

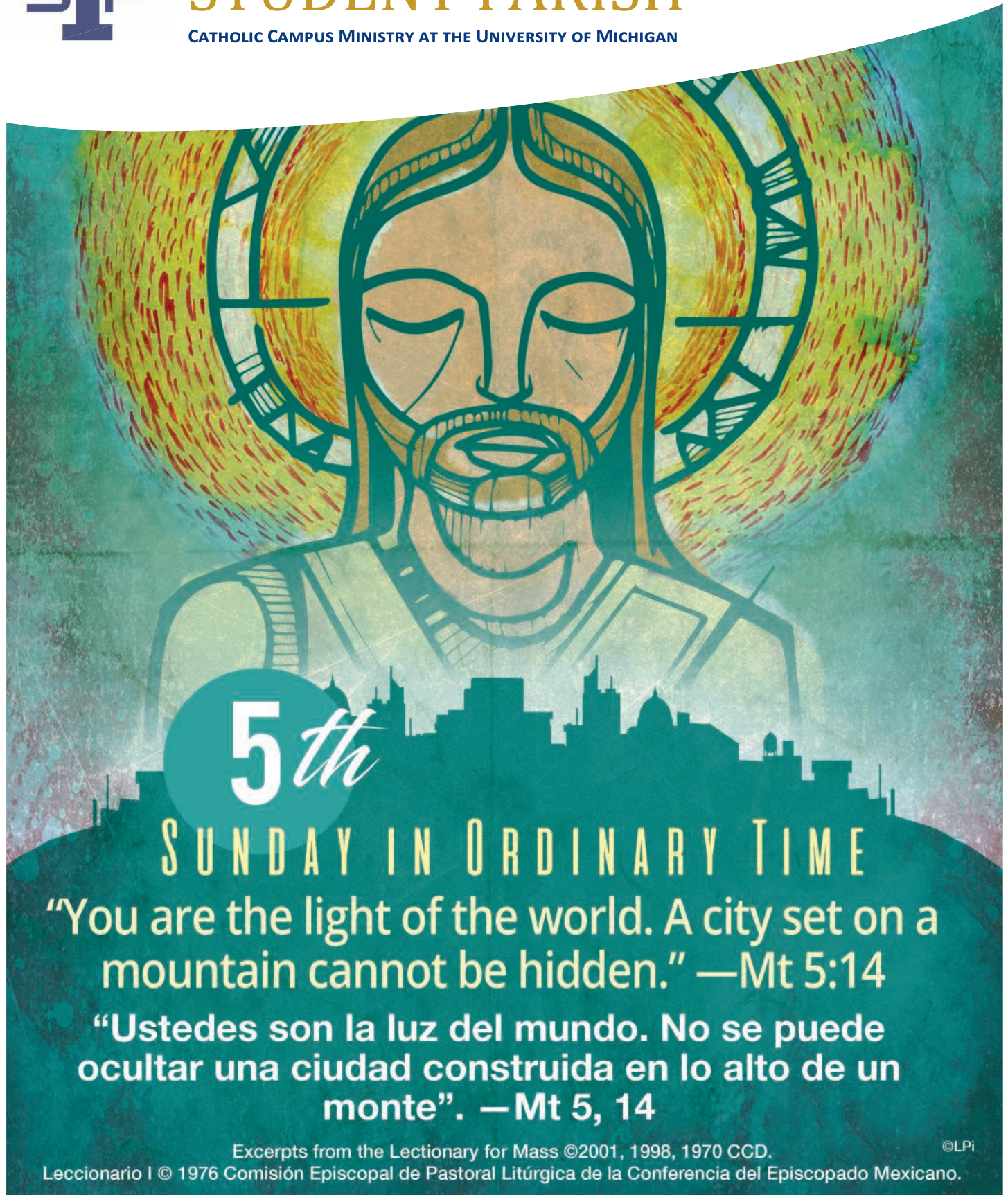


ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



5th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” —Mt 5:14

“Ustedes son la luz del mundo. No se puede ocultar una ciudad construida en lo alto de un monte”. —Mt 5, 14

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ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK Written by Katelyn Johnson & Jacob Derry

Los Angeles 2017

Spring Break is almost here! For me and a hundred or so other students at St. Mary's, that means Alternative Spring Break (ASB) trips are quickly approaching. I am overflowing with excitement. This is a phenomenal opportunity for us to live in community and solidarity with the poor and vulnerable, to be stretched personally, and to see and feel God in miraculous ways.

