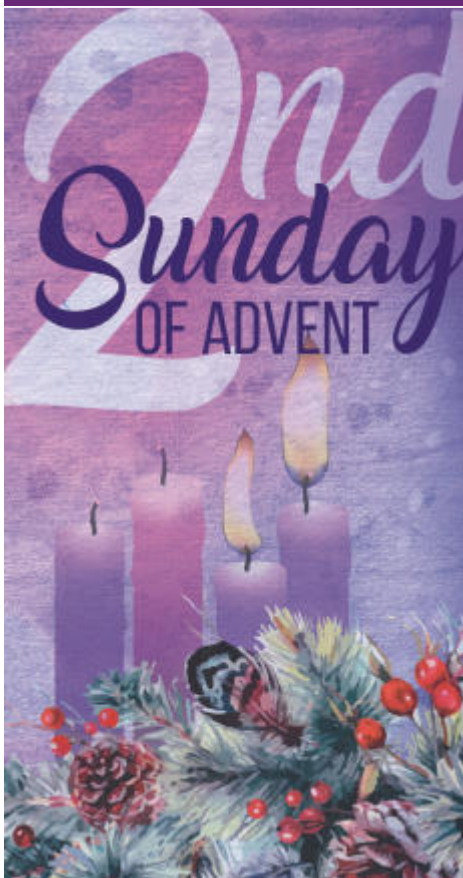


# St. Mary, <sup>CAUSE</sup><sub>OF</sub> Our Joy

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## Joyful News

**DECEMBER 9, 2018 • 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



### *Coffee Sunday*



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

**THIS Sunday, December 9**



**PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS**

**THIS Wednesday,  
DECEMBER 12**

**MASS: 6:00pm**

**With Los Gallos de-Oro  
Mariachi Band  
at Mass and dinner**

**Following Mass:  
MEXICAN DINNER: 7:15pm**

Social Hall at  
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

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

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

### *Christmas Sing-a-long*

**Next Saturday, December 15  
Following the 4:30pm Mass**

Get in the Christmas Spirit and join us for an hour of festive music and sing-a-long songs presented by our adult and children's choirs.

**Admission: Please bring one dozen cookies to share in our small social hall following music program.**

### **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

<b>MON, THURS &amp; FRI</b>	8:30 am
<b>WED</b>	12:00 Noon
<b>SAT</b>	4:30 pm
<b>SUN</b>	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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Doug Cyr	Pat Slusarz
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Suzanne Price	Chris VanHoet
Gary Pieknik	

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 16

**1st Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a

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

**Resp. Psalm:** Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

**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

As we celebrate this most joyful season of Advent, there are a few saints whose feast days appear during the season. Their lives and models of holiness and humanity can help us to remember that it doesn't take a "super-holy" person to be a saint. We are all called to holiness.

St. Francis Xavier (December 3) was a friend of St. Ignatius, who founded the Jesuits. He became a missionary to Asia, one of the most difficult missions. He preached and lived the Gospel in India, was the first to bring the Gospel to Japan and to Borneo. He was a great missionary. He set sail for China, where he wanted to continue his missionary efforts, but he died before he arrived there. I always think of him when I have something that I plan to do, for God, and plans get changed. God is always in charge.

St. Ambrose (Dec. 7) was born to a wealthy family in what is now northern Italy. He studied in Rome and moved back to the northern Italy and became the Roman governor Emilia and Liguria. He was very well known and when the bishop of Milan died, the people gathered and asked for him to become bishop. He ran to hide, but to no avail. The only problem was – he wasn't baptized. He had come from a Christian family and he knew what the faith was about. So he was quickly baptized, ordained a priest and then bishop. Even today he is much beloved by the people of Milan. There is a festival on his feast day, the "O bei O bei" festival ("O beautiful, O beautiful") which sells Christmas goodies, foods and other treats.

St. Lucy (Dec. 13) vowed from a young age to preserve her virginity to better serve God. Her name was actually "Eutychia". Her family wanted her to marry and she refused. Eventually tradition states that her eyes were gouged out prior to her execution. The word "Lucia" in Italian comes from the word "luce" which means "light". Her feast is in the midst of the season of light, Advent. Her dedication to Christ, despite the torture and pain she endured, can give us a little extra courage and strength in times of pain and suffering.

St. John of the Cross (Dec. 14) was a mystic, so his life was much different than the active lives of the previous saints. I remember in the college seminary we had to read one of his books. At that time (I was 21 years old) I found his writings to be difficult and dark. One of them is called the "Dark Night of the Soul." We know that Mother Teresa, late in her life, confessed that she went through a long period of her life, while ministering to the poor and dying in Calcutta, a dark night of the soul. I'm sure that many people do, at some time in their life, wonder where God is and why God may be allowing things to happen which confuse us.

May your Advent be filled with joy.

