

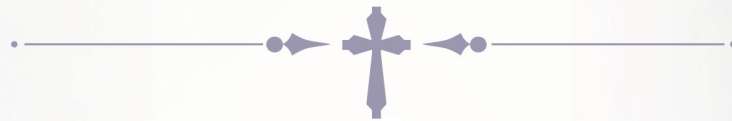


ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 6, 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent

PREPARE



“Prepare the way
of the Lord.”

MARK 1:3

“Preparen el camino
del Señor, enderecen
sus senderos”.

MARCOS 1, 3

Pastoral Perspective

CELEBRACIÓN A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE—DECEMBER 12, 1531

REFLEXIÓN HECHA POR: SILVIA ZULETA

La festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, es una celebración para conmemorar la aparición de la Virgen María en cuatro ocasiones a un indigena de nombre JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN en el cerro del Tepeyac, en el norte de la ciudad de México.

Esta celebración a nuestra santa madre, María, ha sido muy especial en lo personal, pues soy originaria de Colombia, y por supuesto, nosotros no celebramos esta festividad de la misma forma y devoción a como se experimenta en la comunidad Mexicana, y de manera especial aquí en nuestra comunidad de Santa María.

Hace aproximadamente 10 años que hacemos parte de esta gran comunidad de Santa María, y hace tres años que tomo parte de la celebración de la novena a nuestra madre. Esta celebración la comenzamos con el rezo del Santo Rosario a las 6:30 de la mañana, por nueve días. Comenzamos con cánticos a nuestra madre y luego con el rezo del

Santo Rosario. Y terminamos con un cántico lindo e inspirador.

El rezo de esta novena a nuestra Madre, ha tocado mi vida y la de mi familia de una forma muy linda. Pues nuestra hija, de 28 años, hace un año fue diagnosticada con cáncer del seno. Esta noticia llenó de temor e incertidumbre nuestro corazón. Al comenzar el rezo del Santo Rosario y de poner en manos de nuestra Madre esta situación, y la vida de nuestra hijita, llenó mi corazón de paz, tranquilidad, pues sabía que mi madrecita estaba presente e intercediendo por nosotros, y en especial por nuestra hija. Cada día que iba a rezar el Rosario a nuestra señora de Guadalupe, sentía mucho agradecimiento, pues sabía que a través de ella, nuestro padre celestial empezaba a trabajar en nuestra hija y en nosotros, para aceptar todo el procedimiento que teníamos que empezar con mucha fe, fortaleza, y amor.

También me siento bendecida a través de esta celebración, pues he aprendido a conocer y experimentar esta bella tradición de nuestra comunidad Mexicana, y también de tener la oportunidad de conocer bellas personas que transmiten mucho amor, y que compartimos la misma fe. Las Mañanitas a nuestra Madre, es una oportunidad para unirnos sin importar nuestro origen, color de piel, o idioma.

Que más quiere una madre, sino mantener unidos sus hijos a través del amor, fe, y respeto, sin importar las diferencias.

Que Viva Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe !!!



The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a celebration to commemorate the appearance of the Virgin Mary four times to an indigenous man, named Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, on the hill of Tepeyac in northern Mexico City.

This celebration of Our Holy Mother, Mary, has been very

special personally, because I'm originally from Colombia, and of course we don't celebrate this feast day in the same style and devotion as is seen within the Mexican community, especially here in our St. Mary community.

We've been part of this great St. Mary community for about ten years, and it's been three years since I began taking part in the novena to Our Mother. We begin this celebration by singing songs to Our Mother and praying the Holy Rosary early in the morning, for nine days. We end each day's prayer with a beautiful, inspiring song.

Praying this novena to Our Mother, has touched my life and that of my family in a beautiful way. A year ago, our 28-year-old daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer. This news filled our hearts with fear and uncertainty. Praying the Rosary and putting this situation - and the life of our little girl - in the hands of Our Mother filled my heart with peace and serenity, for I knew that my dear Mother was present and interceding for us, and especially for our daughter.

