

# St. Mary, <sup>CAUSE</sup><sub>OF</sub> Our Joy

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## Joyful News

**APRIL 8, 2018 • SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

I'm still basking in the rays of warmth of the Risen Lord! I hope you are as well. Our Holy Week celebrations were awesome and inspiring. Thank you to everyone who helped out to make them so beautiful. I dare not begin to mention groups and names for fear that I would leave some one out. God knows who you are!

Tomorrow, April 9, is the feast of our parish, the Annunciation. It was transferred from March 25, which was during Holy Week this year. This Sunday after the 12:00 Noon Mass we will have a prayer service in honor of Our Lady, followed by a report of the parish and a lunch. I hope that you are planning to attend.

It has been almost two years since our parish was founded. We have grown a lot in this time, thanks be to the grace of God. As I stressed during the parish report last year, if we do what God wants us to, He will shower his blessings and grace upon us. There is no doubt. Looking back upon these past 21 months, I can see how we have flourished under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We do not know where the Spirit will lead us, and so we must remain open to that guidance, trusting that God knows what is best for us. This can be an exhilarating experience, even if it is a little bit frightful. Our faith helps to remove the fear and anxiety, and at the same allows us to trust. We need not be concerned about the little things that seem big to us. God asks us to look at the big picture, the entirety. And when we do so, we realize the innumerable blessings that we have received. It humbles me.

We must also realize that our priority is to look outward, instead of inward. We are called to be that "joyful band of missionary disciples". Let us continue to pray for the breath of the Holy Spirit and the guidance that will be even more exhilarating than what we have experienced up until now.

**Fr. Ken**

### **STATE OF THE PARISH THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 8**

**1:15pm Prayer Service (after the noon Mass)  
To honor Mary, our patroness**

**1:30pm STATE OF THE PARISH by Fr. Ken**



### IN FORMATION

I hope to see you at our Feast Day celebration this afternoon. If it is half as nice as last year's it will be great.

On Monday we will continue our Easter celebration. Children can still bring in their **Alms**. I will be interviewing our First Communicants - always a delight. Thursday brings Confirmation rehearsal for all involved at 6:00 pm in church.

On March 26 we had a Holy Week Walk (see photos on page 3). I'm glad we had good attendance. I'm sure each child (and adult) had a different experience of the events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Our first-year Confirmation Candidates assisted in various roles. Our Catechists rose to the occasion and did a super job of sharing the importance of each day.

We are counting down the weeks to this year's conclusion - April 30. I am seeking "Homeroom Moms and Dads" to help with the last day's festivities. Please contact me for specifics.

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### **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

## DIRECTORY

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## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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Antonia Casamatta	Maria Gomez	Patricia Murray	David Wasil
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Ilio DiMascio	Dee Jones	Bob Proctor	Antoinette Wronsack
Janet Fleis	Marilyn Kashat	Edward Rysztak	Nova Zeboyan
Bill Forshey	Bob Kluba	Lorraine Saunders	
Jessica Freeman	MaryAnn Magon	Tom Shafer	

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

## READINGS for April 15 Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a  
Resp. Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us. Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

## 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.

### In+Formation (continued from front page)

If you have not already, please be sure to let us know your intentions for next year by completing a "Counting Chickens" form or clipping the form. I want to be able to give my successor a pretty good idea of next year's enrollment stats.

**God Calling...** On Sat. April 28 from 1-3:00 pm there will be time of inquiry about religious life at the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters' in Farmington Hills - where I live. Men and women age 18-35 who are interested can reserve a spot by calling Sister Jean Therese at 248-476-4111.

**The Bottom Line** I can sizzle like bacon and I am made with an egg. I have plenty of backbone but lack a good leg. I peel layers like an onion but still remain whole. I can be long like a flagpole yet fit in a hole. What am I? *a snake*

**Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF**

### Open Registration for 2018-2019 and beyond

We are trying to determine our enrollment for next year. Besides returning children and families, we would like to hear from new families with new children K-8. Sessions are held on Mondays from 6:00-7:15 pm from September to May. Please clip out and return the form below if this pertains to you and your family. Thank you. We will contact you with more specifics when the time comes.

