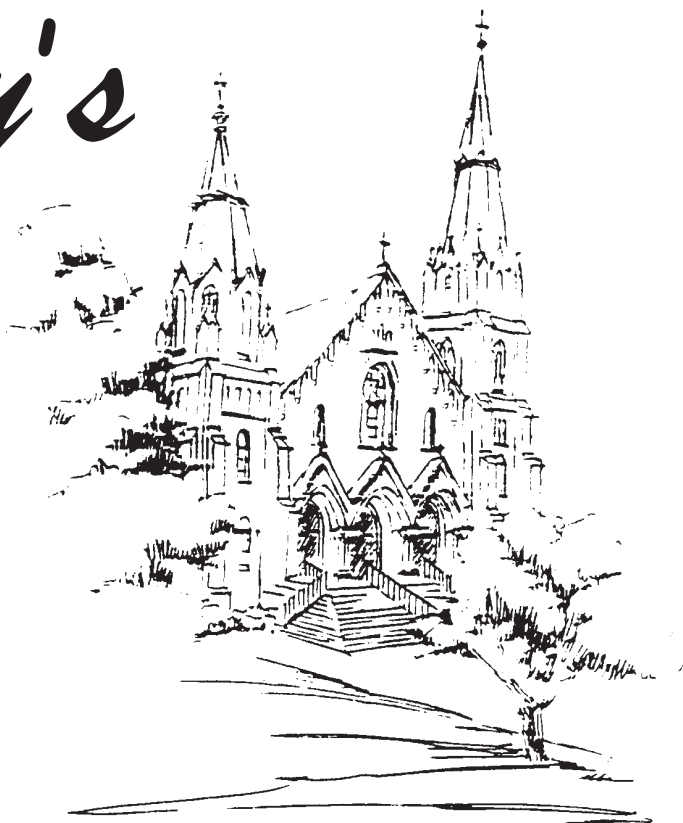


# St. Mary's Parish

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**Eucharistic Liturgies**

**Weekend Mass**                      Saturday Vigil 5:15 PM  
   Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM  
**Weekday Mass**                      Wednesday – Friday 7:00 AM  
   Saturday 8:00 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 PM

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please call the parish office to make arrangements. Baptisms normally take place on the first and third Sundays at 11:30 AM.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Couples planning to be married are asked to schedule an appointment with Fr. Croghan at least 6 months before the desired date. Wedding dates cannot be scheduled over the phone. One of the parties being married and/or their parents must be registered members of St. Mary's (Pre-marriage instruction is required).

**Prayer Line**

If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

**New Parishioners**

Welcome! Please introduce yourself after Mass. We invite you to become an active member of our parish community. Please call the parish office to register.

**Bulletin Deadline**

All announcements for the bulletin should be in writing and submitted to the parish office by Monday noon.



**Saturday, March 26 - Vigil Mass**

5:15 PM Eric Wiedmer by His Family

**Sunday, March 27 - 3rd Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM Robert A. Burns (2nd) by His Family

10:30 AM Beulah Granville by daughter Doris & Family

**Monday, March 28**

12:15 PM Communion Service

**Tuesday, March 29**

12:16 PM Communion Service

**Wednesday, March 30**

7:00 AM All Souls Intention

**Thursday, March 31**

7:00 AM Bob Jones by the Helmer Family

**Friday, April 1**

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

**Saturday, April 2**

8:00 AM John J. Croghan by His Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass James Benson by Vinny Vangura

**Sunday, April 3 - 4th Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM Mary Spellman by Her Family

10:30 AM Mary Harrigan by Her Family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, HOSPITALIZED,  
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**Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 4-2**

Carol Byrne & Amy Franz

# Dear Padre

## What are scrutinies?

My future sister-in-law is converting to Catholicism, and last week she was talking about something called scrutinies. I've been Catholic all my life and never heard of them, but I was too embarrassed to admit it. What are they?

Cheryl

Dear Cheryl,

*Scrutinies* are three processes candidates in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program undergo at the beginning of Lent. However, scrutinies aren't limited to the elect; they're for all faithful Catholics.

