

St. Mary of the Presentation Church Chesterville

St. Daniel the Martyr Church South Mountain



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Chesterville*

Established: 1851



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Confessions are available 30 minutes before each regular daily and Weekend mass and by appointment.

First Communion/Confirmation: Enrollment of the candidates is on the week after Labor Day.

Pastoral Visits: Regular pastoral visits are available on request. For visitation of hospitalized or shut-in parishioners, please call the Parish office.

Funeral Service: Please contact the Priest

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (St. Mary's)
Sunday 8:30 a.m. (St. Daniel's)
Sunday 10:30 a.m. (St. Mary's)

Daily Liturgy

Please refer to the bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour

Fridays 8:00am at St. Mary's

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements with the pastor should be made at least 6 months in advance. A marriage preparation course is required..

Contact

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Parish Administrator: Father Oliver Wekesa

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| Office Hours: | Tuesday | 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. |
| (Appointment preferred) | Wednesday | 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. |
| | Thursday | 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. |
| | Friday | 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. |

Bookkeeper: **Brenda Sliva** (Leave message at the office. Your call will be returned.)

Secretary : **Cindy Morgan** (Thursdays 9.30 am-12.30 pm)

**March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B
Mass Schedule**

| Day | Date | Time | Place | Intention | Requested by |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---|----------------------------|
| Sat. | Mar. 16 | 5:00 pm | St. Mary | John and Adriana Spruit | The Spruit Family |
| Sun. | Mar. 17 | 8:30 am | St. Daniel | In gratitude for the St. Daniel's Choir | Parishioners of St. Daniel |
| | | 10:30 am | St. Mary | For the People | |
| Tues. | Mar. 19 | 6:00 pm | St. Mary | Aileen and James O'Neill | The Estate |
| Wed. | Mar. 20 | 9:00 am | St. Mary | Aevon and Doris Whalen | Daniel Whalen |
| | | 6:30pm | St. Daniel | Stations of the Cross | |
| | | 7:00 pm | St. Daniel | A Special Intention | Ed and Chris DiZazzo |
| Thurs. | Mar. 21 | 9:30am | St. Mary | Irene vanDelst | Cory vanDelst and family |
| Fri. | Mar. 22 | 8:00 am | St. Mary | Adoration | |
| | | 9:00 am | St. Mary | Sheila O'Connor | Janice Carkner |
| | | 11:00am | Garden Villa | Patricia Dwyer | Josephine Furlong |
| | | 7:00pm | St. Mary | Stations of the Cross | |
| Sat. | Mar. 23 | 5:00pm | St. Mary | For the People | |
| Sun. | Mar. 24 | 8:30am | St. Daniel | In Memory of Leona and Gordon MacDonald | Ed and Chris DiZazzo |
| | | 10:30am | St. Mary | Repose of the Soul of Alex MacDonald | Mark & Carolyn vanDelst |

Sanctuary Lamp:

In Memory of Bert and Theresa Moore and Joy and Jim Sage by Beth and Gary Winters

If you wish to sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp for **one week** the cost is \$10.00*

Offertory Collection: Third Sunday of Lent, Year B (March 3, 2024)

St. Mary's Regular: \$1011.90; Building Fund: \$152.00;

Easter Flowers: \$60.00; Archdiocesan Lenten Collection: \$90.00

St. Daniel's Regular: \$590.00; Easter Flowers: \$5.00

St. Mary's Cemetery \$50.00 **St. Daniel's** Cemetery : \$0.00

St. Mary's/St. Daniel's Mass Account: \$20.00;

E-transfer:

St. Mary's: stmaryofpresentationpayments@gmail.com

St. Daniel's: stdanielparishpayments@gmail.com.

