

# ST. MARY, CAUSE OF OUR JOY

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**February 26, 2023**

## BREAD



“One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes  
forth from the mouth of God.”

MATTHEW 4:4

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Tues. Feb 28</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>+Carlo &amp; Ezio Benedettina</b> Req. by Graziano Canini
<b>Wed. March 1</b>	<b>12 Noon</b>	<b>+Edmund Kaster</b> Req. by Grace Coates
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>+Christine Retzloff</b> Req. by Grace Coates
<b>Thurs. March 2</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>For Amye Gnacke on her birthday</b> Req. by Family
<b>Fri. March 3</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>For Autumn Bar on her birthday</b> Req. by Family
<b>Sat. March 4</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>+Carmen &amp; Brian Kennedy</b> Req. by William Kennedy
		<b>+Teri Stevens</b> Req. by Children
		<b>+Don Niemiec</b> Req. by Pat & Ziggy Jonca
<b>Sun. March 5</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>+Dolores Caruso</b> Req. by Al & Joyce Zelek
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>+For Our Parish Family</b>



## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Sean Armstrong	Alisa Gardner	Barbara Martin	Shelly Rizzo
Pat Bader	Julia Gardner	Rob Martin	Debbie Robarge
Kelly Beaudry	Emily Gnacke	Dennis & Kathy McCann	Bill & Rose Rodriguez
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Ricky Canini	Becca Hoffman	Donald Oesterwind, Jr.	Ann Terry
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Earl & Elaine Copeland	John Kaminsky	Teresa M. Pardo	George & Jackie Tindall
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Bodyn Crince	Rose Keena	Eddie Brian Parker	Donald Thurston
Barbara Deck	Susan Kelly	Patrick Patton	Roberta Troher
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Ashley Aaron Farkas	Joan Klein	Luke Pawlaczyk	Cathy West
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Nan Fry	Patricia Lickman	Annette Puczkowski	Sandra Zannis
Mike Fusco	Julianne Lister	Wayne Pringle	
Betty Gable	George Marko	Kim Quinn	

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

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

Lenten Greetings and Salutations,

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Lent is our special time of retreat. Like Jesus we fast and pray, fasting and praying remind us that God is first in our lives. What will you do this week to make your prayer life stronger?

A few giggles for the road....

What kind of socks do grizzlies wear? None, they have bear feet.

What do you get when you cross a snail with a porcupine? A slowpoke!

Have a great week everyone!

Blessings,

Sabrina Queen

DRE- St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Director of Discipleship -Nankin Family of Parishes

## NOTES FROM PAUL

This weekend our psalm response is from psalm 51, "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." In many ways, this simple statement seems to sum up our journey through Lent. We need to humble ourselves, acknowledge our sins and ask God for help. We can not do this alone. Not only has God given us the Church and her teachings to help us on the way, he also gave us each other. This Lent we have different opportunities to walk this path together; we have Stations of the Cross every Friday, as well as other devotions like the Rosary and Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Speaking of the Stations, I am happy to say that this year we will have the return of the FREE Lenten meal before each event. I would also like to remind you that this October, Fr. Shafique will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the places that we will hear about all through Lent. If you are interested, there is still time to join.

God bless,

Paul Zbytowski

Pastoral Associate/Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator – St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Director of Engagement/Director of Mission Support - Nankin Family of Parishes

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND | OCTOBER 10-20, 2023

**Group Leader:** Fr. Shafique Masih

**Price:** \$3,650 per person

*Nazareth, Cana-Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Caesarea Maritime, Haifa, Bethlehem, Shepherd's Field, Ein Karen, Jerico, Qumran, Dead Sea, Old City of Jerusalem, Western Wall, Mt. Zion, Mt of Olives, Gethsemane*

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## MUSINGS FROM THE MUSED

Into the desert we go, fasting and praying, leaving behind the distractions of the world for the solitude of a deserted place. From the gospels we know the Lord went to a deserted place a number of times in order to pray and focus on his mission. We each likewise have a mission from our heavenly Father, and if Christ needs time to pray alone to discern the Father's will, how much more do we? There are many traditions surrounding the solemn season of Lent, the church has numerous practices which center the faithful on the Lord throughout these 40 days.

One such tradition from the bible which many mystics throughout salvation history have practiced for spiritual growth is fasting. The hymn "Again We Keep This Solemn Fast" makes mention of the numerous instances of fasting in the bible. Interestingly, fasting from food has been proven through science to be beneficial for human health, our cellular divisions are more rapid and prone to mistakes when we give our body excess calories and nutrients. Regular intermediate fasting is not only good for the body, but good for the soul. We should also consider fasting from the many other forms of distracting excess our world provides, bottomless entertainment of the screen is difficult for the human heart to contend with. Luckily we are not alone, even in a deserted place, the Lord is with us, eager to give us his grace.

The shift of the music during this season is another tool for spiritual development. The hymns center on penance and prayer, guiding our hearts back to Jesus, becoming more solemn. Some churches do not even have a closing song and walk out in silence. My tradition is closing each mass with an African American Spiritual. "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley", "Somebodies Knocking on your Door" "There is a Balm". I hope this heart felt hymns lead you ever closer to God. What are your lenten traditions?

