



St. Mary, CAUSE OF Our Joy

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Joyful News

JULY 24, 2016 • 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure that you have heard this story before, however I think it's good to hear it again. One day this expert was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration I'm sure those students will never forget. After I share it with you, you'll never forget it either.

As this man stood in front of the group of high-powered over-achievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed mason jar and set it on a table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them,

one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks.

Then he smiled and asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was onto him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. And he reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good!" Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?" One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

What are the big rocks in your life that you have to fit in? Health? Job? Family? Faith? If we spend most of our time dealing with the smaller issues, we'll never get to the most important ones. The Gospel this weekend speaks to us about persistence in our prayer. Persistence and not panic.

Let's make sure we keep things in perspective.

God Bless.

Fr. Ken Mazur, PIME

Pastor



Parish Mission Statement

Our Parish Family, under the influence of the Gospel, strives to be bold and fearless disciples of Jesus Christ. We witness to our Catholic faith by living the Eucharist. We are the hands and feet of Christ in our service and in our joyful proclamation of the goodness of God.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Website: www.stmarycooj.org

Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday:
8:00am-Noon & 1:00pm-4:30pm
Friday: 8:00am-Noon

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am 10:00am 12 Noon

Weekday: Monday, Thursday & Friday: 8:30am
Wednesday: 12 Noon

Baptisms

For registered parishioners
Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents
Contact Our Parish Office for more information.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made by registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instruction and preparation.

Visitation to the Sick

The pastor, deacon & lay visitors are available to visit the sick of the parish upon request.

RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Call the Parish Office



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BAPTISM

Please call our Parish Office (425 4421) during regular business hours to make arrangements if you have a child to be baptized.

Parish Pastoral Council and Transition Team Members

Julie Callahan
Ann Schroeder
Debbie Marshall
Sharon McCarthy
Suzanne Price
Nancy Smith
Christopher Gieske
Rocco Krcatovich

George Rodriguez
Don Yokley
Doug Taylor
Doug Cyr
James Fredrickson
John Lister
Helene Lusa



NEW PARISH INFORMATION

We have new emails! Please make note of new contact information listed below.

We also invite you to keep up to date with information on all parish activities and groups at our new website at www.stmarycooj.org. Don't forget to join our new facebook page. You can visit it by going to www.facebook.com/StMaryCauseofOurJoy

PARISH STAFF DIRECTORY

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Ken Mazur, PIME, Pastor Pastor@stmarycooj.org
Fr. Joseph Plawecki, Priest in Residence
Rev. Mr. John Burke, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Jim Hensel, Deacon Emeritus

Children's Faith Formation

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF faithformation@stmarycooj.org

Music and Worship

Steve Reyes Director of Music & Liturgy
music@stmarycooj.org

Youth Ministry

Carol Nelius youthministry@stmarycooj.org
734-765-5525

Parish Administration

Mary Allsteadt	Secretary	} office@stmarycooj.org
Sandy Young	Secretary	
Peggy Fox	Secretary	
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Matt Andresen	Maintenance	

Knights of Columbus

Bob Schoenborn Grand Knight (GK15204@mikofc.org) 734-812-8734

Webmaster

Jeff Burden jeff@stmarycooj.org

Our Active Duty Service Members:

CMDR Theron R. Korsak, U.S. Navy; **CPT Joey Saunders**, U.S. Marines;
LCPL Dylan Serwatka USMC; **MSGT Terence Zelek**, U.S. Air Force; **MAJ Timothy Zelek**, U.S. Marines

Readings for Sunday, July 31

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
Resp. Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21



IN FORMATION

As I write I am just returned from my Motherhouse in Reading, PA. where Bernardine Franciscan Sisters from Brazil, Africa, Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico (and the USA) spent over a week in meetings in four languages. We chose our new Leadership Team including two Brazilians and hammered out a Vision Statement to carry us forward for five years. I am very tired but grateful for the outcome of our deliberations. Praise God!

I returned to a grand mess of boxes and boxes of materials from the other two sites. It will take some time to make order and find what we need.

