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Joyful News

DECEMBER 3, 2017 • 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Sunday of Advent

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.” - Mk 13:35-36



Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation

8:30am and 7:00pm



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

**Wednesday, December 6
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.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE VIGIL MASS

With Los Gallos Jacinto Mariachi Band

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

MASS: 6:00pm

Following Mass:

Join us for a delicious MEXICAN DINNER

TIME: 7:15pm

Large Social Hall at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Tickets for dinner: \$10 available in the office

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.



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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Office Hours

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

Friday: 8:00am-Noon

Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI 8:30 am

WED 12:00 Noon

SAT 4:30 pm

SUN 8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 Noon

Confession

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

Marriage

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

Anointing of Sick and Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor, deacon or lay ministers are available to visit upon request.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Parish Registration

Please call the office at 734-425-4421 to register with our parish. Please notify our parish of any address or phone changes.

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

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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Ray Grochowski	Alice Milliken	Emma Scaramella	

If there are any names that can be removed from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling **734-425-4421**

READINGS for December 10

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Resp. Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CMDR Theron R. Korsak, U.S. Navy; **CPT Joey Saunders**, U.S. Marines;
Joseph David Onadia, U.S. Navy; **SMSGT Terence Zelek**, U.S. Air Force

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 9 am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.



Advent begins this weekend. Most likely, our preparations for Christmas have already begun weeks or even months ago. The Gospel readings in this season introduce us to one of the most suggestive themes of Advent: the visit of the Lord to humanity. There are three times that the Lord comes to us: the first time, in the past, with the Incarnation and Birth of Jesus at Christmas. That is what we commemorate each year; The second is in the present, as Jesus visits us continually, every day, in the Eucharist; the final visit, in the future, is when Jesus "will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead." We read the Gospel of the last judgment last Sunday.

The Gospel, especially at the beginning of Advent, is not trying to frighten us, but to urge us on to seek the presence of Jesus in places and events that we may not have thought about. We are being invited to an attitude of seriousness, of sobriety, not letting ourselves be dominated by the things and worries of this world, but rather to keep them in their proper place. If we fall into that temptation, we will not be able to understand what is even more important, the third visit of Jesus, our final encounter with the Lord.

Pope Francis tells us that, during Advent, we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to allow ourselves to be surprised by life, as each day presents us with something new. There are people that come into our lives who may give us a whole new perspective on faith and our relationship with Jesus. We cannot only depend upon our own plans and the safety we surround ourselves with, because the Lord comes when we don't imagine. We have to let ourselves be astonished, even beyond our imagination. Happy Advent!

Fr. Ken



IN FORMATION

Tomorrow, Dec 4 is a special day for some of our children. It will be the day of their first celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Along with their parents and Catechists they have been preparing since the end of September. They will celebrate with all of the other children at our regularly scheduled Advent Penance Service.

Adults are urged to celebrate on **Wed. Dec. 6** so as not to prolong the time in church. Thank you.

Advent has begun. All of our participants were to have received materials to use at home with their families during this brief time of joyful preparation for Christmas.

Following is an Advent Wreath Blessing you may wish to use at home.

Lord God,

Your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its savior, Who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.

Pour forth your blessing upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever, Amen.

It is not too late to sign up for BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited.

Breakfast in Bethlehem is this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Our Holy Name Fraternity is preparing its famous all you can eat pancake/French toast breakfast for just \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for kids. You can pay as you enter. There will be crafts for children after breakfast. The **Christmas Pageant** is at **11:30** in church and free to all. Come, support our children and give yourself a spiritual boost.

The Bottom Line Why wasn't Cinderella good at sports? *Because she had a pumpkin for a coach.*

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF



Saturday, December 9, 2017

10:00 a.m. Breakfast/craft
11:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant

All are welcome. Pageant free.
Breakfast \$3 adults \$1.50 kids

Pay at the door
Breakfast prepared by
Holy Name Fraternity

Christmas Sing-a-long

Sunday, December 10th
at 4:00 pm in Church

Get in the Christmas Spirit and join us for an afternoon of festive music and sing-a-long songs featuring the adult and children's choirs of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy.

Admission: Please bring one dozen cookies to share!

HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating our Church for Christmas on **Monday, December 18th at 10:00am**. Everyone is welcome to join us. *Many hands make for less work.*



Coffee Sunday

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

NEXT Sunday, December 10

If you would like to donate homemade cupcakes, cookies or other goodies for the above date, please contact: Don & Kathy Yokley at: 734-335-6670

CATHOLIC JEWELRY & ROSARY SALE

Teens will be selling jewelry **after Mass this weekend Dec. 3/4 and next weekend Dec. 9/10** in our gathering space.

There will be an assortment of imported hand-made Italian, Mexican and Bethlehem olive wood rosaries. There will also be Catholic medals, crucifixes, necklaces and gift items available.

Wearing Catholic jewelry, medals, crucifixes, is an outward sign of faith and hope. Items are reasonably priced. Please stop by!

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

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

For December 2017, these are the planned activities for Holy Name Fraternity. We will be providing a pancake breakfast for Breakfast in Bethlehem families on Saturday, Dec. 9, 10:00- 11:30 am. Help needed from 8am until completion. Then on Saturday, Dec. 16, 10:00, set up for our monthly Pancake/French Toast breakfast of Sunday, Dec. 17. On Tuesday, Dec. 19, Holy Name Fraternity will have our monthly meeting beginning at 6:00 pm, (that's right, 6:00 pm) with a brief business meeting, followed by our pre-Christmas supper, and followed by a presentation by Holy Name Fraternity member Bob Cadotte with tales of his time in WWII. Men, come join us for any or all of the above, even if you have never attended before...you are most welcome

Paul Markus



Coats for Kids!

The Knights will once again be collecting **NEW** and unwrapped winter coats for deserving children via *Holy Cross Children's Services*. Holy Cross is one of the largest private non-profit providers of child services in Michigan. Founded initially as *Boysville of*



Michigan in 1948 by His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, the agency's growth over the past 60 years reflects the incredible commitment and support from the Michigan Knights of Columbus and our Catholic Community. Please look for our coat tote in the Gathering Space up until, and including, the weekend of **December 10th**.

On behalf of the Children and the Knights, thank you so much! Please learn more about Holy Cross at holycrossservices.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

We ask that **ALL ministers**, new, old, and even people just interested in finding out more information attend. All training should be an hour or less and will include information about the spirituality of the ministry AND a review of our procedures here at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy.

Usher Training
Monday, December 4 at 7pm

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food via our **Red Wagon** found in our Gathering Space. **375** pounds of non-perishable food items were taken to St. Mary Food Depot in Wayne for distribution to those in need in our Community on November 15. Also, thank you to Jim DeVitis & Dan Stachow for taking our donations there.



Thank you to everyone who took a tag from our tree in the gathering space. As a reminder, we ask that all gifts be returned to the tree by the weekend of **Dec. 16th and 17th**. Gifts should be in gift bags (but unwrapped) with the original tag from the Giving Tree attached somewhere visible. If you like, you can leave the gift receipt in the bag. If you are returning a gift card you can staple/tape the tag to the outside of the envelope. We will also have tags for gift blankets designated for our home-bound Parishioners.



Please join us for our next St. Vincent de Paul meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at 6pm in room 107 in the parish office building.

Forever Young Seniors...

Our next meeting will be tomorrow, December 4th at 10:00am. This meeting will be our Annual Cookie Fest and the wonderful and always fun Reindeer Races. All members are asked to please bring a home-baked item. Jim & Diane Fredrickson will be our volunteer chefs. Dianne Lazar will be collecting the Annual dues of \$5.00. These should be paid either December or January.

Reminder: to those going to see "Meet Me in St. Louis" Sunday, please be in the parking lot by 10:00am.

Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers.

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

Greektown Casino

Wednesday, January 24th, 2018

9:15am – 3:45pm

\$26 **due by Jan 10th**

Meadowbrook Theatre

"Tenderly" Sunday, Feb 25th

9:30am – 5:30pm

\$97 **due by Jan 26th**

Solanus Casey Pilgrimage

Wednesday, Mar 28th

8:45am – 5:30pm

\$58 **due by Mar 14th**

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



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

Derek Gluth
Mary Alfano
Phyllis Mc Cann

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

Dear St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy parishioners,

Recently I received a check from the bake sale and steakhouse fundraisers to help with my seminary expenses. Thank you so much! I am in awe of the generosity God shows me through each of you. Know that your support and prayers are deeply appreciated. May God continue to bless you and the parish family of St. Mary.

