



St. John XXIII Parish

The Unified Parish of St. Mary, 1012 Lake Street & St. Nicholas, 806 Ridge, Evanston IL

March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Lent



*“You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”
He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.*

Gospel of John 4:13

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This Week at St. Mary's Church

SPRED (Special Religious Development)
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's Black Catholics Discussion Group

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom
Contact: stmaryevanstonbc@gmail.com
for upcoming topics and the link to this week's meeting.

Lent Group, Evanston Black Catholics

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Library

Lent Group: Friends of Jesus

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Library

St. Mary's Quilting Ministry

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Gathering Space

Lent Group: Care for Creation

Thursdays 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Conference Room

St. Mary's Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Rehearsal Room

Lent Group: Faith & Film for Lent

Fridays during Lent at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

Lent Group (Spanish)

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel

Esprit d'Amour Charistatic Stations of the Cross (French)

Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in the Church—All Are Invited!

Spirit of Love Charismatic Prayer Group 30th Anniversary

Saturday 7-10 p.m.; Sunday 12:30 Mass to 5:00 p.m. pg 4

Praying the Rosary/Stations of the Cross—Saturdays

Rosary 7:30 before the 8:00 a.m. Mass
Stations after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Weekly Prayer & Worship

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 4:-4:30 p.m. at St. Mary
Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas

Weekday Mass Schedule

Mondays-Saturdays 8:00 a.m. in St. Mary Church
Monday, Wed-Sat 8:00 a.m., St. Nick's Chapel
Tuesdays, at 8:15 a.m. in St. Nicholas Church
Friday's 8:00 a.m. Mass is Bilingual in St. Nick's Chapel

Sunday Mass Schedule

At St. Mary: Sat, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday, Haitian Mass, 12:30 p.m. (French)

At St. Nicholas: Saturday, 4:30 p.m. (English), Sunday,
8:30 a.m. (Spanish) 10:15 a.m. (English) 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday afternoons, 3:00-6:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church
Friday mornings, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m.
Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at St. Nicholas Church

Renew My Church: Unification

"Throw open the windows of the church and let the fresh air of the Spirit blow through."

St. John XXIII

The St. John XXIII Parish Mission Save the Dates!

We are more than halfway through our Lenten journey, and Holy Week begins in just two weeks. Our journey does not end at Easter Sunday, though, for God calls us to missionary discipleship, to grow in knowledge, deepen our faith, and bear witness to the good news. Participating in the upcoming Parish Mission is one way to continue on our Easter journey.

We invite all St John XXIII parishioners to save the dates for our Parish Mission on Wednesday, **April 12, 19, and 26, starting at 7:00 pm**. As we move forward to build our new parish reality, we will focus on three themes:

Evangelizing community:

April 12: Serving God

April 19: Serving humanity

April 26: Serving creation

More information is forthcoming, so please check the bulletin and the parish website during the next few weeks.

In God's peace and love,

The Unification Communications Team

Lent and Spiritual Direction

A spiritual director can be helpful in deepening your Lenten journey. Meet with a qualified, trained director to help you focus on the Lenten themes of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, as well as deepening your relationship with God.

To receive a handout with bios and contact info for spiritual directors serving St. John XXIII Parish, contact: Sue Garthwaite (smgart@comcast.net).



Reflection: Fourth Week of Lent, March 19, 2023

Karie Ferrell, Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks in the heart."
(1 Samuel 16:7)*

This sentence from today's first reading ties the gospel stories of these last three weeks of Lent together for me.

Last week we heard of a woman's encounter with Jesus which transforms her into an evangelizer. She's a woman on the fringes of her society, gathering water at a time of day separate from the other women in her town. Yet the fervor of her new belief moves the town to come see this man, to take him into their lives and to come to belief because of their own encounter.

This week we hear a story of a man born blind, a man living as a beggar, an outcast, because in those times a disability was seen as a sign of sin. Women within the questions of the Pharisees is a misunderstanding of what sin is from their perspective, but from a different perspective, sin does indeed lead to blindness.