**Fr. Ken**

### CATHOLIC JEWELRY & ROSARY SALE

Teens will be selling jewelry **after Mass this 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.

### Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

**Advent Greetings and Salutations,**

We begin our second week of waiting and preparing for Christmas. Take some time this week and talk to the Lord.

I would like to thank our Confirmation Class Families, Sponsors, and Catechists, for participating in last Sunday's Commitment Mass. We ask the Parish to pray for the Candidates.

Also, another Big Shout out of Thanks to all the Faith Formation students for making "Breakfast in Bethlehem" and "Carriers of the Light," pageant a wonderful success! Let's keep one another in prayer this week and remember...

Just for laughs.... What do elves learn in school? The Elfabet! Ahhhhh hahaha!

Peace,  
Sabrina Queen

### HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating our Church for Christmas soon. Please see the bulletin next week for more information. Everyone is welcome to join us. *Many hands make for less work.*

### BULLETIN EARLY DEADLINES

**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.**

## Forever Young Seniors...

We sure had a lot of fun last Monday at our December meeting! Santa's reindeer joined us for the *Annual Reindeer Races*. Thank you so much to our race coordinator, Alice Andre and all her helpers for their hard work. Flo Bozek's table decorations were so beautiful and we also thank our volunteer chef, Roberta Piper for the delicious lunch. Thanks to all our members, we had a wonderful selection of delicious cookies for dessert.



Roman Kotrys, Mike Karpinski, Jerry Chwalek, Bob Sheppard, Don Niemiec & Paul Lukasik were our reindeer!

Now it's time to embrace Advent, enjoy all festivities coming up through December and prepare for a New Year. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:00am.

**Reminder:** to everyone going to the Croswell Theatre today, please be in the parking lot by 10:00am. Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers, especially Pat Boyington and Deacon Jim.

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 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Historic Whitney

Tues, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>, 20

**\*\*10:15am – 5:30pm\*\* (time changed) \$68 due by Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**

### 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**

## 2019 Religious Art Church Calendars

Calendars will be available at the exits of our Church beginning next week. Special thanks this year to **Vermuelen Funeral Homes** for providing this year's Church Calendars.

## ALL YOU CAN EAT

### Pancake & French Toast Breakfast

**NEXT 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

Next Sunday, December 16, 8:30am-12 noon, Holy Name Fraternity is pleased to offer the December edition of our Pancake and French Toast Breakfast, featuring special guest: Mr. S. Claus. So make your list, check it twice and come enjoy breakfast with us in the social hall. Bring a friend, too! And the Holy Name Fraternity invites all men to our monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 18. The evening will begin at 6 (six) pm, with our business meeting and will be followed by our Christmas dinner and friendship. Even if you don't regularly attend our meetings, come to this one and enjoy Christmas friendship. (Santa Clause will NOT be at this event).

*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 next weekend 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.

# 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](http://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.

## ONE TIME DONATIONS USING ONLINE GIVING

**Visit our Parish Website- [WWW.STMARYCOOJ.ORG](http://WWW.STMARYCOOJ.ORG)**

and click the Online Giving button

"Quick Give" is a great way to make a donation to St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy parish without setting up a donor account. This is a good way to try Online Giving. Donations may be made for all collections- Sunday offerings, special monthly collections, holy days. Everyone can use the Quick Give tab. Visit our Parish Website- [www.stmarycooj.org](http://www.stmarycooj.org) and click the Online Giving button. Next, click the "Quick Give" button. Follow the simple directions. We welcome you to try a safe, secure way of giving Online. Contact the office at 734-425-4421 or send us an email at [office@stmarycooj.org](mailto:office@stmarycooj.org) if you have any questions.

## Oplatki

The traditional Christmas Wafers are available after Mass next weekend. They will also be available at our Parish Office. A donation of \$2 is requested for each package. Proceeds go to our Youth Group for their upcoming activities

## LIFESPAN CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

**Christmas is all about the Birth of a special Baby, Jesus!** He came to bring new Hope and Joy to the world.

Cards are available **in the office**. The **2019 Entertainment Book** will also be sold – makes an excellent Christmas gift. Please support this very important fundraiser of **LIFESPAN**.



## COMMUNITY LUNCH

at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27**

12 Noon-1:00pm

**Everyone is welcome**

**Cost: Free**

## Thank You

It is with heartfelt thanks that I would like to express my deepest gratitude to my parish family for all your thoughts and prayers in regards to my recent surgeries and ongoing medical condition. You are truly family to me.

