

FEBRUARY 11, 2018 • 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASS SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 14 12 NOON and 7:00pm



Every Friday during Lent, we invite you to join us for a delicious Lenten Meal sponsored by our different groups within our parish.

Stations of the Cross will follow in the Church.

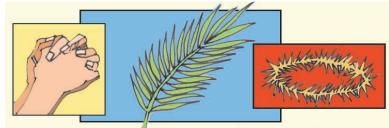
There is no cost for the meal.

Please join us!

Friday, February 16 at 6pm Small Social Hall

Meatless Pizza & Salad Sponsored by Holy Name Fraternity Followed by

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7 pm in the Church



Penitential Disciplines of Lent

"The Christian faithful, during Lent, are clearly conscious of the need to turn the mind towards those realities which really count, which require Gospel commitment and integrity of life which, through self denial of those things which are superfluous, are translated into good works and solidarity with the poor and needy" (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, #125).

In addition to choosing their own penitential practices, Catholics are also asked to observe the practices of fast and abstinence during the 40 days of Lent. The Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations are as follows:

- 1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.)
- 3. Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means eating only one full, meatless meal. Two other smaller, meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- 4. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

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

12:00 Noon **WED**

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 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.

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

READINGS for February 18

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22 Genesis 9:8-15 1st Reading: Gospel: Mark 1:12-15 Resp. Psalm: Your ways, O Lord, are

> love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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.



This Wednesday, February 14, is not only St. Valentine's Day – it is also Ash Wednesday. So how can we eat chocolates, if it's Lent? Right? It doesn't seem fair. Pope Francis suggests that, this year for Lent, if we want to "give up"

something, we try giving up something else rather than chocolates, sweets or alcohol. Pope Francis suggests that we try to give up our attitude of "Indifference towards others". It's unfortunately an attitude that pervades all of our society, and is only growing stronger.

In Lent, we need to hear and listen to the voices of the prophets, who cry out to us and who trouble our conscience. Whenever our inner life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no room for the poor and the marginalized, the outcasts of our society. God's voice is no longer heard, and the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt. The desire to do good fades away as the desire to do good for ourselves increases. We end up feeling incapable of feeling compassions at the outcry of the poor, weeping for the pain of others. It becomes someone else's responsibility, not our own.

If we fast from indifference, we can feast on love and mercy. Lent is a great time to learn how to love Jesus all over again. In the life and ministry of Jesus, no one is excluded. It should be likewise for us. When someone asks you this year, "What are you giving up for Lent", as may happen, just remember that you want to change your heart. This is a harder fast. The way is rough and bumpy. However, it will allow us to experience a deeper love for Jesus that can make us feel whole and free. Your answer should be, "I'm giving up indifference towards others."

May you have a blessed Lent. The parish will be helping you with many activities and even a weekly item to help keep you focused.

Fr. Ken



IN FORMATION

Lenten Plans Tomorrow all of our FF children will assemble in the large hall and prepare for Lent. Each will receive an age-appropriate "Little Book" to use at home as part of their Lenten observance. They will also bring home a

"Mission Bank" of sorts. We have yet to determine where this year's Alms will go. Prayer and Mass participation will also be promoted. Families are encouraged to attend the Simple Friday Meals and Stations of the Cross as often as possible.

Winter Break We will be OFF for Presidents' Day on Feb. 19. **God Calling....**Curious about religious priests, brothers, sisters? Ask them about their life.

The Bottom Line Some more humorous signs. On a church door: This is the gate of Heaven. Enter ye all by this door. (This door is kept locked because of the draft. Please use side entrance.) Outside a second-hand shop: We exchange anything — bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain? Quicksand warning: Quicksand. Any person passing this point will be drowned. By order of the District Council.

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF





And Thank You

Deacon John Burke, who had been assigned to the former St. Theodore, then the Tri-parish Cluster, and for the past year and a half, to St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, is being transferred. An opening for a deacon at his home parish of St. Anthony in Belleville, Michigan, has become available. In order to assist the pastor of St. Anthony during Lent and Holy Week, Deacon John will be leaving here at the end of February.

