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March 17, 2024

Notes from Fr. Sean Bonner....

In Today's Gospel

We live in a busy world. There is always something else to do, somewhere else to go, something else to get. Jesus calls us to something higher, higher than ourselves, higher than this world. To reach that calling, we must be willing to humble ourselves in this world. In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." (Jn 12:25) If we seek to serve ourselves in this world, then we will have our reward in this word, but if we seek to serve God and our neighbors, then our reward will be great in heaven.

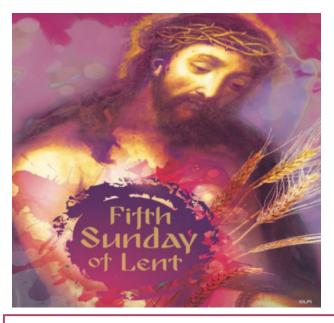
Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus

In two weeks, we will celebrate Easter. Easter is the most solemn and important celebration of the year. We express this solemnity through our music, our dress, and the decorations in the church. This year, Pope Francis's prayer intention for January was, "We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church."

Inspired by Pope Francis's call to discover the "richness of different traditions and rituals" and to mark the solemnity of the season, I have asked our music directors and choirs to sing some of the mass prayers in Latin.

No, we will not be praying the whole mass in Latin. The only prayers we will be doing in Latin will be prayers everyone should know by heart in English. Specifically, we will be doing the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy), and the Angus Dei (Lamb of God). Altogether, these prayers total 11 sentences, although several sentences are repeated.

Together, let us embrace this exhortation from Pope Francis to rediscover the richness of our liturgical tradition as we fulfill the hope of the Second Vatican Council "that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them." (Sacrosanctum concilium 54)



NOTES FROM PAUL

This week's Gospel (Jn 12:20-33) can be confusing and hard to take. Jesus tells us "whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."

While on the first pass, this sounds like a bad deal, it does make we think of the truth I have learned being a husband and father. Sometimes you have to change the diapers and carry out the garbage so that your future life will be better. No one likes changing diapers or taking out the garbage. I could have chosen a life where I am free of these problems, but then I would have also missed out on the beauty of my family too.

Eternal life is a bigger prize than the smiling faces of my children, and some of the sacrifices that we are called to do may be bigger than changing a few diapers, but it will be worth it in the end.

Paul Zbytowski, Pastoral Associate, Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Mar. 18 12 Noon +Helen Tasiemski Reg. Family

+Gerald Danes Req. Roberta Paja

Thurs, Mar. 21 9:00am +Salvo & Silvio Barile Req. by Graziano Canini

+Frencena Barone Req. Sara Scanga

Sat. Mar. 23 5:30pm +Del Paputa Req. Family

+Carmen & Brian Kennedy Req. by William Kennedy

Mar. 24 Sun 9:00am +Nancy Marciniak Req. by Sister

+M/M John Sowa Req. by Family +Digregio Family Req. by Mark Mroz +Dianne Shekell Req. by Mary Tavana

11:00am +Marion Kurek Req. by Zofia Szymoniak

+Mary Jane Stecker Req. by Family +Enrique Pardo Req. by Family

+Marine & Younan Sabbagh Req. by Kids

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 18

Mass 12:00 Noon Eucharistic Adoration 12:30-3pm Faith Formation -off site Youth Group 7pm

Tuesday, March 19

Parish Council 6:00pm Penance Service 7:00pm Holy Name Fraternity 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 20

Prayer Service for Peace 1:00pm Rosary 7:00pm

Thursday, March 21

Mass 9:00am Bible Class 6:00pm

Friday, March 22

Art and Environment 9:30am Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Saturday, March 23

Mass 5:30pm Confession 6:30pm

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday Mass 9:00am & 11:00am Coffee Sunday (K of C) 10:00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us this Fridays at 7pm March 22nd

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> William Albright, U. S. Air Force

Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Shamrock Greetings and Salutations,

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. Sometimes our problems can inspire and lead us to do God's work. Years later he was ordained a bishop and sent to Ireland to spread the Gospel. *Reflect:* How can I change my problems into ways to help others become better friends with Jesus?

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.

Just for laughs...

What's green and sings? Elvis Parsley.

What do leprechauns barbeque on St. Patrick's Day? Short ribs.

Have a great week everyone and remember...May the leprechauns be near you, to spread luck along your way, and may all the Irish angels smile upon you this Saint Patrick's Day!

Peace and No Blarney,

Sabrina Queen

HOLY THURSDAY

March 28th
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm
Ending in the Social Hall
Eucharistic Adoration 8-11:45pm
Night Prayer 11:45pm
GOOD FRIDAY

March 29th
Stations of the Cross—Noon
The Lord's Passion: 1:00pm
EASTER VIGIL

March 30th 8:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31st 9:00am and 11:00am



HOLY THURSDAY

Eucharistic Adoration March 28th

Please join us. We want to make sure that there is always someone in our Chapel with our Lord on this evening before the closing prayer Service.

