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

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Voice of St. Mary

Hello!

The season of Lent is upon us. The gospel for Ash Wednesday challenges us with these words: **"...when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret..."** (Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18)

Jesus encourages us to approach prayer as an encounter with God in the "inner room" of our hearts. Prayer begins, he says, by stopping and shutting out the world, if only a few moments. We don't even have to say anything—just listen and let God speak in our hearts and souls. From that "inner room," we discern how to respond to the goodness of God that we experience in our lives, from fasting with "washed faces" to focus more fully on the ways of God, to giving "alms" to express our gratitude to God for the blessings God has entrusted to us.

So, this Lent, resolve to spend time in your "inner room." Close your door (a "real" door, if you can) and let God speak in the quiet of your heart; or open that book you have set aside that speaks to you of living a life of meaning or purpose; or get off your couch and take a walk with your rosary and seeing God in the world around you.

Deacon Jay Cormier challenges us above to realize new ways of encountering God in our "inner rooms." Let us encounter the sacred in this earth, this house of God we share with our brothers and sisters.

Peace & Good this Lent!



Calendar	
Wed Feb 26.....	Ash Wednesday; 7:00 am & 6:45 pm
Feb 29 & Mar 1....	Parish Council Election at all Masses
Sat Mar 14.....	St. Mary Parish Reverse Raffle
Sun Mar 22.....	Lenten Reconciliation Service; 3:00 pm
Thurs Apr 9.....	Holy Thursday; 7:30 pm
Fri Apr 10.....	Stations of the Cross; 3:00 pm
.....	Good Friday Liturgy; 7:30 pm
Sat Apr 11.....	Easter Vigil; 8:00 pm
Sun Apr 12.....	Easter Sunday; 8:00 am & 10:00 am
.....	Easter Egg Hunt following 10:00 am Mass
Sun May 3.....	First Communion; 10:00 am
Mon May 4.....	Confirmation; Cluster celebration at St. Cecilia, Bartelso; 7:00 pm
Sun May 17.....	HS Grad Recognition Mass; 10:00 am

Lenten Reconciliation Services	
Mar 15.....	1:00 pm St. Bernard, Albers
Mar 15.....	3:00 pm St. Mary, Centralia
Mar 15.....	4:00 pm St. Lawrence, Sandoval
Mar 19.....	7:00 pm St. Dominic, Breese
Mar 22.....	3:00 pm St. Mary, Carlyle
Mar 29.....	3:00 pm St. Francis, Aviston

Church Directory We need YOUR HELP! Please sign up to have your picture taken to make our Parish Photo Directory complete. Signup is quick and easy. You may call the office or go to our website stmarycarlyle.org and find the link on the "home page." Picture dates are: **Tuesday, March 3rd - Saturday, March 7th & Tuesday, March 10th - Saturday, March 14th.** Everyone who participates receives a FREE 8x10 and directory! Please call the office if you have any questions! Thank you for your support!
See the insert for more information.

Photograph Sign-Up

Lenten Liturgies	
Tuesdays during Lent	Mass at 7:00 pm
.....	Novena at 6:30 pm
Fridays during Lent	Stations of the Cross
.....	12:10 p m

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Join us Saturday, March 14th at the K of C Hall for the 9th Annual St. Mary Church Reverse Raffle. This is the only annual fundraiser where the funds go toward regular maintenance and improvement projects. 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 an oral auction. Cash bar will be available.

Invite your friends!

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

- Douglas & Kendra Boehl Carter
- Rodney & Kristi Barger, Mason & Brayden
- Shirley Spihlman
- Nathan & Lindi Hegger
- Shannon Mitchell
- Bryan & Melissa Rainey Brooks
- Tyler & Clarissa Wilkinson
- Bryan & Sarah Anderson
- Brad & Wanda Allen
- Macie Guthrie & Jarrett Osborne, Gabriel, Levi, & Charlotte
- Brian & Alexis Barth Isla
- Erick & Brittany Monken Quinton

Meet Your Parish Council Candidates



Barb Cardwell Hello St. Mary Family. My name is Barb Cardwell. I am married to Terry Cardwell, 45 years this year. I have one daughter, Michelle Edwards; her husband is Brian; and her children are Drew and Meghan. I retired 5 years ago, as a Speech-Language Pathologist, working with special needs adults. I volunteer at St Joseph's Hospital, STL Explore, the funeral luncheons, and at my daughter's kindergarten class in Carlyle. I hope to assist in making good decisions as a board member for the St. Mary' parishioners if elected. Thank you for your consideration.



Dick Christ Hi, my name is Dick Christ. I would be honored to serve as your representative on the Parish Council. If elected, I promise to listen to you, and do my best to bring your concerns to the Council's attention. I have been married to my wife Suzanne for the past 30 years, and we have 3 children, Steven, Laura and Nicholas. I am presently a Cantor, a Lector, a Eucharistic Minister, and a member of the Knights of Columbus. In the past, I have served as member and the Chairman on the Parish Council, and my wife and I have taught preschool religion class and volunteered our time with the Youth Ministry.