Every day I went to pray the Rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe, I felt so much gratitude, for I knew that through Her, our Heavenly Father started working within our daughter and within us, to accept the whole procedure we needed to begin, with great faith, strength, and love.

I also feel blessed through this celebration, for I have come to know and experience this beautiful tradition of our Mexican community. I have also had the opportunity to meet beautiful people who radiate great love, and with whom we share the same faith. This novena, called Las Mañanitas, is an opportunity to come together no matter our origin, skin color, or language.

What more does a Mother desire than to keep her children united through love, faith, and respect, no matter the differences.

¡¡Que viva Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe!! Long live Our Lady of Guadalupe!!

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Marian Celebration



PARISH-WIDE MARIAN CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING OUR
PARISH FEAST DAY

DECEMBER 4TH-12TH

Join us in uniting our St. Mary family together as we honor our patron Mary through several opportunities for prayer and service together as one community!

SERVICE

CREATING CARDS TO GIVE WITH GROCERY GIFT CARDS

We invite you to write, draw, or color cards and letters of encouragement to parishioners experiencing economic instability in the pandemic. Volunteers will deliver your notes, together with grocery gift cards, throughout 2021 (please do not use Christmas cards). Including a note in Spanish is encouraged, but not necessary. Your cards can be mailed or delivered to St Mary throughout the month of December. This is a great opportunity for families of all ages to contribute!

Contact Brian Cerabona,
Campus Minister with any
questions or
further information:
bcerabona@smspnewman.org.

PRAYER

LAS MAÑANITAS NOVENA —TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

VIRTUAL, IN SPANISH

DECEMBER 4TH-12TH | 7:00-8:00 AM

All are welcome to join us in the annual tradition of praying with song and rosary to Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year's novena will take place via zoom. While the prayers are in Spanish, non-Spanish-speakers are encouraged to join too!

<https://umich.zoom.us/j/97869854179>

MASS FOR FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

TUESDAY, DEC 8TH | 5:10 PM

Join us for mass in-person to celebrate this special day! Advanced registration required: <https://bit.ly/smsp-public-mass-reservation>

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION SATURDAY, DEC 12TH

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Church will be open for parishioners to offer roses to Our Lady and spend some time in quiet prayer with her.

7:00PM

The Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration will be live-streamed this year, and will feature annual favorites, such as traditional Guadalupe music, as well as a brief re-enactment of the apparition of Mary to Juan Diego.

Contact Amy Ketner,
Hispanic/Latino Ministry Coordinator with any questions or further information:
aketner@smspnewman.org.



The mass will be posted here on Saturday, Dec 12:
<https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/category/live-mass/>

Advent Giving Tree Project

In the season of Advent we share our gifts and our prayers with those in need locally and globally. This year our Advent Giving Tree will be done differently. In order to keep everyone safe we are only asking for monetary donations this year. The money we receive will be split between the agencies. The agencies we are supporting are listed below along with a description of their work and the needs they have that your money will help to support. To make your donation on our website click "GIVE" the click "Parish Soft Giving" and the under "Fund" select Advent Giving Tree. Please contact Lanette at lemele@smspnewman.org if you have any questions.

EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE (EJI)

<https://eji.org/>

EJI is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the US, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society. EJI documents and challenges abusive conditions of confinement in state jails and prisons. EJI also continues to fight against the prosecution of children in adult court and to obtain new sentences for children who have been condemned to die in prison.

They will use the donated money for legal services for the poor and incarcerated and to protect basic human rights.

WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

<http://wicir.org/>

WICIR is an organization that aims to walk with our immigrant brothers and sisters, especially in moments of crisis, and defend immigrant rights. WICIR is motivated to action by the God-given rights of all people to live in a safe and just society regardless of documentation. The agency provides legal aid and counseling in rapid responses to raid victims, facilitates *Know-Your-Rights* campaigns and other educational opportunities, and participates in political advocacy.

The donated money they receive will be used for legal fees for undocumented in our community, groceries and necessities for families.