We thank Deacon John for his service to our parish for many years and assure him of our prayers. Deacon John will be preaching at all of the Masses on the weekend of February 24 and 25, his last weekend with us. There will be a reception for Deacon John after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, February 25. Please join us in wishing him well.

Fr. Ken



Coffee Sunday

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

THIS Sunday, February 11



I have long had a great devotion to the Stations of the Cross. The Sixth Station, Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus, has long been one of my touch stones for Christian Service. Here is a woman who sees a convict; beaten, bloody, and openly mocked by the authority. She does not have the physical or political power to save him

from his pending death. She cannot stop the pain, or his humiliation, but what she can do is show a little compassion. She wipes this man's face.

I can only imagine that if she had friends or family in that crowd, that they would have been pulling on her sleeves to hold her back. I probably would have if she was my mother or my wife. Veronica does the socially unacceptable thing, the pointless thing, and the right thing. She wipes this man's face.

Whenever I am faced with something that seems unpopular, pointless, and even socially unacceptable I try to keep Veronica in mind. My action does not have to be big, it does not have to change the world. The only important thing is it the right thing to do, the thing Christ is calling us to do.

This year, on every Friday during lent a different group from the parish will host a free meal at 6:00 in the parish hall, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Please come pray with us. It is a great place to practice being a Veronica in our world.

Paul Zbytowski

Forever Young Seniors...

from the beach.....

I see winter has come back to Westland this past week! I hope you are all staying warm & dry and healthy. The Church of the Ascension here in Fort Myers Beach has asked us not to shake hands or hug anyone during Mass due to the flu outbreak. Not a bad idea to help stay healthy.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Charity Bingo at last week's meeting. Thank you to Flo Bozek for the fantastic decorations and to Violet Lash, Cathy Bumgarner & Genie Jez for organizing the pizza lunch. I read in the Joyful News that the new monitors were installed in Church last week. I am looking forward to seeing them.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 5th at 10:00am in the large Social Hall.

Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers.

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

Solanus Casey Pilgrimage

Wednesday, Mar 28th
Bianco has added a 2nd bus, limit 50
8:45am - 5:30pm \$58
due by Mar 14th

Memory Lane Grand River Ave.

Wednesday, April 25th 8:15am – 5:30pm \$73 <u>due by April 11</u>th

Holland Tulip Time

Tues, May 8th 7:15am – 8:00pm \$89 **due by April 24**th

The bus trips are open to everyone. Please call Marie DiDomizio 734-522-4639 for <u>reservations</u> 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 DiDomizio at 34378 Fountain Blvd, Westland, MI 48185.

Maryann Sligay

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING: SING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish Social Hall Doors open: 6:00pm Movie Starts: 6:30pm COST: FREE!

SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED

(Popcorn, fruit snacks, juice boxes, water and other great kid friendly snacks).

Bring the family of an evening of fun and fellowship!

Questions: email:youthministry@stmarycooj.org or contact the parish office

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

February Holy Name Fraternity events:

- (1) HNF will host the parish Lenten meal in the small social hall at 6 pm, Friday, February 16, followed by Way of the Cross in church;
- (2) Sunday, February 18, 8:30 am-12 noon will be the February edition of our Pancake and French Toast breakfast:
- (3) On Tuesday, February 20 at 6 pm, HNF will meet in the small hall for our monthly meeting, members dinner, and Lenten reflection led by parish Pastoral Associate, Paul Zbytowski.

Paul Markus



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

Rachelle Hund

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

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Pancake & French Toast Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

Sponsored by HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

Lenten Mission with STEVE ANGRISANO

at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Beginning at 6:30pm each night

Three nights of music and storytelling...

Sunday, March 11

"THAT MY JOY MIGHT BE IN YOU....."
"From God are you in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:30)
The reality of being "IN" Christ.

Monday, March 12

"....AND YOUR JOY MAY BE COMPLETE." Experiencing Christ in our Everyday Life.

Tuesday, March 13

"SO GO, THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES....."
Living as missionary disciples.



FREE-WILL OFFERING

Joyful Women Adult Movie Night - Pizza and a Movie!