This will be my fourth and final year going on ASB. I started as a freshman by going to Baltimore. That first ASB trip was what really welcomed me into this parish - a place I now call home.

Just as my love and connection to St. Mary's has grown through ASB, I also feel strong emotional and faith-filled ties to the communities and people I've stayed with in Washington D.C., Flint, and this year, Los Angeles. Some might call this kinship, and it's beautiful in every sense of the word.

-Jacob Derry, Senior, Business

Thank you for your support of our ASB experiences! Your prayers, donations, and conversations upon returning, help change our lives and encourage us to work toward a world of mutual love and true justice.

Lo más importante que podemos hacer durante la vida es amar a las personas con un amor como el de Dios. Mi viaje a la República Dominicana el febrero pasado me enseñó sobre este amor de Dios. La experiencia del descanso alternativo de la primavera (ASB) no es cómoda. Más bien, fue la semana más emotiva de toda mi vida. Dios abrió mis ojos, quebrantó mi corazón, y me animó a ser la luz de Cristo en este mundo tan roto.

Si tuviera que describir mi experiencia de ASB en solamente algunas palabras, serían estas: Dios, comunidad, dolor, felicidad, y amor puro. Aprendí por medio de ASB que las cosas más valiables no son las materiales que podemos comprar con dinero. Los regalos más preciosos son las personas con que Dios nos bendice- nuestra comunidad y los momentos que compartimos.

Todos los días Dios nos llama a amar, a pesar de nuestras diferencias. Para mi, ASB ha sido un camino para aprender cómo reconocer el amor de Dios en los momentos simples: abrazos, risas, conversaciones, lágrimas, y sonrisas. Todos somos los hijos de Dios, llamados a amar y servirnos los unos a los otros.

-Katelyn Johnson, Sophomore, Chemistry and Spanish

¡Gracias por su apoyo hacia nuestras experiencias de ASB! Sus oraciones, donaciones, y conversaciones cuando regresemos nos ayudan a cambiar nuestras vidas y nos animan a trabajar hacia un mundo de amor mutuo y verdadera justicia.

With Love, Gratitude, and God's Peace, Katelyn and Jake

ASB Bucket Drive-today

Over 100 students will put their faith into action through our ASB immersion program. They are collecting donations after all the masses to help defer the costs of the ASB program. This is the only fundraising event for ASB at St. Mary. Your prayers, support, and generosity are greatly appreciated.

ASB Missioning Mass & Reception

Friday, February 24 | 5:10 PM
Liturgy to support and pray for the ASB participants followed by a reception in Newman Hall. All are welcome.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:30 AM, 10AM, Noon,
2PM (Spanish), 5PM & 9PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon-Thurs 5:10 PM
Friday 12:10 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday	8AM-9PM
Monday	8AM-9PM
Tuesday	8AM-9PM
Wednesday	8AM-9PM
Thursday	8AM-9PM
Friday	9AM-5PM
Saturday	12PM-3PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wed after 5:10 PM Mass
Sunday at 7:30 PM or by appt

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MASS INTENTIONS: FEB 5-12

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:30 AM	Mass for	
10:00 AM	Mass for	+Emily Malone & Family
12:00 PM	Mass for	+Herb Anderson
2:00 PM	Mass for	+Manuela Salazar Barios
5:00 PM	Mass for	Benjamin Besa
9:00 PM	Mass for	People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

5:10 PM	Mass for	Mary Smith
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5:10 PM	Mass for	
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:10 PM	Mass for	
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5:10 PM	Mass for	
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12:10 PM	Mass for	+Steve LaFavre
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 AM	Mass for	+Hannah Powers-Bailey
10:00 AM	Mass for	Maria Carmela Colombano
12:00 PM	Mass for	People of the Parish
2:00 PM	Mass for	+Tony Porras
5:00 PM	Mass for	Mary Colombano
9:00 PM	Mass for	Ellis Michner & Fout Family

