



St. Mary, ^{CAUSE}_{OF} Our Joy

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Joyful News

OCTOBER 30, 2016 • 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRIESTHOOD

Sunday



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD GOD, Thank you for our priests, past and present. We especially thank you for our Pastor, Fr. Ken in his ministry to the people of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, that we may affirm, support, and celebrate his gift of service to us.

We know our Priests, Fr. Ken and Fr. Joe, do not seek or desire recognition for the Priesthood you have chosen them for, yet it is to You we wish to give thanks for calling them to guide and nourish our parish community. We ask You to bless them, for providing the Eucharist for us – our spiritual sustenance – and for proclaiming “The Good News” with conviction and enthusiasm in our parish.

GRANT them the joy experienced on their Ordination Day, all the days of their lives and look kindly upon them as they strive to do Your will. Bless them abundantly, care for them tenderly and above all, let them feel the love and appreciation we have for them. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.



Before I buy something in the store, I normally read the label. If it is an article of clothing, I want to check what it is made of (I don't like 100% man-made material, like polyester). If it is something to eat, I like to know how many calories, what is the fat and sodium content (the “bad” things”) as well as the vitamins and minerals contained in the item. Some labels are very helpful.

There are other types of labels as well. The kinds of labels that are used to describe a person, a way of acting or thinking. We use them all the time, especially in trying to define ourselves, in comparison to another person, belief or way of thinking. Labels that prove that “I” am different or “contrary” to “you” or your way of thinking. These are the labels that divide into groups. “Left” and “Right”, “Conservative” and “Liberal” are two sets that immediately come to mind. There really is nothing wrong with being to the right or to the left, in fact our society and our Church is made up of people from all over the spectrum.

And yet I sense that more than that is going on in many people. If “I” belong to one “side”, then of course I believe this is the one that Jesus proclaimed, and the one God wants me to belong to, and that “the other side” is not in the right. It is wrong. Sinful? Yes, many people consider things just that way. I once had someone ask me if going to Mass at a “liberal” church was a mortal sin or a venial sin. What defines a “liberal” or “conservative” church? And why would going to Mass ever be considered sinful?

“Traditional” and “modern” or “progressive” is another way we label ourselves and those in opposition to us. We label people who have a different way of thinking or acting or believing with such disdain. We use these and other words as if we are using foul language. Our face becomes contorted when we dare to let the word cross our lips.

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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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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



St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Parish Pastoral Council

Ann Schroeder	Chair
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Julie Callahan	Secretary

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Debbie Marshall	Doug Taylor
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Questions? You can call the office and leave a message OR
Email: PPC@stmarycooj.org

Readings for Sunday, November 6

1st Reading: 2 MC 7:1-2, 9-14
Resp. Psalm: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full
2nd Reading: 2 THES 2:16-3:5
Gospel: LK 20:27, 34-38

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

PARISH STAFF DIRECTORY

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SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Env.</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
10/23/2016	359	\$ 8,866	\$ 18,000	\$ (9,134)
10/16/2016	361	\$ 10,885	\$ 18,000	\$ (7,115)
10/9/2016	407	\$ 11,034	\$ 18,000	\$ (6,966)
10/2/2016	416	\$ 12,832	\$ 18,000	\$ (5,168)
Weekly actual includes your on line giving through Oct 24th				

	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
FY 2016-17	\$ 181,291	\$ 306,000	\$ (124,709)

**Thank you for your past and future support
of our Parish Community. Please remember
our parish in your Estate Planning**

Report Sexual Abuse for any child or adult:
Call AOD victim assistance 1-866-343-8055 or
Call the Michigan Department of Human Services at:
855-444-3911 any time day or night.

Fr. Ken (continued from front page)

When I was a child, there was a saying that we used to chant, "Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me." It was a simple child-like way to deflect name calling. In our adult world, those names do hurt, and there are even times when we want them to hurt. These labels are used with disgust and even hatred when it refers to the "opposing side" or with care and inclusion when it refers to "my side".