Aidan Rickel

Director of Music Ministry



## YOUR SUNDAY TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Date	# of Gifts	Actual	Budget	Variance
02/19/23	220	\$7,746	\$10,294	\$2,548

## NANKIN FAMILY OF PARISHES MASS TIMES

## St. Thomas the Apostle

31530 Beechwood, Garden City, 48135

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Wednesday 12 noon in Church

Saturday 4:30 pm in Church (and live-streamed)

Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am in Church

## Sst. Simon &amp; Jude

32500 Palmer, Westland, 48186

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>.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us all Fridays in Lent  
 Lite Lenten Meal 6pm in Social Hall  
 Stations at 7pm

TUESDAYS DURING LENT:

FEBRUARY 21, 28, MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28, APRIL 4

Lenten Small Group

**BELOVED, NOT BROKEN:***for Parents of Child Loss*

6:00-7:30 p.m. - St. Thecla Parish, Clinton Township

Red Bird  
MINISTRIES

Venerable William Gagnon, O.H. was born on May 16, 1905, in Dover, New Hampshire as the third of twelve children. Intrigued by a newspaper column about St. John of God and the community of brothers he founded to care for the sick all over the world, Gagnon entered the Hospitallers order and took his vows in Montreal in 1935. Brother William then spent the first 20 years of his vocation directing schools as well as hospitals in Montreal and Quebec City as well as serving as Provincial Superior at the first Chapter of the Canadian Province in Montreal before following the dream that originally drew him to the Hospitallers, to serve overseas as a missionary.

In 1952 Brother William was assigned to be the prior of his order's new foundation and hospital in Vietnam in Bui-Chu (North Vietnam). The Hospital du Sacre-Coeur de Bui-Chu and its dispensary served victims of war, ranging from children suffering malnutrition to adults wounded by the fighting. On occasion they would have to leave the mission for their own safety since they cared for soldiers on both sides of the conflict and that sometimes put them in harm's way. During his first year in Bui-Chu a bomb fell on the hospital's roof although, fortunately, nobody was injured. Eventually, the Brothers were forced Southward to continue to care for the refugees of the Vietnam conflict. The Brothers relocated to Bien-Hoa near Saigon which became the Vietnamese province of the Brothers Hospitallers. Here, Brother William continued his leadership work in the hospital but also became the novice master, training those seeking a vocation with the Brothers in Vietnam. Brother Gagnon served his community in Vietnam until dying of heart failure in Saigon in 1972. Pope Francis recognized his heroic virtues and proclaimed him Venerable on December 14, 2015.

## 2022 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 a statement. 734.425.4421.

## Forever Young Seniors...

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 6th, 2023 at 10:00am in the Small Hall. We will have a speaker, Patty Montemurri, journalist telling us how Detroit was shaped by Catholic Church Architecture. Lunch will be provided by Chef Ann Pape.

### Bianco bus trips:

Tues, March 21, 2023 – Firekeepers Casino

\$48 due by March 6th

Thurs, April 20, 2023 – Ohio Wine Tour

\$115 due by April 3rd

Tues, May 16, 2023 – Historic Marshall

\$103 due by May 1st

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

Maryann Sligay -- 734-525-3737

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

**Forgotten Harvest** -- The mobile pantry will be at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy parking lot on February 28. The pantry runs from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. (or until food runs out). If you know someone in need, please direct them to our pantry. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. to help with set up of the food.

**"Junk in my Trunk"** -- Start your spring cleaning now! Christian Service is sponsoring both a fundraiser for our St. Vincent de Paul group and an easy way for parishioners to unclutter and earn some extra cash. The date is Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For \$20 you can rent a spot in our parking lot and sell your unwanted items. All rental fees will be given to SVdP to aid in their mission to help those in need. Please watch the bulletin for further updates.

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY MINISTRY

Join us for **FIRST SATURDAY** Rosary and prayers to the Immaculate Heart at 4pm and Mass at **4:30pm Saturday, February 4th**. All Masses are in English.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, February 27

Faith Formation

FF Family Session 6-8pm

### Tuesday, February 28

Forgotten Harvest 9-11am

### Wednesday, March 01

Our Lady of Medjugorje 10-11am

St. Vincent de Paul 6:30-7:30pm

Rosary 7:00pm

### Friday, March 03

Free Lite Lenten meal 6:00pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

### Saturday, March 04

Grade 8 Solonus Casey

10am-12:30pm

### Sunday, March 05

Coffee 8:30am-12:30pm

## THE JOURNEY OF CONVERSION

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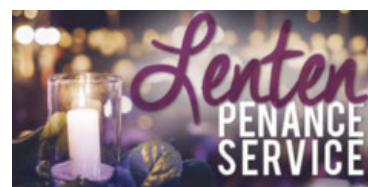
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## JOYFUL WOMEN

Joyful Women will be molding butter lambs **March 8th at 2pm** in the small hall. Come and help while enjoying laughter and friendship.

Mark your calendar for March 22nd. Lambs will be unmolded at 2pm in the small hall.

Lambs will be sold at the Easter Flower and Bake Sale.



## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 8th

6:00p.m.

## LENTEN OFFERINGS

Lenten offerings will once again support our Sister Parish in Pakistan. Our Sister Parish is in great need. We helped them last year and we hope our support this year will continue to grow the church in Pakistan. Envelopes are available in the back of church. Thank you for your donations this Lent.

## HOLY NAME FRATERNITY (HNF)

A fine crowd of 342 people joined the Holy Name Fraternity sponsored pancake/french toast breakfast last Sunday. Thank you for your patronage! The next breakfast will be March 19. ...See you there.

## St. Thomas the Apostle "World Famous Fish Fry"

You're invited to the St. Thomas the Apostle "World Famous Fish Fry" beginning Friday March 24th, 2022 thru Good Friday. We are located at 31530 Beechwood in Garden City. We are ready to serve you at 4:30pm UNLESS.... You join us for Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm. You may come over to the Fish Fry immediately following the service. We will have dine-in and carry-out service available.

jillkolpacke@gmail.com



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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

### Office Hours:

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 February 26, 2023

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/  
Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

## 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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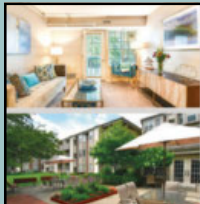
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