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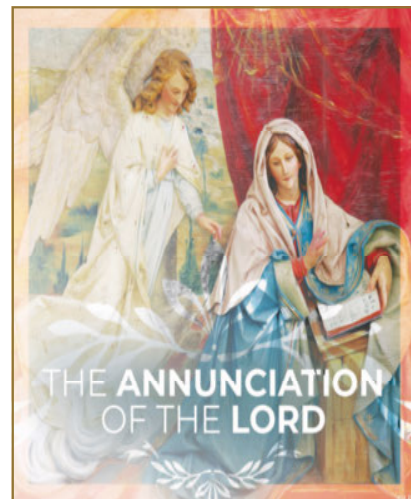


3rd Sunday O F L E N T

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. March 21	8:30am	+Enrico & Ida Canini Req. by Graziano Canini
Wed. March 23	12 Noon	+Francis E. Kennedy Req. by Mary C. Braczyk
Thurs. March 24	8:30am	Healing for the Ray Morris Family Req. by Friends Healing for Tom Thompson Req. by Marilyn Crince
Fri. March 25	8:30am	+Enrico & Ida Canini Req. by Graziano Canini
Sat. March 26	4:30pm	+Carmen & Brian Kennedy Req. by William Kennedy +Leo Salvaggio Req. by Family
Sun. March 27	9:00am	+Bert & Joni Nucich Req. by Family +Richard Heidler Req. by Hartley Family Healing for Theresa Garguilo Req. by Barb & Ernie Lenard
	11:00am	+Joe Scanga Req. by Sara Scanga +Michael Macari Req. by wife, Anna & Family +Cesidio Socci Req. by Anna Macari & Family



St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
Feast Day

Friday, March 25th

Please join us at 6:30pm before
Stations for a prayer service.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Steve Anderson	Alisa Gardner	Joanne Meister	Shelly Rizzo
Sean Armstrong	Julia Gardner	Irene Melady	Debbie Robarge
Kelly Beaudry	Patricia Godvin	Andrew Merchant	Bill & Rose Rodriguez
Joan Bischoff	Viola Janus	Tony Micallef	Florence & Ed Rysztak
Katie Bohr	Katlyn Hahn	Selena Montez	Sean Schaefer
Jerry Borycz	Susan Hancock	Debbie Moore	Jean Schmuck
Margaret Brown	Becca Hoffman	Sandy Moulding	Ann Schroeder
Boyington Family	Carl Humphrey	Ashley Murphy	Tom Shafer
Angela Bunio	Christine Humphrey	Leo Mysiewicz	Jack & Nancy Shea
Cathy Burdis	Evangelina Kabacinski	Don Niemiec	Jane Sheppard
Dan Burke	John Kaminsky	Donald Oesterwind, Jr.	John Socia
Hope Carew	Chris Karpinski	Teresa M. Pardo	Natalie Tanana
Ricky Canini	Rose Keena	Keith Pares	Helen Tasiemski
Jannisse Chesney	Susan Kelly	Eddie Brian Parker	Ann Terry
Carol Cline	Marion Kiras	Patrick Patton	George & Jackie Tindall
Earl Copeland	Joan Klein	Jim & GERALYN Pawlaczyk	Tom Thompson
Bodyn Crince	Bob & Dolly Kluba	Jared Perez	Donald Thurston
Yoland Dominguez	John Kolar	Jim Pequignot	Roberta Troher
Robert Dunajski	John Krokosky	Damian Pietszak	Vasati Tupuani
Faith Falzon	Patricia Lickman	Deb Pietszak	Cathy West
Ashley Aaron Farkas	Julianne Lister	Kathryn Piotrowski	Beverly Wright
Janet & Al Fleis	Nancy & Jeff Leonhard	Sandy Popek	Walter Wrone
Liam Francis	Jerry MacGillis	Annette Puczkowski	Ethan Young
Nan Fry	Ken Macko	Wayne Pringle	Nicole Zapinski
Mike Fusco	Barbara Martin	Kim Quinn	Henry Zajac
Betty Gable	Rob Martin	Dotty Raczkowski	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
William Albright, U. S. Air Force; **Matt Rice**, U. S. Marines

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,

Last Thursday, we celebrated one of our favorite saints, Saint Patrick! Saint Patrick the Apostle of Ireland, was actually born in Britain. When Patrick was 16 years old, he was captured by Irish pirates who brought him to Ireland. He was sold into slavery where his job was tending sheep. Patrick viewed his enslavement as God's test of his faith. During his 6 years of captivity he became devoted to Christianity through constant prayer. Around 408 Patrick fled his master and escaped reuniting with his family. In Auxerre, France, Patrick entered the Priesthood and persuaded many people to become Christians. Years later he was ordained a bishop and sent to Ireland to spread the Gospel.