In the Gospels, Jesus taught harshly against the Scribes and the Pharisees, those who were most self-righteous, who similarly used labels to separate themselves from others, to make themselves on the "right" side. He called them hypocrites. On the other hand, Jesus ate with the prostitutes, tax collectors and sinners. He opened his arms to all, the right and the left, those of different cultures, religions and ways of life. Jesus never shunned anyone.

I often feel that we need to get back to the basics of Jesus teachings. It's all so very simple. God Bless you all....wherever you fall in the spectrum as a beloved child of God.



FREE WILL OFFERING SALE AT ST. DAMIAN

There will be a free will offering sale day at the former St. Damian on **Saturday, November 5, from 9:30 – 2:00pm.** You may walk through the former school and office and purchase anything that is remaining for a free will offering.

All of the proceeds will go towards St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Church. The items are from all of the three former churches of St. Damian, Divine Savior and St. Theodore.

Items available include: desks, chairs, tables of all kinds, library and text books, videos, knick knacks, vases, trinkets, pictures, office supplies, kitchen items – coffee pots, plates, cups, pots and pans, silverware -and many other gems.

There will NOT be any religious items or items used during Mass or any other liturgical services available. Access inside the buildings will be limited to only specified areas. You will not be able to roam around the buildings freely. There will be people there to assist you.



MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday, November 6 at 10 a.m.

*Do not stand at my grave,
I am not there; I do not sleep
I am the smile of sunshine in the day;
I am the inner voice that leads the way.
I am the memories that calm the night;
I am the spirit that continues the fight.*

**Our Community will gather to remember those in
our Parish who have died this past year.
Please join us for this special liturgy.**



IN FORMATION

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF

DID YOU KNOW...?

- ...that all of our Faith Formation children signed cards for Fathers Ken and Joe thanking them on **Priesthood Sunday** for their faithful service?
- ...**Breakfast in Bethlehem** (B in B) Meal Tickets go on sale next month? Only 100 meal tickets will be sold.
- ...Your **Sunday Missal** should arrive soon? You will be notified. Stay tuned.
- ...**All Saints Day** (Nov. 1) is a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Mass is at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- ...the **time changes** next weekend? We fall backward and gain an hour of sleep. Now isn't that nice?

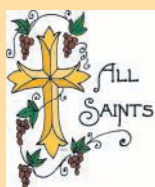
The Bottom Line Lynne spent the entire ride home from church inspecting the bottom of her shoe. She finally put it back on and told her mom, "I know why Father John told us to do some sole searching. I found gum, tape, and a bug on mine!"



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

**Emma Howatson
Joan Mapes**

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



ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November
1st 8:30am and 7pm

This is a Holy Day of Obligation

BAPTISM CLASS

Please call our Parish Office
(734-425 4421) to register
for the next Baptism class which is
MONDAY, November 21st at 7pm.
The Class is held in our
Parish Center Building.
**BOTH Parents and Godparents
are requested to attend.**

Attention: All Liturgical Ministers All Saints Day Sign-Up 8:30am and 7:00pm Masses

Please see the sign-up sheets for Lectors, Commentators, EMEs, Greeters, Ushers and Sacristans on **Tuesday, November 1** at the 8:30am and 7:00pm Masses.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the sacristy.

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Forever Young Seniors...

Happy Trick or Treat!! Watch out for goblins!

Our next meeting will be our 1st Annual Thanksgiving Feast on Monday, Nov 7th at 10:00am. This will be a catered lunch. Tickets for the lunch are \$10 and can be purchased by contacting **Katie Bohr (734) 718-5974**. Tickets must be purchased by this **Tuesday, November 1st**.

We will have a special guest speaker, our member, **Evelyn Bledsoe**. Evelyn will be telling us about her journey to converting to Catholicism and her ministry.

Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers especially Dianne Lazar and Carol Knoblock.

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

Huckleberry Railroad Holiday Magic Sun, Dec 11th 2:30pm – 9:45pm \$63 **due by Nov. 27th**

Motor City Casino Thurs, Jan 12th 9:30am – 3:30pm \$24 **due by Dec. 29th**

Meadowbrook "Altar Boyz" Sun, Feb 19th 10:00am – 6:00pm \$92 **due by January 20, 2017.**

The bus trips are open to everyone. **Please call me 734-525-3737 for reservations** and more details. 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



Join us as we PRAY THE ROSARY

Rosary after daily 8:30am Mass every Monday, Thursday and Friday

Rosary every Wednesday evening at 7pm in the chapel (in Church)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Fridays 9:00am to 3:00pm

Can You Spend An Hour With JESUS?

On Fridays at our parish we have Eucharistic Exposition from 9am to 3pm in Church. Please feel free to stop in and give thanks to Our Lord for all your blessings.

THANK YOU!

Two hundred and sixty four pounds of food were taken last week to St. Mary Community Outreach Center in Wayne for distribution to the less fortunate in our community. This food was donated by you via our Red Wagon found in our gathering space in church.

God bless you for your generosity in helping those in need in our community by providing food for their families during these hard economic times.



ONE TIME DONATIONS USING ONLINE GIVING

"Quick Give" is a great way to make a donation to St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy parish without setting up a donor account. This is a good way to try Online Giving.

Donations may be made for all collections- Sunday offerings, special monthly collections, holy days. Everyone can use the Quick Give tab.

Visit our Parish Website- www.stmarycooj.org and click the **Online Giving** button. Next, click the "Quick Give" button. Follow the simple, safe directions.

We welcome you to try a safe, secure way of giving Online. Contact the office at 734-425-4421 or send us an email at office@stmarycooj.org if you have any questions.

World Mission Sunday Thank You!

Thank you for your generous response to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith this month. While some go to serve in other countries to develop the Church and service its people, **ALL of us are called to pray and support the Missions from right where we live.**

The Missionaries provide essential education and health care, social outreach and advocacy and pastoral service. They address basic human needs, while in every moment offering spiritual comfort and support to the suffering and the marginalized.

Again, thank you and God bless you for your generosity to the Missionaries during the month of October either through your yellow Offertory Envelope, On-Line Giving or the envelopes provided in our gathering space in Church for this purpose.



Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people and their caregivers who have been added to our prayer list this week...**Charlie Conatser, Sallie Koss, Vilma Villerot and Marge Tavedian.**

Calling ALL YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS (ages 12-35)

Please join us Wednesday, November 2 at 7:00pm in Room 106 to discuss ideas for incorporating our youth and young adults into our community.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy With Pope Francis

Mercy and New Strength

When we are weary, downcast, beset with cares, let us look to Mary, let us feel her gaze, which speaks to our heart and says, "Courage, my child, I am here to help you!" Our Lady knows us well, she is a mother, she is familiar with our joys and difficulties, our hopes and disappointments.

When we feel the burden of our failings and our sins, let us look to Mary, who speaks to our hearts, saying "Arise, go to my Son, Jesus; in him you will find acceptance, mercy, and new strength for the journey." - Message, October 12, 2013

Reflection: Mary is our guide to accepting Jesus into our life in deeper and more profound ways. Take your current difficulties and disappointments and bring them to Mary to help you grow closer to Our Lord.



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

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

The junior high youth group is off and running. If you are in 7th or 8th grade feel free to join us anytime. Our next youth group meetings will be **Friday, Nov. 4 & Friday, Nov. 18th from 7pm - 9pm** in the youth group meeting room located in the parish center.

We will be partnering with Four Chaplains Nursing Home to host Bingo nights twice a month on Thursday evenings. Bingo registration forms are required before a youth can attend. Once the forms are completed they are valid for the 2016-2017 school year.

