - Msgr. Walter Kern - Estate

**Friday, March 19 - Lenten Weekday**

**St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- Noon - Rachel M. Ruhlman - Daughter, Rachel
- 12:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 20 - Lenten Weekday**

- 4:30 p.m. - Benjamin and Catherine Trudnowski
- Martha and Family

**Sunday, March 21**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- 8 a.m. - Tom DeFabbio (Anniversary of Death)
- Mom
- 10 a.m. - Katherine DiProfio
- Altar and Rosary Society

Dear Parish Family,

*I've mentioned the film, "Amazing Grace," before. It's a great story of people of the Church and people of government coming together to change their world. With God's amazing grace, we, even in the smallest of numbers, can bring vision and pure sight to the blind spots that riddle our worlds. If you get the chance, try to view this film as part of your Lenten journey.*

*In this same theme, I did some research and found the source of the reference I made a few weeks ago to the "2% Theory." Robert Bellah, a sociologist and educator, wrote: "We should not underestimate the significance of the small group of people who have a vision of a just and gentle world...the governing values of a whole culture may be changed when 2% of its people have a new vision."*

*In today's Gospel, Jesus offers the Pharisees and all the big shots the chance for new vision; he challenges them to let go of their biases and ruptured vision of God and to see in the healing of the "man born blind" the opportunity for all of us to see, if we only take it!*

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Gary

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**Lockport Early Childhood Programs**

The Lockport City School District will begin registering students for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program in early Spring. Applications for this program are in the back of church. The guidelines are listed in the application. Registration is scheduled for May 6 from 3-8 p.m. at Charles Upson Elementary School. Applications are also available at any elementary school. Any questions regarding the program, please call Sharon Lansing at 478-4444.

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**St. Joseph's Table, will begin after the 4:30 p.m. Mass, Saturday, March 20, in the Parish Center.** Please sign up in the back of church to indicate what dish you will bring.

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**Collection for March 6-7, 2010**

Regular Collection	\$7,065.00
Bldg. & Maintenance	597.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,662.00</b>

Black & Indian Mission \$ 752.00

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**Quarterly Report**

**September 2009 thru February 2010**

Total Income	299,849.05
Total Expense	(306,632.36)
Deficit	(6783.31)

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

- Monday - 12:30 p.m.** Altar & Rosary Mtg. - Parish Center (bring lunch)  
**7-8 p.m.** - Religious Education (Grades 6-10)  
**7 p.m.** - S.V.D.P.
- Tuesday - 3-7 p.m.** - Eucharistic Adoration  
**7 p.m.** - Musical Meditation in Chapel
- Wednesday - 7 p.m.** - Choir
- Thursday - 7 p.m.** - Folk Choir  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** - Girl Scouts
- Saturday - 10 - 11:30 a.m.** Religious Education (Grades K-5)

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**Upcoming Events Here at St. Mary's**

**March 30** - Pizza Hut Family Night

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**“Harmony for Haiti”** concert will be at the Historic Palace Theatre on **Sunday, March 21**. Doors will open at 4 p.m. and the concert will begin at 5:30 p.m. Over 60 auction baskets will be available along with 50/50 split club tickets. The featuring choirs are from St. Mary's, First Baptist, St. John's, Victory Christian, All Saints and The Chapel. Tickets are \$10 per person. People will be in the back of church after Masses to provide you with a ticket. Any questions, please contact Susan DiMillo at 433-2593.

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**Daffodil Sunday**

The daffodils will be available for pick-up following the **10 a.m. Mass on March 21**. They are tagged with names of those who requested “pick-up”. The bouquets and plants can be found in the breezeway. Any questions, call Cathy at 433-6820.

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**Are you interested in helping out with liturgical gesturing at the Holy Thursday Mass on April 1?** There will be an informational meeting this **Monday, March 15, at 7 p.m.** in the front of church. If you have questions, please contact Aimee Bell at 949-4584.

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**Ministering to the Homebound** - We are a parish family and, as part of that community, we remember those members of our family who are unable to join us in worship because of illness or infirmity. Ministers of Holy Communion can serve as the family connection with the ill and homebound. If you are a Minister of Holy Communion and feel called to bring our Lord in Eucharist and prayer to these brothers and sisters in their homes, please contact Pat Walker at 433-5833. Please help to keep the connection intact!



Christina and Howie Bugl, Mike Mahoney, Joanne Gajewski, Kay Hammond, Jason Pawlowski, Katherine Limardi, Connie Andrews, Kathleen Anderson, Connie McCracken, John Gagliardi III, Doris Stump, Ellen Gardner, Mildred Delwardt, Voola Bartholomew, Jackie McLaughlin, Zackie Berger, Cecelia Reger, Isabella Serriane, Mary Reitz, Jeffrey Gailor, Nathan Gailor, Jim McCullough, Barbara Kress, Christina Bugl, Brandon Nemece, Leslie Degnan, Donna and Robert Spencer Sr., June Groff, Jim Fiegel, and pray for our Armed Forces here and abroad.

