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March 31, 2024

Notes from Fr. Sean Bonner....

In Today's Gospel

Today, we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death. In today's gospel, we are confronted with the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene is confused and saddened at first sight of the empty tomb. She loved the Lord and hoped he might be the Messiah. She has seen him tortured and die. This is not what she expected. Now, she cannot find him at all.

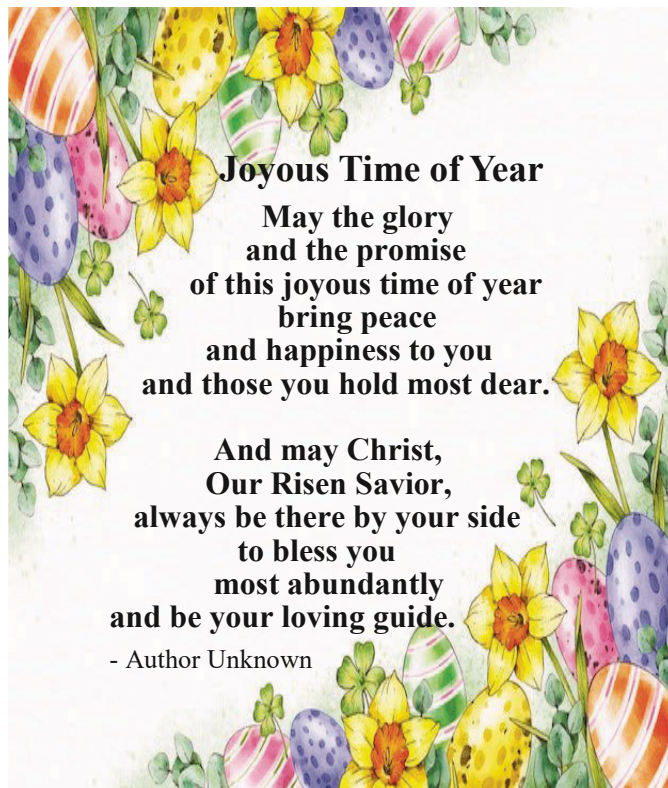
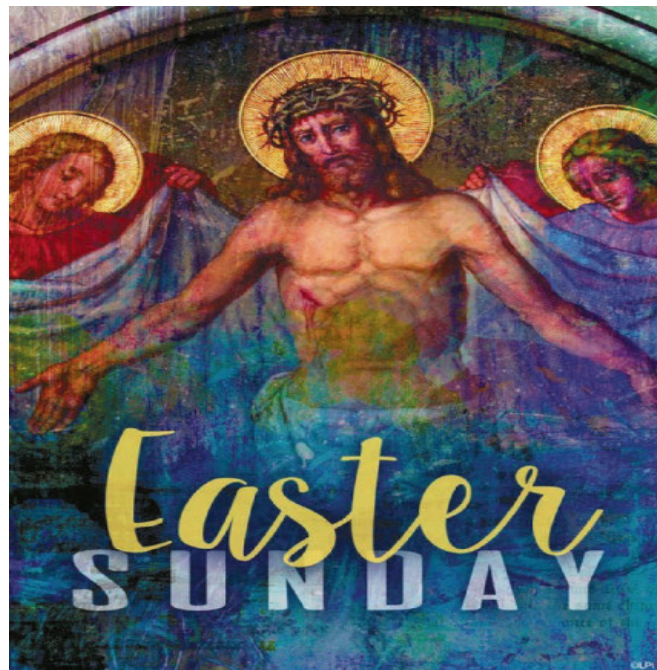
There are times in our lives when we may feel far from Christ. Things may not be going the way we expect them to. Even in our prayers, we cannot find God. We are confronted with the empty tomb. When we are confronted with the empty tomb, let us follow the example of Mary Magdalene.

Mary's first reaction to finding the empty tomb was to go to the community of believers. Christ called us together into the Church. We cannot do it alone. We need the support of others. Then, she returned to the tomb. Confused and afraid, she did not run from the tomb, she did not hide from the tomb, she remained there.

