

# Catholic Churches of **Sts. Mary & Luke**

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*March 30—April 7, 2019*



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Cheryl Daley, St. Mary

### **Support Staff:**

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## **Weekend liturgies:**

### **Saturdays:**

Good Samaritan, 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary, 5 p.m.

### **Sundays:**

St. Luke, 8 a.m.

St. Mary, 10 a.m.

## **Fourth Weekend of Lent**

**NO Stations:** This week at St. Luke's or  
at St. Mary's. See you next week!

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## **Communal Reconciliation Monday, April 1, 7 p.m., St. Mary's**



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**Individual Reconciliation:** St. Mary, 7-8  
p.m. on April 9.

**God's Gift:** St. Mary's goal is \$33,254;  
giving is at \$13,469 or 41%; 48 families  
have given or 25%; St. Luke's goal is  
\$9,060; giving is at \$6,105 or 67%; 14  
families have given or 34%. The second  
request letter will be coming soon!

## **Liturgies March 30 – April 7:**

### **Saturday, March 30**

Readings: Hos 6:1-6, Luke 18:9-14

**9:30/Good Sam – + Emil Kulas**

**5 p.m./St. Mary – The Parishioners**

### **Sunday, March 31 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent/C**

Jos 5:9-12, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-32

**8 a.m./St. Luke – + Cy & Donnie Houska**

**10 a.m./St. Mary – Matt Miller**

### **Monday, April 1**

Isaiah 65:17-21, John 4:43-54

**9 a.m./St. Mary -- + Dan Dub**

### **Tuesday, April 2 – Francis of Paola**

Readings: Phil 3:8-14, Luke 12:32-34

**NO Liturgy Today!**

### **Wednesday, April 3**

Readings: Isaiah 49:8-15, John 5:17-30

**12:10 p.m./St. Mary – + Trudy & Jerry Cicha**

### **Thursday, April 4 -- Isidore**

Readings: 2 Cor 4:1-2 ,5-7, Luke 6:43-45

**9 a.m./St. Luke -- Thanksgiving**

### **Friday, April 5 – Vincent Ferrer**

Readings: 2 Tim 4:1-5, Luke 12:35-40

**7:30 a.m./St. Mary -- + Mary Helen Darling**

### **Saturday, April 6**

Readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20, John 7:40-53

**9:30 a.m./Good Sam – + Rev. Julian Kupisz**

**4 p.m./St. Mary – Confirmation families**

### **Sunday, April 7 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent/C**

Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21, Phil 3:8-14, John 8:1-11

**8 a.m./St. Luke – + Dan Houdek**

**10 a.m./St. Mary – The Parishioners**

## **Donations needed at both parishes!**

### **Cash Flow March 23-24:**

#### **at St. Mary:**

**Envs: \$1,738**

**Plate: \$138**

**Children: \$1**

**Total: \$1,877**

#### **Year to date**

**Actual: \$31,640**

**Budget: \$33,600**

#### **Need:**

**\$2,800 per week**

#### **at St. Luke:**

#### **March 24:**

**Envelopes: \$547**

**Plate: \$123**

**Candles: \$8**

**Total: \$678**

#### **Year to date**

**Actual: \$7,219.24**

**Budget: \$10,200**

#### **Need:**

**\$850 per week**

#### **Tithing Norm:**

**10% of income**

**back to God:**

**Parish: 5-8%**

**Diocese: 1%**

**Community: 1-4%**

**Prayer List:**

Minnie Cole, Judi Witt,  
Selma Clemetson,  
Sandy Novak,  
Veronica Pitcher,  
Michael Waechter,  
Bruce Heggen,  
Beth Davis, Baby Charolette,  
Roger Mattson,  
Theresa Moen,  
Jane Grzadzielewski.

*Please advise Fr. Bert  
when you have improved  
at [FrBert@polarcomm.com](mailto:FrBert@polarcomm.com)*

**Things to Know:**

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Tuesday Noon  
Note that anything submitted will  
be edited, cut and shortened.

**Bulletin boards  
& Reading tables:**

Please submit all items to Fr.  
Bert for approval and placement.

**Baptisms & Marriages:**

Please call Fr. Bert before  
you make any plans!!!

**Hospital Visits,  
Communion calls,  
& Anointing of Sick:**

Please make contact with  
Fr. Bert (numbers on Page 1)  
or at [FrBert@polarcomm.com](mailto:FrBert@polarcomm.com)

**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays: 4-4:30 p.m./St. Mary  
Thursdays: 8:30 a.m./St. Luke  
Anytime by request.