Announcements

- 1. St. Mary School Choir** On March 23, 2024 we are pleased to welcome the children of the St. Mary School Choir as they will be leading the singing at the 5:00pm Mass.
- 2. Parents Mass** St. Mary's will host another Parent Mass on March 21, 2024 at 9:30am. All parents are welcome to join us for Mass after they deliver their children to school. Following Mass there will be a coffee time in the parish hall. Please note change in Mass time.
- 3. The Washing of the Feet** Thank you to those who have already volunteered to participate in the Washing of the Feet during the Mass on Holy Thursday, if you are willing to participate, please sign the sheet at the back of the church. Thank you.
- 4. Holy Triduum Mass Schedule** (March 28-31, 2024) Holy Thursday -7:00pm (St. Mary's). Good Friday Mass - 3:00pm at St. Mary's and 6:00pm at St. Daniel's. The Easter Vigil - Saturday at 8:00pm (St. Mary) and Easter Morning celebrations will follow our regular Mass Times. The Knights of Columbus will be supporting Holy Adoration after the Holy Thursday Mass. Please sign-up.
- 5. Rectory Repairs** The rectory is in need of many repairs including replacing the roof. Thankfully, we were able to use the Building Fund to finance these repairs. Unfortunately, this has significantly depleted the Building Fund. We ask that you consider helping to replenish this fund by making a donation. There are envelopes at the back of the church labelled "Building Fund". Please place your donation in this envelope and add it to the collection.
- 6. Parish Hall Cleaning Bee** A HUGE thank you to all who helped on Tuesday. The Church Hall is sparkling clean!
- 7. St. Daniel's St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck** Everyone is Irish on March 17th, so please join us on Sunday, March 17th for our St. Patrick's Day potluck supper at St. Daniel's Church Hall. Dessert is provided. All we need is main courses, large or small. Social time will be at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00pm.
- 8. Lenten Faith Sessions - Week Six *New** The Fr. Mike Schmitz videos we'll review on March 16, 2024 and March 19, 2024 are: (1)When Lent Gets Inconvenient; and (2) God, What's Your Plan for My Live
- 9. Stations of the Cross** The stations continue on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at St. Daniel and Fridays at 7:00 at St. Mary's. Please join us in the St. Mary Parish Hall every Friday where we will enjoy poverty soup and fellowship. *New The St. Daniel's PPC welcomes everyone to join us on Wed. March 27th after the last Lenten Stations and Mass for our poverty soup and fellowship.
- 10. Lenten Reconciliation** Reconciliation Services along with the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St. Mary's on March 19, 2024 from 5:00-6:00pm followed by Mass. St. Daniels Reconciliation Services will be held on March 20, 2024 from **5:30 to 6:30pm**. Followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm and Mass at 7:00pm.
- 11. Next Special Offering** Please keep in mind that the next special offering is March 17th and it is dedicated to the Archdiocesan Lenten Collection (the Envelopes say Development and Peace but in fact will be directed to the Archdiocesan Collection). Please read the letter from the Archbishop about Lenten Almsgiving and the this Collection.
- 12. Sacramental Preparation.** The next Confirmation Meeting is March 24th. The next First Communion meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2024 following Mass. Reconciliation for First Communion Students will be Sunday, May 5, 2024 following 10:30am Mass.

Reflection

5th Sunday of Lent John 12.20-33

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” (John 12. 24).

According to the verse above, everyone will experience new life because of Jesus' death. It is symbolic that Jesus will die and be buried as a single grain, and since he was faithful to the very end, he will become the source of life for many. God created us and commanded us to bear fruit, but we cannot fulfill this task if we cling to the outside world and our outdated customs.

Strangely, the more we cherish and love our life here on Earth, the more we forfeit it for the next, which is a far greater loss.

In addition, Jesus suggests that we ought to die in our sins. But how do our sins perish? Because God pardons us when we ask for forgiveness. Our sins were also taken on by Jesus when he died on the cross. All that really means is that we must die, let go, and give up anything that prevents us from having more freedom to follow Jesus. Conversely, we also experience new life when we die to ourselves. But does it all seem simple enough? That isn't! The seed must fall to the earth before it can die, and it hurts to fall.

Someone in your family may be suffering from a very serious illness, or you yourself may be. Particularly in current times, you might have lost a significant portion of your funds or perhaps you are scared about losing your work. It's a horrible situation to be in. Furthermore, feeling unhappy, angry, or bewildered is normal. However, there might be a chance to encounter fresh life and a fresh relationship with God in all these difficult circumstances. I'm not suggesting that these terrible things are God's will or that you should accept or like them. However, we ought to pray for grace to make sense of them if they do occur. We should allow the wheat grains to die in these trying and painful events so that you might experience fresh life. Sometimes it's hard to let go of the aspects of your life that are keeping you down and uncomfortable. But there's always, always new life when that seed dies.



Sunday Smile

Dear Heavenly Father,

So far, today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped or lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty or self-centered. I'm really happy about that so far. But, in a few minutes I'm going to be getting out of bed and then I'm going to need a lot of help. Thank you!

Amen