Joyful Women is sponsoring a **FREE** adult movie night in the Social Hall on Thursday, February 22nd, 2018. Movie, popcorn and beverage provided **FREE** of charge, pizza available for \$1.00 a slice.

The movie is <u>Wonder Woman.</u> An Amazon princess (Gal Gadot) finds her idyllic life interrupted when a pilot (Chris Pine) crash-lands nearby. After rescuing him, she learns that World War I is engulfing the planet, and vows to use her superpowers to restore peace. Rated PG-13.

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

High School Youth Ministry News

2018 WAYMC Lock-In

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

When: Feb. 23 at 9:00pm (drop off at St. John Neumann) —

Feb. 24 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, MI 48187 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!

Advanced sign up required by Monday, February 19

A new school semester has started. Teenagers are busier than ever today. Maybe your fall schedule was action packed with sports, marching band, or a tough schedule of classes and you didn't have time to fit youth group meetings and events into your schedule. Well no problem. The door is always open for you for to come and join us when you can. Youth group meets every Monday from 7:15 pm - 9:00 p.m. in the youth group room located in the parish center.

You can also sign up to receive text and or email high school ministry updates - Text COOJ to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. - Select Youth Ministry High School or you can sign up on from the website. flocknote.com/stmarycooj and then select high school youth ministry.

Carol Nelius - Coordinator of Youth Ministry - email: youthministry@stmarycooj.org or 734 425 4421 ext. 215

HOMEPLATE 2018

Saturday, May 12

Program, Food Coupon, and Baseball Game Saturday, May 12, Comerica Park Each \$34 ticket provides you with a \$5 food coupon, pre-game program at 12:30PM and followed by the 4:10PM game between the Detroit Tigers and the Seattle Mariners.

Tickets for this event are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are only 7,500 tickets available for this event and it sells out every year. To Make Reservations for the HOME PLATE 2018 program, \$5 food coupon, and baseball game, please provide a check made payable to St. Mary, Cause of our Joy for \$34.00 per person or cash to the attention of Carol Nelius via the parish office or you can drop off during weekends after Mass. This event is open to all ages. Ticket deadline is **Monday, February 19**.

Tickets will be distributed 2 weeks prior to the game date along with final details for the day of the event.

If you require handicap seating, please note this along with your payment. For more information about this event, please contact Carol Nelius, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at youthministry@stmarycooj.org or call/text 734 765 5525 or 734 425 4421 ext. 215



Would you like to find out what is happening at the parish between weekly Bulletins?

Our parish is now signed up for Flocknote, an email/text service, which will allow us to send up to the minute information on things like funeral arrangements, building closings and meeting cancellations. It is free, and you decide what information you would like to receive.

Questions about how to sign up? Please call the office or see Paul in the Gathering Space after Mass.

You can sign up for Flocknote by going to:

https://app.flocknote.com/ StMaryCauseofOurJoy or by text "COOJ" to 84576

JOYFUL WOMEN NEWS

The next General Meeting
Of the Joyful Women is
Wed., February 21 at 7 p.m.

Hosted by Mary, Queen of Angels Circle In the small social hall

Mark your calendars for the following **BUNCO Night!**

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Women's Lenten Reflection

Wednesday March 21, 2018
Further details to follow.
All women of the parish are invited to attend our Meetings and Events

THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 13, 20 & 27; MARCH 6 & 20

7:00-9:00pm
Room 106-107 in the Parish
Center Building at
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
Questions?
Call the office at 734-425-4421

MASS INTENTIONS						
Mon. Feb. 12	8:30am	Deceased Members of the Colton Family by Jim & Sue Hensel				
Wed. Feb. 14	12 Noon	Cecile Boglarsky by husband, Albert Joseph & Annistasia Przychocki by Ken & MaryAnn Pryce				
Wed. Feb. 14	7:00pm	Prayers for Chucky, Christa, Maria & Bobby from their mom and dad Bob Lang by wife, MaryJo				
Thurs. Feb. 15	8:30am	Mary & Martin Chalmer by Sue & Jim Hensel				
Sat. Feb. 16	4:30pm	Ron Aneiros by MaryJane Fava Terri Stevens by Ron, Linda & family Victoria Cieslinski by Rita Bernas				
Sun. Feb. 17	8:00am	Frances Chwalek by Jerry & Marlene Chwalek Timothy Pernak by his mom For our parish family				
	10:00am	William Abbott by Joyce Pociask Fr. Edmund Borycz by family Paul Gadomski by Joyce Pociask				
	12 Noon	Betty Schroeder				