Following our gospels for today—at both the Vigil mass and the mass during the day—Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene. Because she remained at the tomb, she was there when Jesus was revealed to her. She did not recognize him at first, but when he called her by name, she knew him. If we do not hide from the empty tomb, in time, we will recognize Christ in our life, and we will know him when he calls.

Divine Mercy Sunday

We are now in the Octave of Easter. For eight days, we celebrate Christ's resurrection. On the eighth day, we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at each of our parishes. The image of the Divine Mercy will be available for veneration in each church. At St. Mary in Wayne and St. Richard, we will offer the Divine Mercy Chaplet following each mass. At St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, a special service will be for Divine Mercy Sunday, the Hour of Great Mercy, at 3 pm.



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. April 01 12 Noon +Leon Goonis Req. by Family

Thurs. April 04 9:00am +Helen Tasiemski Req. by Family

Sat. April 06 5:30pm Betty Martin Req. by Forever Young Senior Members

Sun. April 07 9:00am +Deacon Jim Hensel Req. by Family
 +Emma & Liborio Scaramella Req. by Family
 +Mrs. Jacqueline Zajewski Req. by Family
 +Dan Johnston Req. by Jan Lauster

Sun. April 07 11:00am +Claudia Mallon Req. by John & Barb Burke
 +Jacqueline & Richard Mroz Req. by Family
 +Carl Demski Req. by Wife & Family
 +Debra Baker Req. by Mark Mroz

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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Mel Albright	Lauren Hahn	Eddie Brian Parker
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Casimir Gorecki	Liam Murphy	Sandra Zannis
Viola Janus	Frank Nowak	
Jacqueline Hamrick	Patricia Oszewski	
Susan Hancock	Teresa M. Pardo	



break open the tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise,

I live in faith of the Resurrection,
 but such is the nature of my faith
 that so much of me remains entombed.
 Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion,
 break open the tomb.
 Where I've buried my sense of mercy,
 break open the tomb.
 Where I've buried my humility,
 break open the tomb.
 Where I've buried my humanity,
 break open the tomb.
 Where I've buried my love for my
 Heavenly Father,
 break open the tomb.
 Where I've buried my sense of joy,
 break open the tomb.
 Where I've buried my willingness to
 forgive,
 break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no
 grave can withstand.
 Help me to roll away this stone and find
 the miracle of new life that I may live
 more fully in your saving grace. Amen

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 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.

Greetings From Your New Secretary

Hello, my name is Kristine Melendez, and I will be your new secretary. I worked for over a decade at Sts. Simon and Jude, first as Bookkeeper, then as secretary. It is so nice to be working in the church office again!

I have lived in Livonia for 5+ years now. I grew up in Garden City, right on Cherry Hill not far from St. Richards. I look forward to getting to know all of you!

Kristine Melendez



NOTES FROM PAUL

Alleluia, He is Risen! The Easter Triduum is my favorite time of year. There are so many stories and symbols of salvation, history, and God's love for us that it is often difficult to take them all in, even if you attend all of the services.

We see faces of people we have not seen in a while, and you can again enjoy whatever you gave up for Lent. If it does feel overwhelming, try just to focus on a few things that show God's love. Enjoy them. And don't forget about half-price candy starting on the Monday after Easter, which is clear sign of God's love to me.

God bless,

Paul Zbytowski,
Pastoral Associate,
Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator

Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Easter Greetings and Salutations from all of us in Faith Formation!
Rejoice! Rejoice! The tomb is empty!!! Alleluia!!!

Easter funnies...

Why did the baby chick cross the road? To meet up with her Peeps.
What kind of bean can't grow in a garden? A jelly bean.

Easter Joy to All!
Sabrina Queen



MUSINGS FROM THE MUSED

Truly He is Risen! Alleluia!

The cycle of life, the temporary flourishing followed by fading, withering, and dying. New life, but never the same life; the flowers tell this tragic tale of life on a smaller time scale than our own, yet we share this fate with all that lives. Life begets death; there is no escape. Yet defying all sense and reason, the master sublime flowers again, and this eternal bloom is beauty itself. ALLELUIA!

