

St. Mary, ^{CAUSE}_{OF} Our Joy

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Joyful News

DECEMBER 2, 2018 • 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Wednesday, December 5
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, to help recall sins and personal areas in need of spiritual growth.



*The Immaculate Conception
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

**Saturday, December 8
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass 10:00am**

Coffee Sunday



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

NEXT Sunday, December 9

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

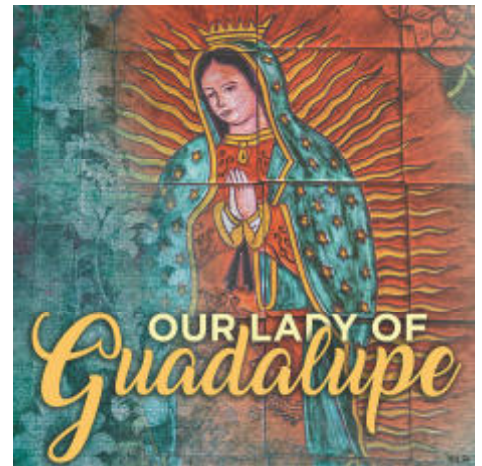
2019 Christmas Sing-a-long

Saturday, December 15

***Following 4:30pm Mass**

Join us for festive music and sing-a-long songs featuring the adult and children's choirs of our parish.

Admission: Please bring one dozen Cookies to share!



PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS

**Wednesday,
DECEMBER 12**

MASS: 6:00pm

**With Los Gallos Jacinto
Mariachi Band
at Mass and dinner**

Following Mass:

MEXICAN DINNER: 7:15pm

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

Tickets for dinner: \$15 adults
\$ 8 children
\$30 Families
Children 5 and under free

*Tickets now on sale. Don't be disappointed and get your tickets now!

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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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.

Report Sexual Abuse for any child or adult:

Call AOD victim assistance 1-866-343-8055 or
Call the Michigan Department of
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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 December 9

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Resp. Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CPT Joey Saunders, U.S. Marines; **Joseph David Onadia**, U.S. Navy; **PVT Marcus Rodriguez**, U.S. Army; **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.

From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend we begin the Season of Advent, a season of joyful expectation. It is also one of the busiest seasons of the year. In addition to the preparation for the celebration of Christmas in our homes and families, and all of the activity that entails, the church is full of activities to help prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus. In case you haven't figured it out by now, I believe that the atmosphere and environment that surround us help to put us in the proper mood. That's one of the reasons that we decorate our homes at different seasons. Recently Halloween decorations have become very popular in our homes and yards. At other holidays throughout the year we may put out items that remind us of the season; lilies and bunnies at Easter and turkeys in November are two others that come to mind.

The Church also has long had such a tradition. While we await Christmas, we will be surrounded by the colors of Advent; purple vestments and cloths, the Advent wreath, with its purple and pink candles which reminds us weekly of the coming of Christ, the light, into our world.

Please help to prepare yourself for the coming of Christ by participating in the many activities planned during Advent: There are two penance services, one for all the parishioners on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:00 pm and one for children on Monday, Dec. 10 at 6:00 pm. There will be the Mass celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 10:00 am. She is the patroness of the United States and we pray for her continuing intercession for our country. The next week, on December 12, we will have the Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6:00pm, followed by a Mexican dinner. Last year everyone enjoyed the celebration, led by a mariachi band. On Saturday, December 15, after the 4:30 Mass we will have our annual "Christmas Sing," to help put us a little more into the spirit of Christmas.

Lastly, we have purchased a booklet of Advent prayers and meditations for you. In addition to the usual daily reflection, there are many other prayers including the blessing of your family Advent wreath, Christmas tree and nativity set. The "O Antiphons", celebrated from December 17 through December 23, remind us of the Old Testament prophecies which lead up to the birth of Jesus, the fulfillment of the Old Testament. They are ancient prayers of the Church.

May hope and joy fill your hearts in the most special season.

Fr. Ken



I would like to thank everyone who took tags off the Giving Tree already. I would also like to apologize for running out of tags for kids for the later Masses on the first week. Everyone was so generous, that they were taken quicker than we had planned. We have now printed some more, and placed them on the tree. These local families will definitely appreciate all the help that our Parish is giving.

I also wanted to clarify about the tags that are labeled "Christmas Socks" and "Unisex Santa Hat" and where they will be sent. This year we thought that festive socks and hats might brighten up our home-bound parishioners during Christmas and also keep their toes warm. We ask specifically for "unisex" hats, because we wanted to make distribu-

tion easier.

We are asking that all presents be brought back by **Sunday, Dec. 16th**, so that we can get them back to the families before Christmas.

Paul

Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Greetings and Salutations,

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Prepare, Surrender, Listen, and Hope. We begin our time of preparing. We will prepare to celebrate Jesus first coming at Christmas. We also prepare the "Parousia" Jesus' second coming at the end of time. Advent gives us the time to prepare our hearts and minds for both of these celebrations. In today's Gospel we hear Jesus tell us to be alert for his signs of his second coming. Take this week and reflect how can you be alert to the presence of Jesus in your life?