**\*\*\* FAITH FORMATION \*\*\***

**April 3 ..... NO CLASSES!!!**

*Grade 3 students & parents  
at Grafton St. John's at 7 p.m.  
for Confirmation Rehearsal*

**April 10 .. Living Stations of the Cross  
presented by St. Mary's HS students!  
Reception follows in Parish Center.**

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**Liturgy Time Change:  
on Saturday, April 6,  
liturgy will be at 4 p.m.**

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**Confirmation/First Eucharist:**

Saturday, April 6, 7 p.m., St. John's,  
Grafton. Students are: Eli Beneda,  
Marshall Carter, Madison Houser,  
Hudson Sobolik, Isabella Swartz,  
Simon Zikmund. Please pray for  
them! Due to many Sunday events  
already scheduled in April, the parish  
celebration for these students and  
their families will be held at St. Mary's  
on Sunday, May 5.

**Pack the Pew:** Ends on Sunday,  
March 31. The food needs to be  
transported to Grafton on Monday,  
April 1. Volunteer to Fr. Bert.

**Area Reconciliation Dates**

Sunday, March 31 ..... Warsaw, 4 p.m.  
Sunday, March 31 ..... Drayton, 7 p.m.  
Sunday, April 7 ..... Pisek, 12:30 p.m.  
Sunday, April 7 ..... Grafton, 4 p.m.  
Friday, April 12 ..... Cavalier, 5:30 p.m.

**Lent Laugh:** A woman in a local diet club was lamenting that she had gained weight. She'd foolishly made her family's favorite cake, and they'd eaten half of it after dinner. The next day, she couldn't stop thinking of the other half until, finally, she cut a thin slice for herself. You know what happened next – one slice led to another and soon the whole cake was gone. The woman confessed to fellow members how disappointed she was with her lack of will power. Worse yet, she dreaded her husband's reaction. Everyone commiserated until someone inquired what her husband said when he had found out. The woman smiled mischievously. "He never found out. I made another cake and ate half!"

**\*\*\* OTHER EVENTS \*\*\***

**Think Spring:** Sunday, March 31, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Park River American Legion. Soup, Sandwich & Salad Luncheon. Free will offering.

**Fish Fry:** Fridays, April 5 & 12, 5-7 p.m., Grafton St. John's. \$12. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #3918. Dessert bar by St. John's youth.

**Spaghetti Dinner:** Sunday, April 7, Noon to 6 p.m., Holy Family, Grand Forks. Free-will offering.



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**April 6-7, 2019 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent/C  
Ministries of Service**

**Serving  
the Assembly  
at St. Luke's  
in April 2019:**

**Lector:**  
Craig Jarolimek

**Cleaners:**  
Nadine  
Schanilec,  
Kassia  
Schanilec,  
Bunnie Peterka

**Wear Purple:**  
April 6-7; Lent is  
almost over!

**See flyers on  
Bulletin Board!**

Masses	4 p.m. Saturday	10 a.m. Sunday
<b>Proclaimers</b>	L Alkofer	C Clapp
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	* MA Kostohris, L Kadlec, P Kadlec	* S Brunsvold, M Heggen, D Helt, 2 volunteers
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	L & P Kadlec	J & C Daley
<b>Commentator</b>	Fr. Bert	Fr. Bert
<b>Servers</b>	J Ham	S Nelson, volunteer
<b>Ushers</b>	L & C Schiernbeck	J Dobmeier, volunteer
<b>Greeters</b>	L & C Schiernbeck	M Helt family
<b>Rosary Leader</b>	P Thompson	-----
<b>Sacristan</b>	M Novak	B Nelson
		*Bread Minister

# Growing in FAITH™

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April 2019

St. Mary/St. Luke  
Rev. Bert F. Miller, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Isidore of Seville

Born in Seville, Spain, St. Isidore succeeded his older brother, St. Leander as Bishop of Seville, at a time of social and religious division. By founding seminaries and schools throughout Spain, St. Isidore effectively converted the invading Visigoths and turned Seville into a center of culture and learning in the ancient world. He presided over two important Church councils, wrote a thorough encyclopedia that became widely used for nine centuries, and donated generously to the poor.

