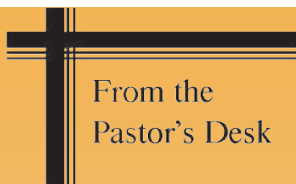


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Joyful News

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 • 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



From the Pastor's Desk

In light of the upcoming presidential election, and the polarization that pervades our society, I was trying to find something which would perhaps give me some relief as well as understanding as to what is happening to our world. Some of these thoughts are taken from others, most notably Thomas Merton and

Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia.

I think that we don't love each other enough. Or is it, in reality that, we don't love each other at all? We are so convinced of our rightness in all things, that we fail, more times than not, to even notice the other. Instead of taking note of their humanity – as someone created in the image and likeness of God – we see, instead, only positions. And it's much easier to dismiss positions than persons, isn't it?

Each of us was given free will at birth. And most of us have developed a pretty keen sense of what's right and wrong since then. Each day, we are confronted by choices. And we're free to choose, each day, between righteousness and corruption; however the consequences of our daily decisions and dealings means there is a cost. Perhaps, one day, there may be "heck" to pay. Or maybe not.

Our own understanding of God goes bad whenever we claim territory, set boundaries, and then defend mightily the very gateway to our hearts. It's absurd, even blasphemous, to assume that God prefers any political party or politician in any election year. By his very nature, God is concerned with good and evil and the choices that we make. For Catholics, no political or social issue stands in isolation.

God created us with brains, and we are expected to use them well, to think deeply and clearly, rightly ordering the factors that guide us, before we act politically. Yet modern day American life seems designed to do the opposite: it seems bent on turning us into opinionated and distracted cattle unable to gain mastery over our own thoughts and desires.

When this happens, we reject, fully, Christ's invitation, His command to love one another. In the end, we need to understand and live the message that it's not about us against them.

Rather, it's about God with us – Emmanuel.

Let's not willingly, and ever-so-impulsively, surrender our faith to our feelings just because it's so easy to do so.

Fr. Ken

The Jubilee Year of Mercy With Pope Francis



Confession: A Second Baptism

The Sacrament of Penance, or confession, is, in fact, like a "second baptism: that refers back always to the first to strengthen and renew it.... Think about this: when we go to confess our weaknesses, our sins, we go to ask the pardon of Jesus, but we also go to renew our baptism through his forgiveness. And this is beautiful; it is like celebrating the day of baptism in every confession. Therefore, confession is not a matter of sitting down in a torture chamber, rather it is a celebration.

- General Audience, November 13, 2013

Reflection: Is confession torture for you, or a celebration? Is God's mercy a gift, or something you remain indifferent to? Celebrate confession this week. Let God's mercy help renew you in God's grace.

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.

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Office Hours

Monday to Friday:
8:00am-4:00pm

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

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

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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Parish Pastoral Council

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Suzanne Price	Doug Cyr
Nancy Smith	James Fredrickson
Rocco Krcatovich	John Lister
Don Yokley	Helene Lusa

Readings for Sunday, September 18

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7
Resp. Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Our Active Duty Service Members:

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

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Georgiann Ziegler
Ceil Zielasko



IN FORMATION

We begin tomorrow at 6:00 pm in church. Everyone is asked to wear something blue in honor of our Patroness, St. Mary, Cause of our Joy. Within a brief prayer service we will sing and pray for blessings for our new year of faith-sharing. Parents are asked to remain for a brief Q & A session before proceeding to visit their kids' Catechists. Dismissal is at 7:15 pm.

We expect about 110 kids this year. Next weekend we will bless our catechists and assistants at all the Masses. All FF families are urged to attend. Breakfast will be served after the Sunday Masses. Why not take Grandma and Grandpa to breakfast for a change!?! Please join us.

We are anxious to begin the **Liturgy of the Word with Children** on Sundays but are in need of trained leaders. Please let me know if you are interested for yourself or for your children. It is such a rewarding Ministry.

The Bottom Line The pastor came to the center aisle to welcome a new family to the parish. He declared the visitors "all most welcome," leaving the assembly wondering why this family as only "almost" welcome.

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

**Then we need you to come and join the
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Youth Choir**

Who can join? 1st through 8th graders; also, high school/ college students who are willing to cantor and be singing mentors for the younger singers – all are welcome who would like to sing!