Family Name(s)

Mailing Address

Phone number

Children's Names,  
birthdates, grade/level  
(K-8), needs:

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Holy Thursday Room



Good Friday Room



Holy Saturday Room

## Forever Young Seniors...

Our next meeting will be tomorrow, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the large Social Hall. We will be watching the movie "The Shack". This is rescheduled from our January meeting. If you want, you can bring a chair cushion to watch the movie. We will have a guest volunteer chef, Diann Dupuis, thank you so much.

Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers especially Pat Boyington, George Sunday and Marlene Chwalek.

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

### Memory Lane Grand River Ave.

**Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am – 5:30pm

**\$73 due by April 11<sup>th</sup>**

### Holland Tulip Time

**Tues, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:15am – 8:00pm

**\$89 due by April 24<sup>th</sup>**

### Rum Runners

Wed, June 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – 4:00pm \$99

**Passport Required - call for Wait List.**

for those already signed up,  
please pay ASAP

The bus trips are open to everyone.

**Please call me 734-525-3737 for reservations** and more details. Copies of the flyers are available in the back of Church or 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**

### Spring Clean-Up Thank You

We thank all that came out to help clean up our parish grounds on Saturday, March 24. We thank Pat & Sarah Gaffka, Irene Kwieciński, Jack & Wendy Finysz, Diane Pietras, Jim Fredrickson, Mike Karpinski, John Filipiak, Paula Montagna, Doug Cyr and Chris Gieske. We were so grateful to have so many helping hands to prepare for Easter.

**Shannon, Facility Manager**

## Coffee Sunday



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

**THIS Sunday, April 8**

### HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

Happy Spring! Holy Name Fraternity announces the annual Memorial Day golf outing on **May 28**. Contact Ken Pryce @ 734-634-4898; or Dave Gluth @ 734-560-4688, for details and/or to make your reservation. And the Tigers are back in town and the Holy Name Fraternity sponsored bus trip to the Tigers/Indians baseball game at Comerica Park will be on Sunday, July 29. Contact Bob Sheppard @ 734-456-1561, or bobsheppard44@gmail.com, for details and to make your reservation.

ALL are welcome while 55 seats last. The April Pancake/French Toast breakfast will be on Sunday, April 15. The HNF will have the monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 17. The Executive Board will meet at 6pm, and all members will meet at 7pm, in the small hall.

**Paul Markus**

## ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake & French Toast Breakfast

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 15**

**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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**HOLY NAME FRATERNITY**



**Joel & Marjorie Gines**

**Joe Fowler**

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**

### St. Vincent de Paul Donation Bin

For your convenience, we now have a new donation bin at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy located in our parking lot. Please be aware that the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift store located at Wayne and Hunter closed recently.

## Save the Date!

**American Cancer Society -  
Relay for Life - Westland/Wayne**

**June 9 - 10, 2018 11:00 A.M. - 7:00 A.M.**

**1901 N. Carlson Westland**

**Tattan Park/Westland Farmer's Market**

**Parish Team Name: Heart and Sole**

**Theme for 2018: Wish Upon A Cure**

**(Think Disney)**

**Team Web Site: [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY18NCR?](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY18NCR?team_id=2244391&pg=team&fr_id=87154)**

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**Or search for Relay for Life Westland Wayne and look for team Heart and Sole**



Games, Food, Fun, Entertainment, silent auction and more. This is a family friendly, all ages event! All are welcome!

Help our parish team and JOIN US in attacking cancer from every angle! The Event is free and open to the public!

# High School Youth Ministry News

High School Youth Group Meetings meet every Monday from 7:15 pm - 9:00 p.m. in the youth group room in the parish center. All teens in grades 9 - 12 are welcome! Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 9. The life of a high school teen is very hectic. Please join us when you can. All high school teens are welcome to join us anytime.

Are you stressed out? Ready to unwind? Need a take a break to relax and have a weekend away to center on your faith, your life, and your relationships? If this is you, then What are you waiting for? All High School teens in Grades 9-12 are welcome to join us for a weekend retreat at St. Benedict Subiaco Retreat Center located at 2711 EAST DRAHNER Road Oxford, MI 48370. Retreat begins Friday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. and ends on Sunday, May 6 at 1:00 p.m.