**Love and Prayers,**  
**MaryLou Davis**

## 2018 Eucharistic Healing Love Service

St. Albert the Great Church Presents a Eucharistic Healing Love Service Please join us in asking the Lord for His love to heal our bodies, minds, and spirits. Includes: Hymns, Adoration, Scripture and Individual Eucharistic Blessing Sunday, December 16, 2018 Time 6 pm 4855 Parker. Dearborn Hts. 48125 734-522-4788 [www.stalberts.org](http://www.stalberts.org)

MASS INTENTIONS			UPCOMING EVENTS Dec. 10—Dec. 16		
<b>Mon. Dec. 10</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Nan Potrafke by Fran Gleason Irene Lepkowski by family Bernice Reed by Florence Bozek	<b>MON. Dec. 10</b>	8:30am 9:00am 12 Noon 6-7:15pm 7:15-8pm 7:15-8pm 7:15-9pm	Mass Rosary St. Margaret Mary Circle Mtg. Faith Formation Class Children's choir rehearsal Christmas Pageant Rehearsal High School Youth Group Meeting
<b>Wed. Dec. 12</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	Harvey Cable by Jan Lauster Robert Styles (1st Anniv.) by family Don Studt by wife, Lois Giraud Family by Sally	<b>TUE. Dec. 11</b>	10:30am 11:00am 7-9:00pm	Doors open for cards and coffee Cards and Coffee Christmas Choir Rehearsal
	<b>6:00pm</b>	Ervin Zarnowski by Debbie DeVitis	<b>WED. Dec. 12</b>	12 Noon 12:30-3pm 4-7:30pm 6:00pm 7:15pm	Mass Eucharistic Adoration Gleaners Food Hub/High school Youth Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner No Rosary
<b>Sat. Dec. 15</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Ron, Chuck, Laura Aneiros by Family Richard Kwiecinski by Family Stella Lobaza by Antoinette Visnaw Frieda Lubeck by family	<b>THURS. Dec. 13</b>	8:30am 9:00am 7-9:00pm 7:00pm	Mass Perpetual Help Devotions & Rosary Choir Rehearsal Knights of Columbus Mtg.
<b>Sun. Dec. 16</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	James Hajka by family Daniel Jr., Nicholas, & Angela Hajka by their grandma Helen Bailey by Carol Borgelt	<b>FRI. Dec. 14</b>	8:30am 9:00am	Mass & Anointing of sick Rosary
	<b>10:00am</b>	For our parish family Deceased members of the Rucinski family by family Fr. Edmund Borycz by family	<b>SAT. Dec. 15</b>	10:00am  3:30pm 4:30pm 5:45pm	Giving Tree gifts due Coats for Kids Reconciliation Mass Christmas Sing a long
	<b>12 Noon</b>	Joseph Kosek by family Margaret & Frank Bozak by family	<b>SUN. Dec. 16</b>	   8:00am 8:30-Noon 11:00am 12 Noon	Giving Tree Gifts due Coats For Kids Mass Mass Pancake & French Toast Breakfast RCIA class Mass

## SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

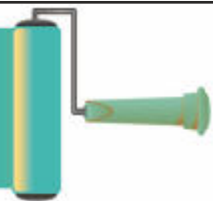
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Env</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
12/03/18	366	\$ 10,390	\$ 10,971	\$ (580)
11/25/18	351	\$ 10,659	\$ 10,971	\$ (312)
11/18/18	314	\$ 8,513	\$ 10,971	\$ (2,458)
11/11/18	350	\$ 10,414	\$ 10,971	\$ (556)
weekly actual includes online giving of \$288 November Building Fund to-date \$4,513				
		<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
FY 2018-19	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	
	\$ 254,651	\$ 252,328	\$ 2,323	

Thank you for your past and future support of our  
Parish Community. Please remember our parish  
in your Estate Planning

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE December 15/16

	SATURDAY 4:30pm		SUNDAY 8:00am		SUNDAY 10:00am		SUNDAY 12 Noon	
Celebrant	Fr. Ken		Fr. Ken		Fr. Joe		Fr. Ken	
Lector Comm.	Kevin Steele Richard Gora		Paul Kinnell Kay Palmer		Maryann Sligay Nancy Hahn		Jim McDonnell Lisa Kliza	
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Altar Server			Kingsley Ugwu	Emmanuela Nwizu	Vinny Konstal	Andy Konstal	Makenna Burden Celia Mercado	
Sacristan	Julie Callahan		Alice André		Jeanne Sullivan		Tori White	
Ushers	Tony Collins Peter Kowalski Paul Markus Tony Micallef Don Niemiec	Steve Noonan Frank Pelton Emery Price Jean Schmuck Jack Rourke	Jim DeVitis Jim Fredrickson Don Koszegi Ernie Lenard	Bill Lezotte Paul Lukasik Dan Stachow Leslie Johnston	Robert Dropp Michael Gluth John Meconi Kathy Sherry	Ron Sherry Sue Moore	Ken Konrad Annamarie Konrad John Burke Barbara Burke	Clare Masak Jim Siepierski
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