Once we have started down the path of sin, it becomes easier and easier to travel down the path away from the light of Christ into the darkness of moral blindness.

Jesus brings this man out of blindness and into the light of his love in one miraculous instant and you can see the effect on the people in town and the Pharisees! It causes confusion, brings up questions and accusations ... everyone has to struggle with their own beliefs, to question who or what this man is, to confront their own notions of sin and in the end the Pharisees through him out. But the man stands firm in his belief.

This is a good time to confront our own notions of sin, not from the perspective of the culture we live in, but in the light of the person of Christ. Are we turning towards the darkness in the world or turning towards the light of Christ? Remember the words of Ash Wednesday, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." We have a choice ... STAND FIRM.

Communal Reconciliation Service, March 28

Lenten Reconciliation Service (Bilingual)

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00pm

At St Mary Church



ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH,
SPIRIT OF LOVE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
Cordially invites you to our
30th Anniversary Celebration

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, 1012 LAKE STREET EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60201
Saturday, March 25th: at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 26th: 12:30 p.m. Mass to 5:00 p.m.

Praise & Worship by the anointed Steve Mitchell

Teachings, Testimonies & Ministry by Maria Vadia & Pr. Chethan Henry; Fellowship

For More Information, pick up a flyer in the vestibule or call:

Maryse Gregoire, 847 - 401-8801, Magali Duvivier, 773 - 793-8880, Marie Ange Sagaille, 847- 532-2248
Maria Senecal, 847- 401-2675, Mecchilde Boyer, 847- 630- 6321, Shannon Ambroise, 773- 934-3545

Join
BISHOP MARK BARTOSIC

LENTEN TRIDUUM
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
for Healing, Repentance, and Peace

March 27, 28, & 29 7pm-8pm

Monday Tuesday Wednesday

Prayerfully journey 1, 2, or 3 evenings
Uniting the faithful regarding the clergy sexual abuse crisis

Mary, Mother of God Parish
SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH
5545 N Paulina St., Chicago IL

LIVE STREAM

<https://www.facebook.com/stgregschicago>

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS WILL BE PRESENT
For more info: vii.taskforce@gmail.com
Organized by AOC Vicariate II Committee for Healing and Atonement



Encounter & UCYM's Young Adults invite you to

AN EVENING OF
ADORATION &
CONTEMPLATIVE
MUSIC

MARCH 29TH
Old St. Patrick's Church
@7 pm
Appetizers, drinks, and fellowship to follow

For questions or to coordinate
transportation, email faith@ucym.org

St. John XXIII Parish Food Drive Weekend of March 25 & 26

Our St. Vincent DePaul Society's Food Pantry needs non-perishable food goods to help our hungry neighbors.

We need:

- Cans of Soup
- Rice
- Pasta and Sauce
- Canned Goods (fruit, beef stew, chicken breast, chili)
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Cereal

Please bring items to St. Nicholas Church or St. Mary Church before Mass or take directly to Oldershaw Hall. A SVdP member will be there to help.

Thank you.
St. John XXIII St. Vincent DePaul

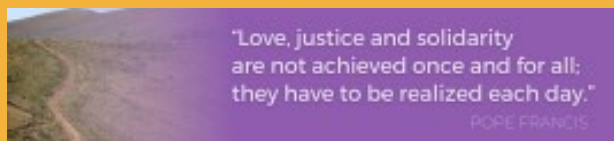


SOLIDARITY BRIDGE

Next week, we will hear from missionaries of Solidarity Bridge at all Masses and there will be a 2nd collection. Your Lenten almsgiving here:

- patients access life-changing surgery
- hospitals receive crucial supplies
- local doctors expand their skills, and
- families find renewed hope

This Lent, will you respond to the gospel call to heal the sick? Together we can make life saving surgical care more accessible for our brothers and sisters in Bolivia and Paraguay. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute **anonymous** survey at catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday, February 22 to March 31**. Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.