Today we are celebrating the Rite of Commitment with our eighth grade Confirmation class at the noon Mass. The Candidates have signed and turned in an agreement with promises; to attend Mass, attend Confirmation sessions, research a Saint and report on that Saint, to model a saintly life, to reflect on their responsibilities as a baptized Catholic, offer their time and their talents for service opportunities, to attend a Retreat, they will cooperate with their parents, sponsor, Pastor, and Catechist's to solidify their intent to live as a confirmed Catholic. We are very blessed to be on this journey with these Candidates. Please keep them in your prayers.

Have a great week everyone and remember to Stay Awake!

Just for laughs...Where do Snowmen keep their money?
In a Snow Bank.

Ahh ha ha ha!

This week two wonderful Parishioners shared the following jokes with me...too good not to share.

Why did they let the Turkey join the Band?

Because he had the D R U M S T I C K S! Ahhhh hahahaha! Love it!

And...How do you keep a Turkey in suspense?

I'll tell ya later!!! Ahhh hahahaha! Love it!

Love and Laughs,

Sabrina Queen



Anointing of the Sick Friday, December 7

The celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is intended for anyone who is seriously impaired by sickness, chronic illness, old age, addictions, or emotional problems and for those who are about to undergo surgery, serious medical testing or be admitted to the hospital. You do not need to receive the sacrament every month, only when your medical condition changes drastically. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick takes place monthly at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy. **It will be Friday, December 7 beginning with the celebration of the 8:30am Mass.**

To make arrangements to celebrate the sacrament at other times, please contact our parish office. Patients in hospitals and residents in nursing homes can be anointed if they did not celebrate the sacrament prior to admission. They or their family members should contact the institution's Catholic chaplain to make similar arrangements, or call the parish office.

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

Sunday, December 16, 8:30 am - noon: Pancake/French Toast Breakfast featuring "Ho, ho, ho"...you know who! Come one; come all.

Tuesday, December 18, 7pm monthly meeting. New members always welcome!

Paul Markus



Knights of Columbus News

We are currently collecting new or gently used coats! These coats will go to local children who need them the most during this winter season! You can drop them off in the back of the gathering space in the church.

Thank you for your generosity. -

Jeff Burden, Grand Knight,
Msgr. Kohler Council



Thank you to all who have taken a tag. We ask that all gifts be returned to the tree by the weekend of Dec. 15th and 16th. 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. Thank you for your generous donations.

Joyful Women

Adult Movie Night – Pizza and a Movie!

Joyful Women is sponsoring a **FREE** adult movie night in the Social Hall on **Thursday, December 6th, 2018**. Movie, popcorn and beverage provided **FREE** of charge; pizza available for \$1.00 a slice.



The movie is **The Greatest Showman**. The film is inspired by the story of P. T. Barnum's (Hugh Jackman) creation of the Barnum & Bailey Circus (1871–2017) and the lives of its star attractions. A celebration of the birth of show business, the movie tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. Praised for the performances and music, the movie received numerous nominations and awards, including a Golden Globe for the song, "This Is Me". Rated PG.

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!

Forever Young Seniors...

Our next meeting will be tomorrow, December 3rd at 10:00am in the large social hall. This will be our Annual Cookie Fest and Reindeer Races. Proceeds from the Reindeer Races will go to Christian Service. All members are asked to please bring a home-baked item. Roberta Piper will be our volunteer chef. Ann Findysz will be collecting the Annual dues of \$5.00. These should be paid either December or January. Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially Roberta Piper and Pat Boyington.

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

Zehnder's "Snowfest Luncheon Show"

Thurs, January 24, 2019

9:30am – 6:00pm

\$88 due by Jan 3rd

Historic Whitney

Tues, Feb 19th, 2019

11:00am – 4:45pm

\$68 due by Feb 5th

Firekeepers & Gun Lake Casinos

Mon-Tues, March 18-19

\$145/double \$20 deposit due 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

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Pancake & French Toast Breakfast

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

8:30am to NOON

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

CATHOLIC JEWELRY & ROSARY SALE

Teens will be selling jewelry **after Mass this weekend and next weekend Dec. 8/9** 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!

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

High School Youth Ministry News

WAYMC Advent Service Blitz

Come and be engaged in service for the season of Advent as a preparation for the feast of Christmas

When: Saturday, December 15

St. Christine Soup Kitchen

22261 Fenkell Avenue Detroit 48223

Time: 9:30 a.m. Departure from St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parking Lot

1:30 p.m. - return back to church

Who: All high school teens in Grades 9 -12

What: We will help with St. Christine's outreach to children whose parents are incarcerated. This service opportunity will involve organizing gifts for the children and youth and making cards for them. Teens from participating parishes can contribute additional gift cards to be combined with the ones to be sent from St. Christine's. We will also share lunch at the soup kitchen along with those coming in that day to be served.

