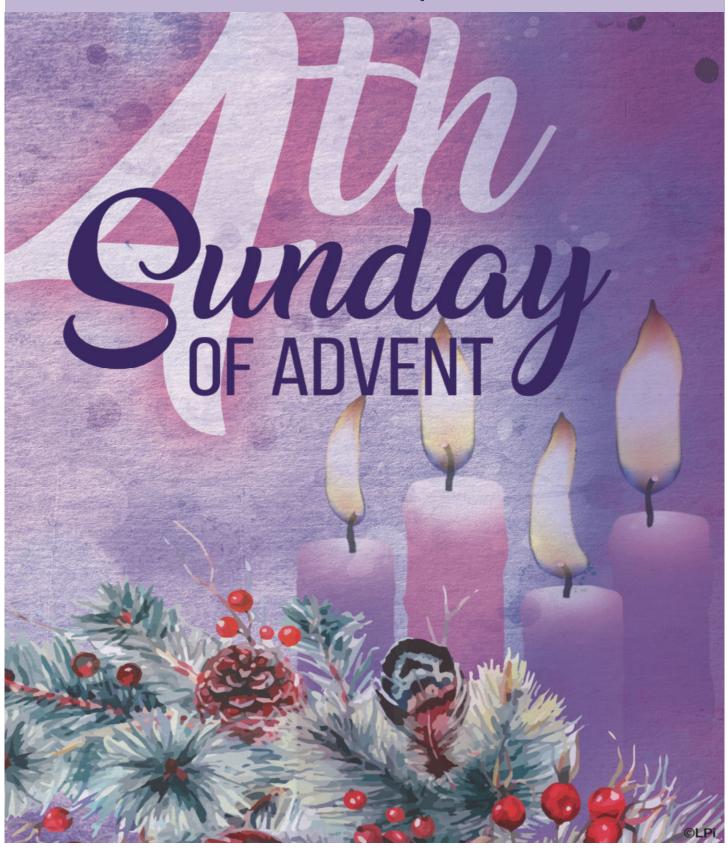
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Nan Fry

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. Dec 20 7:00pm +Deceased Members of the Goonis and Ciraulo Family

Req. by Family

+In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

Req. by Gnacke Family

Wed. Dec 21 12 Noon +Marge & Bill Wolf Req. by Family

+Tony Secco Req. by Delima Fillip

Thurs. Dec 22 8:30am + Margaret Marvella Humbach

Req. by Roberto & Diana Sevilla

+Silvio Barile Req. by Graziano Canini

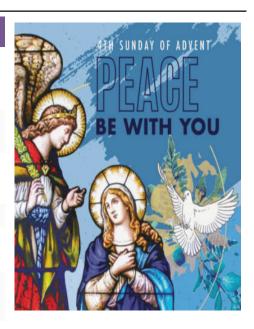
Fri. Dec 23 8:30am For Alannah S. Jones on her birthday Req. by Family

Sat. Dec 24 4:30pm For Our Parish Family

Midnight For Our Parish Family

Sun. Dec 25 9:00am For Our Parish Family

11:00am For Our Parish Family



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Sean Armstrong Alisa Gardner Pat Bader Julia Gardner Kelly Beaudry Emily Gnacke Fr. Jerry Bechard Patricia Godvin Joan Bischoff Ora Gomez Katie Bohr Richard Granada Jerry Borycz Viola Janus **Boyington Family** Katlyn Hahn Margaret Brown Jacqueline Hamrick Don Brune Susan Hancock Angela Bunio Eileen Harris Cathy Burdis Deacon Jim Hensel Dan Burke Becca Hoffman Hope Carew Christine Humphrey Ricky Canini John Kaminsky Jannisse Chesney Chris Karpinski Earl & Elaine Copeland Rose Keena Susan Kelly Christina Cowell **Bodyn Crince** Marion Kiras Barbara Deck Joan Klein Robert Dunajski Bob & Dolly Kluba Faith Falzon John Kolar Ashlev Aaron Farkas Marlene Kotrvs Janet & Al Fleis John Krokosky Liam Francis Patricia Lickman Allen Frantsen Julianne Lister Jim Fredrickson Robert Malecki

