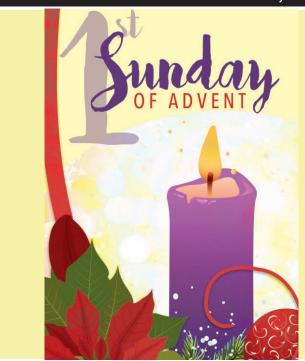


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Wednesday, December 7 7:00pm

After a short prayer service, several priests will

help us celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are encouraged to use this opportunity of prayer, reflection, and penance as a part of the journey towards and preparation for Christmas. As you prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, spend time in prayerful reflection with an examination of conscience, a tool to help recall sins and personal areas in need of spiritual growth.



A few weeks ago, I attended the priest/seminarian dinner at Sacred Heart Seminary. I was invited by our seminarian, Derik Peterman and Msgr. Todd Lajiness, Rector of the Seminary. It was a good evening, and a chance to get to know Derik better. I had met him a few

times before this, and spoken with him briefly.

We, at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, are very blessed to have our own homegrown seminarian. I can hardly take any credit for this since I have only been here a few months, but surely some credit goes to the priests in the parish in past years that have helped to influence Derik. Kudos to Derik's family as well. Most vocations begin in the family.

One of the reasons that our parish was formed after the closing and merger of the three former parishes is the small number of priests. Definitely there were other reasons as well. We often pray for priestly vocations. To be honest, though, prayers aren't always enough. We need to be proactive. The Archbishop can't look into his calendar and decide, "Gee, tomorrow I think I'll go to the seminarian store and get some more for the Archdiocese." (The same thing for priests). Seminarians come from families and parishes where their vocations are welcomed and nurtured.

Each of you needs to ask yourself what you have done to promote priestly vocations. Have you ever asked the young men you know — your sons or grandsons, nephews, neighborhood young men — in a positive way if they have ever thought of being a priest? The example of happy, positive priests in parishes also helps. I love being a priest. If the young men in your life hear you speak positively about priests, it may help them consider a priestly vocation. If, instead, the young men around you don't even come to church, if they don't experience their own families live out their faith, how can you expect them to even consider a priestly vocation. I am doing as much as I can to promote vocations. The responsibility is yours.

Fr. Ken

Parish Mission Statement

PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

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Readings for Sunday, December 4

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Resp. Psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of

peace for ever.

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9 **Gospel:** Matthew 3:1-12

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Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass 8:30am and 7:00pm



Saturday, December 10, 2016 St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

10:00am Breakfast

Breakfast is only \$3 and is brought to us by our Holy Name Fraternity. Only 100 tickets sold. Hurry now! (last day to purchase Dec. 8)

Tickets now available. Please see Sister Gemma.

Christmas Pageant 11:15 am

The Christmas Story is brought to life by our youngest parishioners in a beautifully portrayed pageant. Our talented young actors will also be accompanied by the angelic voices of our children's choir. It's free and open to all! Please join us.

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Come Celebrate The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe Monday, Dec. 12 Mass 5:30 am



Mexican Sweet Bread, Cookies and Hot Chocolate served after Mass.

As per tradition, please bring a fresh red rose.



IN FORMATION

Regular sessions for the most part this Monday. Our Catechists in Years 3-8 will remotely prepare our children to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation next

Monday in a communal celebration with individual confession. It will be a valuable review of this under-used sacrament. Just a reminder that if you have children who need to prepare I would to know about it NOW so I can order age-appropriate materials for next year.

Advent materials There <u>might be</u> some materials still available for personal and family use. Inquire in the Faith Formation Office.

Breakfast in Bethlehem Hopefully everyone is aware of this wonderful event coming up on Dec. 10. I am selling meal tickets for \$3.00. The Pageant is free to everyone.

Emails Recently I experienced a major snafu and lost my email groups. If you would like to be added to my *St. Mary Parish* group just email me with that fact and I will attempt to restore the group. No guarantees.

Sunday Missals I am composing this way before the start of Advent. I MAY still have a 2017 missal available. Ask if you are interested. I had to order additional missals due to their increased popularity.

<u>The Bottom Line</u> Isn't it funny how those irritating things your kids did seem so adorable when your grandchildren do them?

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF



This year's Christian Service Christmas Giving Tree will be supporting the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. They have asked us to donate items for families who struggle to get needs that are not normally available to them. On the tags you will see a list of items that are needed for the families that will be getting food baskets (provided by the Capuchins), in addition to receiving these items. We ask that if you do choose a tag, that you bring back your unwrapped donation to the gathering space in the back of the church or to the parish office. We ask that you have your donated items in by Monday, December 12th. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Forever Young Seniors...