RSVP to Carol Nelius, Coordinator of Youth Ministry if you would to attend by **Monday, December 10**

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, 2018** will be recorded for the 2019 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 31, 2019** 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 call the office at 734-425-4421.

Your Christmas gifts will be used for the operation of the parish. The parish is also responsible to pay any 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

St. Paul of the

Cross Retreat Center

Wednesday, December 5

9:30am-3:00pm COST: \$30

Spend a day away from your every day life and the stress that it brings. A day of reflection will give you the opportunity to refresh your spirit and renew your relationship with God. 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 St. Paul the Cross Retreat Center 313-286-2800 to reserve your spot.

BULLETIN EARLY DEADLINES

Articles for the Dec. 16 bulletin are due Thursday, December 6 at 9am

Articles for the Dec. 23 bulletin are Due Monday, December 10 at 9am

Articles for the Dec. 30 bulletin are Due Thursday, December 13

Articles for the January 6 bulletin are due Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 9am.



Giovanni Viola
John & Judy Kielb
Mary Seymour

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**



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

Theresa Jackson-Kuczynski
Michaeline Beldya

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

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon. Dec. 3	8:30am	Forever Young Seniors Stan Baran (4th Anniv.) by Rita Baran
Wed. Dec. 5	12 Noon	Nick Scanga by wife, Sara Rosario Camartin by Bill & Yonnie
Thurs. Dec. 6	8:30am	Thelma Randolph Theo Lenart by Florence Bozek
Fri. Dec. 7	8:30am	Elaine Sobeck Theo Lenart by Forever Young Seniors
Sat. Dec. 8	4:30pm	Emilia Rodriguez by family Leonard Witkowski (3rd Anniv.) by Theresa
Sun. Dec. 9	8:00am	For our parish family Deceased members of Maine Family Joseph Kosek by family Jerome Andrzejewski by David, Bernadine & Norbert
	10:00am	Earl Knedgen by staff Theo Lenart by Holy Name Fraternity
	12 Noon	Loretta Pollard by family

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT					
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	
<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Env</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	
11/25/18	351	\$ 10,659	\$ 10,971	\$ (312)	
11/18/18	314	\$ 8,513	\$ 10,971	\$ (2,458)	
11/11/18	350	\$ 10,414	\$ 10,971	\$ (556)	
11/04/18	444	\$ 16,954	\$ 10,971	\$ 5,983	
weekly actual includes online giving of \$1,663 November Building Fund to-date \$4,498					
		<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>		
FY 2018-19	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>		
	\$ 244,260	\$ 241,357	\$ 2,903		

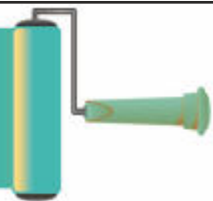
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Parish Community. Please remember our parish
in your Estate Planning

UPCOMING EVENTS Dec. 3—Dec. 9		
MON. Dec. 3	8:30am 9:00am 10:00am 6-7:15pm 7:15-8pm 7:15-8pm 7:15-9pm	Mass Rosary Forever Young Seniors Faith Formation Class Children's choir rehearsal Christmas Pageant Rehearsal High School Youth Group Meeting
TUE. Dec. 4	10:30am 11:00am 7-9:00pm	Doors open for cards and coffee Cards and Coffee Christmas Choir Rehearsal
WED. Dec. 5	12 Noon 12:30-3pm 4-7:30pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Eucharistic Adoration Gleaners Food Hub/High school Youth SVdP Meeting Advent Penance Service St. Joseph-Anne Circle Meeting No Rosary
THURS. Dec. 6	8:30am 9:00am 7-9:00pm	Mass Perpetual Help Devotions & Rosary Choir Rehearsal
FRI. Dec. 7	8:30am 9:00am	Mass & Anointing of sick Rosary
SAT. Dec. 8	10:00am 3:30pm 4:30pm	Immaculate Conception Mass Giving Tree Coats for Kids Jewelry Sale Reconciliation Mass
SUN. Dec. 9	 8:00am 10:00am 11:00am 12 Noon	Giving Tree Coats For Kids Jewelry Sale Mass Mass Coffee & Goodies RCIA class Mass

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE December 8/9

	SATURDAY 4:30pm		SUNDAY 8:00am		SUNDAY 10:00am		SUNDAY 12 Noon	
Celebrant	Fr. Ken		Fr. Joe		Fr. Ken		Fr. Ken	
Lector Comm.	Maryann Sligay Suzanne Price		Ann Findysz Pat Russo		Bethany Garfinkel Diane Pietras		Kevin Headrick Jim McDonnell	
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Greeters	Connie Flynn John Flynn	Eunice Austin	Marlene & Roman Kotrys Deanna Adams		Carol Cruz Diann Wyderko	Guldner Family	Mercado Family Darlene LaFave	
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