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SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3 Sun.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues.	May 02	7:00pm	For Linda Scott Moore Req. by Antoinette Martin For Sonny & Gerre Giss Req. by Grace
Wed.	May 03	12 Noon	For Carter Fox Req. by Grandma Fox
Thurs.	May 04	8:30am	For Priestly Vocations
Fri.	May 05	8:30pm	For Bodyn Crince Req. by Grandma, Marilynn Crince
Sat.	May 06	4:30pm	+Del Paputa Req. by Family +Don Niemiec Req. by Marilyn Blazner +Carmen & Brian Kennedy Req. by William Kennedy

+Darryl Bordeau Req. by Family +Richard Kwiecinski Req. by Irene Kwiecinski

May 07 9:00am +Nancy Marciniak Req. by Sister

+Rose Rodriguez Req. by Deacon Jim & Sue Hensel

+Leo & Gussie Salvaggio Req. by Family

+John & Rosemary Drake Req. by Daughters 11:00am

+Frank Ozga Req. by Lisa, Scott & Bruse Ozga

+Robert Kilian Req. by St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Choir



May Crowning - Marian Procession Sunday, May 7, 2023 12pm—1pm



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

UR 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

Greetings and Salutations on this Good Shepherd Sunday,

We hear today, that not only is Jesus our Shepherd who leads his sheep, but he is also the gate through which the sheep must pass to encounter God. Jesus wants us to be the sheep who follow him through the gate.

Self-Reflection...how can you listen more closely for Jesus' voice?

This weekend we celebrate First Holy Communion. We want to Welcome Our Beautiful Candidates to the Table of the Lord; Congratulations to **Justin Campos**, **Savannah Remily**, and **Kaysen Schnapp**. Keep these lovely children in your prayers. Glory to God!

This past week we completed our Faith Formation year. I would like to thank our Brilliant Catechists who give so much during the eight-month program and our Loving Pastor, Fr. Shafique. Thank you: Jeff Burden, Makenna Burden, John and Cheri Filipiak, Peggy Fox, Rose Gora, Suzanne Green, Carol Janowski, Lisa Kliza, Lisa Marcolina, Carol Nelius, Tony Quillen, Sangeeta Safid, Jackson Sohail, Jeff and Dawn Vernon, Deborah White, Paul Zbytowski. Have a wonderful summer break you deserve it!!! Please keep our Wonderful Catechist's in your prayers as well.

As one program is completed there is always another one approaching...Vacation Bible School- woot woot! Any parish member interested in volunteering or shopping for VBS, please give me a call at 734-425-4421 ext. 217. VBS is June 19 -23 please note the location is Saint Thomas the Apostle Garden City. Volunteers Needed! Thx!

What should you say at a salad bar restaurant? Lettuce eat! What's a bird's favorite type of chocolate? Dove Bars.

Have a great week for the Lord! Peace, Sabrina Queen

NOTES FROM PAUL

In this weekend's Gospel (Jn 10:1-10) Jesus tells us two parables about sheep. In the first, he says that the sheep will know the voice of their shepherd and trust him. In the second, Jesus tells us that he is the gate that all must use if they wish to be saved. This second parable gives many of us some anxiety about our friends and family.

If you are anything like me, there are people that I know who are wonderful people. Good in every way. Yet they don't know, or at least don't want to know Jesus. Some have even experienced legitimate trauma at the hands of our church, or other denominations. Others don't have a 'reason', they just don't have a relationship with God. I always pray that they will come to know Jesus, and try to find peace in the fact that Jesus knows them and loves them. Since he is the God of mercy, I know he wants to have a relationship with them. All we can do is pray for them, and pray that they find that "gate" when the time comes.

Paul Zbytowski,

Pastoral Associate/Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator

JOYFUL WOMEN BAKE SALE RAFFLE WINNERS

50/50 - Giovanni Viola

(He donated \$20 back to JW)

Raffle Baskets:

- 1) 31 Bag, Fossil Wallet + misc items Basket - Jane Sheppard
- 2) Children's Basket Pixiecade & Slap Cars) - Fran Niemiec
- 3) Traverse City Wine Basket Barb Lister
- 4) Kitchen Items Basket w/Bunny Tea Towel Janice Bearden
- 5) Children's Misc Basket Giovanni Viola
- 6) Lottery Tickets Basket Natalie Francis
- 7) Wine + Misc Basket Bill Kujawa
- 8) Fire TV Stik Kelli G.
- 9) Children's Basket Sandy Braund
- 10) Children's Basket Bill Kujawa

Everyday Stewardship

In the past year, my wireless provider introduced something called HD Voice. Suddenly, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the call. How clearly can you hear the voice of Jesus Christ? In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper, but unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:36)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:25)

Gospel:

"I am the gate.

Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (Jn 10:9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We know the voice of our shepherd. We know he speaks a language of love, of patience, of long-suffering sacrifice. The voice of the thief will offer us freedom, but it is a freedom that ends in destruction. There is only one gate that leads to everlasting life.

Observances for the week of April 30, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Joseph the Worker

Tuesday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the

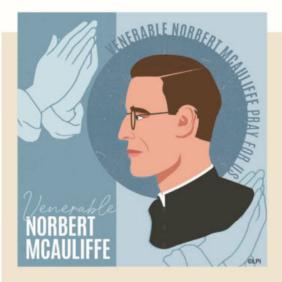
Church

Wednesday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Thursday: SNational Day of Prayer

Friday: Cinco de Mayo

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

An American-born missionary known for his work in Uganda with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Venerable Norbert McAuliffe was nicknamed The Man Who Always Prays by those he served. His work continues to this day through the leadership of the many African Brothers he formed.

Prayer

Prayer for the Canonization of Venerable Norbert McAuliffe

Most Holy Trinity, you granted to Your servant Venerable Norbert McAuliffe the gifts of administration and of vision, that he should be a spiritual guide for all he met, a joyful herald of the Gospel, and a devoted servant of the one Church of Christ. For his love of everyone You put in his path, his formation of many young men, and his dedication to education and evangelism across the U.S. and Africa, we pray that he may soon be numbered among the canonized saints. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

YOUR SUNDAY TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REPORT

<u>Date</u>	# of Gifts	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
04/23/23	205	\$10,015	\$10,294	\$279

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, Mr. Zion, Mt of Olives, Gethsemane

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Forever Young Seniors...



Our next meeting will be tomorrow, May 1st at 10:00am in the Small Hall. This will be our annual Kentucky Derby Horse Races and Derby Hat Contest. Save up your dollar bills for the horse races and pick out your favorite Derby hat for the parade & contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best Derby hat. Lunch will be provided by the FYS Board.

Bianco bus trips:

Tues, May 16th – Historic Marshall \$103 due by May 1st

Thurs, June 15th – Detroit Prohibition Tour \$102 due by June 5th

Wed, July 5th - Saugatuck, MI \$156 due by June 21st

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

Maryann Sligay -- 734-525-3737

Eucharistic Exposition Wednesdays 12:30—3:00pm

WEEKLY CALENDAR Monday, May 1

Forever Young Seniors 10am 8th grade Faith Formation 6pm

Wednesday, May 3

Our Lady of Medjugorje 10am St. Vincent de Paul 6:30pm Rosary 7:00pm

Saturday, May 6

Nettie Styles Funeral 11am

Sunday, May 7

Coffee Hour 10am –Noon May Crowning & Procession -

12 Noon

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Members of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Society will be at a table in the entryway after all Masses April 29/30. Please stop by. We are looking for more members to help us serve our Neighbors in Need. We will also have our donation top hat out in case you find yourself with a little spare cash.

JOYFUL WOMEN

Thank you so much for all the wonderful gifts for the Christ Child Shower. Your kindness will help many new moms with their precious newborns.

Thanks to all who attended our Lenten Prayer Day given by Fr. Dan Crosby OFM, CAP. Thanks to the team that made it all possible.

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, May 6th**.

All Masses are in English.

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

HNF events: (1) 5/16 meeting 7pm; (2) 5/21last pancake breakfast until September; (3) HNF golf outing 5/29, contact Dave Gluth @ 734-560-4688, or Ken Pryce @ 734-634-4898; (4) bus trip to Detroit Tiger ball game 6/25, contact Bob Sheppard @ 734-455-1561; (5) Texas hold'em/poker fund raiser at Vision Lanes, 7/20-23, volunteer workers needed. Contact John Filipiak @ 734-788-9404.



The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day observance, designated by the United States Congress, asks people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation.



BLOOD DRIVE

WHEN: Wednesday, June 7, 2023

TIME: 12:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.

WHERE: St. Mary,

Cause of Our Joy 8200 N Wayne Rd Westland, MI 48185

To schedule an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: stmarycauseofourjoy) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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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.

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Saturday 4:00pm (English)

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

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