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT									
Sunday	No.	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly					
Offertory	<u>Env</u>	Actual	Budget	Variance					
2/4/18	375	\$ 20,293	\$ 10,971	\$ 9,323					
1/28/18	363	\$ 10,362	\$ 10,971	\$ (609)					
1/21/18	366	\$ 11,787	\$ 10,971	\$ 817					
1/14/18	321	\$ 9,588	\$ 10,971	\$ (1,383)					
weekly actual includes online giving of \$628									
St Vincent dePaul donations: \$4,834									
Church in Central/Eastern Europe: \$838									
		YTD	YTD	YTD					
FY 2	2017-18	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>					
		\$ 369,926	\$ 351,065	\$ 18,861					

UPCO	OMI	NG EVE	NTS Feb. 12—-Feb. 18		
MON. Feb	o. 12	6-7:15pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Margaret Mary Circle Meeting Faith Formation High School Youth Group Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Children's Choir Rehearsal		
TUE. Fel	b. 13	7:00 - 9pm	Bible Study-History of the Catholic Church in room 107 in the parish center		
WED. Feb	. 14		NO Cards & Coffee Ash Wednesday Mass Ash Wednesday Mass		
THURS. Feb	o. 15	9:15am	Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions & Rosary Forever Young Senior Board Mtg.		
FRI. Feb	o. 16	8:30am 9am-Noon 6:00pm	Choir Rehearsal Mass Eucharistic Exposition Lenten Meal—small social hall Stations of the Cross in Church		
SAT. Feb	o. 17		Reconciliation Mass//children's choir		
SUN. Feb	o. 18	8:00am 8:30-Noon 11:00am 12 Noon	All you can eat pancake breakfast Mass		

Lenten Days of Reflection

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center

23333 Schoolcraft (Eastbound I-96 Service Drive) between Telegraph & Outer Drive Wednesday, March 7 at 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.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE February 17/18									
	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:00am	SUNDAY 10:00am	SUNDAY 12 Noon					
Celebrant	Fr. Ken	Fr. Joe	Fr. Ken	Fr. Ken					
Lector Comm.	Henry VerVaecke Rose Abela	Katie Bohr Paul Kinnell	Pat Russo Nancy Smith	Lisa Kliza Jim McDonnell					
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Loretta Wood Ralph Costyn Kathy Andrus Fran Gleason Gloria Townsend Fran Niemiec Flo Bozek	Deacon John Olimpia DeToma Carol Janowski Janet Carrier Larry Janowski Diane Fredrickson Katie Bohr	Deacon John Nicole Macko Fran Read Don Yokley Ron Read Kathy Yokley Cathi Macko	Deacon John Evelyn Bledsoe Annmarie Konrad Carol Knoblock Ken Konrad Jennifer Gonzalez Scott Ozga					
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Sacristan	Pat Storey Tori White	Alice André	Theresa O'Bey	Ann Schroeder					
Ushers	Tony Collins Steve Noonan Peter Kowalski Frank Pelton Paul Markus Emery Price Tony Micallef Jean Schmuck Don Niemiec Jack Rourke	Jim DeVitis Bill Lezotte Jim Fredrickson Paul Lukasik Don Koszegi Dan Stachow Ernie Lenard	Robert Dropp Kathy Sherry Michael Gluth Ron Sherry Mark Goszinski John Meconi	Annmarie Konrad Clare Masak Ken Konrad Jim Siepierski Barb Burke Joelene Moore John Burke Joelle Moore					
Greeters	Eunice Austin Rose Abela Keith Kudron	Marlene & Roman Kotrys Deanna Adams	Marie DiDomizio Kathy Yokley Carol Cruz Geralyn Pawlaczyk	Mercado Family					
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