HOPE CLINIC

<https://thehopeclinic.org/>

Hope Clinic provides compassionate and practical help to those in need. They offer medical care and dental care to the uninsured, plus a variety of social services to minister to the whole person.

They will support 250 families with Christmas gift cards, Christmas dinner items for food pantry.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN) @ALPHA HOUSE

www.alphahouse-ihn.org

Alpha House is an emergency shelter for children and their families experiencing homelessness. The impact of their programs is simple – families gain housing and remain together as a family. With ongoing support and advocacy as needed, families remain securely housed, better able to cope with ongoing challenges and more connected to community resources.

They will use the donated money for pantry items for daily meals, welcome baskets and meals for those in transition.

ST. LUKE'S N.E.W. LIFE CENTER-FLINT

stlukenewlifecenter.com

St. Luke's North End Women's (N.E.W.) Life Center is situated in North Flint and provides a 3-year program of life change (personal growth and development opportunities, basic life and employment skills training) for women who are parenting alone, as well as afterschool and summer programs for children, and basic needs assistance for local families. They also provide GED and literacy classes for men and women as well as computer training.

They will use the donated money for fleece for blankets, sport balls and coats for children.

ARBORWOMAN <https://arborwoman.com/>

ArborWoman supports women in the greater Ann Arbor area who are facing unexpected pregnancies. We provide a trust-based environment in which our programs, including pregnancy testing, limited obstetrical ultrasound, counseling and a wide array of material and spiritual support services, are offered confidentially and free of charge by well-trained personnel.

They will use the donated money for pre-birth resources, newborn gift layettes and postpartum Counseling.

SHELTER OF FLINT shelterofflint.org

Shelter of Flint owns and manages hundreds of properties in Flint, Michigan and offers a full range of programs that support families in need of emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing as well as first time buyer assistance and senior affordable housing.

The donated money they receive will be used to purchase household items and gift cards.

DELONIS SHELTER

www.annarborshelter.org

The Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC) offers those experiencing homelessness in our county an array of services in one central location, all year long. Serving nearly 1500 adults experiencing homelessness each year the SAWC partners with more than 30 community agencies to make services available. Clients are offered temporary shelter and supportive services in a safe, caring environment in three program areas: Residential Program, Non-residential Program and Winter Warming Program. Each client receives a specialized plan and a case manager to help them find sustainable employment and affordable housing, as well as medical and benefit assistance.

They currently serve currently serve 170 people nightly and will use the donated money for operational expenses, and warm clothes for those in need.

WARMING CENTER

During the winter months we will work with other churches in the area to help provide a welcoming, safe, and warm environment where people experiencing homelessness can find companionship, food, and rest.

The donated money will be used to purchase coffee, cream, sugar, hot chocolate, cups and other needed supplies.

Advent Giving Tree Project and Other Advent News



MISSION/MERCY HOUSE

www.missiona2.org

Mercy House is a St. Mary parishioner's home that has opened its doors to the homeless. The home is a refuge during the day for Washtenaw County residents who need shelter from the winter weather, as well as companionship, warm meals and use of amenities. In the tradition of the Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, this residency seeks to bless others by providing shower facilities, washer and dryer, and emergency housing.

The donations to Mercy House / MISSION will cover "to go" meals, material needs for those outside of shelter, covid and everyday hygiene supplies, and support of the house which provides longer term and emergency shelter, free laundry facilities, free store of clothes, and free to go food (meals or snacks where possible).

DR. SISTER PRISCILLA AND HOLY FAMILY VIRIKA CATHOLIC HOSPITAL IN UGANDA

Doctor Sister Priscilla Busingye, friend of St. Mary's, is one of the few obstetricians working in rural western Uganda. She is the Medical Director of Holy Family Virika Catholic Hospital in Fort Portal, where there is about one doctor for every 19,000 people. Born and raised in a nearby village, Sr. Priscilla is committed to improving the health and welfare of the Ugandan people, particularly that of women and children.