When? Rehearsals are scheduled Mondays at 7:15 PM (following Faith Formation classes) and run until 8:00 PM.

Where? Rehearsals will be in Room 106 in the Parish Center.

*They will sing at scheduled masses and community singing events throughout the Faith Formation year.

*****REHEARSALS WILL START SEPTEMBER 19!!!!*****

Questions? Please call Lisa at (734) 890-2419 or email LMQ500@yahoo.com



CHOIR REHEARSALS

The St. Mary adult choir has begun a new year and we invite all vocalists and instrumentalists to join us. Rehearsals are every **Thursday from 7-9pm** in the Church. Come and see what it's all about! Questions? Call Steve 734-819-1205 or email: music@stmarycooj.org.



ELECTRONIC ONLINE GIVING

~ visit our parish website ~
WWW.STMARYCOOJ.ORG

To help make it more convenient for you to financially support our parish, we have added an electronic payment option. Electronic giving provides you with the opportunity to make automatic financial contributions from your bank account or credit card directly to our parish. No more writing checks, stopping at the ATM for cash or filling out envelopes. Electronic banking does not cost you anything, and it provides many advantages to all.

To begin, go to our website - www.stmarycooj.org - Click on the Menu link. Scroll down and click Our Parish then Online Giving. On the next screen click the big blue DONATE button. When signing up for the first time, click on the top left - First Time?button.

If you have any questions or need assistance with set up, please come in or contact the parish office at 734-425-4421



Mercy in Action Day October 1, 2016

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan has designated October 1, 2016 as Mercy in Action Day throughout the entire Archdiocese of Detroit. St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy is going to participate in this all important community event.

St. Mary Cause of Our Joy will be cleaning up the parish grounds of debris and weeding if necessary. It will begin at 9am with prayer and a light breakfast. Please stay tuned for more information.

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Forever Young Seniors...

Our 1st Annual Picnic in the Park will be **tomorrow, Sept 12th at the Westland Farmers Market**, 1901 N. Carlson St., Westland. The picnic starts at **10am until 3pm**. Please bring your ticket for the picnic.

Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers.

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

Frankenmuth

Mon, Oct 17th 8:00am – 6:00pm

\$62 **due by Oct 3rd**

Firekeepers Casino

Wed, Nov 2nd 9:15am – 5:45pm

\$36 **due by Oct. 19th**

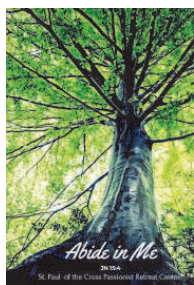
Huckleberry Railroad Holiday Magic

Sun., December 11th 2:30pm to 9:45pm

Cost: \$63 **due by November 27th.**

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



MEN'S RETREAT

**Abide in Me:
Choosing to Live
Faithfully** in an Era of

Chaos. This is the theme of the retreats at

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center this year. The men's group from St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy will attend the retreat September 30-October 2. Your \$30 registration fee reserves a private room, with private bath, 5 great meals, cheerful companionship, and a very spiritual weekend. If you have never been there, why not now? Space is still available but a reservation is required. Go to: www.stpaulretreat.org, or call 313-535-9563. St. Paul's is located at 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit, just east of Telegraph Road. If you have more questions see Doug Cyr, Don Yokley, Tom Mitchell, or Paul Markus at church. We hope to see you there.

ANNOUNCING! JOYFUL WOMEN

A Group to Foster Faith Fun & Friendship
While Joyfully Serving
Our Parish & Community

All women of the Parish are invited to attend our first meeting
Wednesday September 21, 2016 at 7PM

In the Small Social Hall

For more information

Contact Leslie at 734-502-2219

Email: ljaddj@gmail.com

BAPTISM CLASS

Please call our Parish Office (425 4421) to register for the next Baptism class on

MONDAY, September 19th at 7pm.

The Class is held in our Parish Center Building.

Both Parents and Godparents are requested to attend.

PANCAKES! PANCAKES! PANCAKES!