The Evanston Catholic Woman's Club

The Evanston Catholic Woman's Club has been meeting the past couple months from Noon-2:00pm on the second Wednesday of the month at St. Mary's. Dues are \$60 per year and lunch is provided at the monthly meetings.

The March 8th meeting speaker was Fr. Bart Winters, whose first ministry was St. Nicholas. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 12. The outstanding speaker will be Peggy Flynn, MA on Hospice and End of Life Issues and addresses Aging at Home. Peggy is the Executive Director of The Good Death Institute in Milwaukee, WI.

The Evanston Catholic Women's Club was founded February 1, 1911 as the St Mary's Catholic Church Woman's Club.

ECWC was "dedicated to the moral and intellectual advancement of its members; the promotion of friendship, sociability, education and philanthropy."

Please join us.

**The Pope John XXIII School Parent Association cordially invites
the family and friends of the St. John XXIII Community to**



our Easter Family Celebration. This FREE event includes grab and go brunch items, pictures with the Easter Bunny, egg hunt and Scholastic Book Fair (Benefitting Pope John XXIII School).

When: March 26 — 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Where: Pope John XXIII School Parking lot and Cafeteria

RSVP requesting using the QR code.



Update about the June 24th Rummage Sale

Why do we hold a rummage sale?

- 1.To raise money to support the parish and its liturgies, activities and human concerns ministries.
- 2.To give community members access to lower-cost clothing, furniture and household goods.
- 3.To provide a platform for reusing unwanted items and keeping them from the landfill.
- 4.To build friendships and community among our own parish members. Many a lifelong bond has formed while sorting clothes, folding linens and pricing household items.

Our current needs:

Bike Repairs: Skilled individuals who are willing to do basic repairs on donated bikes during the week of June 17th to 24th.

Department Managers: Individuals to organize and price items during the week of June 17th to 24th daytime or evening hours. Currently, looking for managers of **women's clothing, men's clothing, shoes, jewelry, lamps and small electronics, and luggage.**

If interested contact Jean Luft at luftdec@gmail.com or 847.989.2792



CHARLA DE PAREJAS

Tema: QUE HACER PARA TENER UN
MATRIMONIO DE RESPONSABILIDADES
COMPARTIDAS EN TODOS LOS ASPECTOS

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Abril

El grupo de parejas Sagrada Familia de San Nicolas los invita a una charla matrimonial Lugar:

Salon Social- 806 Ridge Avenue, Evanston IL, 60202
Presentador: Jose Luis Miranda
Horario: 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Para más información:
Jaime y Leonor Rojas: (847) 293-1532 o (847) 902-4051



Pancake Breakfast 2023

The administrative staff of United Catholic Youth Ministry would like to extend their gratitude to all the lovely people who attended this year's annual Pancake Breakfast. We are beyond



thrilled to have seen so many people who come year after year to celebrate the community that we have all built here and all the new faces from St. John Newman, St. Joan of Arc, St. John XXIII, and St. Mary who came for the first time. Thousands of dollars were raised to fund the efforts of our program.



We are so incredibly honored that God would bless us with volunteers that made this event as much of a success as it was. Thank you to our donors who donated hundreds of pounds of food to feed the attendees! Thank you to our indispensable adult volunteers who were instrumental in the planning of the menu and the coordination of the event! Thank you to the record breaking number of youth volunteers - 40 in total - who led the way that day! To thank all our donors and volunteers for their service, UCYM will host a pizza party. Details will be coming soon.

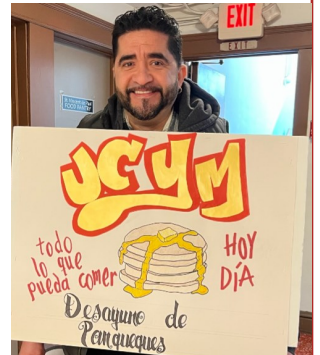


Desayuno Anual 2023

El personal administrativo del Ministerio de Jovenes quisiera extender su gratitud a todas las personas encantadoras que asistieron al

Desayuno Anual de Panqueques de este año. Estamos

más que encantados de haber visto a tanta gente que viene año tras año para celebrar la comunidad que todos hemos construido aquí y todas las caras nuevas de San Juan Newman, Santa Juana de Arco, San Juan XXIII y Santa María que vinieron por primera vez. Se recaudaron miles de dólares para financiar los esfuerzos de nuestro programa.



