First Sunday of Lent
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Reconciliation: Saturday 11:00 am-12:00 pm at St. Paul’s Church or by appointment.
Baptism: Please contact office staff at burldivinem@diodav.org or 752-6733 for information. You must be a registered member of a parish.
Marriage: By appointment, six months prior to marriage. Parish Priest will preside.

Sick Calls
Contact the Parish Office if there is anyone at home who cannot attend Mass and receive the Sacraments because of illness or age. Also contact us when you or a friend go into the hospital, often we are not notified. E-mail prayer chain at divinem@diodav.org

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The process for adults and children to be welcomed into our faith community through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist takes place throughout the year. Please call 752-6733 for more information.

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

3 years ago I preached on a Nike ad that was very controversial. It had the tagline: “Believe in something. Even if it means sacrificing everything. Just do it.” Politics aside, I think that is a good thought for us as we enter into the Season of Lent.

Jesus invites us to turn our heart back to Him. As the Gospel for today says: “The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Do I truly believe that message is for me? And what do I have to sacrifice in my own life to do it?

Jesus sacrificed Himself on the Cross because He loves us so much. Will my Lenten journey this year be a journey of love?

Pope Francis said something very powerful last Sunday: “Each of us might experience wounds, failure, suffering, selfishness that make us close ourselves off from God and others. In the face of all this, Jesus draws near with compassion and touches our life to heal it.” That’s part of our journey this Lent. May Jesus heal us with a love beyond measure, beyond our hopes and dreams, beyond anything we deserve.

Once again this Lent, we are trying to keep things simple, live and livestream, and keeping everyone connected. My hope is that once many have been vaccinated, we will find a new norm soon. I am grateful for those who come and for the many who stay connected online. This is a year that we will not forget. My hope is that it has made us stronger.

Wishing you a great and blessed 1st week of Lent! Please know of my prayers for you!

F. Marty

WISDOM OF POPE FRANCIS: “Lent is a time of grace, a time for recognizing that our lowly ashes are loved by God and for letting God gaze upon us with love, and in this way change our lives. We were put in this world to go from ashes to life”

VOCATIONAL NEWS: 1st Sunday of Lent As we begin this Lenten season we are reminded of the everlasting covenant God made with us. Renew the promise you made with God. Believe in the Good News! (Psalm 25).

We continue to pray for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic:

God of all consolation,
your Son calmed the wind and rain,
and healed the sick of mind and body.

Through your fatherly care,
grant us your protection from illness
and help us to stand firm in the midst of danger.

Grant your healing to those who are ill
and bring this time of sickness to a swift end.

Guide us, that we might show your compassion, and live your justice:
ever losing hope or seeking our own good at the expense of another.

Through Christ our Lord....
KEEP OUR OFFICE PERSONNEL SAFE:
During the pandemic:
Please call before you visit the office
so we can practice important safe distancing guidelines.
Wear a face covering when coming into the office!

You can contact us at 319-752-8711 or 319-752-6733. We are also happy to help if you have questions,
need assistance with errands, or would like to schedule an appointment with Fr. Marty or Fr. James.

_Station of the Cross_

**Friday Evenings at 5:30 PM**

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday Evenings of Lent at 5:30 PM at St. John Church. Let us unite our own particular crosses to Christ’s and follow Him.

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**Weekly Devotions:**

- **Monday – Friday:** Fr. Marty’s “Noontime Nuggets” @ 12 PM
- **Tuesday:** 5-5:50 PM – Adoration @ St. John Church
- **Wednesday:** 4 PM – Walking Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet – NEW TIME!
- **Thursday:** 4 PM – 2 Priests Driving Around in a Car

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4. **Do good works**
   - Help those in need. Pray for them and be ready to serve them in their time of need.

5. **Give alms**
   - Help the poor and support the good works of the Church. Give cheerfully to God who has given us everything we have.

6. **Abstain**
   - Give up meat or other desirable foods during Lent, especially on Friday, the day of Christ’s saving death on the cross.

7. **Do meditative reading**
   - Nourish your faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection. Prayerful reading of God’s word each day will open your heart to the Spirit, and let God’s thoughts and ways influence yours.

8. **Control desire for possessions**
   - Build up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. Cut down on material possessions, eliminate frills, lessen wants, share yourself – your time and your talents – with others.

9. **Control desire for entertainment**
   - Too much entertainment and other distractions can lead to less or no time for the works of the Lord.

10. **Carry out duties in life**
    - Serve God by living out your vocation in love each day. God is calling each of us to be a living sacrifice. Offer your daily life through Christ!