One thing we do not need is any more religious articles. I took a box to PA to send with our missionary sisters to share. I still have sisters at home sorting them. Enough! When you have unwanted religious articles I suggest you stop them at the source. Write to the sender and ask that they not send you any more articles. After that you burn what can be burned and bury what can't be burned. I will not accept any more religious articles. I just cannot handle them. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The Sunday Missal order has been sent. Payment is not due until late October when they arrive. I will let you know the exact cost that will include S & H. Still a great saving in bulk and numbers were up considerably this year.

The Bottom Line Secretary: "I type by the biblical method." Deacon: "What's that?" Secretary: "The 'seek and you shall find' method."

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF



St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Vacation Bible School August 15 - 19, 2016

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Pre- K (ages 3 - 4) - Grade 6

Location: Social Halls and Parish Center

Theme: Jurassic Journey:

Discovering God's Everlasting Love

Registration Cost: \$20.00 per child.

(Families with three or more children are \$15.00 per child).

You may register at the parish office weekdays. Children will be given a CD with all of the VBS songs for them to take home on the last night of class.

Due to a donation from a parishioner: All t-shirts will be provided for children participating in VBS! Please provide the T-shirt size for your child at registration. For Example: Size 6 or Size 8. **Extra Bonus for parents:** The iron-on-logo will also be pressed on for you. Please remember to fill your registration form correctly so your child receives the proper color. Shirts can be ready for pick up the first night of Vacation Bible School and we ask that your child wear them each evening.

Please see the T-shirt colors for your child T-Shirt colors:

Pre-K = Green;

Kindergarten= Purple;

Grades 1 & 2 = Yellow;

Grades 3&4 = Royal Blue;

Grades 5&6 = Orange

Any questions, please contact Carol Nelius at

734 765 5525 or email at youthministry@stmarycooj.org.



Your Weekly Offertory Donation

Please remember to make your checks payable to **St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy** when making your weekly offertory donation.

Members from St. Theodore and St Damian previously received their envelopes monthly from OSV. The parish name change will take affect on your envelopes beginning with the September envelopes. The **YELLOW** envelope will be designated for the special collections for that month.

Members from Divine Savior Parish should continue to use the white envelopes you received at the beginning of the year until you receive your envelopes beginning in September from OSV.

Please note that everyone's envelope number will be changed once the Parish Soft merger is complete. We thank you for your patience, help, and support during this transition time.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROJECT FOR JULY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

During the month of July we will be collecting donations of NEW (no used items please) school supplies to benefit the Westland Goodfellows' Annual Backpack Drive. This year they are out of almost everything, including backpacks. Please bring your donations to the weekend Mass and place in the specially marked plastic bins located in the gathering space. Monetary donations of cash or checks (made payable to The Family Resource Center), in lieu of school supplies, will also be appreciated.

Last year some 200 + Goodfellow families were beneficiaries of backpacks filled with your donated school supplies provided through the Wayne-Westland Schools Family Resource Center at Adams Upper Elementary School.



Council #15204
Westland

Catholic and Proud!

Sunday July 31
11:30 am (Before the Noon Mass)
Fifth Sunday Rosary

The Knights will be leading a Fifth Sunday Rosary promptly at 11:30 am before the Noon mass on Sunday, July 31. All parishioners are encouraged to come a few minutes early to participate in this communal devotion as we prepare ourselves for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If you have been shy about starting this devotion, the Knights will help you along and give you a FREE rosary. St Mary, Cause of Our Joy: Pray for us!

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy BUS TRIPS...

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

A Day in the D

Tues, Aug 23rd 7:45am – 4:00pm
\$72 due by Aug 9th

Harvest Adventure

Thurs, Sept 22nd 8:30am – 4:30pm
\$74 due by Sept 8th

Frankenmuth

Mon, Oct 17th 8:00am – 6:00pm
\$62 due by Oct 30th

Firekeepers Casino

Wed, Nov 2nd 9:15am – 5:45pm
\$36 due by Oct. 19th

The bus trips are open to everyone. Please call me 734-525-3737 for more details and reservations. Copies of the Flyers can also be obtained at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Make checks payable to **Bianco** and mail to me at 8843 Linville, Livonia, MI 48150.

Maryann Sligay



The Jubilee Year of Mercy With Pope Francis **I Always Remember Her**

We have received the faith from our fathers, from our ancestors, and they have instructed us in it.... I always remember the face of the nun who taught me the catechism, but she always comes to mind—she is in heaven for sure, because she was a holy woman—I always remember her and give thanks to God for this sister. Or it could be the face of the parish priest, of another priest, or a sister or a catechist, who transmitted the contents of the faith to us and helped us to grow as Christians.