Retreat cost is \$100.00 per teen which includes retreat lodging, retreat facilitators, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday). Can't go due to finances? If that is your situation, then please let me know. Financial assistance is also available. This is one retreat you don't want to miss out on. This retreat center is a favorite place of teenagers. It was built with that vision in mind. Resting on the highest natural point in Oakland County, Subiaco is a haven for young people to gather and reconnect with their faith in God, themselves, and each other. For over 30 years Subiaco Retreat House located on the grounds of St. Benedict Monastery in Oxford, Michigan has been serving the youth of the greater Detroit metropolitan area.

Are you looking for a service opportunity to volunteer with? Please consider joining us weekly at the Gleaners Mercado Client Choice Food Pantry on Wednesday, April 11, 18, or 25. We depart via car pool from St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parking Lot at 3:50 p.m. and return at 7:45 p.m. We assist shoppers at the 2 aisle pantry and we also help restock the pantry with fresh produce, canned/dry foods and dairy and frozen food products. The pantry is located at 2826 Bagley Ave | Detroit, MI 48216 ( I-96 and Vernor area located in the Ford Resource and Engagement Center).

Please contact Carol Nelius at youthministry@stmarycooj.org or 734 765 5525 if you would like to sign up for any of these events or if you have any questions.

## SAVE THE DATE!

## JUNE JAMBOREE

On the grounds of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

**Friday, June 15 6:00pm-11:00pm**

- **Food trucks** (including Buffy's Mexi-Casian Grill, Detroit BBQ Company, Nosh Pit, Mean Weenie, and Treat Dreams)
- **Music with classic rock band Power Play**
- **Raffles (\$10,000 top prize)**
- **Beer Tent**

**\*Proceeds go to capital improvements at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy**

### Divine Mercy Sunday Masses, Confessions, & Chaplet Held at:

**St. Albert the Great**, 4855 Parker, Dearborn Hts.

**Confessions: 1:30-3pm; Mass: 3pm; Exposition; Chaplet; Refreshments**

**St. Sabina**, 25555 Ann Arbor Trail, Dbn. Hts. **Confessions: 1-3pm;**

**Adoration; Chaplet; Mass: 3pm; Reception 4pm**

**St. Colette**, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia. **Mass: 12:30pm;**

**Exposition: 1:30; Adoration & Confessions: 1:45-3pm;**

**3pm Chaplet & Talk on Divine Mercy; Benediction 3:30**



# Junior High News

There are still opportunities for our 7th and 8th grade teens to help out with community service events for the month of April and May. Could you volunteer your time and talent with any of the following events?

1. Bingo at Four Chaplains Nursing Center - 28349 Joy Rd, Westland, MI 48185 - between Middlebelt and Inkster - across from GM Paris Bakery - Starting at 6:50 p.m. (meeting in the nursing home lobby) and then ending at 8:15 p.m. (Meet in the nursing home lobby). Permission slip and advanced sign up is required. We need junior high teens to be Bingo Callers and set, help the residents with their cards, and most of all bring some smiles and laughter to these awesome residents. Never tried to help at Bingo? Don't worry we will train you and its a lot of fun! Upcoming Bingo dates Thursday, April 5, Thursday, April 26 and Thursday, May 3

2. Please consider joining us weekly at the Gleaners Mercado Client Choice Food Pantry on Wednesday, April 11, 18, or 25. We depart via car pool from St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parking Lot at 3:50 p.m. and return at 7:45 p.m. We assist shoppers at the two aisle pantry and we also help restock the pantry with fresh produce, canned/dry foods and dairy and frozen food products. The pantry is located at 2826 Bagley Ave | Detroit, MI 48216 ( I-96 and Vernor area located in the Ford Resource and Engagement Center ). This event is also in collaboration with the high school youth ministry teens.

Please contact Carol Nelius at youthministry@stmarycooj.org or 734 765 5525 if you would like to sign up for any of these events or if you have any questions.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Mon. Apr 9</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Forever Young Seniors Robert Styles by family Deceased members of the Edward & Florence Miser Family by Don
<b>Wed. Apr 11</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	Mary Hensel by Jim & Sue Hensel Manuel Vaquera
<b>Thurs. Apr 12</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Ted Mazur Deloris O'Hagan by her husband, Don
<b>Sat. Apr. 14</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Sr. M. Felicitas by her niece, MaryAnn Magon Joyce Miriani by Virginia Novak Patricia Burton by her daughter, Renee
<b>Sun. Apr. 15</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	For our parish family
	<b>10:00am</b>	Fr. Edmund Borycz by family Bob Ostler by homebound Ministers Robert Styles by Brian & Patti Devlin
	<b>12 Noon</b>	Mario Dorego by Loreto & Letty Dorego

