

MARCH 12, 2017 • 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



When our parish received its name, St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, we also received the official feast day, which is March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation of the angel Gabriel to Mary. It is that "yes" of Mary that fills us with joy. It is that "yes" of Mary that we celebrate.

This year, March 25 falls on a Saturday. After some discussions, we have decided to celebrate our feast day on Sunday, March 26, which is also "Laetare Sunday" (Rejoice Sunday). Our celebration will be as follows:

1:15 pm (after the 12 Noon Mass) Prayer Service honoring Mary, our patron, in gratitude

1:30 pm State of the Parish Update, by Fr. Ken.

If there is any information that you may want addressed during this update, please fill out a card in the gathering space of church and put it in the box. The sooner you do so the better. Some of the information may require research that may take some time. We don't necessarily have all of the information, especially financial information from the past, at our fingertips.

2:15 pm Lunch provided by the parish and Open house of the Parish Offices and Social Hall, for those who may not have had the chance to visit yet.

Please RSVP to the parish office to let us know how many people to prepare for lunch.

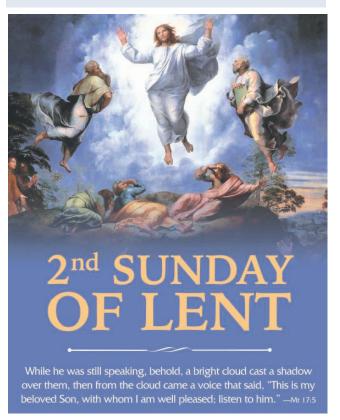
This will be another opportunity to get to know each other better. The Prayer service and gathering will take place in church. The lunch will be in the social hall. Please come and spend an afternoon with your parish community.

Fr. Ken

Friday, March 17
Join us for a
Lenten Meal at 6pm
Small Social Hall

Mac and Cheese Sponsored by Forever Young Seniors

Followed by
Stations of the Cross
at 7 pm in the Church



Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.

PARISH INFORMATION ST. MARY, CAUSE OF OUR JOY

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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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Readings for Sunday, March 19

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Resp. Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not

your hearts.

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 **Gospel:** John 4:5-42

Our Active Duty Service Members:

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IN FORMATION

I want to thank our Catechists and Carol Nelius for giving up their Saturday to facilitate a retreat for First-Year Confirmation Candidates. Very dependable and

generous are Bob Schoenborn, Luis Gonzalez, John Filipiak and Carol Nelius. Thanks too to the parents who made sure the kids got there. God reward you.

Thank you to our Faith Formation Families who contributed to and helped with our simple Soup & Bread Supper last Friday. I'm writing this before the event but am confident that the meal and Stations of the Cross went splendidly.

Mark your calendar for next Monday, March 20 at 6:00 pm. ALL parents, grandparents, God-parents and Sponsors are invited to a 90minute presentation called *Passing on the Faith*. It is a practical look at passing on the Faith to future generations. It will address issues such as how to talk about the faith and how to apprentice and model faith.

As promised here is the final installment of Kathy Hendricks' take on Lent.

"Prayer is an integral part of Lent. Whether joining with others in communal worship or by ourselves in daily acts of contemplation and meditation, we make an offering of our lives to God. Penitential prayers take on particular meaning during Lent as a way to open ourselves more fully to the merciful love of God that is offered back to us in abundance. This humble form of prayer also calls upon us to extend forgiveness and mercy to others and thus make our own small contribution to global peace.

It's taken many turns around the seasonal calendar for me to come to a deeper appreciation of Lent's austerity, generosity and piety. Through each comes an opportunity to make a sacred offering of our lives. In this way, the light that lengthens with the season only grows more radiant."

The Bottom Line What is the difference between a cat and a comma? One has the paws before the claws and the other has the clause before the pause.

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF

Passing on the Fai

A Practical Look at Passing on the Faith to Future Generations



The "Passing on the Faith" presentation is intended for parents of elementary, middle school or high school students.