### Just adore

Do you ever run out of conversation during your prayer time? Worse, do you tire of praying the same things over again? Try sitting in silent adoration of the one who loves you most. What words can be better than that?

*"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love"*

(1 John 4:18).



## Meet God at "Little Easter"

One amazing fact of which Easter reminds us is that God lives and lives with us. Yet, as the joy of the celebration fades, we may feel distant from our loving, living God. In fact, we can renew our Easter joy every week at Mass on Sunday, our "little Easter." It's a great place to find God.

**The Priest.** During Mass, the priest is not acting on his own but in the person of Christ ("In Persona Christi"). Bishops and priests act in persona Christi when they offer Mass, forgive sins, preach on behalf of the Church, and perform other acts of shepherding and teaching. So, we find God in the priest.

**The Word.** Much of what goes on at Mass is directly from Scripture – the prayers we say together, the hymns we sing, the readings, etc. Since Scripture is the inspired word of God, we can find God in his Word.

**The Eucharist.** What starts as bread and wine becomes the body and blood of Christ. So we meet God in the consecrated Eucharist.

**The People.** When we unite to praise God, we are his

Church. *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"* (Matthew 18:20). So God is there when we worship with others at Mass.



## Youth Corner

Draw a picture of the Body of Christ!

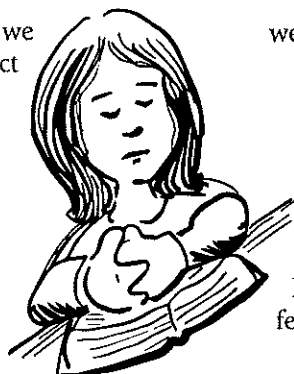
(Parents can submit the picture to the Parish Office.)

# The perfect love waits for you

It is said that in order to attract the perfect love, we have to become the perfect lover. God is the perfect love. All we need to do to claim his love is to become better lovers ourselves.

**Be alone together.** "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8). Two people in love need to be alone together so love can grow. Make time to be alone with God every day.

**Meet for frequent dates.** A loving relationship can't flourish on just one date per



week. Would you be able to get enough of your beloved by just getting together on Sundays? Try to make Mass more than once a week.

**Reread his love letter.** "I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name" (Isaiah 49:15-16). Re-reading love letters rekindles feelings of warmth between lovers.

The Bible is the longest, most passionate love letter there is. Read it to find out how God really feels about you.

## from Scripture

### John 20:19-31, Two Visits of Mercy

This Gospel passage is about the two resurrection appearances of Jesus to his Apostles in the Upper Room.

In the first appearance, Jesus forgave the Apostles and gave them his peace. He also gave them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins in his name.

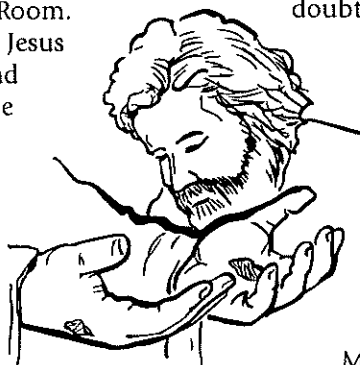
The second visit was for St. "Doubting" Thomas. He refused to

believe that Jesus was really risen, despite the evidence of ten eyewitnesses. While it is better to "see"

by faith and still believe, Jesus had mercy on St. Thomas's very human doubts and appeared to him. St.

Thomas was open to accepting the Truth when it found him. From this Gospel passage, we know we can bring our doubts, fears, and need for forgiveness to God, especially on this second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday. We can trust

God, who in this passage, proves that his deepest nature is merciful love.



## Q & A

### What does the Mass do for us?

The qualities of the Mass make participating in it essential for our spiritual health.

**Thanksgiving:** The Mass centers around the Eucharist – the "sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving" (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #1359). In thanking God for his



blessings, we recall demonstrations of his goodness, power, and love. This reminds us that there is a God who loves us beyond imagining. He doesn't need our praise, but we need to experience thanksgiving.

**Sacrifice:** When the priest offers the Body and Blood of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine, Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary is renewed in an unbloody manner and made present for us again. At Mass, we can unite our own sacrifices to Christ's and offer them to the Father (CCC, #1367, 1368).

**Communion:** Under the appearances of bread and wine, Jesus is really and physically present (CCC, #1376). When we receive Communion, Christ comes to dwell in our hearts, to strengthen, heal, and love us. Communion unifies the whole Church in Heaven and on Earth (CCC, #1370).