Our meeting will be next Monday, December 5th at 10am. This will be our first annual *Cookiefest*! All members are asked to please bring homemade desserts. We will also have the *Great Reindeer Races*, starring all of Santa's reindeer. So, start saving up your dollar bills and dust off your favorite cookie recipes for this festive event.

We are looking for a volunteer to fill the position of Secretary. Please let Katie know if you are interested.

The 2017 Annual dues are \$5 and should be paid by our January meeting. We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

Motor City Casino Thurs, Jan 12th 9:30am – 3:30pm

\$24 <u>due by Dec 29th</u>

Meadowbrook "Altar Boyz"

Sun, Feb 19th 10:00am – 6:00pm \$92 **due by Jan 20**th

Historical Detroit
Tues, March 14th 9:00am – 4:30pm
\$77 due by Feb 28th

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

Advent Day of Reflection St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center Wednesday, December 7, 2016 9am to 3pm

Take a few hours out of your busy week to spend some time in a quiet place with the Lord. The day is led by our Passionist priests and includes a conference, personal time for quiet reflection, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist and a full hot lunch. Cost: \$30 per person. Space is available for parish groups or individuals. Please call Marie DiDomizio at 734 522 4639 or Lynnette Marshall at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center at 313 286 2800 to reserve your spot.

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

Holy Name Fraternity is an organization of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy parish for any and all men of the parish. The purpose of the is organization to promote fellowship between the men of the parish, to assist the parish both physically and financially whenever possible, to conduct activities for the benefit of the parish family, and to aid the members in their duty to God and His Church. We meet 7pm, the third Tuesday of each month, September thru May, in the parish center building small hall. Any and all men are welcome. Come help us grow and become an even better group. We need you!

Paul Markus

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

Coffee Sunday Coffee and goodies



Meet and get to know more of your New parish family members in the Social Hall after 10am Mass.

Today, Sunday, November 27th

Attention: All Liturgical Ministers Immaculate Conception on December 8

Please see the sign-up sheets for Lectors, Commentators, EMEs, Greeters, Ushers and Sacristans on

Thursday, December 8 at 8:30am and 7:00pm

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



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COATS FOR KIDS

Starting this week and running until the week of December 18th, the Knights of Columbus is running a Coats for Kids Drive at our parish! A collection box is located in the back of the Church for you to deposit new coats of all sizes for needy children in our area.

Banns of Marriage
Patricia Roemmele

Phillip Macunovich December 3, 2016

Will You be Heading South for the Winter?

If you will be heading out of Michigan for the cold winter months, please call our parish office to arrange to have your church envelopes stopped while you are gone. If we know when you are leaving and when you will return, it saves us time and postage in the long run or consider signing up for **Electronic On-Line Giving.**



JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

A big thank you to Marissa Mueller, Joey Beahon, and Makena Burden who volunteered on a Saturday, November 12 at the Mercado Food Hub which is located at the Ford Resource and engagement center on Bagley in Detroit. They helped clients grocery shop and load food into their vehicles as well as helping to re-stack fresh produce. This was the first time we volunteered at this location. We are hope other teens will join us next time for this rewarding experience.

Junior High Group

Below are opportunities for 7th and 8th graders (Junior high youth). Advance sign up is required. Permission slips are located on our parish website under Groups, then Junior High Youth Group.

December

- 2 Junior High Youth Group Meeting 7-9pm Parish Center
- 3 Gleaner's Food Bank Taylor 12:30 pm 4:00 p.m.- 12 Volunteers needed
- 10 "Las Posadas" Progressive Dinner 4:15 pm-10pm \$10 donation per person (Travel between three area Catholic Churches for a 3-course meal and go back in time to the journey of Mary and Joseph as they struggled to find, in time, a place for the birth of Jesus. Explore what it means to be a refugee in a foreign land and what it would be like to find yourself in a new country with a language quite often different than your own. Our three host parishes are Sacred Heart Dearborn, St. Thomas the Apostle, and St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy)
- 15 Bingo at Four Chaplains Nursing Home 7-8pm
- 17 Capuchin Service Center Sorting Coats and Food for Families for Christmas -8:30am - 12:30pm
- 19 Christmas Caroling at Four Chaplains Nursing Home 7:15 p.m. 8:15 p.m.
- 22 Bingo at Four Chaplains Nursing Home 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

Any questions, please contact Carol Nelius at 734 765 5525 or youthministry@stmarycooj.org

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Are you interested in finding out what our High School Youth Ministry to offer? Then come and visit us at one of our upcoming meetings or events. Our youth ministry program is open to any 9th –12th grade high school youth regardless of what high school you attend (public or private). The youth group meets weekly on Mondays from 7–9pm from September until mid-June in our Parish Center Youth Group Room.