The donated money they receive will be used for procuring protective Covid gear, ultrasound machine and oxygen concentrator.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES/ NURTURING FAMILIES WASHTENAW

<https://tinyurl.com/yxfbk5q>

Nurturing Families Washtenaw is a program of Catholic Charities that provides expanded and specialized services for young parents.

The donated money will be used for adoption and pregnancy counseling, toiletries and food items.

PRAYING THROUGH ADVENT

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thes 5: 16)

The readings for Gaudete Sunday are about rejoicing in the Lord – Christian joy – as well as the mission of John the Baptist and his connection with Advent. Each year on this third Sunday of Advent, the church gives a little break in our penitential preparations, to allow us to rejoice in the nearness of Jesus' birth.

The theologian Henri Nouwen described the difference between joy and happiness. While happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing – sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death - can take that love away." Thus joy can be present even in the midst of sadness.

Today I ask, "What brings me joy? Am I finding any signs of joy amid this strange and challenging year? How do I bring joy, or Christ's light, to others?"

Prayer:

Jesus, light of the world, help me to see the light that is your presence, even in my darkest moments. Calm my troubled heart, and remind me that you are near – the stillness beneath the turmoil, the center of my very self. Let me rest there, and let me rise to a new day, ready to receive what you give me, and ready to love from your love that dwells within me. Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer by Henri Nouwen)

Advent Meditation Materials

This season, we hope you'll take some time to light a weekly Advent candle, remembering with gratitude and hope that Christ is always our light, even in these times of confusion and darkness. To help with deeper prayer and meditation, we've created weekly Advent materials for our Small Church Communities, and made them available for everyone to access.

You'll find reflections and prayers for the Sunday readings on our parish website. <https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/parish-life/scc/>

Other Resources:

Loyola Press offers prayer, information, and family activities: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/about-advent/>

Ignatian Spirituality: <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/>

Busted Halo: <https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-advent-two-minutes>

DAILY ADVENT PRAYER BOOKS

Each year SMSP provides parishioners with an Advent prayer book that contains daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons. This year, we have mailed the prayer book to registered parishioners along with our Christmas card and year-end appeal. The materials were delivered to the printer in mid-November, but due to covid-19, the mailing has been significantly delayed. We expect the prayer books to be delivered this weekend. Extra copies of the prayer books are available in the atrium.

Please check our office hours and limit one per household so we have enough for all households. Thank you for your understanding!

Parish Events

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE & RESERVATIONS

The 2020 Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve (12/24)

4:00 PM - Household/Family Seating*

6:00 PM - Household/Family Seating*

8:00 PM - Individual Chairs

11:30 PM - Midnight Mass - Live-Streamed,
No Reservations

Christmas Day (12/25)

10:00 AM - Individual Chairs

12:00 NOON - Spanish - Individual Chairs

Midnight Mass will be live-streamed on our website on Christmas Eve, with lessons and carols beginning at 11:30 PM. All are welcome to join this mass live on our website or you may watch a recording of it anytime after the mass has ended: <https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/category/live-mass/>

***Household/Family Seating**

For the 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM masses ONLY on Christmas Eve, we will arrange the chairs in the church according to the number of people in your reservation. Because chairs will be grouped together, we will offer 65 total seats and may be able to offer additional seating depending on the size of reservations received.

To make a reservation for Christmas Mass, please visit our mass reservation link: <https://bit.ly/smsp-public-mass-reservation> and click the Christmas Mass tab on the top of the page.

Masks and social distancing are required for all Christmas masses.

VIRTUAL INTO THE LIGHT

SAT, DEC 12 & 19 | 9:00-10:30 AM

Into the Light is a fellowship group that has been meeting on Saturday mornings during Advent and Lent since the 1970's.

Ours is a "Road to Emmaus" style of gathering -- a communion service using the Sunday's readings and distributed Host, we then break fast with a potluck, and round-the-table we each share brief reflections of what stood out in the readings. We share our spiritual and life journeys towards the celebration of Christmas through prayer, the Eucharist, and companionship. All are welcome. We will be adapting to zoom and not meeting in person this Advent season.