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**Weekend of March 20/21, 2010**

**Lectors' Schedule**

- Saturday, March 20:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Ann Marie Przybysz, Dave Tobin
- Sunday, March 21:**  
**8 a.m.** Pierson Bell  
**10 a.m.** Monica Pullano, Walter Dlugosz

**Extraordinary Ministers' Schedule**

- Saturday, March 20:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Cindi Miller, Fred Wascovich, Mary Jo Seedorf, Mary Alice Stroehlein
- Sunday, March 21:**  
**8 a.m.** Ken Carter, Berny Fischer  
**10 a.m.** Pat Quinn, Dave and Kathy Greenfield, Nancy Eglin, Cheryl Comstock, Amy Lobczowski, Choir Member

**Altar Servers' Schedule**

- Saturday, March 20:**  
**4:30 p.m.** **Michael Campbell**, Alexander Fischer, Paige and Megan Currie
- Sunday, March 21:**  
**10 a.m.** **Christopher Sharkey**, Stephen, Michael and Kathryn Dmochowski

**Greeters' Schedule**

- Saturday, March 20:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Cecelia Shanahan, Sandy Wilkolaski
- Sunday, March 21:**  
**8 a.m.** Barb Buczkowski, Florence Claude  
**10 a.m.** Tim Wolcott, Ken Carter



**Mary's Little Lambs Nursery**

- Saturday, March 20:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Carole Anterline, Margie Swan
- Sunday, March 21:**  
**10 a.m.** Kelly Preisch, Traci Meagley

**“Scrip” Volunteers**

- Saturday, March 20:**  
**4:30 p.m.** Esther Owens, Mary Lou Flanders
- Sunday, March 21:**  
**8 a.m.** Wende Nicosia  
**10 a.m.** Sheila and Bernie Winters

**If you are unable to meet your commitment, please arrange for a substitute.**

## REFLECTIONS ON GOD'S WORD

**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a** “Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder.” “You can’t judge a book by its cover.” “Beauty is only skin deep.” These and other axioms surface as we struggle to make sense of human perceptions. Fortunately, God doesn’t need clever sayings to explain His works. He goes deep into the source of human behavior and intentions – the very heart, the spirit, of a person. So it is with today’s recounting of David’s selection as king. Jesse’s other sons were rejected by God, going against all tradition – the firstborn, stately, handsome – that called for genealogical and physical traits as criteria for kingly status. Though handsome, David was the least likely to be tapped for the throne: he was the youngest and least mature of all of Jesse’s sons. Yet God saw into David’s heart and, although David himself would struggle with his human weaknesses, knew that the kingdom would be secure in David’s hands. God is always choosing the foolish and the weak of the world to confound the wise. Moses, a man with a stammer, was chosen to be God’s spokesperson. Sarah was barren, but became the mother of a nation. A little boy had only two fish and two loaves of bread; a multitude was fed. Peter was a fisherman; God made him an evangelist and the Church’s foundation. We are capable of equally important work in God’s church - from week to week, ordinary people with an extraordinary God.

**Ephesians 5:8-14** Darkness, light, “seeing” – today’s readings call us to awaken to the presence of goodness, truth, and justice, not only in others, but also in ourselves. Through baptism, we crossed over the threshold from darkness to light, empowered by God’s Spirit to savor the fruits of a life lived in light. What is it like in the darkness? Fear, slander, selfishness, and on and on....sins and weaknesses that thrive in the darkness, but bring about no good. We are called to walk in the light, producing good works and building each other up. We have been anointed – as was Adam, and David, and the blind man in today’s gospel – to walk the path of light God has pointed to with Jesus, the Shepherd, as our guide.

**John 9:1-41** The blind man in John’s gospel did not seek out Jesus, but rather, Jesus found him. And, as a result of this miracle, the blind man found himself in the midst of a controversy he hadn’t anticipated. Nevertheless, he spoke the truth as he knew it and, eventually, his physical healing combined with a spiritual one. Along the way, he was accused and berated by the Pharisees who refused to see beyond the limitations and burdens of the Law. Jesus’ actions were viewed not as an act of God but as a violation of Sabbath laws that forbade the type of actions Jesus performed in the healing. The curtain of self-righteousness and stubbornness further veiled their vision of the divine. The Johannine community, struggling in an antagonistic society, readily identified with the blind man’s plight of excommunication. They, too, were excluded from the temple because of their acknowledgement of Jesus as the Messiah and they, too, did not have the physical presence of Jesus in their midst during their persecution. Although their struggle, and the continuing struggle, against the darkness of the world is difficult, the touch of the Savior is but a breath away, if only we allow ourselves to “see.”

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### Readings for the week of March 14, 2010

<b>Sunday:</b>	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
<b>Monday:</b>	Is 65:17-21/Jn 5:1-16
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:1-16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 20-27, 33b-45

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Gary R. Kibler, Pastor  
Carol Costello, Pastoral Associate and D.R.E.  
Eleanor Wascovich, Parish Secretary  
Mickey Pils, Business Administrator  
Bessie Provenzano, Housekeeper  
Robin Ritz, Maintenance/Custodian

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

Altar & Rosary .....Fran Staszak 434-1461  
Altar Servers..... Paula Provost 438-0943  
Catholic Charities .....Brenda and Mike Ulrich 433-6467  
Fred and Eleanor Wascovich 434-3451  
Christian Formation..... Sharon Roussie 439-0228  
Christian Services .....Chris Halvorson 625-9420  
DeSales Catholic School Office..... 433-6422  
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Extraordinary Ministers.....M/M Chris Prucha 439-0722  
Finance & Administration ..... Jim Smigelski 433-0849  
Greeters .....Mary Alice Stroehlein 433-6106  
Knights of Columbus.....Phil Chamot 434-7688  
Martha-Mary Church Care.....Sheila Winter 433-4071  
Ministers of Hospitality  
4:30 p.m.....Ed Forness 433-8242  
10 a.m..... Gerry Dembrowicz 692-8394  
Ministers of the Word..... Vickie Richardson 778-5668  
Ministry of Comfort .....Donna Santarsiero 433-3002  
Music Minister.....Melissa Coleman 778-9461  
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