

A wooden cross is the central focus, set against a clear blue sky. A vibrant purple cloth is draped over the cross, with its ends hanging down. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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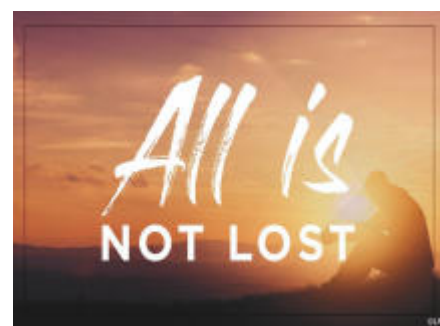
SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. March 08	8:30am	Richard Brown III Req. by Mary Braczyk Paula Sladewski Req. by John & Julie Barile
Wed. March 10	12 Noon	Joe Zarek Req. by John & Julie Barile Bob Stremich Req. by Lou Stremich
Thurs. March 11	8:30am	Irene Kerr Req. by John & Judy Barile
Fri. March 12	8:30am	John O'Bey Req. by Theresa O'Bey
Sat. March 13	8:30am	Rita Morozow Req. by Tall Oaks Condo Association Eileen Durham Req. by Christine Marmul
Sun. March 14	9:00am	For Our Parish Family Ted B. Zbizek Req. by Tom & Sharon Zbizek
	11:00am	Franca Barone Req. by Sara Scanga Peter & Frances Nieckarz Req. by Jeremy & Steven Isaacson



*Heavenly Father,
welcome Home those whom you
have called from this world,
especially:
**Catherine Rakozzy and
Enrique Pardo**
and all the souls of our faithful.
May they rest in peace. Amen*



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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Boyington Family
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Cathy Burdis
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Marlene Chwalek
Jack Cyrul
Eileen Durham
Faith Falzon
Ashley Aaron Farkas
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Mike Ienna
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Doris Urbanski
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Walter Wrone
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Henry Zajac
Joseph Zasa

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

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

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

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.

Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Greetings and Salutations,

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus reacts to the business transactions taking place in the temple. He is very angry at this and drove people out of the temple. This is a human response and in this action Jesus, validates our own human emotions. His anger led him to action. He removed the marketplace from the temple. We too, must take our strong emotions and respond appropriately. How can we take our anger, our love, our joy, and use them as a way that benefits God? As we get closer to Holy Week, we must remember that his actions caused many religious leaders of his day to plot against him.

Acting in anger can be destructive, so it's good to redirect it so that it fuels actions that are more constructive. How might we use our emotions in constructive ways?

As our Candidates for Confirmation and First Communion journey forward, please keep them in your prayers.

When is trampoline season? SPRING – time. Lol!!!

Lenten Blessings,

Sabrina Queen

NOTES FROM PAUL

I would like to congratulate Fr. Shafique on being named the Moderator of our Family of Parishes, which goes by the romantic name "West Wayne Family 4." While I think the Archdiocese could do some work on naming things, I don't think they could have found a better Priest to be our Moderator. As Moderator, Father will not be the "boss" of the other priest or parishes, but instead he will be asked to lead our parishes so that we can grow in collaboration and friendship. I look forward to finding new ways to work with the parishes that are included in our family. Each of us have our own unique ways that we serve the Lord, and I hope that we can all benefit from sharing in the good works the other parishes do. I know Fr. Shafique will do his part to make this a prayerful and positive experience for everyone. St Mary, Pray for Us! Ss. Simon and Jude, Pray for Us! St. Thomas the Apostle, Pray for Us! St Richard, Pray for Us!

God bless,

Paul Zbytowski

Pastoral Associate

Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator

The responsibilities of the Moderator include:

- Convene the team of priests which collectively pastors the Family.
- In collaboration and consultation with the Family-Pastors and Family-Parochial Vicars, set a common vision for the sharing of ministries among the priests. This common vision will be articulated in the Family Priests' Covenant.
- Set the tone for a 'brotherly relationship' among the priests and parishes in the Family.
- Communicate to Family priests any guidelines from the Archbishop regarding the Family structure.
- Define any Family-wide responsibilities of clergy, staff, or other parish leaders when such details are not covered in the Covenant or when an agreement cannot be reached.
- Oversee the formation and operation of the appropriate Family consultative bodies.
- Create a consolidated schedule for Masses and other common sacramental celebrations.

PASTORAL CARE REGARDING THE VATICAN'S NOTE ON BAPTISM

In August of 2020, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a response to questions regarding the use of the words, "We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" instead of the proper form of "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". The Vatican ruled that the form "We baptize" does not convey the Sacrament of baptism.

In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we are aware that between 1986 – 1999, potentially invalid baptisms occurred at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, conducted by Deacon Mark Springer using the improper form. We are in the process of contacting those individuals who may be affected and we are asking for your help. If you or someone you know was baptized at St. Anastasia Parish during this time period or you have any questions or concerns about the validity of your sacrament(s), we invite you to visit the websitead.org/sacramentsupdate for more information and to submit questions or concerns using the online form.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth,
the sea and all that is in them;
but on the seventh day he rested. (Ex 20:11)

PSALM:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING:

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than human
strength. (1 Cor 1:25)

GOSPEL:

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."
(Jn 2:19)