This presentation will:

- •Make an honest assessment of young people and faith.
- •Examine how parents can better inspire faith in future generations.
- •Address practical issues such as how to talk about the faith and its tradition with your children, and how to apprentice and model our faith as parents.
- •Include great resources and more!

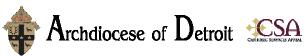
SAINT MARY, CAUSE OF OUR JOY PARISH

Large Social Hall

Monday, March 20, 2017

6:00pm to 7:30pm

For more information please contact Carol Nelius at youthministry@stmarycooj.org





Ministry Updates

As we grow and change, we have been and continue to rebuild many of the ministries, groups and teams here at our new parish. Currently, we are in the process of rebuilding the Art and Environment Team as well as the Homebound Ministry Team. We are still in URGENT need of volunteers!

The Art and Environment Team focuses mainly on the environment inside of the Church. This involves many aspects of art, decorations, banners, flowers, etc. that impact our worship experiences. If you have a flair for decorating or want to impact our worship experience through the worship environment, please consider joining us as we move into the future.

The Homebound Ministry Team focuses on bringing Our Lord, through the Gospel and Holy Communion, to those who are unable to attend Mass. If you are interested, please consider joining this important ministry. Training and worship aids are available to prepare and assist in the various services.

To find out more or to volunteer, please call the church office or speak to Fr. Ken or Steve Reyes.

Forever Young Seniors...

I hope everyone enjoyed our musical March meeting last week with the *Silver Strings Dulcimer Society*. A special thank you to the *Holy Name Fraternity* for being our guest chefs. Thank you to **Flo Bozek** for the beautiful Irish decorations. Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 3rd at 10am.**

Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers especially Betty Martin & Rita Kraft.

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

<u>Little River & Soaring Eagle Casino</u> Tues-Wed, April 25th -26th

\$179 <u>due by March 26th</u>

Old Chicago Road
Tues, May 23rd 9:00am – 5:45pm
\$73 due by May 9th (Waiting List)

The bus trips are open to everyone. Please call Marie DiDomizio 734-522-4639 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 Marie 34378 Fountain Blvd, Westland, MI 48185

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Adult Movie Night Pizza and a Movie!

Our Parish's *Joyful Women* group is sponsoring a **FREE** adult movie night in the Social Hall on Thursday, March 23rd. Movie, popcorn and beverage provided **FREE** of charge, pizza available for **\$1.00** a slice.

The movie is <u>The Finest Hours</u>. In February of 1952, one of the worst nor'easters to ever strike New England damaged an oil tanker off the coast of Cape Cod and literally ripped it in half. On a small lifeboat faced with 70-foot high waves and frigid temperatures, the Coast Guard mounted what is to this day considered one of their most daring rescue missions. Starring Chris Pine, Casey Affleck & Ben Foster. Rated PG-13.

Doors open at 5:30 pm, with **movie starting at 6:00 pm**. All ladies and men of the Tri-Parish family and their friends are *welcome!* Metal folding chairs provided ... feel free to bring your own more comfortable chair and/or cushion!



ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake & French Toast Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19
8:30am to NOON
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Social Hall
COST: \$3 Adults

\$1.50 Children ages 2 to 10 MENU: Pancakes, French Toast, Ham,

MENU: Pancakes, French Toast, Ham, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Applesauce, Tea, Coffee, Milk, & Juice

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Joyful Women News...

Our next meeting is this Wednesday, March 15th at 7pm in our social hall. All women of our Parish Family are *WELCOME* to join us. Our hostesses will be the ladies from **Our Lady of Lourdes Circle.**

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us as we provide the Lenten Meal on **Friday, March 24th** at 6pm in our Social Hall followed by the 7pm Stations of the Cross.

Also, we are planning for our upcoming Easter Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, April 15th.

Come join us this Wednesday and be a part of these and other upcoming events at our Parish.

Have a Blessed Week! Leslie Johnston

Lenten Days of Reflection

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center

23333 Schoolcraft (Eastbound I-96 Service Drive) between Telegraph & Outer Drive Wednesday, March 15th 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 our parishioner: **Marie DiDomizio at 734 522 4639 or** Lynnette Marshall at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center (313 286 2800 to reserve your spot.