The original color associated with St. Patrick's Day was actually blue. Back in the 7th century, St. Patrick's day was a religious holiday celebrated only in Ireland. Early depictions of St. Patrick show him wearing blue, and the official color of the Order of St. Patrick, part of Ireland's chivalry was a sky blue known as "St. Patrick's Blue." So how did the feast day of the patron saint of Ireland become associated with green? In 1798 during the Irish rebellion the use of green began when the clover became a symbol of nationalism and the "wearing of the green" on lapels became regular practice. The green soon spread to uniforms as well. That evolution, combined with the idea of Ireland's lush green fields (The Emerald Isle), and Saint Patrick's legendary affinity for shamrocks eventually made blue a thing of the past.

Faith Formation would like to remind the Parish and our families to attend Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 8th at 7:00pm. Catechist's and grade 8 will be reciting from "Stations of the Cross for the Suffering, Ill and Disabled. Come pray with us.

Just for laughs... When is an Irish potato not an Irish potato? When he's a French fry!

Why do frogs like Saint Paddy's day? Because they're always wearing green.

Peace! Sabrina Queen

NOTES FROM PAUL

There are two parts to this weekend's Gospel. The call for repentance and the parable of the man who wanted to cut down his fig tree. The man is upset because his tree did not bear good fruit. His gardener convinces him to leave the tree for one more year, and over that year he promises to give it some extra attention. Lent is our time to stop and take time to cultivate the ground around ourselves and add a little bit of spiritual fertilizer to our lives. We do this by repenting for our sins, and adding in a little prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Hopefully that will lead you to bear better "fruit" in your life.

As a side note, I hope you all have a Happy St. Joseph's Day on Saturday. My family will say a special prayer for our whole parish family. St. Joseph, pray for us!

God bless you,

Paul Zbytowski, Pastoral Associate/Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Conference of the St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank the parishioners for their continuing support. Parishioner donations have helped the conference meet the needs of Neighbors in Need. Most of those funds paid rent to stop evictions and utility bills to stop shutoffs. Other monies paid for food and auto repairs. During the past reporting year, ending November 30, the conference helped 78 people with rent and utilities, and distributed over \$2600 in gift cards for food, furniture, and clothing. The conference considers itself small, but mighty. It is mightier because of parishioners' thoughtfulness and generosity.

In other SVdP news, the conference would like to remind parishioners that **donations to the clothing bins must be clothing in plastic bags**. Anything else may result in St. Mary's losing the bins. The conference sincerely appreciates parishioners' cooperation with this.

Some have asked about the past practice of St. Vincent de Paul trucks picking up household donations at individual homes. That practice was suspended during the pandemic, and the main council in Detroit is unable to resume that service due to the expense. They have contracted with a private company and there is a substantial charge for home pickup, and also some restrictions on what they will pick up at individual homes. If a parishioner is interested in a home pick-up, please call the office and leave a message on the SVdP extension (219) and someone will get back to you to share the pickup information. May God continue to bless you for your generosity to our Neighbors in Need.

—St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Conference St. Vincent de Paul Society

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. We helped them last year and hope our support will once again help to continue to grow the church in Pakistan. 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.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

- Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
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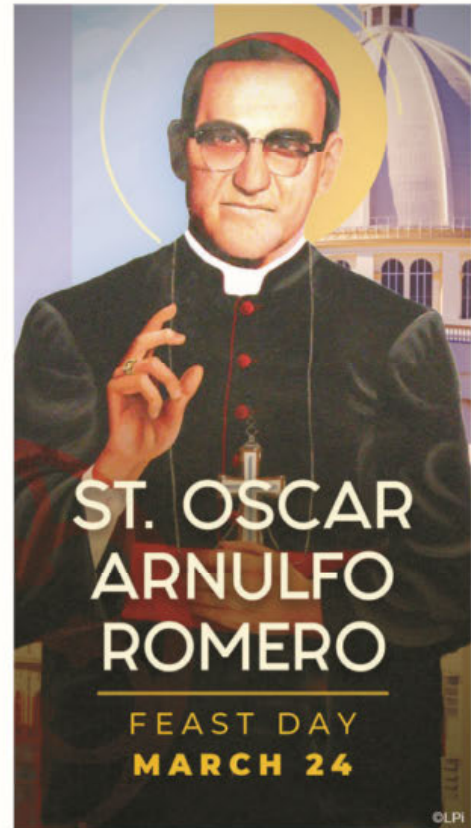
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent
- Wednesday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Friday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God clearly reveals his identity as "I am who am." God, who is really beyond all names, is the One who simply "is" as the ground of all being. This ever-existing, uncreated, and all-encompassing presence of unconditional God, who is Love, is very patient as he waits for us to grow and change. God is so near to us that it is easy to miss his presence. As true love requires, God seeks a devoted, intimate, free, and exclusive relationship with each of us. As we walk through the parched, desert experiences of our lives it is easily in our thirst for water and a respite from the heat that we reach for and construct idols that will bring us immediate relief and satisfaction. These false gods, made out of our comforts and earthly desires can quickly take the place of the One who really has first dibs on our hearts. Humans have often wandered far away from God as St. Paul reminds us. In helping each other cultivate and fertilize the ground upon which we walk, God gives us yet another chance to bear fruit and return.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