Ed "Bug" Kleber I'm a lifelong resident of Carlyle and a member of St. Mary Church for 39 years. I have been married to my wife Jean for 39 years. We have two sons, Justin & Jaron, and three grandchildren with one on the way. I am an Extraordinary Minister, and I previously served on the Parish Council 2006-2009. I believe some of the biggest challenges facing our Parish from a financial standpoint is the ongoing cost to maintain our buildings as well as meeting our monthly operating expenses. An equally challenging question that this council needs to address is: What can we do to increase our "millennial" (ages 22-37) member count? Not only do we need this to maintain an active parish, but it would also help address our weekly shortfall for budgeted expenses.



Gerard Luebbbers My name is Gerard Luebbbers and I have been a member of St. Mary Parish all of my 59 years. People who know me know that I like to joke around some of the time – or rather, most of the time. But, sadly, now is not one of those times. It is no secret that our parish is facing financial challenges, and those challenges may require difficult decisions. The decisions that are made now may very well determine the viability of our parish in the years to come. If elected to the Parish Council, I assure you that I will do everything in my power to preserve the beauty and tradition of this parish, not compromise it. This is our parish, our church, and our community of faith. They are all definitely worth fighting for. Thank you for your consideration. The librarian has spoken.



Larry Peppenhorst Hello, my name is Larry Peppenhorst. I grew up on a farm outside of Carlyle and graduated from St. Dominic and Mater Dei High School. I married Sharon (Bach) at St. Mary in 1984 and have lived in Carlyle since then. We have 3 children: Kayla, Kory, and Kurt; and a granddaughter Kynli. I am past president of Carlyle JCs, and I have been a Carlyle Knights of Columbus member for over 40 years. In 2017, I retired from the fire department with 44 years of service as a fireman and first responder. I also retired from the Carlyle Street department with 28 years of service. I enjoy woodworking, baseball, hunting, and spending time with my family. Thank you for considering me as a parish council member.



Beverly Schlau My name is Beverly Schlau. My husband, Jeff, and I have been married for 26 years. I became a member of St. Mary Parish after we moved to Hoffman in 1993. We have 3 children, Allison 24, Hank 19 and Audrey 17. All 3 were baptized and confirmed at St. Mary. I've been self-employed since 1994 in a home based business, The Sign Shop. Being a stay-at-home mom as well as being able to work from home has been a blessing! In years past I have volunteered in the PSR office on Wednesday nights. Currently I serve as a Eucharistic Minister. I was born and raised in the Catholic faith and feel very at home at St. Mary Church. Thank you for the nomination.



Theresa Wuebbels My name is Theresa Wuebbels, and it is an honor for me to be nominated to our Parish Council. As a School Sister of Notre Dame, I taught Art in Catholic schools. I enjoyed teaching but felt called to a more contemplative life, so before my final vows, I entered the Little Sisters of Jesus. I was with them in a variety of cities in the US, Canada, Italy, and Algeria. Once again before final vows I felt God was calling me to something else. I left the convent and found a job teaching in Clarkton, NC. Curiously, I think that was exactly where God wanted me to be all along. I taught there for 24 years and loved it. After retiring, I moved full circle back to Carlyle to be close to my mom! Recently, I attended the diocesan "Into the Vineyard Program" with the purpose of helping our parish. I currently am a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, and the parish co-coordinator of Vocations. If chosen to be on our Parish Council, I promise to continue to work diligently to serve our parish.

*Voting
takes
place the
weekend
of
Feb 29 &
March 1
at all
Masses*



Youth Ministry is the place to be if you are a high school age teen! We started off the fall season with a fellowship gathering to Sky Zone and a Friends-Giving pizza celebration at our November meeting. Books were labeled and distributed by the teens after our Christmas masses. St. Nicholas surprised the group at our December meeting leaving oranges and gold candy coins in the members' shoes. We discussed the saint's life, holiday traditions, and played a game along with a white elephant gift exchange. Members also assisted in collecting donations after the Masses for our Super Bowl of Caring collection. This collection benefited Matthew 25 Food Pantry. **St. Mary Parish donated \$502!** Thanks for your generosity!

We are looking forward to an upcoming Youth Rally at Camp Ondessonk and to our basketball season starting. Members have the opportunity to attend our first weekend trip to Camp Ondessonk in March. We are excited about this! Our co-ed basketball team will start soon and we will play the neighboring parishes. We've had some practices this season, and I remind the team it is all for fun. They remind me that they really want to win, so wish us all the best!



If you are a high school age student and interested in joining Youth Ministry, we would love to have you join us. Call the parish office at **594-2225 for more information.**



During Lent our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family.

We will be reminded through the Gospel story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 that if we commit to sharing what we have with those in need, trusting in God's abundance, there is more than enough to feed everyone. Through our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving, we can respond to the call to ensure that all our brothers and sisters are fed good, nutritious food that gives them what they need to fulfill their God-given potential.

During this holy season, it is important to come together as a family and reflect on the cross of hunger and lack of proper nutrition, that so many of our brothers and sisters both near and far are forced to carry. In so doing, we pledge to stand alongside these members of our human family, supporting them as the Gospel calls us to do.

Please consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- +Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- +Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- +Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.
- +Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

We will collect your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more. Twenty-five percent of the collection remains local.

Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