A big thank you to all those who participated in the first Friday Lenten Supper and Stations. Mac and cheese was shared with about 60 hungry folks just before we prayed the stations.



MARCH Yellow Offertory Envelope

The yellow envelope found in your monthly packet of envelopes mailed to your home is earmarked for: <u>Catholic</u> Relief Services.

We are taking up this collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

WELCOME

Joe, Karen, Morgan & Jacob Mercieca

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

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

Next Sunday, March 19, the Holy Name Fraternity hopes you have not "given up" pancakes for lent, and that you will join us for our monthly Pancake and French Toast all you wish to eat breakfast. Besides enjoying breakfast you have a chance to meet and greet fellow parishioners and guests. Breakfast is served 8:30 am until noon. Come! Enjoy! ALL men of the parish are welcome to attend our meeting on March 21, at 6 pm. The evening begins with a short business meeting followed by a light supper and then some lenten thoughts from our Pastor, Father Ken. We hope to see you there, even if you have never attended before. It's free! Jerry Chwalek is working on new jackets, shirts, and sweaters for our Fraternity members. He requests you contact him (734-525-1469) with your apparel size.

Paul Markus



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

Fr. Gerald Thaar, osc

and all the souls of our faithful departed.

May they rest in peace. Amen

High School & Junior High Youth Group News

WAYMC High School YouthGroup Lock- In (Vicariate Event)

Who: All High School Students (grades 9-12)

When: March 17 at 9:00pm (drop off at St. John Neumann) - March 18 at 7:30am (pick up begins between 7:15 am—7:30 am from St. John Neumann)

Where: St. John Neumann - 44800 Warren Rd, Canton

Cost: \$5.00 plus a snack & 2L bottle of pop or juice to share!

Activities Include: Movies, Basketball, Board Games, Craft Station, Group Games, Eucharistic Adoration, Talent Show, Social Space, Dodgeball, Dance Party ... and MORE!

Permission slips and money due to by Monday, March 13! Please bring your snack and beverage to share the night of the event. Contact Carol Nelius at 734-765-5525 or youthministry@stmarycooj.org if you have questions or concerns! Please Note: Teens MUST stay the entire time of the lock-in.



Teens Pictured from left to right Makenna Burden, Joey Beahon, Jose Perez, Annastacia Flateau, and Maggie Crunk.

Adult volunteers: Tim Crunk and Carol Nelius

On March 4 both junior high and high school teens spent their Saturday volunteering at the Gleaners Mercado food hub located in The Ford resource management building near I -96 and Vernor. The teens were guides for families shopping in the client choice pantry, helped sort produce, and stock shelves.

We have three volunteer opportunities on Wednesdays after school in March to work at the Mercado. March 15, March 22 and March 29. We will depart at 3:30 PM. Work from 4:00 pm -6:15 pm and will return at 6:45 pm. We hope many other junior high or high school teams will join us.



Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 9
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
1:30pm-3:00pm Toddlers-Grade 6

You are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt, pictures with the Easter Bunny, Crafts, Games, and Snacks.

This event is hosted by St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy High School Youth Group Teens

No charge for this event.

Pre-Registration is required. Forms are available in the gathering space and parish office.

<u>Deadline for registration is **Monday**, **April 3**. Drop off forms to the parish office. Any questions please call Carol Nelius, 734-765-5525 or email youthministry@stmarycooj.org</u>



Left to right, Makenna Burden, Kyle Proffitt, Tony Quillen, Courtney Winn, Kristen Mason, and Carol Nelius

On Sunday, March 5 junior high and high school teens along with some college young adults attended a sold out Christian rock, hip-hop and pop concert at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The concert featured Toby Mac, Matt Maher, Capital Kings, Ryan Stevenson, Mac Powell, & Hollyn.