Contact Rainey rlamey@umich.edu for the link.

VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, DEC 6 & 20 | 6:30 PM

All area high school students are invited to join our virtual youth group gatherings. Led by a team of young adult and college students, the group explores ways to stay centered on Christ and on your faith in the middle of your busy lives.

Please email Rita Zyber for the link: rzyber@smspnewman.org

THE REALIGN RESOURCES PARISH MEETING SURVEY

On November 24, the Diocese of Lansing's Realign Resources for Mission Committee hosted a meeting with SMSP to gather feedback on Bishop Boyea's vision for the renewal of parish life in the diocese.

The committee needs to hear from you. Everyone is invited to complete the online survey by **December 15**: <https://tinyurl.com/y3ptfbu7>

All comments will be read and recorded. Thank you!

VIRTUAL LESSONS AND CAROLS

WED, DEC 9 7:00 PM

St. Mary is hosting a virtual Lessons and Carols— a night of prayer and singing led by parishioners of St. Mary. Please join us on Zoom, so that we can celebrate the Advent and Christmas season together as a family.

<https://umich.zoom.us/j/98205138690> Passcode: 135797

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 6-12

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 AM	Mass for	Benefactors of SMSP & Campus Ministry
10:10 AM	Mass for	+Victoriano Go & +Anita T. Go
2:00 PM	Mass for	
5:00 PM	Mass for	People of the Parish
8:00 PM	Mass for	

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:10 PM Mass for Barb Linnert

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00 AM Mass for Karen Henn

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

12:10 PM Mass for +Frank Colombano

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:00 PM Mass for
7:00 PM Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Parish Events

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

- SUNDAY: 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
- MONDAY: CLOSED
- TUESDAY: 11:00 AM–6:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY: 11:00 AM–6:00 PM
- THURSDAY: 11:00 AM–6:00 PM
- FRIDAY: 11:00 AM–2:00 PM
- SATURDAY: CLOSED

During our office hours, the office will be staffed to assist with scheduling, questions, donations, etc. You may also enter the church for individual prayer. Please enter through the main doors on Thompson Street.

Masks and social distancing are required.

IN-PERSON CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAYS | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

No reservation is required. Please enter through the main doors on Thompson Street and follow the signs.

Confessions will be offered both in the church and outside in the courtyard, weather permitting, or in Donnelly Hall.

Masks and social distancing are required.

IN-PERSON COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SUNDAYS | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Communion will be distributed on Sundays from 11:30 AM-12:00 PM. If you arrive early, please wait in your car. The parish will remain locked until 11:30 AM. Enter through the William Street doors unless you require handicap accessibility through the Thompson side.

Masks and social distancing are required.

IN-PERSON ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAYS | 6:00 PM

Everyone is invited to Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday after daily Mass until 8:00 pm. The third Tuesday of every month adoration will include the **Divine Chaplet**. Come spend as much time as you wish. All are welcome. Please allow mass-goers to leave the church before entering.

Masks and social distancing are required.

VIRTUAL LIVE-STREAMED MASS

We continue to live-stream masses as follows:

SUNDAYS:

- 9:00 AM (English)
- 10:10 AM (Spanish)

THURSDAYS:

- 5:10 PM Student-Led Ignite Mass

Masses can be watched live on our website:

<https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/>. You may also watch a recording of mass anytime after the mass has finished.

IN-PERSON

PUBLIC MASS RESERVATIONS

WEEKEND MASS:

SAT: 5:00 PM Vigil
SUN: 2:00 PM (Spanish)
5:00 PM
8:00 PM

DAILY MASS:

TUE: 5:10 PM
FRI: 12:10 PM

St. Mary is open to the public for mass per the schedule above. **Our capacity is limited to 50 seats.** Reservations are required. Click here to reserve your seat:

<https://bit.ly/smsp-public-mass-reservation>

Please note, there are tabs at the top of the webpage for Sunday mass and daily mass.

