ST. MARY, CAUSE OF OUR JOY

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Notes from Fr. Sean Bonner....

In Today's Gospel

Leprosy was believed to be a highly contagious disease. Anyone with leprosy was isolated from the community. Not only were they isolated from the community, they were considered ritually unclean, so they could not enter the Temple to worship or offer sacrifice.

When the man in today's gospel says to Jesus: "If you wish, you can make me clean." (Mk 1:40) he was not just asking to be healed of leprosy. He was asking to be ritually purified, to be restored to the community.

This is why Jesus entered his creation. He came to Earth to cleanse us from our impurities, to cleanse us from sin so we can enter the temple in Heaven. This is done first through the sacrament of baptism and continued through the sacrament of reconciliation.

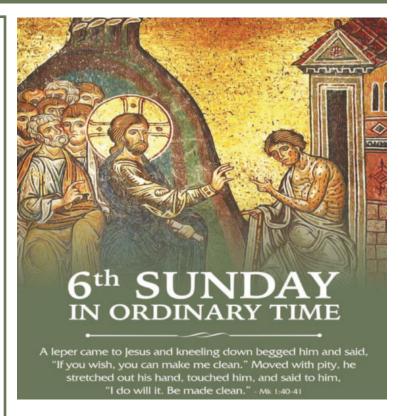
Turn to God for forgiveness, and he will say, "I do will it. Be made clean." (Mk 1:41)

Lenten Prayer Opportunities

During Lent is an opportunity to grow in prayer. The Archdioceses of Detroit is partnering with Hallow.com to bring two opportunities. The first is the I AM HERE Lent Challenge. By going to iamhere.org/lent, you can sign up to receive daily texts or emails beginning Ash Wednesday. This will give you the opportunity to play daily trivia and explore the Mass. There is no cost to sign up for this.

If you want to go one step further, sign up for the Lent Pray40 Challenge. You do this by signing up for the Hallow app on your phone or computer. Although Hallow is a paid application, we are offering a special promotion to grant you full access through Easter Sunday for only \$1. To sign up, go to hallow.com/holyday and search for the Nankin Family of Parishes.

If you want something low-tech, join us for our annual Lenten Scripture Challenge. This year, we will read through the Gospel of Matthew and the Letter to the Romans. You can pick up a brochure in the back of the church with a daily reading guide. If you need a Bible, please contact the parish office, and we will give you one.



NOTES FROM PAUL

Next week is Lent, so instead of singing the Gloria and saying alleluia we get forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

I have to admit, I find it hard to do all three well in any year. Sometime it is easy to step up my prayer life, sometimes I find a cause I really like to give to, and sometimes I am the king of fasting, but never in the same year.

It is probably part of the wisdom of the church, that we are given three ways to draw closer to God each Lent, and even if one is more difficult, you still have other opportunities to find growth.

Don't fall into the trap of just doing what is easy though. Sometimes leaning into something you find difficult is the best way to improve.

God bless, Paul Zbytowski, Pastoral Associate,

Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Feb. 12 12 Noon +Bernard Grzybek Req. by wife +Frank Grech Req. by Family

Thurs. Feb. 15 9:00am +Bill & Leona Schneider Req. by Graziano Canini

+Frances Fenech Req. by Fenech Family

Sat. Feb. 17 5:30pm +Frances Chwalek Req. by Jerry & Marlene Chwalek

Feb. 18 Sun 9:00am +Bernie Fox, Sr. Req. by Peggy Fox

+Salvo & Silvio Barile Req. by Graziano Canini

+Anne Tierney Req. by son, Frank

11:00am +Bill & Leona Schneider Req. by Graziano Canini

+Paulo Evola Req. by Family

+Deceased Members of the Rutkowski Family

Req. by Family

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Lombardi

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George & Jackie Tindall Lillian Theisen Donald Thurston Roberta Troher

Vasati Tupuani Bill Wendling Cathy West Tamara Wright Walter Wrone Nicole Zapinski Sandra Zannis

WEEKLY CALENDAR Monday, February 12

Mass 12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Adoration 12:30-3pm

Faith Formation 6pm Youth Group 6pm

Tuesday, February 13 Forgotten Harvest 9-11am

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Mass 12 noon and 7pm

No Rosary 7:00pm

Thursday, February 15

Mass 9:00am

Bible Class 6:00pm

Friday, February 16 Station of the Cross 7:00pm

Saturday, February 17

Mass 5:30pm

Confession 6:30pm

Sunday, February 18

Mass 9:00am & 11:00am Pancake Breakfast

8:30am—12:30pm



Heavenly Father, welcome home those whom you have called from this world, especially:

Ralph Yakey and Cecelia Surmacz

and all the souls of our faithful. May they rest in peace. Amen

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

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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

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

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,

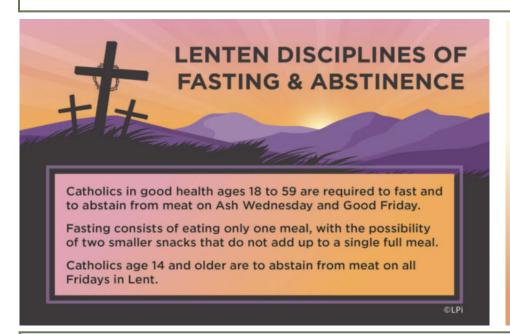
Leprosy is a disease that often affects how a person looks. In today's Gospel we hear a man with leprosy cane to Jesus in and humbly asked to be healed. Jesus touched him and chose to make him clean. We know the Lord will answer our prayers (though many times he answers in unexpected ways); it can be difficult to approach him with our needs. Ask the Lord for healing for whatever you may need and what others need.

On Wednesday February 14th is Ash Wednesday. We enter in our great retreat time as Catholics. It is our time to reflect on how we are with God, with our neighbor, and ourselves, and to make changes in our attitudes, speech, or actions. How do you need to grow in this season of Lent?

Have a great week everyone! Happy Valentine's Day!

What did the couple say after they were struck by Cupid's arrow? "Ouch"!

Peace and Prayers, Sabrina Queen



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us all Fridays in Lent at 7pm

16th

February February 23rd March 1st March 8th March 15th March 22nd

MUSINGS FROM THE MUSED

The Lord ever seeks to draw us closer to him and through him closer to each other, and each year, every turning of the page can not be seen as mere rotation and repetition, but escalation, a spiraling inward towards grace. Indeed the Lord makes all things new, which does not mean the same. The faith we had last year, even as we completed Holy Week at the end of Lent, is not enough for this year. No, we can be sure the Lord always has bigger plans.

So as we enter into this season of repentance, fasting, prayer, and purple, let it not be a reenactment of years past, but a headlong dive into deeper waters of faith. The Lord has been hard at work on our hearts for an entire year, surely this journey we walk will be familiar, but we have new eyes, let us keep them wide open. We can not boast in our faith, for it is not by our own doing that we know God, everything we know and believe has been revealed by grace. We may have found ourselves wandering this year, drawn by lesser, false gods of the material world. Yet our Lord chases after us, and we find we can not run from His love. We are not trapped in a stagnant cycle of sin and forgiveness. Each turn, he draws us closer than before helping us realize he was always within us. Aidan Rickel

Director of Music Ministry

PALM BRANCHES

The Church's observance of Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 14th. The ashes we receive on this day are from the burned palm branches blessed and received last year on Palm Sunday. A box will be available in our gathering area for you to deposit your old palm branches by this Sunday, February 11th. Thank you.

Consider participating in the CSA

If you have not donated or pledged to this year's CSA, please do so as soon as possible. We have met our goal! But we are still paying off the 2022 CSA goal.

If you have pledged to this year's CSA, please remember to pay off your pledge.

The CSA targets the averages of the total of our Sunday and Christmas collections. Any amount that is donated that exceeds our goal is **paid back to the parish assessment free** and is not factored into the calculation of the CSA target for 2024.

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 givesa.org or mail your donation to the parish office. Thank you!



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FLOCKNOTE

Are you new to the parish? Do you ever feel like you are missing out on "up to the minute" news? Have you missed the news of a funeral that happened during the week but wished you had known sooner? Or a weather related closing for our parish? You can sign up for Flocknote by going to: https://app.flocknote.com/StMaryCauseofOurJoy or text "COOJ" to 84576

Saint Vs. Blessed

Question: What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer: The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community.

If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor. ©LPi

COMMUNION

If you are unable to walk up for Communion and you are not sitting in the handicap section, please notify an usher when you enter Church. A minister will come to you.

ROSARY

Please join us when we say the Rosary on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and on Thursday mornings at 8:30am. We also say the rosary before Mass on Saturdays.

CARDS AND NOTES TO FR. SHAFIQUE.....