It was a great evening of praise, worship, and fellowship. Stay tuned for future upcoming concert opportunities

MASS INTENTIONS			UPCOMING EVENTS March 13-March 19			
Mon. March 13	8:30am	Deceased Members of Mona and Billy Abbey Families Jerry Storey by his wife, Pat	MON.	Mar. 13		Mass St. Margaret Mary Cr. Meeting Faith Formation
Wed. March 15	12 Noon	Francesca Barone by her sister, Sara Scanga Remy Borromeo by Roberto & Magdalena Galzote			7-9:00pm 7:15-8:00	High School Youth Group Children's Choir Rehearsal Softball Coaches Mtg.
Thurs. March 16	8:30am	Deloris O'Hagan by her husband, Don Richard Derrick by Fran Gleason Prayers for Alexander Bar on his 21st Birthday	TUE.	Mar. 14		Adult Bible Study room 106-107 Living the Eucharist Series Rm 108
		by his Grandma Emily Gnacke	WED.	Mar. 15	11:00am	Living the Eucharist Room 108 Cards & Coffee in social hall
Fri. March 17	8:30am	Sue Weaver by her husband, Tom Prayers for Members of Zajkowski and Murphy Families by Jim and Mary			12 Noon 7:00pm 7:00pm	
Sat. March 18	4:30pm	Theophlus Cieslinski by his daughter, Rita Bernas Dan Flemming by Our Lady of Lourdes Circle	THURS	S. Mar. 16	8:30am 7:00pm	Mass Adult Choir Rehearsal
		Stella M. Topolsky by her Family Joseph Schmuck (13th Anniv.) by his daughter, Jean	FRI.	Mar. 17		Mass Eucharistic Exposition Lenten Meal
Sun. March 19	8:00am	Susan Aho by her Family Dorothy Finnerty by her daughter, Phyllis Demski Prayers for the members of the Zajkowski amd Murphy Families by Jim & Mary Murphy	SAT.	Mar. 18	10:00am 3:30pm	Stations of the Cross Living the Eucharist Reconciliation Mass with the children's choir
	10:00am	Thomas and Lawrence Pepera by their sister, Mary Lou Davis Joe Andrus by the Andrus Famly Charlotte Kirkpatrick by the Joyful Women's group	SUN.	Mar. 19		Pancake & French Toast Breakfast Living the Eucharist Mass
	12 Noon	Ambrosia Paja by her daughter, Roberta Prayers for Our Parish Family				RCIA Living the Eucharist Mass



If you are unable to walk up for Communion and you are not sitting in the handicap section, please notify an usher when you enter Church and a **Priest** will come to you.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE March 18/19									
	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:00am	SUNDAY 10:00am	SUNDAY 12 NOON					
Celebrant	Fr. Julian Chmura	Fr. Ken	Fr. Joe	Fr. Ken					
Lector Comm.	Henry VerVaecke Ralph Costyn	Paul Kinnell Cam Jankowiak	Eva Leidholdt Nancy Smith	Pat Sobieski Jennifer Schaefer					
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Altar Server	Jason Alava	Ashely Campos Javier Campos Frank Criscenti	Yahzara Roland Tori White	Andrew Engler Emma Engler Tori White					
Sacristan	Fran Gleason	Alice André	Jeff Vernon	Joy Moss					
Ushers	Tony Collins Denis Rowland Peter Kowalski Paul Markus Emery Price Don Niemiec Steve Noonan Frank Pelton Jean Schmuck	Don Koszegi Jim DeVitis Ernie Lenard Paul Lukasik Bill Lezotte Dan Stachow	Chris Gieske Andy Konstal Mark Gozinski Jim Siepierski Kathy Sherry Ron Sherry Yonnie Underwood	Luis Gonzalez Ken Konrad Annmarie Konrad Barbara Burke John Burke Bonnie Kinunen Ron Kinunen Clare Masak					
Greeters	Eunice Austin Rose Abela Ed Kiras	Volunteer	Volunteer	Guldner Family					
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Altar Care	March 31 Janet Carrier Margaret Blackwood								

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