WEDDING BANS

Jared Miles & Jessica Green on Feb 11, 2017

Victorio Bichucher & Natalie Ziel on Feb 11, 2017

MEETINGS & EVENTS: FEB 5-11

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Family Faith Formation	8:00 AM	All Rooms
Children's Liturgy	10:15 AM	Newman Hall+
ESL	12:45 PM	Newman Hall
Hispanic Choir Practice	1:00 PM	Music Room
Hispanic Children's Liturgy	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
Youth Group Laser Tag	3:00 PM	Off Site
Hispanic Sacramental Prep	3:15 PM	Newman Hall+
Confirmation	3:15 PM	Donnelly Hall
Reconciliation	7:30 PM	Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Centering Prayer	6:30 PM	Richard Room
Grad/YP Mass & Dinner	7:00 PM	Church & Newman Hall
Bible Study	7:00 PM	Newman Room
Born for Joy	7:00 PM	Montieth Room
ASB Formation	8:00 PM	Donnelly Hall+
Men's Rotating Shelter	9:00 PM	Newman Hall+

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Outreach Team	5:00 PM	Loyola Room
Pray the Rosary	5:45 PM	Church
Grad/YP SCC	6:30 PM	Rectory Lounge
LGBT Outreach Ministry	7:00 PM	Loyola Room
Vocations Night	8:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
SCC-Restore	8:30 PM	Rectory Lounge
Men's Rotating Shelter	9:00 PM	Newman Hall+

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Reconciliation	5:45 PM	Church
Triduum Choir	6:30 PM	Donnelly Hall
RCIA	7:00 PM	Newman Hall
Men's Rotating Shelter	9:00 PM	Newman Hall+

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Women of the Heart	10:15 AM	Donnelly Hall
Interfaith Team	4:00 PM	Guest Room
Ig.nite	5:10 PM	Church & Newman Hall
SCC-Restore	7:30 PM	Rectory Lounge
Men's Rotating Shelter	9:00 PM	Newman Hall+

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Men's Rotating Shelter	9:00 PM	Newman Hall+
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Men's Rotating Shelter	9:00 PM	Newman Hall+
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LENTEN SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES

Sign-up deadline: Feb 12

Are you hoping to deepen your faith this Lenten season? Are you stuck in your prayer life? Do you want to journey with others toward Christ? Consider joining a Small Church Community (SCC). SCC's offer the opportunity to gather with a community centered around authentic conversations, real relationships, and restoring faith. Groups meet once a week for 90 minutes to reflect and discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. There is a group for everyone and every need.

Sign-up: <https://goo.gl/forms/ZAESoZe4nfxleSvy1>



LASER TAG WITH THE YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, Feb 5 | 3:00-5:00 PM

Let's build some community through the best way possible, laser tag! All high school youth are encouraged to join us at Zap Zone (4177 Carpenter Rd in Ypsilanti) at 3pm on Sunday, Feb. 5th. One game is \$7 and two games for \$15. We will see who will be crowned champion of the youth group!

Contact Adam perryada@umich.edu

CATHOLIC THINKERS BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays | 7:00 PM

All members of the parish are invited to meet one Tuesday a month in the Loyola Room from 7:00-8:30 PM to read and discuss selected great books by Catholic and other spiritual writers.

UPCOMING BOOKS:

- ◆ FEBRUARY 21, *The Lost Apostle: Search for the Truth About Junia* by Rena Pederson
- ◆ MARCH 28, *No Man is an Island* by Thomas Merton
- ◆ APRIL 25, *Walk in a Relaxed Manner: Life Lessons from the Camino* by Joyce Rupp

Contact Andy Hoffman at ajhoff@umich.edu, 734-763-9455

FEED THE A2 HOMELESS

Sunday, Feb 26 | 5:00 PM

St Mary's Social Justice Ministry is seeking volunteers to help feed the homeless in Ann Arbor. We are committed to providing a Sunday meal quarterly for the former Camp Take Notice (CTN) residents that meet weekly at Mercy House for dinner.