- General Audience, June 25, 2014

Reflection: One of the spiritual works of mercy is to instruct the ignorant. Teaching someone else the faith is one of the greatest opportunities that we have as Christians. Even if you aren't an expert, you still have a great gift to share. Be someone who is remembered years down the road because of your willingness to share your faith with others.

GREETERS NEEDED

Thank you to those who have already offered to help with this important ministry. We are still seeking additional friendly welcoming individuals to greet our parishioners as they come to Mass. Please consider being that familiar face that all of our parishioners will be happy to see as they enter our new parish. Please call Carole at 734-377-5575 if you can help.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

At St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Please donate your time at our Westland SVDP Thrift Store located on Wayne Road and Hunter. For every hour you volunteer to work, St. Theodore/St. Damian SVDP conference will receive \$10 in debit cards so our SVDP clients can "purchase" much needed clothing and small furniture items.

Handicapped Parking Spaces

Please note that when you park for Mass (especially at the 4:30pm Mass) that there are areas specially marked for Handicapped Parking only. Please make sure that you are not in one of these designated spaces when attending Mass at our Parish. Thank you for your help in this matter.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION Fridays

9:00am to 3:00pm
In our Chapel in Church



*Heavenly Father, welcome Home
those whom you have called from this
world especially*

Monsignor George Browne

*and all the souls of our faithful departed.
May they rest in peace. Amen*



(Left to right-Tony Quillen, Courtney Winn, Kristen Mason, Charlie Russel, Tori White, Elizabeth Reinke, Mary Russel)

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

We pray for our
World Youth Day Pilgrims
on their upcoming journey
to Poland

July 22 to August 5.

Our young people will also visit
Austria and Hungary for a once in
lifetime experience.

PRAYER FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 IN KRAKOW

“God, merciful father,
in your son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love
and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
we entrust to you today the destiny of the world and of every man and woman.’
We entrust to you in a special way
young people of every language, people and nation:
guide and protect them as they walk the complex paths of the world today
and give them the grace to reap abundant fruits
from their experience of the Krakow World Youth Day.
Heavenly Father,
grant that we may bear witness to your mercy.
Teach us how to convey the faith to those in doubt,
hope to those who are discouraged,
love to those who feel indifferent,
forgiveness to those who have done wrong
and joy to those who are unhappy.
Allow the spark of merciful love that you have en-kindled within us
become a fire that can transform hearts and renew the face of the earth.
Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.
St. John Paul II, pray for us.

RCIA: WHAT IS RCIA?

RCIA is a special program structured around adult learning and conversion practices, which are quite different from what you experienced in school. The year focuses on:

Your individual steps of conversion and commitment

- * Building community with other individuals, the RCIA class, and the parish
- * Conveying knowledge about the teachings of the Church.
- * Small group and large group discussions to examine the personal implications of this knowledge.
- * Prayer and meditation in a number of forms
- * Getting involved in giving to the community.
- * Field trip to Father Solanus Monastery.

Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? Have you completed all the Sacraments of initiation? Are you interested in a refresher course? Would you like to journey with someone interested in becoming Catholic? Would you like to be a sponsor for someone becoming Catholic?

SHARING If you can answer yes to any of the above questions, please give the Parish Office a call at 425-4421.

Thank You

We would like to thank all the parishioners who donated non-perishable food, paper products and cleaning supplies in our “*Red Wagon*” found in our gathering space in Church. One hundred eleven pounds was recorded on July 13th in our name which was dropped by our parishioners, **Jim DeVitis and Dan Stachow**.

Also taken that day were the children’s socks and underwear collected through our June Christian Service project for St. Mary’s Outreach Center clothing bank and at the Homeless Shelter off Michigan Avenue.

Again, God bless you all for your generosity in helping the less fortunate in our community.

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS



More Historical Perspective!

“What happened to the 56 Americans who pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor when signing the Declaration of Independence? Nine signers died of wounds during the Revolutionary War. Five were captured or imprisoned. Wives and children were killed, jailed, mistreated or left penniless. Twelve signers’ houses were burned to the ground and seventeen lost everything they owned. No signers defected-their honor, like their nation remained intact.”—*Author Unknown*.