Keep posted on upcoming meeting and events or download flyers and permission slips on the junior high youth group page on our parish website under the "groups" section.

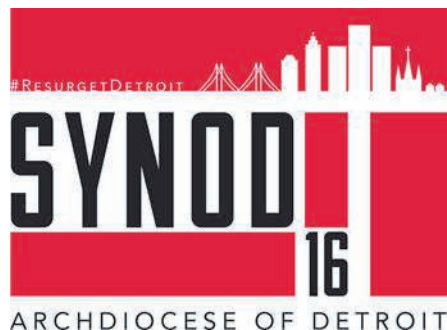
Carol Nelius -
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Mark your calendars! CATHOLIC JEWELRY & ROSARY SALE

With Christmas just around the corner, this is your opportunity to shop early while helping to support our youth. Teens will be selling jewelry **after Mass** on the weekends **Nov. 5/6 and Nov. 13/14** in the gathering space.

There will be an assortment of imported hand-made Italian, Czech, American and Mexican rosaries. There will also be Catholic medals crucifixes, necklaces and gift items available. Items are reasonably priced. Please stop by!

Carol Nelius-Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Questions? Call Carol at 734-765-5525.



Praying to the Holy Spirit for the Success of Synod 16

The Archdiocese of Detroit will begin its historic Synod 16 the weekend of Nov. 18-20 at St. Aloysius Church and at the Westin in downtown Detroit.

Archbishop Allen Vigneron has asked us to pray for the success of the Synod and for the 400-plus participants who will be gathering and engaging in prayerful discussions to help our Archdiocese to Unleash the Gospel in new and creative ways. The following is a prayer composed for Synod 16:

God our Father,

*you have called us to be
witnesses to Jesus and have
sent us on a mission to lead
all people to encounter him.*

*Send your Holy Spirit to
enlighten our minds and enkindle
our hearts, so that we may grow
daily as your disciples.*

*Empower us to face bravely the
challenges of our time.*

*Keep us close to you, together with
Jesus your Son, Mary our Mother,
and St. Anne our patroness
as we engage in Synod 16 to
Unleash the Gospel.*

*Transform us into a band of joyful
missionary disciples, who will bring
the message of Jesus' power and
mercy to every person in Southeast
Michigan.*

*We ask this through Christ our
Lord. Amen*

**Daylight Saving Time
ENDS Next Sunday,
November 6th
FALL BACK CLOCKS**



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Sat. 3pm to 8pm and Sun 3pm to 8pm.

FAMILY BINGO

Sat. 1pm to 3pm and Sun. 1pm to 3pm.

FESTIVAL MIDWAY

Open Saturday: - 1pm to 10pm

and Sunday: -1pm to 8pm.

DINNERS: Sat. 4pm Pork Chops

AND Sun. 4pm Polish Platter

No Admission charge.

**Any questions call their Parish Office
313 272 0684**



WELCOME Kristyn Stress

And to all our newly registered members! If you have any questions about any of the Committees or Groups at our Parish, please call the Parish Office at **425-4421**



Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved a special triennial collection for the **AMS** in November, 2012. The first National Collection for the AMS will be taken in dioceses and parishes across the country in 2016 in November.