To protect the health and safety of everyone at the mass, please note the following:

- Reservations will be limited to registered parishioners and students.
- Since we do not have pews, seating will be 50 individual chairs.
- If you make a reservation for more than one seat, you will be sitting alone and you may not be sitting near anybody else on your reservation.
- The moving of chairs will not be permitted.
- We strongly discourage those with compromised immune systems or families with small children from attending mass.

Masks and social distancing are required.

EXTENDING THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

The Diocese of Lansing has extended dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation and Holy Days
UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH.

Undergrad Students & Grad Students/Young Professionals

UNDERGRAD STUDENTS

IN-PERSON IG.NITE MASS

THURS, DEC 10 | 5:10 PM

Undergrads are invited to attend in-person mass on Thursday. We will also continue to live-stream the mass on our website! Please sign-up here: <https://bit.ly/smsp-public-mass-reservation>

Masks and social distancing are required.

VIRTUAL IG.NITE BROADCAST

THURS, DEC 10 | 6:30-7:30 PM

Like Jesus, Forced to Flee Join us as we talk about immigration and reflect on Jesus' own story. We will have a guest speaker and share conversations around this important topic! Sign up: <https://event.webinarjam.com/channel/ignite2020>

VIRTUAL UNDERGRAD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Undergrads, join us for our annual SMSP Christmas Party! This year, we'll be virtual so you can join in the festivities from wherever you are. We'll be playing Christmas-themed games and having a great time celebrating the holidays with SMSP friends. We hope you'll hop on the party Zoom at 7 PM on **Friday, December 11th!** Check out the latest CCC email for more details or email Madelyn t mbrunvan@umich.edu with any questions. Happy Holidays!

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK (ASB)

Applications for our Alternative Spring Break Program (ASB) began on Monday November, 16th. Although the university is not offering a Spring Break this year, we will be holding trips the week of May 2-9, 2021. ASB is an excellent opportunity to deepen your faith and go beyond your comfort zone with service and immersion. There is further information about ASB on our parish website and we are taking all possible precautions with COVID-19 to ensure the safety of our participants and the communities we visit. With this year looking so different from previous years, we will be tailoring our trips based on demonstrated interest, so if you are at all interested in participating in ASB this year, please consider applying!

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON DEC 21ST

Application link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEJYYdGM_K5CXxIN_zVDPBP48jk56d_GCw2veb9BUDb8UNHw/viewform?pli=1

Application fee is \$25.00 (pay online on our website or via Venmo @SMSPumich)

Please email our Alternative Spring Break Intern Will willover@umich.edu with any questions.

GRAD STUDENTS/YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

VIRTUAL MASS & DINNER

MON, DEC 7 | 7:00 PM

All grad students and young professionals are welcome to join us for our monthly mass and dinner gathering—Covid style. We will stream mass on Monday at 7:00 PM. Shortly after mass, we will switch to a Zoom room for an opportunity to eat "together" and share both social and spiritual conversation. *Links to both the streaming mass and the social afterward can be found in the Grad/YP Newsletter*.*

VIRTUAL NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE)

THURSDAYS AT 10:00 PM

Take a break and end your week with a brief time of prayer shared with other young adults. We host a virtual Night Prayer every Thursday at 10:00 PM on Zoom, praying Compline from the Liturgy of the Hours. The prayer lasts about 15 minutes, and no prior knowledge of this form of prayer is needed. The Zoom link for Night Prayer can be found in the Grad/YP Newsletter*.

**If you are a grad student or young professional, but are not receiving our Grad/YP Newsletter, please contact us at smssp.grads.lead@umich.edu.*

VIRTUAL ST. MARY MEETS STATE REPS

THURS, JAN 7 | 7:00 PM

The St. Mary Immigration Team invites you to join us in January zoom meetings with next term's State Representatives, Yousef Rabhi and Felicia Brabec.