Be sure to pick up LIFESPAN’s July Newsletter. It contains the responses to our candidate survey and will help you to determine which candidates are pro-life. Make sure to vote your conscience! LIFESPAN 734-422-6230 www.miLIFESPAN.org

A Study of the Early Church from 220 to 337 AD

**Friday, August 5th at Resurrection
Parish located at**

48755 Warren Rd. Canton, MI 48187.

PHONE: (734) 451-0444

Resoffice@resurrectionparish.net

Plipard@aol.com

Friday Mornings - {8:30 am: *Optional Morning Mass*}

9:00 am: Coffee & Goodies

9:30 to 10:30 am: Presentation

COME ALL YEAR –

COME WHEN YOU CAN! **No charge!**

Session 3: The Early Church in the 3rd & 4th Centuries - 220-337

SUNDAY July 24	MONDAY July 25	TUESDAY July 26	WEDNESDAY July 27	WEEKLY OFFERING JULY 17	
8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 12:00 Noon Mass	8:30am Mass	No weekday Mass	Noon Mass	Envelope Amount Env. Used: 397	\$9,693.00
				Loose Change	\$1,087.18
THURSDAY July 28	FRIDAY July 29	SATURDAY July 30	SUNDAY July 31	Green Env. Env. Used: 68	\$ 574.00
8:30am Mass	8:30am Mass 9:00-3:00pm Eucharistic Exposition	3:30pm Reconciliation 4:30pm Mass	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 12 Noon Mass	Total	\$11,314.18
Thank you for your past and future support of our Parish Community. Please remember your parish in your Estate Planning					

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 25		Saturday, July 30	
9:00am	Deceased members of Florence Mizer Family	4:30pm	Joseph Scang by his Mom, Sara Tony Topolsky by his Family Giuseppe Casamatta by his wife, Antonia
Wednesday, July 27		Sunday, July 31	
12 Noon	Special Intentions of our Parish Family	8:00am	Deceased Members of Kubiak & Yahey Families Charles & Phyllis Dziadosz by their daughter-in-law, Felicia
Thursday, July 28		10:00am	Ray and Cathy King by their Family
8:30am	Joseph A. Wojciak by his sister, Florence Azzopardi Walter David Hembree (9th Anniv) by his wife, Genevieve	12 Noon	Intentions of our Parish Family
Friday, July 29			
8:30am	Fr. Walter Hennes by Sunday Family John Banach (1st Anniv) by his sister, Marian Mytych Patricia Bylow by her sister, Marian Mytych		

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE July 30/31

	SATURDAY 4:30pm		SUNDAY 8:00am		SUNDAY 10:00am		SUNDAY 12 NOON	
Lector	Julie Callahan		Nancy Hahn		Diane Petras		Pat Sobieski	
Commentator	MaryAnn Sligay		Paul Kinnell		Evangeline Baldis		Rose Abela	
Eucharistic Ministers	Fran Gleason Sharon McCarthy Loretta Wood Helene Lusa	Lou Stremich Bob Chisholm Yvonne Chisholm	Gloria Townsend Kim Rourke Jim Divitus Ralph Costyn	Sue Gomez Mike Servalish Emmanuel Eze	Jeanne Sullivan Ron Read Fran Read Patti Krcatovich	Rocky Krcatovich Annmarie Konrad Ken Konrad	Ann Schroeder Jennifer Reimer Carrie Campbell Evelyn Bledsoe	Suzanna Powers Don Yokley Kathy Yokley
Altar Servers	Ian Villoraman	Louissa Villaroman	Jason Cullen		Noelle Divinagracia	Rachel Divinagracia	Volunteer	
Sacristan	Josie Klocke		Alice André		Don Yokley		Mary Tavana	
Ushers	Paul Markus Team		John Burke Team		Jack Rourke Team		Knights of Columbus	
Homebound					Kathy Andrus Theresa O'Bey			
Weekday Sacristans	MONDAY Alice André		WEDNESDAY Mary Tavana		THURSDAY Fran Gleason		FRIDAY Jeanne Sullivan	

*Please be patient while we continue to work on our schedule. Every effort is made to place volunteers in their preferred time.