The three scrutinies are 1) conversion of self, 2) repentance of heart, and 3) spiritual purpose of action. In the first, the Bible story of the Samaritan woman helps us see it is possible to seek forgiveness of God. In the second scrutiny, the story of the man born blind helps us see we should place our faith in Jesus. In the final and third scrutiny, the story of Lazarus; death and resurrection helps us see the love God always has for us.

These are two types of conversions. One is the kind your future sister-in-law is going through as we welcome her to the Catholic Church. The second type is for all faithful Catholics. Here, *conversion* means to enter more deeply into a life of faith as we live the sacramental life of the Church. This is seen most clearly through the sacraments of Eucharist and penance.

We and our brother and sister elect are called to scrutinize our lives, pray to overcome the things that turn our hearts away from God, and ask for the grace to be saved and loved.

Tuan Anh Pham, CSSR

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## Liturgical Ministers

Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (4/2)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (4/2)	J.P. Wade, Kate Schlosser & Mark Novak	Joyce Bojdak	Host - Pearl Gapp & Barb Bohrer Cup - Colleen Kannianen, Barb Blatz, Ann Wilkinson & Annette Foley
8:00 AM (4/3)	Jack, Addie & Georgia Zoller	Anna Berney	Host - Tina & Joe Lallier Cup - Mike Howard, Carole Byrne, Jack McNamara & Ed Kaido
10:30 AM (4/3)	Grace Collins, & Samantha Gaffney	Amy Lefevre	Host - Jane & Don Conniff Cup - Joanne Joseph, Ani Sojda, Manuel Teodoro & Maryalice Hogan

**Faith Formation**

Regular schedule of classes this week.  
High school students will meet this week through Sunday, April 10th.

A huge Thank You to all our families. You have been so generous in our Lenten Outreach to help stock the Country Pantry shelves. This week children are asked to bring jelly, jello or pudding.

The crosses on the altar rail are the work of students in Grades 1-8. We are working very hard during this season of Lent to be more like Jesus in our thoughts, words and actions.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children**

Your children, grades K-5, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday. Next session April 10.

**Country Pantry Easter Baskets**

We need your help in providing Easter baskets for our children and elderly.

Select an egg - Fill a basket for the person listed - Return the basket with egg attached to Mary's Altar on or before Sunday, April 10th - Sign sheet on Altar Rail.

Please return on time as we have to sort and package for distribution to the families.

Thank you and God bless!



**Parish Retreat**

Thank you to all who participated in or helped with the parish retreat last week. A major "thanks" goes to our music Director, Valerie Wright, who added so much to all of our services. If anyone would like to send Father Karlen a note of appreciation, his address is:

Rev. Donald H. Karlen  
10399 N. Steuben Road  
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**Happenings During Lent**

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday of Lent, (7 PM) we gather in Church for a time of prayer and meditation on the Stations of the Cross.

Living Stations of the Cross - Notre Dame High School students will once again present Living Stations of the Cross on April 8.

Communion Service - 12:15 PM, Mondays and Tuesdays, of Lent, Sister Johanne will conduct a Communion Service.

**Collection for Last Weekend**

Ordinary Collection .....	\$5,349.00
Easter.....	20.00
Faith Formation.....	123.00
School Assessment.....	63.00
Country Pantry .....	50.00
Memorial Fund.....	29.00
Diocesan Collections.....	105.00
Easter Flowers.....	25.00
Catholic Sun.....	160.00

**Second Collection Next Weekend**

The annual Catholic Relief Services collection will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Thank you for your generosity to this much needed appeal.

**2010 Tax Statement**

For a statement of your 2010 donations for tax purposes, please put a note on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the parish office at 853-2935, Monday - Friday, 10-3 PM.

**A Family Perspective**

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst."

**Notre Dame High School Scholarships**

The Christ Child Society of Utica is sponsoring a scholarship for two students entering ninth grade at Notre Dame High School in September 2011. Each scholarship provides \$500 per year for four years at Notre Dame. The scholarship is need and academic based. Applications are available in the parish office. The deadline for completed applications is April 15,

**Area Events**

4/3 - Notre Dame Elementary School Brunch & Basket "Egg"stravaganza at Roselawn Banquet House, New York Mills, 11 - 12:30 PM.

**Registration In Our Parish**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

- I am new in the parish & wish to register
- I am unsure if registered or not, please check
- I am previously registered and wish to receive envelopes.
- I moved to the above address.



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