



2016 ST. MARY PARISH LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 10 - 8:30 am **MASS** (*with imposition of ashes*)

1:30 pm Communion Service at Maplewood (*with imposition of ashes*)

7:00 pm **MASS** (*with imposition of ashes*)

Fridays, February 12, 19 & 26, March 4, 11, & 18 – 7 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**On March 11 Bishop Paul Bradley will be here for Stations of the Cross*

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

ST. JOHN PARISH, ALBION

Sunday, March 6 - 3:00 – 4:00 pm – Adoration and Confession

CONFESSIONS every Saturday at 3:30 – 4:15 pm – St. Mary Church, Marshall

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY – THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 19 - 5:00 pm **MASS**

Sunday, March 20 - 9:00 am **MASS** & 11:00 am **MASS**

MASS OF CHRISM – ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL

Tuesday, March 22 - 6:00 pm **MASS** (KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN)

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY – MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Thursday, March 24 – 7:00 pm MASS The Church will remain open until midnight for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. *The presence of multiple adorers is highly encouraged.* Night Prayer will begin at 11:45 pm followed by Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Sacristy Tabernacle.

GOOD FRIDAY – A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Friday, March 25 – 3:00 pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

The Church will be open from noon until 3 pm for private prayer.

THE BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS AND EASTER

FOODS – Saturday, March 26 – 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall

HOLY SATURDAY – THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday, March 26 – 8:30 pm MASS

EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday, March 27 – 9:00 am MASS & 11:00 am MASS

Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence

All members of the Christian faithful in their own way are bound to do penance in virtue of divine law; in order that all may be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in which the Christian faithful in a special way pray, exercise works of piety and charity and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence according to the norms of Canon Law (1983 Code of Canon Law: Canon 1249).

- On **Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016**, and **Good Friday, March 25, 2016**, both abstinence and fast are to be observed (Canon 1251).
- **All Fridays of Lent** are penitential days throughout the universal Church, in which abstinence from eating meat is to be observed (Canon 1250).

The Obligation of Fast and Abstinence: All persons 14 and over are bound by the law of abstinence. All persons over age 18 are bound by the law of fast up to age 59. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that children who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance (Canon 1251).

Holy Eucharist: *All the faithful, after they have received their First Communion, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.* This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season (from the first Sunday of Lent through Trinity Sunday in the United States), unless it is fulfilled for a just cause at some other time during the year (Canon 920). The satisfaction of the Eucharistic precept outside this period requires a just cause, such as an illness, but it may be satisfied within the space of one year.

Note: When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law of fast and abstinence does not oblige, but in the spirit of penance should still be implemented as much as possible in the particular situation. If you are in doubt concerning fast or abstinence, consult a parish priest or confessor.