Questions? Contact Carol Nelius at 734 765 5525 or youthministry@stmarycooj.org

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Over the last two months several young adults in our parish community attended a Praise & Worship evening. One was held at Ss .Cyril and Methodius in Sterling Heights on a Friday evening and another at Our Lady of Good Council in Plymouth on a Sunday evening. Both evenings involved very powerful praise and worship music along with Adoration and a short themed talk or reflection by a priest. Both events were amazing and spiritually uplifting. Some people may have never experienced praise and worship in this manner before. If you have not we encourage you to try it just once. It was amazing to see the hundreds of people that attended of all ages. We would like to invite other young adults to join us at the next Praise and Worship evening on Sunday, December 11 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth. It is a wonderful way to slow down from our day to day hectic lives, be in the presence of Jesus, and praise His Holy Name. Please consider joining us. All are Welcome!



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Wednesday, February 22, 2017 7-8:30pm at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice 29015 Jamison St. Livonia

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Today, and the weekend of December 3 & 4, Right to Life volunteers will offer a variety of *LIFESPAN religious Christmas cards* with beautiful pro-life verses which you won't find in any retail store. <u>Please support</u> this very important fund-raiser of *LIFESPAN* after all the Masses.

We will also be selling the 2017 Entertainment Book w/ two extra items: a savings booklet (smaller version of ET Book); and an extra savings card. Get amazing savings! Activate the card and use the "Entertainment Book app" on a smartphone. Don't have a smartphone? Use the paper coupons in the E-Book! And pass the card on to a son/daughter, grandchild or friend who has a smartphone so that you both benefit! PLUS, get a <u>FREE</u> 2016 Entertainment Book w/Premier Dining Book (both good till end of year). Makes a great Christmas Gift that keeps on giving!

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Nov. 28	8:30am	Joseph A. Wojciak by his sister, Florence Azzopardi Intentions of Bridget Bartosik by John & Julie Barile
Wed. Nov. 30	12 Noon	Frank Gonzales, Sr. by his son, Frank Victor Joseph Lopez by his Family Intentions of Alicia Brinkman by John & Julie Barile
Thurs. Dec. 1	8:30am	Deloris O'Hagan by her husband, Don Brian Darow by Charles Swaney
Fri. Dec. 2	8:30am	Emmanuel McKennett by Marie Chafey Jerome & Larry O'Hagan by their brother, Don
Sat. Dec. 3	4:30pm	James Visnaw, Sr. by Antoinette Mary Lu Costyn by her husband, Ralph Stan Baran (2nd Anniv) by his sister, Rita John Mroz by Kevin & Deb Andresen Robert Novak by Joyce & Dennis Ecker
Sun. Dec. 4	8:00am	Frank Gonzales, Sr. by his Son, Frank Kevin Freeman by his Family Bernard Bordeau by Alice Andre` Matthew Douglas by Frank & Pat Criscenti
	10:00am	Michael Schultz by Peggy Fox Susan Aho by her Family Patricia & Elyce Bylow by their Family
	12 Noon	Ruth Ann Butler by Helen Mulcrone Intentions of 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 November 28-December 4

MON. Nov. 28	7:00pm	Mass Faith Formation High School Youth Group Mtg. Children's Choir rehearsal
TUE. Nov. 29		NO WEEKDAY MASS
WED. Nov. 30	11:00am 12 Noon	Doors open for cards and coffee Cards and Coffee—Social hall Mass Rosary—in Chapel (in Church)
THURS. Dec. 1	8:30am 7-9:00pm	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal
FRI. Dec. 2	8:30am 9am-3pm	Mass Eucharistic Exposition
SAT. Dec. 3		Reconciliation Mass
SUN. Dec. 4	8:00am 10:00am Noon	

ı	SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT							
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ı	11/13/2016	380	\$	10,653	\$	18,000	\$	(7,347)
ı	11/6/2016	468	\$	14,750	\$	18,000	\$	(3,250)
ı	10/23/2016	359	\$	8,866	\$	18,000	\$	(9,134)
ı	10/16/2016	361	\$	10,885	\$	18,000	\$	(7,115)
ı	weekly actuals include your on line giving for November							
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ı		FY 2016-17	\$	216,870	\$	360,000	\$	(143,130)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE December 3/4							
	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:00am	SUNDAY 10:00am	SUNDAY 12 NOON			
Celebrant	Fr. Ken	Fr. Ken	Fr. Joe Plawecki	Fr. Ken			
Lector Comm.	Richard Gora Sharon McCarthy	Evangeline Baldis Katie Bohr	Theresa O'Bey Don Yokley	Joanne Harshman Jim McDonnell			
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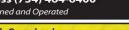
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