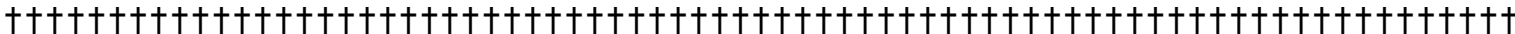




# The House of Mary Shrine

## March 2014



### Mass Schedule — Saturdays at 9:00 AM

#### Special Intentions

- March 1 — Right to Life/Religious Freedom
- March 8 — Herbert & Josephine Brunsing
- March 15 — Kevin Koenig
- March 22 — Dennis Duffic
- March 29 — ----
- April 5 — Al & Sara Nagy

*Rosary Prayed Before Mass on Saturdays*  
*Patriotic Rosary Prayed Sundays at 4:00 PM*

### The Holy Father's Intentions for March

**Respect for Women:** That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

**Vocations:** That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.

**NAME THAT SAINT—** a Bishop and Doctor of the Church, known for his gentleness and willingness to listen. He suffered much yet persevered and converted thousands. Royalty sought him as an orator. Much of his early evangelization was by leaving notes of the Faith at doorsteps because people wouldn't listen.

Post your answer by calling 668-9040 or online at [jewell@vyn.midco.net](mailto:jewell@vyn.midco.net) and win a rosary ring.

Learn more about the Saints by checking out books from our library, the gift shop, or online. Be sure to use CATHOLIC references.

### VOLUNTEERS Plan Ahead

We have need for many volunteers—individuals or groups. All summer or a one-time thing. Mowing, trimming, flower care, and gift shop are some of the priorities. Soon we will list other projects which need to be done at the bottom of the steps in the Chapel. Sign up for a project or give us a call to help when we have a project going or for more information, call 665-8616 or 668-9040

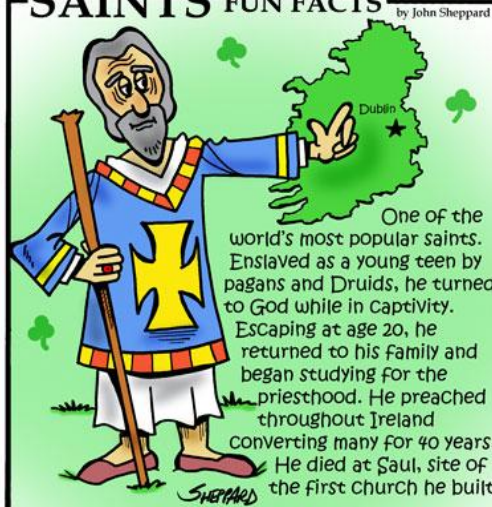
**Remember....work for the Lord pays very little, but the rewards are out of this world!!**

**RETREAT AT ST. BENEDICT'S**  
**Bill Wegner of Good News International**  
**March 16-19**



**Happy St. Patrick's Day**  
 Everyone's Irish on March 17... so let's put a little of St. Patrick's evangelization to work!

**SAINTS FUN FACTS** by John Sheppard



One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids, he turned to God while in captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.

St. Patrick

LENT is upon us—a second chance to make a resolution to improve our prayer life. Watch the Church bulletins for special services. Several pamphlets are in the basement for purchase. Our gift shop has many books to enhance your Catholic life.

*From St. Augustine: "Do you want your prayer to fly to God? Give it two wings: fasting and almsgiving."*

**JOIN FR. JOHN**  
**AS HE LEADS A**  
**MEN'S SILENT**  
**RETREAT**  
**MARCH 27-30**  
**AT BROOMTREE**  
**RETREAT CENTER.**

*Touch of Heaven*  
(Alan Ames Ministry)

**Holy Mass & Healing Service**

St. Katharine Drexel Church  
 1800 S. Katie Ave., Sioux Falls, SD  
 Thursday, March 20

*and*

St. Benedict Church  
 1500 St. Benedict Dr., Yankton, SD  
 Friday, March 21

**Rosary at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m.**  
 Alan's talk immediately after Mass followed by healing prayers.  
 Free will offering. For additional information contact Julie at (605) 254-3553.



Alan Ames  
www.alanames.org

Alan Ames has been speaking and praying for healing around the world since 1994. He has spoken in more than 40 countries and has books in 13 languages. In 2004 and again in 2006 with church approval, he spoke at two of the holiest sites in Christendom; the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth and St. Catherine, the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Alan shares his unique conversion experiences that caused a dramatic change in his life from a violent alcoholic to a man of the sacraments and prayer.



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### Light a Virtual Candle

Four things to know about your candle on Catholic Online:

1. Your candle will serve as a symbol of your sincere and prayerful intentions.
2. Our prayer community will join you in prayer, multiplying the voices in petition with you.
3. Your candle can be shared with friends and family, if you wish.
4. These candles are perfect for loved ones, as memorials, and for those in need who are far away.

[Light Your Own Candle](#)

### The French History of April Fools Day

Blame Pope Gregory XIII and a calendar if you find yourself the target of an April Fools joke. Until the 1500s, the Julian calendar was used to mark the days. The first day of the year began around March 25<sup>th</sup> on the Julian calendar. This date coincided with beginnings of spring and annual spring celebrations of light returning to the Earth. France adopted the new Gregorian calendar in 1582, which made the first day of the New Year January 1st. The story goes that peasants in the outlying rural areas had no knowledge of the change. Others refused to accept the new-fangled calendar. New Year's week, March 25<sup>th</sup> to April first continued to be celebrated. The sophisticated Frenchmen dubbed their ignorant compatriots, "fools."

The "fools" were sent bogus invitations to non-existent New Year's celebrations on April 1st. The "fools" became known as "poisson d'Avril" translated to April fish. Why fish? Young fish lack the experience to escape the hook. A favorite hoax was to attach a paper fish to the back of someone without his or her knowledge. The practice of playing jokes on others on April 1<sup>st</sup> spread to the rest of Europe.

### "Perpetual Care" Account

**The House of Mary Shrine has a "Perpetual Care" account.** The interest generated by this account is used for maintenance required at the Shrine. Any interest generated in excess of maintenance needs is added to the account balance. **The goal is to have the balance available "forever" for Shrine maintenance.** A review was undertaken to evaluate alternatives on where to invest these funds. The best alternative identified was a donor advised fund **administrated by the Yankton Catholic Community (YCC) Foundation Office.** The YCC Foundation has a conservative mutual fund investment option that historically has generated good consistent earnings.

The account balance has been moved to the YCC Foundation and placed in a "House of Mary Shrine Perpetual Care" account. With this investment we anticipate additional earnings that should help grow the balance.

**Deductible donations can be made to "House of Mary Shrine Perpetual Care" account** either at the Shrine or directly at the YCC Foundation office. Just identify that the donation is for the **"House of Mary Shrine Perpetual Care" account** and it will be added to the account balance. This is an interesting concept for a donation. **The donation will effectively last "forever"!**