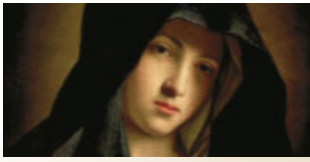
When St. Oscar Romero was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, his country was in chaos. Many people in El Salvador were living in poverty, while a smaller elite group controlled all political and economic power. In 1980, El Salvador broke out in a 12-year civil war that left over 75,000 people dead. St. Oscar Romero set up pastoral programs to assist the victims of oppression. He also became an outspoken advocate for human rights, appealing to the Salvadoran military to stop killing their own citizens.

On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was murdered while celebrating Mass in El Salvador. A car pulled up outside, and a gunman fired a single shot straight into St. Oscar Romero's heart.

Calling him a "a martyr for the faith" nearly 40 years later, Pope Francis canonized him in 2018. For the occasion, Pope Francis chose to wear the same blood-stained belt that Romero was wearing at the altar when he died.

YOUR SUNDAY TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u># of Gifts</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
03/13/22	212	\$8,272	\$10,294	\$2,022



**CAN WE BE PEOPLE WHO
"LENGTHEN" LIKE MARY?**
Lenten Reflection - March 26, 2022
10am - 12pm
Fr. Dan Crosby, OFM Cap.
All Women of the Parish Invited!

Coffee & Pastries will be provided. A free will offering will be taken for the Capuchins. Questions? Clare Masak 734.525.2682
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ALL YOU CAN EAT

**Pancake & French Toast Breakfast
THIS SUNDAY, March 20th**

8:30am to 12:30pm

Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy Social Hall

COST: \$3 Adults \$1.50 Children ages 2 to 10

MENU: Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage,
Applesauce, Tea, Coffee, Milk, & Juice

The guys of HOLY NAME FRATERNITY (HNF) are busy making breakfast for you in the social hall. Come enjoy breakfast and meet a new friend before or after Mass. All are invited including members of our Family of Parishes!

GRAVE CLEANUP AT ST. HEDWIG - April 2

The Msgr. Russell Knights of Columbus Council 12405 is scheduling the SPRING GRAVE CLEAN UP of graves at St. Hedwig cemetery on Saturday, April 2. Forms are available in the Parish Office. Please ensure they are turned in by March 28.

Forever Young Seniors...

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 4th at 10:00am in the Small Hall. Our Pastoral Associate, Paul Zbytowski will be joining us for a Lenten Reflection. We will have fish sandwiches for lunch thanks to Chef Ann Pape.

Bianco bus trips:

Wed, April 20th - Detroit Historic Churches
\$91 due by April 4th

Wed, May 4th - Meadowbrook Theatre
"Pin-Up Girls"

\$100 due by April 4th

Wed, June 22nd - Pioneer Trail Wine Around
\$96 due by June 6th

Note: the bus trips are open to everyone. See flyers in the Gathering Space for more info.

Maryann Sligay -- 734-525-3737

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us all Fridays
in Lent at 7pm

March 25th April 1st April 8th

Come and Pray the Rosary with us!

Wednesday Evenings at 7pm in the church.
Bring your family. Invite a friend! Next Rosary will be held **Wednesday, March 23rd.**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Fish Fry
Fridays 4:30pm - 7:00pm**

31530 Beechwood St., Garden City 48135

We have Baked & Fried Fish, Combo plate, Shrimp dinner, and a Bake Sale.

Christian Service Lenten Project

During the Lenten season, the Christian Service Group will be collecting cereal, peanut butter and jelly for those in need. Please place your donations in the marked shopping cart in the gathering area.

Forgotten Harvest

The next Forgotten Harvest food pantry is Tuesday, March 22, from 9-11 a.m., or sooner if we run out of food, in the church parking lot. New volunteers are always welcome. If you know someone who could benefit from the food pantry, please pass along this information. At our last food pantry on March 8, we serviced 109 households accounting for 257 individuals.

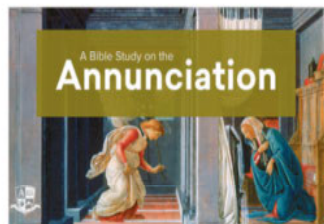
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PICK OF THE WEEK

March 21, 2021

LEARN**A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUNCIATION**

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.



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Office Hours:

Monday and Wednesday: 9am-4pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 9am-12 Noon

Friday: Closed

Please call the office
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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 4pm on Friday (9 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

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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.

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.

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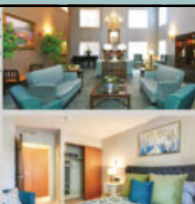


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