Our undocumented parishioners do not have access to a valid Michigan drivers license, so minor traffic violations often lead to deportation. Therefore, we will meet our state reps to discuss next steps in the campaign for driver's licenses for all, an effort supported by the Michigan Catholic Conference.

More generally, this meeting is an opportunity for our reps to get to know our St Mary community better, so we invite you to join us and bring your ideas and concerns to the table as well.

We will have a preliminary meeting with all interested parishioners on January 7, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Please email Kim Pulka pulkakim@umich.edu or Jack Gagnon rgagniii@umich.edu for more information or to receive the Jan 7 zoom link.

Financial Update

Fiscal Year 2020/2021

Year-to-Date Sunday Offering Report as of 11/29/2020

	\$0	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
	[Bar chart showing progress: a grey bar reaches approximately \$376,574, and a green bar reaches approximately \$395,000.]				
Sunday Offerings Budget Goal					\$969,000
Year-to-Date (YTD) Goal					\$395,000
Amount Collected YTD					\$376,574
Above (Below) YTD Goal					(\$18,426)
Sunday Offering Report as of 11/29/2020					
November Sunday Offerings Weekly Budget Goal					\$16,000
Sunday 11/29/2020 (Week 22)					\$10,040
Above (Below) Weekly Goal					(\$5,960)



ONLINE GIVING

Many of you have signed up for online giving, which is a great help to us. Thank you. Some of you may be open to doing so. We recently introduced a new “online giving portal” through ParishSoft. This will eventually be the only online giving program that we will use. You can sign up and allocate gifts to particular funds here: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/smsp>.

Contact Kristen Gowman with any questions about the new online portal kgowman@smspnewman.org.

DONATE USING VENMO

Give like students give - straight from their smartphone. Venmo is a secure platform designed to allow you to make payments, transfer money, and donate quickly and easily to friends, groups, and businesses. Link your bank account (or debit card), choose the recipient of your choice, and hit pay. It's that easy! **Our Venmo username is @SMSPumich.**

2021 CALENDARS

Our 2021 calendars are here! Join us in looking forward to a new year and pick up your copy in the atrium. Please check our office hours and take just one per household. Thank you!

INTERNATIONAL SAMARITAN TROPHY

Fr Jim is pictured (above) accepting the trophy from Tucker Rossmassler, Engagement Coordinator for IntSam-USA for being the “**Fastest Church in the World**” in the recent International Samaritan’s Global 5k run/1 mile walk held October 15- November 1, 2020.

SMSP raised over \$3,600 which will go towards purchasing tablets for the 450 students who need them in the communities in which International Samaritan work in Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica and Ethiopia.

Congrats to the SMSP team that participated: Leo Brito, Kevin and Andrea Chomistek and their 3 daughters, Anna, Regina, and Erin, Erin Cobain, Fr. Jim, Colleen Kollman, Rainey Lamey, John Osterholzer, Paul Swiecicki, and Mark Thiesmeyer.

The trophy will be displayed in the atrium.

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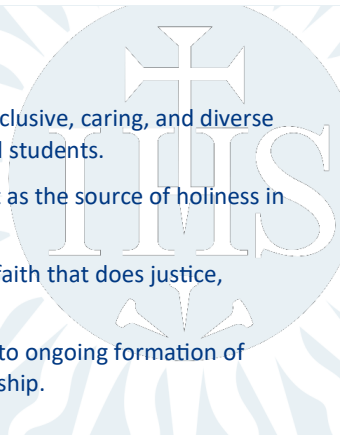
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Sunday Readings

DECEMBER 6, 2020

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading I	Isa	10:1-5, 9-11
Psalm	Ps	85
Reading II	2 Pet	3:8-14
Gospel	Mark	1:1-8

Prepare the way of the Lord. We await new heavens and a new earth. Make straight the paths of the Lord.

DECEMBER 13, 2020

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading I	Isa	61:1-2a, 10-11
Psalm	Luke	1
Reading II	1 Thes	5:16-24
Gospel	John	1:6-8, 19-2

I rejoice heartily in the Lord; May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

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