The AMS Office of Vocations informs and supports men exploring a priestly vocation and provides opportunities for vocation awareness and discernment with a focus on the military chaplaincy. The AMS receives no funding from the military or the government. There are flyers in the Gathering Space and at the Parish Office explaining this collection and with envelopes for your monetary donations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Oct. 31	8:30am	Pearl Kubiak by Deacon Jim & Sue Joseph A. Wojciak by his sister, Florence Azzopardi
Tues. Nov. 1	8:30am	Anita Ensworth by Jerry & Marlene Chwalek George Roy (12th Anniv) by his wife Judy & Family
	7:00pm	Fernando Reyes by the Choir Carol Stehle by Genevieve & Mary
Wed. Nov. 2	12 Noon	Steve Nick by his wife, Jeanette Charles Swaney, Sr by his son, Charles
Thurs. Nov. 3	8:30am	Deloris O'Hagan by her husband, Don Joe Lennis (1st Anniv) by the Sailler Family
Fri. Nov. 4	8:30am	Kerry Nelder (10th Anniv) by Roberta Paja Jerome & Larry O'Hagan by their brother, Don John Ohorodnik (2nd Anniv) by Rita Baran
Sat. Nov. 5	4:30pm	Robert Novak by his wife, Virginia Mary Lu Costyn by her husband, Ralph Bobby Gaines by Theo & Jane Lenart Leonard Witkowski by his Family Nancy Espinoza by her husband, Peter
Sun. Nov. 6	8:00am	Frank Gonzales, Sr. by his Son Deceased Members of Marciniak Family by Felicia Dziadosz Michael Kostik by Leon & Dianne Lazar
	10:00am	Gerald Pollard (25th Anniv) by his wife, Christine Vera Ballard by her husband, Joe All Our Deceased Parish Members
	12 Noon	Susan Aho by her Family Our Parish Family



If you are unable to walk up for Communion, please notify an usher and a **Priest** will come to you.

UPCOMING EVENTS October 31-November 6

MON. Oct. 31	8:30am 6-7:15pm 7:00pm	Mass No Faith Formation Youth Group Meeting
TUE. Nov. 1	8:30am 7:00pm	ALL SAINTS DAY Mass Mass
WED. Nov. 2	10:30am 11:00am 12 Noon 6:30pm 7:00pm	Doors open for cards and coffee Cards and Coffee—Social hall Mass St. Joseph-Ann Circle Meeting Rosary—in Chapel (in Church) Youth and Young Adult Meeting
THURS. Nov. 3	8:30am 7-9:00pm	Mass Choir Rehearsal
FRI. Nov. 4	8:30am 9-3:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Eucharistic Exposition Jr. High Youth Group Meeting
SAT. Nov. 5	9:30am-2pm 3:30pm 4:30pm	Free Will Offering Day at former St. Damian Site Reconciliation Mass Youth Group Jewelry Sale after Mass
SUN. Nov. 6	8:00am 10:00am Noon	Daylight Saving Ends! Mass Mass —Adult Choir (Memorial Mass followed by Coffee and Donuts social in small hall) Mass

REMINDER

**Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8th.
Vote your conscious.
YOUR VOTE DOES MATTER!**

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE November 5/6

	SATURDAY 4:30pm		SUNDAY 8:00am		SUNDAY 10:00am		SUNDAY 12 NOON	
Celebrant	Fr. Ken		Fr. Joe Plawecki		Fr. Ken		Fr. Ken	
Lector Comm.	Maryann Sligay Richard Gora		Keven Steele Ellen Steele		Linda Dinsmore Pat Sobieski		Joanne Harshman Lisa Kliza	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Pat Slusarz Loretta Wood Mary McKelvey Bob Chisholm	Yvonne Chisholm Lou Stremich Deacon John	Katie Bohr Nicole Macko Cathi Macko Larry Janowski	Carol Janowski Olimpia DeToma Deacon John	Kathy Andrus Duane Harbowy Sue Gomez Darlene Janson	Don Yokley Kathy Yokley Deacon John	Ken Konrad Annmarie Konrad Scott Ozga Jennifer Gonzalez	Darlene LaFave Deacon John Volunteer
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	Ed Kiras	Eunice Austin	Sharon Edwards		Marie DiDomizio	Doug Cyr	Darlene LaFave	
Homebound					Kathy Andrus Duane Harbowy			
Altar Care	Nov. 18 James Bearden Janice Bearden							
Weekday Sacristan Week 11-07	MONDAY Alice André		WEDNESDAY Ann Schroeder		THURSDAY Fran Gleason		FRIDAY Theresa O’Bey	

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