**ALL YOU CAN EAT
THIS SUNDAY 8:30am to noon**

Our name is different but the friendship, delicious breakfast, and friendly setting are the same. The newly named Holy Name Fraternity happily invites you to the first all you can eat Pancake and French Toast breakfast of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy. The grills will be cooking and we hope you will join us before or after Mass on Sunday September 18, from 8:30 am until noon in the social hall. Our menu: Pancakes; French Toast; Scrambled Eggs; Ham; Sausage; Applesauce; Coffee; Tea; Milk; Juice...and the cost is just \$3 for adults; \$1.50 for children 2-10. We hope to see you there. The Holy Name Fraternity will have our monthly meeting at 7 pm, Tuesday, September 20, in the small hall. All men are welcome!

FALL CRAFT SHOW

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
Parish Social Hall

Saturday, October 8, 2016

9am to 3pm

Join us for crafts, homemade baked goods, prizes, 50/50 hourly raffle and refreshments.

FREE ADMISSION

Table Rental still available: \$25

For more information call

734 425 4421 (VM #10)

ST. MARY'S CARDS AND COFFEE CLUB

Every Wednesday!

Come and have some coffee, conversation and play cards with friends, old and new. Doors open at 10:30am. Meeting starts at 11:00am. Small fee to play Pinochle or Euchre. You choose your game. Assistance provided as needed. Call:

Ruth Ellis	734-926-1458 OR
Nancy Ruby	734-728-7023 OR
Jim Brisky	734-722-4963

ALL ARE WELCOME



EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

**Fridays
9:00am to 3:00pm**

Youth Ministry High School

Movie presentation of WORSHIP NIGHT IN AMERICA: An Evening of Unity and Prayer for our Country

Join Chris Tomlin, authors/pastors Max Lucado and Louie Giglio and many more national faith leaders and musical guests, including Catholic Artist and songwriter, Matt Maher, for WORSHIP NIGHT IN AMERICA: An Evening of Unity and Prayer For Our Country. Playing exclusively and one night only in theaters and select churches nationwide Tuesday, October 25. Experience the sold-out event filmed at Madison Square Garden, plus exclusive back-stage footage and interviews that will inspire, challenge and encourage your family, church, and community.

St. Mary, Cause of our Joy Youth Ministry is happy to announce that we will be hosting this event from 7:00pm–9:10pm at Emagine Entertainment - Canton— 39535 Ford Road, Canton (Next to Home Depot). Advance tickets are required. Tickets are \$12.00 and available on line at the link below. There will be no ticket sales at the door. We need 45 tickets to be sold for the event to be a "GO" and within 2 days of the event going live we have sold 29 tickets. Our goal is to pack the theater.

<https://www.tugg.com/events/worship-night-in-america-an-evening-of-unity-and-prayer-for-our-country-0cya>

The above link will also take you to a trailer for the event that you can view. This event brings all faiths & cultures together for an evening of prayer and worship for our country. There is a great line up of artists and speakers. I hope you will consider attending. Feel free to share with others. All are welcome.

If you have any questions, you can contact Carol Nelius
at youthministry@stmarycooj.org or 734 765 5525



Knights of Columbus Caballeros de Colón

TODAY'S KNIGHTS: WHAT WE DO

Southern Louisiana has been hit by what is called "the worst natural disaster since Superstorm Sandy." Many people have died, with tens of thousands of others forced to leave their homes. More than 30,000 people have been rescued from the flooded areas, many seeking refuge in emergency shelters. In response to the devastation, the Knights have launched an online donation drive to assist with local relief operations. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to relief efforts. www.kofc.org/en/secure/charities/louisiana-flood-relief.html
Recently our Council received a generous anonymous cash donation left at the Parish office for the Knights Disaster Relief Fund; we sent it onward to help with this disaster. Still Catholic and Proud; God Bless!

Did you know he was a Knight? - Archbishop Vigneron

Bereavement Committee

Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish is in the process of starting a **Bereavement Committee**.

If there is anyone interested in forming this Committee or for more information, please leave your name at our parish office at 734-425-4421, and I will be in contact with you.

Kathy Andrus

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. The SVDP Thrift Store is open 7 days a week. Phone: 734 629-8250

ARCHDIOCESE AND COMMUNITY NEWS



SCOTUS Overturns Texas Law--Endangers Women

On June 27th, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) reversed part of a pro-life Texas law that protected women's health and, in so doing, closed abortion clinics that couldn't meet minimum medical clinic safety and cleanliness standards. These laws were put in place to have abortion clinics meet the same building standards as ambulatory surgical centers and make sure that abortionists have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital for medical emergencies. The ruling by SCOTUS puts similar laws passed in 23 other states in danger. Even pro-abortion advocates realize that this doesn't look good; not adhering to basic cleanliness and basic safety in abortion clinics should be a *concern for everyone*, as it **puts women at great risk**.