Rob Martin Dennis & Kathy McCann John Meconi Joanne Meister Irene Melady Ann Merchant Andrew Merchant Tony Micallef **Bob Militzer** Selena Montez Debbie Moore Ashlev Murphy Liam Murphy Don Niemiec Donald Oesterwind, Jr. Teresa M. Pardo **Keith Pares** Eddie Brian Parker Patrick Patton Geralyn Pawlaczyk Luke Pawlaczyk Jared Perez Damian Pietszak Deb Pietszak Sandy Popek Annette Puczkowski Wayne Pringle Kim Quinn

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Nicole Zapinski

Henry Zajac Sandra Zannis

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

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

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Barbara Martin

Capt. Tim Duff, U.S. Army; CPT Joey Saunders, U.S. Marines; Marine Sgt. Leven Smith; U.S. Marines; PVT Marcus Rodriguez, U.S. Army; William Albright, U. S. Air Force

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

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. We light all four candles on the Advent wreath. Our preparation and waiting is almost to an end. We eagerly await the arrival of the blessed baby Jesus.

In seven days we celebrate one of our greatest days in the church; the Birth of a baby. A baby that will become our Savior, Jesus Christ. "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

All Glory and Praise to God, trust in his truth!

p.s. Just for giggles...

A gingerbread man went to the doctor's complaining of a sore knee, "a sore knee" the doctor said, "have you tried icing it."

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing – it was on the house.

Peace, Love, and Joy,

Sabrina Queen

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NOTES FROM PAUL

In this weekend's Gospel (Mt 1:18-24) we hear about the angel that appears to St. Joseph in a dream. In this dream the angel explains the coming of Jesus. Most of us will not have an angel appear to us in that way, but that doesn't mean that God is not trying to tell us something.

Is there something that keeps coming up in prayer? Something that seems to have been put on your heart? Something that could be used to build up the kingdom of God? If so, maybe you should start trying to bring it into this world. Maybe talk about it with a trusted friend or loved one. Maybe take the first steps to make it a reality. Let God use your dreams to make this a better world.

God bless you, Paul Zbytowski

Pastoral Associate/Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator

– St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

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MUSINGS FROM THE MUSED

Thank you for your support and participation in our Immaculate Conception Prelude. It went very well, and it was so special to have such a wonderful turnout. We gave great love to our Mother Mary through song and prayer, and the Lord was kind enough that I got through my organ pieces gracefully enough. Praise God for the glory of community worship, it draws us together and strengthens our faith.

I wrote a special organ work for the liturgy titled "Magnificat, Motherhood's Joy" and I must thank you for the inspiration to compose for our Mother. Without your support and love I may not have felt so compelled. I hope this new tradition of extended musical prelude before our most sacred celebrations is life giving for you. Please share your feedback and ideas with me for future celebrations.

My heart is eager to praise with you again, Aidan Rickel,

Director of Music Ministries

YOUR SUNDAY TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REPORT

DUE TO AN EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION NO OFFERTORY REPORT WAS AVAILABLE FOR THIS WEEK.

NANKIN FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS TIMES

St. Thomas the Apostle 31530 Beechwood, Garden City, 48135

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Saturday 4:30p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. Mary in Wayne 34530 W Michigan, Wayne 48184

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00am (English) Saturday 4:00pm (English)

Sunday 8:30am (English), 11:30am (English) 2pm (Spanish)

St. Richard

35851 Cherry Hill, Westland, 48186

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 10:00am

To know more about our Family please check out our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/NankinFamilyofParishes.

FLOCKNOTES

Are you new to the parish? Do you ever feel like you are missing out on "up to the minute" news? Worried about weather closings?

You can sign up for Flocknote by going to: https://app.flocknote.com/ StMaryCauseofOurJoy or text "COOJ" to 84576

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood from our archdiocese and families.

Jesus, Eternal High Priest, give us men willing to sacrifice and serve. Make their hearts after your own Sacred Heart.

Holy Spirit, Everlasting Love between Father and Son, strengthen, inspire, and set men on fire with divine charity. Grant them the courage to say yes to their vocation.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of priests, comfort and protect your sons as they discern their call. With Saint Joseph, may they know your love and companionship as they deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. St. Anne, pray for us. St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.

CSA UPDATE

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy has reached 75 percent of our goal of \$84,284 for the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you to the 196 families (out of 734 families) who have made gifts and pledges totaling \$63,555! Our anticipated shortfall today is \$27,013. This amount includes pledges not yet paid in full. Our parish will have to make up any shortfall.