In Christ, Seminarian Derik Peterman

Junior High News

Advent Service Blitz

CYT (Catholic Youth Trek) Presents an Advent Service Event for 7th-8th Graders
Saturday, December 9 - 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church
27101 W. Chicago
Redford, MI 48239

Cost \$5

Join Middle Schoolers for a night of service & fun. We will have various service stations set up throughout the activity building where we'll join together to decorate lunch bags, make hygiene kits, fleece blankets, sort clothing and more!!

Advanced sign up is required with Carol Nelius, Coordinator of Youth Ministry via email, phone, or text at youthministry@stmarycooj.org or 734 765 5525

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

As you prepare for this Christmas season, please don't forget to add the parish to your gift list. You have a few options available for you to give:

- Dropping your Christmas envelope in the collection basket at Mass
- On-line at www.stmarycooj.org
- By mail or by dropping your monetary gift off at the parish office.

Donations postmarked or received after **December 31, 2017** will be recorded for the 2017 tax year. Your offertory package contains your Christmas envelope. These envelopes are ideal to use. Should you forget your envelope, you can write "for Christmas" on your check or on the outside of any envelope and your gift will be counted in the Christmas Collection. You have until **January 14, 2017** to get your Christmas gift in.

During the Christmas season, any offertory you make that is marked "for Christmas" does not get assessed tax from the Archdiocese.

Another option available to you is to make a stock donation. Visit the AOD website <http://www.aod.org/being-catholic/ways-to-give/share-your-treasure/stock-gifts/> for more details OR phone Carol, our bookkeeper at 313-977-6223.

Your Christmas gifts will be used for the operation of the parish. Our gas and electric bills are going to increase during the winter months and these Christmas funds will be of great help during those months. The parish is also responsible to pay the CSA shortfall.

You have shown such great generosity towards St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, your home parish, through your prayers and your monetary gifts. Thank you and may the good Lord continue to bless you and your family.

Advent Day of Reflection at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center Wednesday, December 6 9:30am-3:00pm COST: \$30

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. Call Marie DiDomizion at 734-522-4639 or Lynnette Marshall at St. Paul the Cross Retreat Center 313-286-2800 to reserve your spot.



LIFESPAN CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

Christmas is all about the birth of a special Baby, Jesus! He brings new hope and joy to the world. We give thanks for Him!

This weekend **Dec. 2/3**, Right to Life volunteers will offer a variety of LIFESPAN Christmas cards with beautiful pro-life verses which you won't find in any retail store. Enjoy saving money and having fun? The 2018 Entertainment Book will also be sold – makes an excellent Christmas gift. Please support this very important fund-raiser of LIFESPAN after all the Masses. More info: LIFESPAN 734.422.6230 www.miLIFESPAN.org

**Thank you to all of our
LIFESPAN supporters
and volunteers!**

WELCOME

**Mark & Carrie Serwatka
Thomas & Diane Bailey**

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 **734-425-4421**

2018 Religious Art Church Calendars

They are available at the exits of our Church beginning this weekend. Special thanks this year to the **Griffin Funeral Homes** for providing this year's Church Calendars. Any donation for these calendars will go to help defray the debt of our Parish.

ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake & French Toast Breakfast

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
8:30am to NOON
Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy
Social Hall

**COST: \$3 Adults
\$1.50 Children ages 2 to 10**
MENU: Pancakes, French Toast, Ham,
Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Applesauce,
Tea, Coffee, Milk, & Juice

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Your donations in our **Yellow** Offertory Envelope for December is designated for the **Retired Religious Fund**.

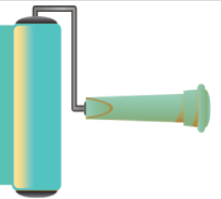
Articles for the December 24th bulletin are due by Wed., Dec. 13 by 9am.

Our next Baptism class is
Monday, December 18 at 7pm
In the Parish Center Building.

Please make sure you register for one of our Baptism Classes by contacting our Parish Office at 734 425 4421.

	SATURDAY 4:30pm		SUNDAY 8:00am		SUNDAY 10:00am		SUNDAY 12 NOON	
Celebrant	Fr. Ken		Fr. Joe		Fr. Ken		Fr. Ken	
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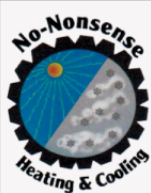
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