More info: LIFESPAN 734.422.6230
www.mLIFESPAN.org

SAVE THE DATE: Sat. October 22nd, 11am – Pro-Life Luncheon: Protect Yourself & Your Loved Ones

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St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Festival September 16, 17 & 18

Merriman Road North of Ford Road
Friday, September 16th 5 to 11pm
Saturday September 17 Noon to 11pm
Sunday, September 18th Noon to 7pm
Polka Mass at 11AM
Duane Malinowski Orchestra 1 to 4pm
Free Entertainment — Free Parking
Garage Sale, Vegas Games, Texas Hold'em, Dinners, Rides, Bake Sale, Raffles & Bingo

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Sep. 12	8:30am	Deceased members of Mona & Bill Abbey Family Sp. Intentions of <i>Forever Young Seniors</i> Group
Wed. Sep. 14	12 Noon	Phyllis Burns by Michael & Sara Gleason Grant Harding by John & Julie Barile Sp. Intentions of Ken Pryce Family
Thurs. Sep. 15	8:30am	Monsignor George Browne by our Parish Family Deloris O'Hagan by her husband, Don
Fri. Sep. 16	8:30am	Ted Jennings by John & Julie Barile Felisa H. Cabotage by Family & Friends Antonio & Ida Barile by Graziano Canini
Sat. Sep. 17	4:30pm	Fred Gebhardt by his Family & Friends Lewis D. Wolff (1st Anniv) by Lisa Mitchell & John Wright Frances Jones by Virginia Brock Mary Carter by her Brother, Stan Gillis
Sun. Sep. 18	8:00am	Irene Lepkowski by her husband, Edward Stanley Roman by Deacon Jim & Sue Hensel Dorothy Carr by Mary Allsteadt Delores Zamboni by Jim & Mary Murphy Robert Boyk by Alice Andre'
	10:00am	For Our Parish Family
	12 Noon	Stanley & Louise Kolis by their Granddaughter, Roberta Paja Caroline & Peter Paja by their Granddaughter, Roberta Marion Pongonis Catherine Santicchia by Stephanie Cislo

UPCOMING EVENTS September 12—September 18

MON. Sep. 12	8:30am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Faith Formation begins Youth Group Meeting
TUE. Sep. 13	7:00pm	NO WEEKDAY MASS Christian Service Meeting
WED. Sep. 14	10:30am 11:00am 12 Noon 4:30pm	Doors open for cards and coffee Cards and Coffee—Social hall Mass SVDP Meeting
THURS Sep. 15	8:30am 7-9:00pm	Mass Choir Rehearsal
FRI. Sep. 16	8:30am 9am-3pm	Mass Eucharistic Exposition
SAT. Sep. 17	3:30pm 4:30pm	Reconciliation Mass
SUN. Sep. 18	8:00 8:30 to noon 10:00 Noon	Mass Pancake & French Toast Breakfast Mass Mass

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A hug a sign of LOVE
A laugh a sign of HAPPINESS
And a Friend a sign of good taste!



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walk up for Communion, please
notify an usher and a **Eucharistic
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE September 17/18

	SATURDAY 4:30pm		SUNDAY 8:00am		SUNDAY 10:00am		SUNDAY 12 NOON	
Celebrant	Fr. Ken		Fr. Ken		Fr. Joe Plawecki		Fr. Ken	
Lector Comm.	Katie Bohr Sharon McCarthy		Linda Dinsmore Paul Kinnell		Tim Wycihowski Don Yokley		Mayann Sligay Dan Kavetsky	
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Altar Servers	Volunteer		Volunteer		Volunteer		Volunteer	
Sacristan	Fran Gleason		Alice André		Theresa O'Bey		Ann Schroeder	
Ushers	Paul Markus Team		John Burke Team		Jack Rourke Team		Knights of Columbus	
Greeters	Carole Baranowski	Kay Holcomb	Nellie Samson		Geraldyn Pawlaczkyk		Volunteer	
Homebound					Kathy Andrus Jeanne Sullivan			
Altar Care								
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