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_What do you know about Lent?_

**10 Ideas for a More Meaningful Lenten Season**

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WEEKLY DEVOTIONS: You can find them on the Divine Mercy Facebook Page!
LENT, 2021: 1st Week
"TURN YOUR LIFE BACK TO GOD"

“Lord, have mercy on me! I make no effort to conceal my wounds. You are my physician, I your patient. You are merciful; I stand in need of mercy.” — St. Augustine

- **Monday**: We pray for the honesty to look into our hearts and see where I need to turn my heart back to God

- **Tuesday**: We pray for the grace to be attentive to the Word of God

- **Wednesday**: We pray for the grace spiritual sight

- **Thursday**: We pray for the grace to persevere in our prayer

- **Friday**: We pray for the strength to fast from those things that keep my heart from God

- **Saturday**: We pray for the grace to go deeper in love

- **Sunday**: We pray for the grace to listen to Jesus

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  For those between the ages of 18-59

- The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years of age or older.
  If members of the Faithful are unable to observe the fast and abstinence regulations because of ill health or other reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of penance and self-denial suitable to their condition

- Ignoring the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious matter

HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.
Dear Notre Dame Supporters,

Congratulations to Notre Dame’s Speech and Debate Team on a busy and successful season thus far. In January, the debaters took part in the virtual state debate tournament sponsored by the Iowa High School Speech Association.

They debated teams from across all of Iowa. Following that contest, ND students competed in district and state large group speech contests, both of which were in person events. At the state contest, four of the five groups earned straight “I” ratings. They are now preparing for individual events competition which will take place later in February. Good job, Nike speakers.

Our Music Program has also been successful. Notre Dame Jazz Ensemble went to the State Jazz Choir contest at Assumption High School Monday Feb. 8th and received a Division 1 superior rating from all three judges.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and their teachers.

Bill Maupin
Youth News

Thank you all for your generous donations to The SOUPER BOWL OF CARING. We collected $559 at just 3 Masses!! All $$ was given to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry right here in Burlington. St. Mary in Dodgeville collected $156 which will be given to the Mediapolis Food Pantry.

This Lent, journey with other teens across the nation and experience LENT: One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens. As a Young Church, we will be meeting on Wednesday nights during Lent to discuss our week and get inspiration from the authors, Katie Prejean McGrady & Tommy McGrady, via ZOOM. Our 1st meeting will be Wednesday, February 24th @ 7 pm. If you enjoy reading a book via kindle, tablet, or phone, amazon has this version for just 87 cents!!! Books are also available through the youth ministry office. Please email burldivinemym@diodav.org or text 319-850-1404 for a copy of LENT: One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens and or the ZOOM link.

St. Mary-Dodgeville

St. Mary Dodgeville
“Sermon on the Amount”
February 14th

Envelopes $1,840.00
Offertory $83.00
Electronic Giving $555.00
Total Regular Income $8,599.00
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St. Vincent de Paul $1,141.00
Catholic Messenger $554.00
Dio Cathedral $251.00
Churches of Eastern Europe $168.00
Catholic Relief $5.00

Thank you so much for your support during this time!

Thanks to Dan Schulte volunteering to clean the sidewalks this past week!

Mass will now be celebrated in St. Mary’s Church (with very limited seating) and live-streamed into the Parish Hall starting at 9:30 AM. Please consult the Des Moines County website (www.dmcountycatholic.org) or St. Mary’s Dodgeville Facebook page for sign-up information.

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**Daily Mass Schedule**

**Monday**  
8:00 a.m.  St. John Church

**Tuesday**  
6:00 p.m.  St. John Church

**Wednesday**  
8:00 a.m.  St. John Church

**Thursday**  
8:00 a.m.  St. John Church

**Friday**  
8:00 a.m.  St. John Church

**Adoration**  
Tuesday 5:00 – 5:50 p.m.  St. John Church

**Stations of the Cross**  
Fridays 5:30 p.m.  St John Church  
(5:00 pm Sorrowful Mother Rosary)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Thursday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  St. Paul  
Saturday 10 a.m.-12:00 noon  St. Paul

**Fasting and Abstinence**

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Fish Fry-Days

Fridays of Lent
February 19 to March 26

Serving 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Ss Mary & Patrick Church Hall
Carry Out ONLY

Catfish & Shrimp Dinners

Full meal $10.00 • Half meal $5.00

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The Lenten Season

ACROSS
4 How Jesus died
6 Lent’s meaning is connected to this earthly season.
8 To give up food
9 Jesus’ death opened the gates to ___________ for us.
12 Stations of the ___________.
13 The word that recalls the suffering death of Jesus.
14 Fourth Sunday of lent
15 Jesus was ___________ unto death.
18 Number of stations presented in the passion.
20 Jesus died because he ___________ us.
21 The day of the week the priesthood was instituted.

DOWN
1 Sacrament that restores sanctifying grace within us.
2 Another name for the sacrament of penance.
3 A way to celebrate lent
5 Number of days in the lent
6 Jesus died to ___________ us from our sins.
7 The last supper was the celebration of the first ___________.
10 The word that describes the Friday that Jesus died
11 It’s placed on our forehead to remind us of our mortality at the beginning of lent
16 Lent prepares us for ___________.
17 The week leading up to Jesus’ death
19 The Wednesday event that marks beginning of lent