Nos sentimos increíblemente honrados de que Dios nos bendijera con voluntarios que hicieron de este evento todo un éxito. Gracias a nuestros donantes que donaron cientos de kilos de comida para alimentar a los asistentes.

¡Gracias a nuestros indispensables voluntarios adultos que fueron fundamentales en la planificación del menú y la coordinación del evento! Gracias al número récord de jóvenes voluntarios (40 en total) que lideraron el evento ese día. Para agradecer a todos nuestros donantes y voluntarios su servicio, el UCYM organizará una fiesta con pizza. Pronto daremos más detalles.



ST. JOHN XXIII 2023 SERVICE TRIP TO BETHLEHEM FARM- ALDERSON, WEST VIRGINIA

WHO: Participants must be 18 and older and vaccinated.

WHAT: We will work in the local community but Bethlehem Farm is more than a “work camp” for volunteers. We will learn to live simply, caring for our Common Home. **WHEN:** July 29,-August 5th or 6th, 2023

WHERE: Bethlehem Farm, Alderson, West Virginia. For more info see our google site for bethlehem farm service trip: <https://sites.google.com/view/bethlehem-farm-service-trip-23/overview> and site for Bethlehem Farm <https://bethlehemfarm.net/> **COST:** \$325 per person for food, lodging and programming at site.

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We Pray for One Another & the World

Mass Intentions

Every mass is offered for the needs and intentions of someone. You can request that we support you in your intentions and your needs.

Contact the Parish Office to request a mass be offered for someone you know that is in need of prayer, for your own intentions, or for the repose of someone's soul. The stipend is \$10.



Sunday, March 19: 5th Sunday of Lent

- 5:00 ✚ Pete Kelley
- 8:00 A fruitful unification of our parish St. John XXIII
- 9:30 ✚ Andres Vasquez Lasso
- 11:00 ✚ Philip Delos

Monday, March 20

- 8:00 We will hear the cry of the poor and respond

Tuesday, March 21

- 8:00 For the hungry

Wednesday, March 22

- 8:00 For a deeper awareness of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation

Thursday, March 23

- 8:00 ✚ Ronald Schaefer

Friday, March 24

- 8:00 For those who have suffered harm from members of the Church, may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering

Saturday, March 25

- 8:00 To work towards peace wherever we can

Vigil Mass for Sunday, March 26 5th Sunday of Lent

- 5:00 Simpler sustainable lifestyles



We pray for those who are sick, especially ...

Dennis Emig Kate Peters Kelsey Wolfe

We pray for those who have died, especially ...

Ernesto Canchola Michael Kreuser
Isidro Ramirez Antonio Ramirez

If you have someone whose name you'd like added or removed, contact Dianne Fox, Director of Music dfox@archchicago.org



We Join Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, In Prayer

The Holy Father has designated March as a month to pray for victims of abuse.

"We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church, may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering."

Join the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network:

popesprayerusa.net which addresses the challenges facing humanity. We pray and work to meet the challenges of the world identified by the Pope, while walking a spiritual path called the "Way of the Heart."



We pray for those who serve and for peace

- ◆ 1st Lieutenant Patrick Benn, U.S. Marine Corps, son of Kathy & Adrian Benn
- ◆ CDR Edward Carlton, U.S. Navy, son of Caroline & Frank Carlton
- ◆ 1st Lieutenant Henry L. Clark, U.S. Air Force, son of Gayle & Dan Clark
- ◆ Airman Lindsey Foley, U.S. Air Force, niece of Chris Foley
- ◆ Lt. Daniel Kozicki, U.S. Navy, nephew of Linda O'Dwyer