## Feasts & Celebrations

**April 14 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century):** On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

**April 17 – St. Stephen Harding (1134):** St. Stephen and two companions founded a new religious order in Citeaux. As abbot, he guided the community through many hardships. Finally, St. Bernard of Clairvaux and several companions

joined St. Stephen and he revived the order. St. Stephen founded twelve more religious communities throughout France. He is credited with writing the constitutions of the Cistercian Order.

**April 20 – St. Agnes of Montepulciano (1317):** Born in Tuscany, Italy, St. Agnes was a Franciscan nun who founded a Dominican order. At a young age, she begged her parents to let her enter the Franciscans. When she was thirteen, the pope asked her to found a monastery at Procena. Inspired by a vision, she founded a Dominican order at Montepulciano.



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# Upcoming events at Sts. Mary & Luke:

Monday, April 1 ..... Communal Reconciliation, 7 p.m., St. Mary's

Wednesday, April 3 ..... Confirmation Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Grafton St. John's  
for Grade 3 Parents, Sponsors and Students  
**NO Faith Formation Classes for K, 1, 2, 4-12**

Friday, April 5 ..... Exposition after 7:30 a.m. liturgy until Noon

Saturday, April 6 ..... **Liturgy at 4 p.m. (This date only)**  
**Confirmation/First Eucharist, 7 p.m., St. John the Evangelist, Grafton**

Monday, April 8 ..... Stations of the Cross, 5 p.m., St. Luke's

Wednesday, April 10 ..... **Living Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m., St. Mary's**  
**Reception to follow/Last Night of Classes!!!**

Saturday & Sunday, April 13 & 14 ..... **Palm/Passion Sunday**

Tuesday, April 16 ..... Chrism Mass, 11 a.m., Cathedral, Fargo

Thursday, April 18 ..... **Holy Thursday**, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's

Friday, April 19 ..... **Good Friday**, 3 p.m., St. Luke's  
7:30 p.m., St. Mary's

Saturday, April 20 ..... **Easter Vigil**, 8:30 p.m., St. Mary's

Sunday, April 21 ..... **EASTER!** Regular liturgies at St. Luke's & St. Mary's

Tuesday, April 23 ..... Finance Council, 6 p.m., Parish Hall, St. Luke's  
Knights of Columbus, 7 p.m., Friendship Room, St. Mary's

Saturday & Sunday, April 27 & 28 ..... Anointing at St. Mary's & St. Luke's

Tuesday, April 30 ..... Finance Council, 7 p.m., Friendship Room, St. Mary's

Sunday, May 5

.... **Celebration of Confirmation/First Eucharist Class**, 10 a.m., St. Mary's

Tuesday, May 7 ..... Hunger Fund, 7 p.m., Friendship Room, St. Mary's

Tuesday, May 14 ..... Altar Society, 7 p.m., Friendship Room, St. Mary's

Sunday, May 19 ..... **Graduation Liturgy**, 10 a.m., St. Mary's  
Brunch follows for graduates & their families, Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 28 ..... Knights of Columbus, 7 p.m., Friendship Room, St. Mary's

# **Holy Week Rehearsals**

## **Palm/Passion Sunday**

**Lectors/PR ..... Tuesday, March 26, 8 p.m.**  
**Lectors/V ..... Monday, April 8, 6 p.m.**  
**Servers/PR ..... Arrive ½ hour before liturgy**  
**Servers/V ..... Arrive ½ hour before liturgy**

## **Holy Thursday**

**Lectors ..... Sunday, April 7, Noon**  
**Servers ..... Sunday, April 14, 1 p.m.**  
**Oil bearers ..... Sunday, April 14, 1:15 p.m.**  
**Processions ..... Sunday, April 14, 1:30 p.m.**

## **Good Friday**

**Lectors/PR ..... Sunday, April 7, 12:30 p.m.**  
**Lectors/V ..... Monday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Cross carriers/PR ..... Good Friday, 7 p.m.**  
**Cross carriers/V ..... Good Friday, 2:30 p.m.**

## **Easter Vigil**

**Lectors ..... Sunday, April 7, 1:15 p.m.**  
**Servers, Candle bearers ... Sunday, April 14, 1:50 p.m.**  
**Processions ..... Sunday, April 14, 2:15 p.m.**

**\*\*\* NOTE: If you can't make it at these times,  
please call Fr. Bert at 284-6165  
so an alternate time can be set up.**