If you are considering a gift to our parish for Christmas, please consider giving to the CSA. Please know that our parish will receive 100 percent of any gifts we receive over our target.

You may mail your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelope that was provided you, make your gift to our parish campaign online at givecsa.org or call the parish office for help.

Come and Pray the Rosary with us!

There will be NO Rosary recited Dec. 21st. Please join us on the 21st for the Simbang Gabi Night Mass. The Wednesday Rosary in church will resume on Dec. 28th at 7pm.

We also have rosary on Friday mornings at 9am and before Mass on Saturdays.

OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The traditional Christmas Wafer, Oplatki, are now available in the back of church. They will also be available at our Parish Office. A donation of \$2 is requested for each package.

Eucharistic Exposition Wednesdays 12:30—3:00pm

I AM HERE Advent Holy Hours

Every day during Advent, a parish of the Archdiocese of Detroit will host a special Holy Hour at 7p.m. Join us and experience the transformative presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Learn more at iamhere.org/advent

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30pm Mass & 12:00am Midnight Sing-A-Long 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00am Mass & 11:00am Mass

CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 26 No Mass Tuesday, Dec. 27 No Mass Wednesday, Dec. 28 12 noon Mass Thursday, Dec. 29 8:30am

Friday, Dec. 30 8:30am

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 4:30pm Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9:00am & 11:00am Mass

Immaculate Heart of Mary Ministry Invites You to Celebrate SIMBANG GABI (Night Mass) 2022

The Filipino Catholic devotional, nine consecutive nights of prayer for spiritual preparation and purification to worthily welcome and receive the Child Jesus in our midst. IHM Ministry is proud to offer this religious and socio-cultural needs of the Filipino American communities in Michigan. Everyone is welcome to attend our liturgy and join us in our worship.

Sponsored by Friends and Families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Ministry. IHM Ministry is a parish member-organization at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy. Fr. Shafique Masih, Parish Priest is our mass celebrant.

Forever Young Seniors...

Santa's reindeer were in fine form at our December meeting! I hope everyone had a good time. Thank you to Fr. Shafique for running the race as Comet. He came in FIRST!

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 10:00am in the Small Hall. We will have the Installation of new Officers. Chairperson: Diane Fredrickson, Treasurer: Fran Niemiec, Secretary: Marlene Chwalek and Financial Secretary: Ann Findysz.

Lunch will be provided by Chef Ann Pape.

Bianco bus trips:

Sun, Feb 12, 2023 – DSO "Frank & The Ladies" \$124 due by Jan 2, 2023 Tues, March 21, 2023 – Firekeepers Casino \$48 due by March 6th Thurs, April 20, 2023 – Ohio Wine Tour \$115 due by April 3rd

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

Maryann Sligay -- 734-525-3737

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

On the final Sunday of Advent and before or after Mass come enjoy the HNF pancake/french toast breakfast 830amthe social hall. 1230pm. And, oh yes, Santa Claus himself will be on hand to enhance your Christmas spirit.

The Holy Name Fraternity will meet at 6 (six) pm on Tuesday, 12/20, in the small hall for our regular business meeting, and our Christmas dinner. Men come enjoy the Christmas cheer!



Nativity Sets for a Display Walk Wanted

A vulnerable and innocent baby in the midst of an animal stable is a captivating image. When the baby in the middle of the scene is considered by millions and millions of people to be the very embodiment of God, this image becomes more Christmas time in the Christians life should be a time to remember, receive and proclaim what God has done through a little baby named Jesus.

This year St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy would like to continue this tradition of the displays of different crèche or nativity scenes in our social hall. We have a diverse membership here at St. Mary's and would like to view any and all, especially if you have one from foreign countries.

We want to see as many as we can, including more whimsical ones that children can relate to. We would like to highlight the cultural diversity of each crèche on display, while honoring and celebrating the common theme that runs throughout—the birth of Jesus. Fr. Shafique will bless every nativity set brought in.

We will have the display on the weekend of January 7th & 8th. If you would like to participate or have please call the Parish questions. Office at 734-425-4421 to reserve a space in our social hall.



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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy



Monday and Wednesday: 9am-4pm Tuesday and Thursday: 9am-2pm

Friday: Closed

Please call the office to make other arrangements

Mass Schedule

 TUES
 7:00 pm

 WED
 12:00 Noon

 THURS & FRI
 8:30 am

 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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Readings for the week of December 18, 2022

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or

1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 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

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