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Calendars: We have 2025 Catholic calendars in the back of the church. Every Catholic home should have a Catholic calendar.

2025 Envelopes: If you haven't done so already, please pick up your 2025 envelopes from the back of the church (even if you do online giving). Children envelopes are also there to be picked up.

FORMED: The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist | The Bible and Baptism | Dr. John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, sits down with Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, to discuss Fr. Isaac's book *The Bible and Baptism: The Fountain of Salvation* (Baker Academic). This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist. **Sign up for FORMED today! www.formed.org, pick "sign up as a parishioner", enter 52361 as the zip code, St. Mary coordinates the subscription, so pick St. Mary, then enter your name and email address.**

Mardi Gras Celebration: March 1st, we will be having the St. Patrick Mardi Gras Dinner and kid's parade. Homemade gumbo, crawfish etouffee, pasta jambalaya, red beans & rice, chicken & dumplings and Kings Cake! Dinner at 5:00, kids' parade at 6:00. Free Will Donation

Change in Mass times: Please note on the weekend of March 1st and 2nd, we will have Mass at St. Patrick on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm. We will not have a Sunday morning Mass. St. Bridget will have both an 8:30 am Mass and a 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, March 2.

Parish Center Roof: We are sure that you are all aware that our Parish Center roof has deteriorated to the point of leaking. Two and a half years ago we had a temporary fix applied which did not last as long as we had hoped.

The parish council has spent the last few months soliciting bids to replace the roof within the next year. We received bids from 4 contractors; ranging from \$25,000 to over \$300,000. As you may guess, the products suggested were vastly different.

Three of the bidders had a representative attend our meetings to advise us of their approach and the advantages of their products. After considering all the pros and cons, we, as a group, unanimously decided on one company which we felt met our needs in the most cost-effective way. This contractor will remove all existing coatings, check the structure for damages, remove the shake shingles on the mansard portion, install a new membrane, provide, and install new material for the mansard portion, and repair the soffit where necessary. We will have a 20-year manufacturer's warranty on the new membrane.

The quoted cost for the project will be about \$165,000. We have yet to choose the finishing product for the mansard portion, and thus, do not have a final figure, but have been assured that it will be at or below \$165,000.

We are asking you to consider a donation to our building fund within the next 3 months to assure we have the financing for this project. We hope to start the project in March or April. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact one of your council members or financial officers. Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Prayer Chain: St. Patrick Parish has a prayer chain with about 20 people who will pray for the sick and other concerns. To contact the prayer chain call Mert Goodrich at 319-642-3430 or Kathleen Hauser at 319-642-7255. Please leave a message if they do not answer.

Winter Cancellations: With winter upon us, Father may not always be able to make it from Victor to Marengo for Mass. Weekend Masses should be announced on the local TV Stations, week day Masses may not always be on TV. If you would like a text when Mass is cancelled on week days, please send a text to 319-361-7393 (Julie Howe) and I will do my best to notify you.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Feb 2	Food Bank Sunday
March 1	Mardi Gras 4:00 PM Mass
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March 5	Ash Wednesday
March 20	A & R Luncheon

Parish Staff		
Pastor	Rev. Scott Lemaster	319-647-2294
Coordinator of Religious Ed	Angie Carney	319-560-8476
Parish Secretary	Julie Howe	319-361-7393
Parish Council President	Theresa Ryan	319-642-7061
Altar & Rosary President	Julie Alexander	319-202-0542
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight	Jason Ritter	319-530-5581
Minister to the Homebound	Volunteer	
Prayer Chain Contacts	Mert Goodrich	319-642-3430
	Kathy Hauser	319-642-7255

January Birthdays

Karen Grout	Terry Baber	Jennifer Morrissey
Sarah Ritter	Kellie Ward	George Watson
Emma Shine	Derek Bral	Derek Miller
Jeana Quinlan	Doris Kurth	

Happy Birthday!

Our Facebook page is: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Marengo

<https://www.stpatrick-stbridget.org/>