**UPCOMING EVENTS April 9-April 15**

<b>MON. April 9</b>	8:30am Mass 10:00am Forever Young Seniors 12 noon Margaret Mary Circle 6-7:15pm Faith Formation 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council 7:00pm High School Youth Group 7:15pm Children's choir /room 108
<b>TUE. April 10</b>	10:30am Doors open for cards and coffee 11:00am Cards and Coffee 6:00pm Relay for Life Meeting
<b>WED. April 11</b>	12 Noon Mass 12:30-3pm Eucharistic Adoration 6:30pm Finance Council 7:00pm Rosary in Church
<b>THURS. April 12</b>	8:30am Mass 6:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00pm Knights of Columbus meeting 7-9:00pm Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRI. April 13</b>	8:30am Mass
<b>SAT. April 14</b>	3:30pm Reconciliation 4:30pm Mass
<b>SUN. April 15</b>	8:00am Mass 8:30-Noon Pancake & French Toast Breakfast 10:00am Mass 12 Noon Confirmation Mass /Bishop Hurley

**2017 CSA Parish Report**

Parish Goal	\$ 98,391.00
Total Pledge *	\$ 99,279.33
Total Paid Pledges *	\$ 94,054.27
Pledge Balance	\$ 5,225.06
Incls 1st Shortfall payment	\$ 4,808.33
Parish Participation	32%
Families	1,514
Pledges	481
Average Pledge \$	206.40
Outstanding Pledges	35

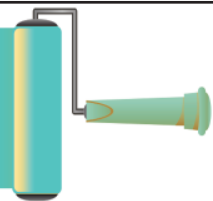
**SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

<u>Sunday Offertory</u>	<u>No. Env</u>	<u>Weekly Actual</u>	<u>Weekly Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Variance</u>
03/25/18	430	\$ 13,113	\$ 10,971	\$ 2,142
03/18/18	391	\$ 11,233	\$ 10,971	\$ 263
03/11/18	396	\$ 12,086	\$ 10,971	\$ 1,115
03/04/18	402	\$ 13,341	\$ 10,971	\$ 2,371
weekly actual includes online giving of \$1,404				
March building fund to-date \$4,760 Catholic Relief Services: \$2,258				
FY 2017-18		<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Variance</u>
		\$ 454,889	\$ 427,860	\$ 27,029

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE APRIL 14/15**

	<b>SATURDAY 8:00pm</b>	<b>SUNDAY 8:00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 10:00am</b>	<b>SUNDAY 12 Noon</b>
<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Fr. Ken</b>	<b>Fr. Ken</b>	<b>Fr. Joe</b>	<b>Bishop Hurley/Confirmation</b>
<b>Lector Comm.</b>	Maryann Sligay Dan Kavetsky	Ann Findysz Katie Bohr	Pat Sobieski Cara Murphy	Lisa Kliza Jennifer Gonzalez
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<b>Altar Server</b>	Matt Mazaitis	Frank Criscenti Natalie Francis	Emery Johnson Marlene Perez	Esmeralda Gonzalez Tori White Andy Konstal
<b>Sacristan</b>	Pat Storey	Alice André	Jeff Vernon	Ann Schroeder
<b>Ushers</b>	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 Andy Konstal Michael Gluth Kathy Sherry Mark Goszinski Ron Sherry John Meconi Youth Group	John Burke Ken Konrad Clare Masak Anmarie Konrad Jim Siepierski Yonnie Underwood
<b>Greeters</b>	Connie Flynn Eunice Austin John Flynn Pat Slusarz	Marlene & Roman Kotrys Deanna Adams	Carol Cruz Geralyn Pawlaczyk Marie DiDomizio	Rose Rodriguez Rose Abela
<b>Homebound</b>			Kathy Andrus Duane Harbowy	
<b>Altar Care</b>	<b>April 27 Carol Kocan Brenda Peet</b>			

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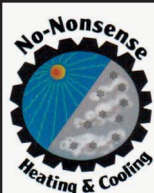
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