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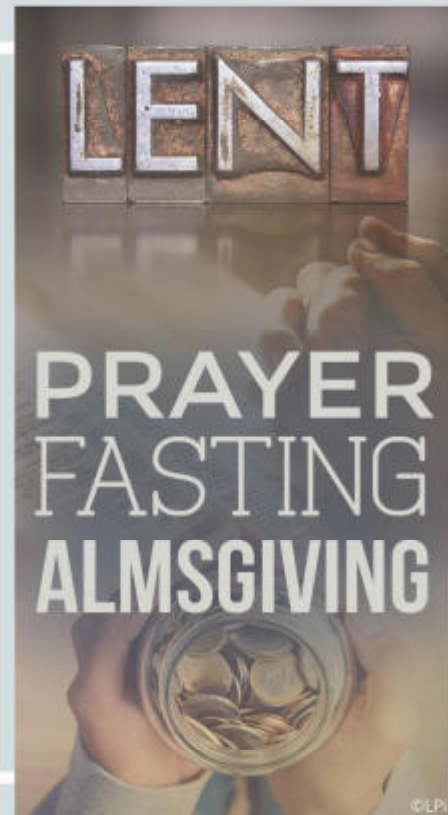
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 7, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. John of God, Religious
Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins

Sacred Heart Parish, Gojra, Pakistan Our "Sister Parish"

This Lent we are once again looking to support the parish where Fr. Shafique was a pastor in Pakistan. Our "Sister Parish" is in great need. The Parish covers a large geographical area, has a school with a hostel, as well as a convent. Because there are no school buses available, many of the students have to live at the school's hostel so that they can receive their education. We helped them last year and hope our support will once again help to continue to grow the church in Pakistan.

Unlike last year, we are requesting no coin. If you would like to donate please use an envelope available in the back of church or write "Sister Parish" on an envelope. Thank you for your continued support this Lent.



REFLECT

FIRST READING

In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

GOSPEL READING

John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith?

CSA 2020 Update			
Total Pledges	Pledges Paid in full	Pledges with Balance	Total Balance Outstanding
319	298	21	\$4,050
outstanding balance reduced by \$332			
CSA 2020 ends in May			
If you are unable to complete your pledge, please contact AOD Donor Services at 313-596-7330 to update your pledge. ~ Thank you for your support ~			

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT				
Offertory	#of Gifts	Actual	Budget	Variance
02/28/21	205	\$ 10,650	\$ 9,195	\$ 1,455
02/21/21	169	\$ 18,434	\$ 9,195	\$ 9,239
02/14/21	144	\$ 6,203	\$ 9,195	\$ (2,992)
02/07/21	211	\$ 11,176	\$ 9,195	\$ 1,981
Fiscal Year		Actual	Budget	Variance
FY 20-21		\$ 330,697	\$ 321,812	\$ 8,885
FY 19-20		\$ 350,961	\$ 383,600	\$ (32,639)
Kroger Community				
4 people participating - \$30.56 newly donated \$30.56 donated in total				
Amazon Smiles donations				
24 people participating - \$20.87 newly donated \$62.75 donated in total				

2020 CHURCH DONATION STATEMENTS

If you made a donation to our Parish and would like to receive a statement for your income tax filing, please call the Parish office to request it. 734.425.4421

Fr. Shafique Named Moderator

We would like to congratulate our Pastor, Fr. Shafique Masih, on being named the Moderator of our local Family of Parishes. Fr. Shafique said he is excited for the chance to grow together with our local family.

West Wayne Vicariate Family 4
SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Westland
St. Mary Parish, Wayne
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Parish, Westland
St. Richard Parish, Westland
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Garden City

To learn more about the structure of Families of Parishes and other important information regarding the transition, visit: familiesofparishes.org

Come and Pray the Rosary with us!

Wednesday Evenings at 7pm in the church. Bring your family. Invite a friend! Next rosary will be **Wednesday, March 10th.**

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BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, March 12, 2021

9:00am - 3:00pm

Social Hall

To schedule an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org
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 Or call 1-800-RED CROSS
 (1-800-733-2767)

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 14th.

Eucharistic Exposition

Wednesdays
12:30—3:00pm

GENERAL

DISPENSATION NEWS

"In a letter to the faithful, Archbishop Vigneron announced that the general dispensation from the Sunday obligation will **expire next Sunday on March 13.** Particular dispensations remain for those at greater risk of illness. The health and safety of our communities is and always will be paramount as we continue to closely monitor local conditions. For that reason, our churches will remain limited to 50 percent of available capacity for the near future and many other existing protocols will remain in place. For more information, please visit" <https://www.aod.org/comehometohope>

Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent at 7:00 pm

March 12, 2021 - sponsored by our Forever Young Seniors Group

March 19, 2021 - sponsored by our Immaculate Heart of Mary Ministry

March 26, 2021 - sponsored by our Faith Formation Program

April 2, 2021 - Noon on Good Friday - sponsored by our Youth Ministry

(-In Church and Live Streamed)

PRAYER FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Loving God, We come before you in our time of need. We lay before you our concerns and fears over the spread of the coronavirus. We know that you are mightier than all our fears and that the name of Jesus is the name above all other names. We ask, in the name of Jesus, that you stop the spread of the coronavirus. In your mercy, heal those who are sick and lead those who have died into your heavenly kingdom. We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.



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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Office Hours—closed for now
Monday to Thursday: 8:00am–4:00pm
Friday: Closed

Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI	8:30 am
WED	12:00 Noon
SAT	4:30 pm
SUN	9:00 am 11:00 am

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 is 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.

Hearing Devices are available. 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.

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Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26,
39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

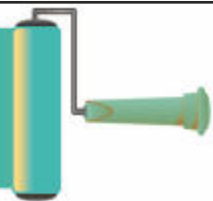
MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To thee do we come. Before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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