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The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 26, 2017

*Gospel Acclamation: The word of God is living and effective; discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.
Hebrews 4:12*

5:00 pm Sunday Evening Mass: will be cancelled for the Sundays of March 5th & 12th due to Troy University's spring break.

+Bring in Old Blessed Palms: from last Lent so that they can be burned.

Special Collection Next Week: for the Black and Indian Missions. Our own Archdiocese receives a lot of funding from this collection for our African-American parishes.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, February 26

CCD - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 10:00 am
Missa Cantata, Traditional Latin Mass - 12:30 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

Monday, February 27

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am

Tuesday, February 28

Holy Mass - 5:15 pm
Mardi Gras Party - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 1

Holy Mass, Ash Wednesday - 12:15 pm
Holy Mass, Ash Wednesday - 6:00 pm
Adoration - 7 pm - 8 pm

Thursday, March 2

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm
RCIA - 6:00 pm
Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, March 3

Holy Mass - 6:30 am
Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm

Saturday, March 4

Sacrament of Reconciliation - 4:45 to 5:15 pm
Holy Mass - 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 5

CCD - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 10:00 am
Missa en Espanol - 4 de Marzo al medio dia.
Holy Mass in Spanish - Mar 4th at noon.
No Meeting - Jr. High & High School Teen Meeting

Holy Mass Ash Wednesday, March 1: will be offered at **12:15 pm & 6:00 pm. Both Masses will be offered at the parish.** Blessed ashes will be distributed at both Masses. Please note that, unless there is a rare exception, ashes will not be distributed outside of Holy Mass.
There will be no Adoration Ash Wednesday, March 1st, except for from 7 pm - 8 pm: to allow our adorers to go to Holy Mass if they so desire.

Fasting & Abstinence on Ash Wednesday: All Catholics 14 years of age or older should abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday. All adults from age 18 to the beginning of their sixtieth year should fast as well on this day. Fasting means eating one full meal, and two smaller meals - if necessary. These two meals together should not equal the full meal. Obviously, if you are up in years or have a health condition, you are not obligated to fast.

Come on out to our Annual Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Party: Plan on bringing the whole family this Tuesday, February 28th, at 6:00 pm for some great food and fun. Please bring a side or a dessert.

Parish Mission Saturday - Wednesday, April 1 - 5: We will have 2 priests of the Redemptorist religious order with us. More info. will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendars.

Resources and Opportunities during Lent

Holy Mass will be offered on **Mondays at 5:15 pm beginning March 6th** in addition to the normal schedule.

Reconciliation (Confessions): will be heard on **Thursday Evenings from 5:15 - 5:45 pm**

Stations of the Cross: each Friday of Lent at **5:30 pm.** This would be a great opportunity to bring some non-Catholic friends to a beautiful Catholic devotional practice.

Almsgiving (Donations for Charitable Causes) During Lent, please consider forgoing some of the entertainment you normally enjoy and save the money you would have spent. At the end of Lent we will collect the money; 25% of the money collected will be used here locally to help the poor; 75% of it will go to CRS, Catholic Relief Services; they carry out international relief efforts including aiding those who suffer due to natural disasters, war, and to help the poor and the needy.

Personal Hygiene items being collected for Prisoners About 250 of the prisoners at Easterling Prison, where Fr. Irwin visits once a month, are indigent and can not afford to buy their own supplies. Therefore, please **only donate** the following: **deodorants (non-aerosol), bar soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes** for these men (there is not a lot of need for shampoo). Please note: the prison has strict rules as to what you can bring in! These items are given only to those who can not afford them. Please leave these items in the box in the parish hall. Our Lord said, "I was in prison and you visited me" Matt 25.

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

Mike McCorkle, Sharon Listul, Denise Broxton, K.D. Blair, Ellen Blum, Bruce Tustin, Charles Owens and Carol Gibbs. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



Thanks Jana Rogers for being our Catholic Charities

Appeal Chairperson: Jana did a great job as usual. We really appreciate all of her phone calls and for distributing materials for the appeal as well as for attending the meeting in Montgomery.

You can Give to Catholic Charities online and by

Texting: simply text CCA2017 to 41444. You can give online by going to <http://www.mobarch.org/giving/charities.cfm>.

The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG: is

[REDACTED]. Please keep in mind that this code is for our parishioners and students only. I believe very strongly in honoring these sorts of rules. After all, if we want good Catholic material to learn from and share with our children, someone has to pay for it! (In case friends from other places enquire about getting access to FORMED, individuals are welcome to purchase access to the site as well as parishes). Thanks, Fr. Irwin

Spotlight on FORMED.ORG

Audio:

"Prepare the Way of the King" Dr. Scott Hahn
"The True Meaning of Christmas" Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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"Bakita From Slave to Saint"
"Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message"

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- Scripture Studies, Adult Faith Formation, Marriage Preparation and Enrichment, RCIA, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more!

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – March 4, 2017

Greeters: Chris Gambles
Lectors: Beth Ann Gibson, Maria Bernardo
Ushers: John Leveque, Barbara Staskowski
Gift Bearers: The Gibbs Family
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Julia Tran, Dianne Leveque
Altar Servers:

Sunday – March 5, 2017

Greeters: Herb and Anne Huner
Lectors: Emily Reiss, Marco Torres, Jr.
Ushers: Christopher Marco, Mike Kreis
Gift Bearers: Anna Chuplis, Jo Ann Gibson
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Pat Block, Randy Leutzinger
Altar Servers: Hannah Huner, Brock Huner, Brady Huner

Auction/Raffle of our Old Christmas Trees: The pastoral council decided that our old Christmas trees would be raffled off to two people. However, all those who want to enter the raffle must be willing to donate \$150 if their names are drawn. The raffle will take place at our Mardi Gras party (you do not have to be present to win). The trees were purchased for \$1,000 each around 6 years ago. As of last year, they worked beautifully. As far as anyone can remember, they are about 10 feet tall and about 4 to 5 feet wide. They come with the lights already on them. Please fill out a red entry form, fold it and place it in the baskets near the church doors if you would like to enter the raffle and you are willing to donate \$150 if your name is drawn.

Reminder about Special Collections: we will continue the practice of just taking up one collection during Mass. Please place all the envelopes for a given Sunday in the basket at the time of the collection. If you do not have an envelope for a special collection, you can use the one provided in the pew rack. Please write your name and address on it if you would like your donation recorded.

Holy Mass for the Dead Each Month: we will be offering Holy Mass for the dead (if there is no Mass intention) and praying for the deceased on the last Wednesday of each month.

Eve Sharpless Rest in Peace: Eve passed away February 14th at her home in Elba. A small funeral service was held in Elba on February 16th. Please pray for her, her husband Jim, her daughter Sherry and the rest of her family.

Catholic Charities Appeal Update: Thanks for the good response to the appeal. As a parish, 57 families have pledged around \$35,149. Our goal is 65 pledges for \$31,000! Thanks so much!

Missa en Espanol - 4 de Marzo al medio dia.
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*Lay me not with sweet spices, For this honor avails me not, Nor yet use incense and perfumes, For the honor befits me not. Burn yet the incense in the holy place; As for me, escort me only with your prayers, Give your incense to God, And over me send up hymns. Instead of perfumes and spices, Be mindful of me in you intercessions.
~St. Ephrem*