Cards and notes may be sent to Fr. Shafique. The Archdiocese of Detroit will accept cards and letters and forward them to Fr. Shafique.

The Archdiocese will NOT open any letters or cards. They will bundle them and send them directly to Fr. Shafique. Please send cards/letters to:

Fr. Shafique % Clergy & Consecrated Life ffice 12 State St.
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Please join us in the social hall after Mass this weekend, February 10 or 11 and Walk Among the Saints.

Walk the path of the 28 different saints displayed and learn about the lives of a variety of saints and discover how they can serve as guides for our own lives.

2023 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. Thank you for your continued donations to help support our parish.

Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) will send donation letters from the Archdiocese.

Forever Young Seniors...

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 4th, 2024 at 10:00am in the Small Hall. Our Music Director, Aidan Rickel will be joining us for some fun music.

Lunch will be provided by Chef Ann Pape.

Bianco bus trips:

Wed, March 13th, 2024 Solanus Casey Pilgrimage \$79 due by Feb 21st **Sold Out** call for Wait List

Sun, April 28, 2024 Meadowbrook Theatre "Route 66" \$127 due by March 25th

Tues, May 7th
Holland Tulip Time \$145 due by
Apr 12th **Sold Out** call for
Wait List

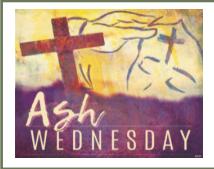
Note: the bus trips are open to everyone. See flyers in the Gathering Space for more info

Maryann Sligay -- 734-525-3737

LENTEN PEACE SERVICE Wednesdays in Lent 1:00pm

Join us this Lent for a time to pray for Peace in the World. Each Wednesday in Lent we will gather at 1:00 pm for a short prayer service at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Church.

If you can't join us in person, please stop to say a quick prayer where ever you are around that time. We pray for hope in this world and the next.



Wednesday, February 14th

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy: Noon Mass and 7pm Mass

St. Thomas the Apostle: Noon Mass and 7pm service

St. Richard:

9am Mass and 7pm service

St. Mary, Wayne:

9am Mass, Noon service, 7pm Mass

Do Something Different this Lent!

Have you ever wondered what actually happens at mass?

There are things the priest does, the things each one of us does, and the things we do as a community.

And then, there is what God does, what he really does...

Starting on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, join us for a daily trivia game to dive deeper into the Mass — turning learning into an adventure!

Join the challenge, play the daily trivia, and explore the Mass together! Text TRIVIA to 84576 or go to iamhere.org/lent to sign up.



Nankin Family of Parishes Penance Service

Monday, March 18th-

Faith Formation
Family Penance Service
St. Thomas the Apostle 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 19th-

Nankin Family Penance Service St. Richard, 12:00Noon Saint Mary COOJ, 7:00pm.

FORGOTTEN HARVEST FOOD PANTRY

Due to icy conditions, the January 23 Forgotten Harvest Pantry was cancelled. Sorry for the cancellation, but safety of volunteers is our number 1 priority.

Provided our weather cooperates, the February dates for Forgotten Harvest are Tuesday, February 13, and Tuesday, February 27, from 9-11 a.m., or until food runs out.

We hope to see everyone back in February!

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

Please join us next **Sunday**, **2/18**, for the HNF prepared pancake & French toast breakfast, in the social hall, 830am until 1230pm, and bring a friend.

Cost: just \$3. Happy lent!



JOYFUL WOMEN

Mark Your Calendars!

Joyful Women Meeting |

Wednesday, February 21st

7:00pm

Join the fun!!





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Office Hours:

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

Friday: Closed

Please call the office to make other arrangements

Mass Schedule

MON	12:00 pm
THURS	9:00am
SAT	5:30pm
SUN	9:00 am 11:00 am

Confession

Saturdays: 6:30pm

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made 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.

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

Tuesday 9:00am Wednesday 12:00 Noon Friday 9:00am

4:00 pm in Church (and live-streamed) Saturday 9:00 am and 11:00 am in Church Sunday

St. Mary in Wayne, 34530 W Michigan, Wayne 48184

9:00am Monday

9:00am (English) Friday 4:00pm (English) Saturday

Sunday 8:30am (English), 11:30am (English) 2:00pm (Spanish)

St. Richard, 35851 Cherry Hill, Westland, 48186

Tuesday 9:00am Sunday 10:00am

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