HOLY SATURDAY

March 30th Joyful Women Flower Sale 9am - 12 Noon

> Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 12 Noon

MUSINGS FROM THE MUSED

We had our second annual evening of Taize prayer and meditation last Thursday night and I am especially grateful for this special opportunity to sing and contemplate the mysteries and glories of our God. My deepest thanks to the choir and worship band for making this possible, they worked very hard on my wild vision and pushed themselves to achieve success with quite exhausting and difficult music.

Everyone's participation was necessary for us to transcend from a concert or celebration to a true Taize Common Creation. If you are looking for a deeper spiritual connection and/or missed us last week, I invite you to attend all the beautiful services of Holy week known as the Triduum. These are the most sacred feasts of the entire year, and we as a community, as a parish, pour our hearts into this liturgy. I'm looking forward to proclaiming, He is risen with you again very soon!

Aidan Rickel.

Director of Music Ministry

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



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Fridays in Lent

March 22th & March 29th

4:30PM - 7:00PM

St. Thomas the Apostle is hosting their "World Famous Fish Fry" every Friday thru March 29th in the ACTIVITIES BUILDING from 4:30pm-7:00pm.

JOYFUL WOMEN EVENTS

Easter Flower | Bake Sale

March 30th | 9:00am - Noon Small Hall

Plants, Baked Goods, Butter Lambs, Easter Bunnies, 50/50, Raffle Baskets.

Shop and stay for coffee & friendship!



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.

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

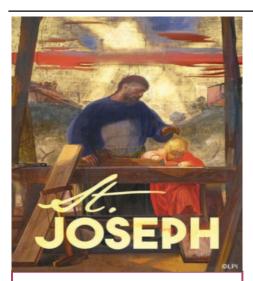
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Fr. Shafique Masih % Clergy & Consecrated Life Office 12 State St. Detroit, Michigan 48226

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

We are hoping you did not give up breakfast for lent, and that we will see you at the March edition of the HNF pancake and french toast breakfast today (3/17), 830am until 1230pm, in the social hall. The price is right: just \$3.

HNF members will meet 3/19 at 6pm (yes: SIX pm) for our monthly business meeting, a light dinner, and our lenten guest speaker. All men are welcome., 6 pm.



The Solemnity of St. Joseph

On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him!

St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her.

As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land.

We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!

Youth Ministry News

Our high school teens just enjoyed a lock-in at St. John Neuman along with teens from St. Thomas a 'Becket and St. Colette.

Our next event are the Stations of the Cross. Please join our youth ministry teens as they present the Shadow Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Forever Young Seniors...

Happy St. Patrick's Day! May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door!

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 1st, 2024 at 10:00am in the Small Hall. We will have a speaker, Steve Pollock, from Powerback Rehab telling us all about rehab. Lunch will be provided by the FYS board.

Bianco bus trips:

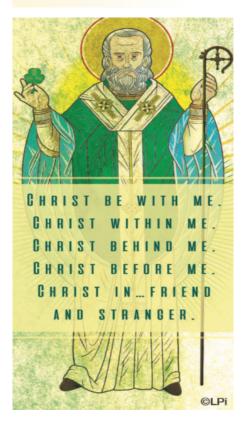
Sun, April 28, 2024 Meadowbrook Theatre "Route 66" \$127 due by March 25th **Sold Out** call for Wait List

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

Tues, June 18th
Gateway to Lenawee
\$106 due by June 3rd

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

Maryann Sligay -- 734-525-3737





LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE Tuesday, March 19th

St. Richard, Westland
12 Noon
St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
7:00pm

Parish Council Update

Join us for our next Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 P.M in Room 106/107 in the Parish Office. This will be a brief meeting, so that Parishioners who wish can attend the Lenten Penance Service that begins at 7 o'clock in the Church. Going forward, parish council meetings will be on the third Tuesday of every other month, starting with March 19th.

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.

Food bank at St. Mary Wayne...

Visits to the food bank at St. Mary, Wayne will only be available every two months until they get their shelves stocked back up. They are looking for help with food donations.

Items in dire need: Canned peas, Canned carrots, Canned potatoes Boxed mashed potatoes Boxed au gratin/scalloped potatoes Beef stew Sloppy joe Chili beans Rice-a-roni Pasta-a-roni Hamburger helper Canned fruit (pears, peaches, mixed) Applesauce Canned beans Pork 'n beans

Peanut butter



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Friday: Closed

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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.

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

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

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