What else can be said when faced with such an ineffable mystery but a sacred cry of awe, like peeling laughter at the perfect joke and our tongues are left stunned at this perfect contradiction. For Life has conquered death, the tragic and inescapable duality shattered, and the Lord remains! Fearlessly we can now live, for not even death can touch the sheep of the Good Shepherd's flock. This joy we are given is unshakable and undeniable. What wonder to be given this grace, this peace; it must mean we are truly beloved by our God. How incomprehensible for the God of the universe to delight in us so. ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

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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for the full amount)*

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The Parish Office will
be closed on Monday,
April 1. Have a happy
and blessed Easter!

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

He is risen! Holy Name Fraternity
wishes to all a very Happy
Easter! Lets live the joy of Easter.

At the HNF meeting of 3/19, we
were happy to welcome new
member, John Flynn.

Our next meeting: 4/16, 7pm.

Next pancake & French toast
breakfast: 4/21, 830am-1230pm.

AN EASTER PROCLAMATION

The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph!
Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more.
Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master,
Who paid the debt of Adam,
Who frees those doomed to die,
Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds,
Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly,
Who destroys death forever,
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.
God our Father, eternal is your love for us!
Christ the Son, in victory you reign!
Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts.
Together you live and reign and ransom your people,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.



Happy Easter

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A smile is a sign of JOY
A hug a sign of LOVE
A laugh a sign of HAPPINESS
And a Friend a sign of good taste!

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

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

Please send cards/letters to:

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We would like to Welcome and
Congratulate our RCIA class of 2024;

Lauren MacShara
Kim Treder
Constance Weber

on their Confirmation and their
commitment to our Catholic Faith.
May the Lord bless you as you
continue your spiritual journey.

Forever Young Seniors...

Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen, He is Risen indeed!

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

Bianco bus trips:

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

Sun, July 21st Purple Rose Theater "What Springs Forth" \$139 due by June 19th

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

Maryann Sligay -- 734-525-3737

goodbye

As most of you know, I am retiring after 24 years working for the Church. First at St. Damian and then here at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy.

Although I'm excited for tomorrow, I also feel a bit sad today to say goodbye. I am going to miss you. I have shared a special bond with all of you, and I am taking with me special memories of our time together.

Thank you for always making me feel like an important part of our parish. I will always be grateful to have worked with each and every one of you. Especially all my co-workers and the many priests I have worked with. I wish you all the best.

You will still see me as I am not leaving the parish but I wanted to say thank you. May God bless each and everyone of you.

-Peggy Fox

FORGOTTEN HARVEST FOOD PANTRY

The next Forgotten Harvest food pantry will be this Tuesday, April 9, from 9-11 a.m., or until food runs out. Please let those in need know of this date.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 01

Parish Office Closed
Mass 12:00 Noon
No Eucharistic Adoration
No Faith Formation
No Youth Group

Wednesday, April 03

Rosary 7:00pm
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 04

Mass 9:00am
Bible Class 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 06

Mass 5:30pm
Confession 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 07

Mass 9:00am & 11:00am
Coffee Hour 10-11 am

Joyful Women Christ Child Shower April 17, 2024

The Joyful Women are affiliated with the National Counsel of Catholic Women, Archdiocese of Detroit. A charity project of the CCW is the annual Operation Layette, providing layettes for poor moms. Our event, The Christ Child Shower, will be held on April 17, 2024.

We are Pro Life: Upholding the dignity of Human Life. We can do this with kindness and love.

Items in the Layettes include:

Diapers—Newborn or size 1
Baby Wipes
Onesies—0-3 months or 1-3 months
Hats, bibs, sweaters or Jackets
Sleep n Play Outfits
Receiving Blankets
Crib Sheets
Crib Blankets
Bottles, Lotion
Toys

If you would like to donate an item for the layette, there will be a container in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Eucharistic Exposition Mondays, 12:30 - 3:00pm



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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 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.

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

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

Monday	9:00am
Friday	9:00am (English)
Saturday	4:00pm (English)
Sunday	8:30am (English), 11:30am (English) 2:00pm (Spanish)

St. Richard, 35851 Cherry Hill, Westland, 48186

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Sunday	10:00am

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