How to Volunteer:

1. Provide a specific food donation such as an entree or dessert
2. Provide staple donations such as napkins, water bottles, etc.
3. Provide Monetary support for the purchase of needed items
4. Provide transportation and/or serve food on the given day
5. Provide help in coordination of the donations

Please contact Erin at

5Telemaco@comcast.net

DELONIS CENTER COMMUNITY MEAL

Volunteers needed the 1st and 5th Fridays of the month to make and serve the evening meal at the Delonis Center at 312 W Huron St., Ann Arbor.

TWO SHIFTS:

- 3:00-5:00 PM-cook/set up
- 5-7:15 PM-serve/clean up

Questions, contact Bill Alt at walt@smspnewman.org

ROTATING MEN'S SHELTER

Each winter, St. Mary Student Parish hosts an overnight shelter for men experiencing homelessness. This year we will host men from Monday, February 6 through Monday morning, February 13. We are in need of a hospitality team to welcome guests and an overnight staff to spend the night. (Please note that the start time for the hospitality team is 7:45pm each night except for the first night, Monday, Feb 6, for which the start time is not until 8:45pm.)

If you would like to donate snacks for the shelter, please contact Amy Ketner at aketner@smspnewman.org.

To sign up for one or more of these shifts, please do so here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090449a4aa22a7fa7-rotating/>

If you would like to donate snacks for the shelter, or if you have any questions, please contact Amy aketner@smspnewman.org.

To Whom this may concern,

I Roberta muñiz & Cortez fairley would like to thank you for donating the belongings such as boots, socks, work pants and towels for our home we would like to thank you for everything.

God Bless

Roberta muñiz
&

Cortez fairley.

ICPJ LATIN AMERICA TASK FORCE MOVIE NIGHTS AT SMSP

The Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ) Latin America Task Force will be hosting a movie night once a month at SMSP: 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9. Dinner provided by Pilar's, together with a Latin American movie and a discussion afterward.

ICPJ website for movie events: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dinner-a-movie-latin-america-task-force-latf-tickets-29848739383>

WARMING CENTER THANK YOU

For the last month, we have welcomed over 1500 people to the warming center in Newman Hall. The warming center has been a true community center where everyone finds acceptance and openness, where their dignity is recognized and affirmed. We have poured thousands of cups of coffee and shared many meals but most importantly, burdens have been set down and stories have been listened to. A culture of inclusion has been created here.

Now the warming center will move locations to First Baptist and First Congregational Church. I encourage everyone to continue to serve the kingdom of God, to continue to welcome those without a home by visiting the new locations. Thank you to everyone who has visited the warming center this month, donated food, given to the gift registry, and opened their hearts to pay attention to members of our community who society chooses to ignore. Thank you to Sherri and Rose, your peaceful presence and dedication are inspiring. Finally, thank you to all our guests who have revealed Christ to us and shown us how to love.

Grad Students & Young Professionals



SOUL FOOD @ HOME

Affirming Sexuality as a Young Adult Catholic

Monday, February 20 | 6:30 PM

Join us in Donnelly Hall for an evening of dessert, conversation, and fellowship with Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson, Resident Theologian at Old St. Patrick's Church, Chicago, and founder of Soul Play, an experiential, theological, and educational enterprise serving congregations, families, schools, and adults. Terry will lead us in conversation and reflection with a focus on inviting us to imagine sexuality as a Gift given by God through which every human being is invited to live more Creatively, Vitally, Intimately.

GRAD/YP SCC

Tuesdays | 6:30 PM

This SCC is open to all Grad/YPs and does not require sign-up. Just drop-in each week on Tuesday evenings to build community and share in our faith. The groups will continue meeting throughout the semester.

GRAD/YP MASS & DINNER

Monday, February 6 | 7:00 PM

Each month we host a Monday **mass & dinner** right at St. Mary. Join us to worship, connect, and enjoy a delicious dinner with our Grad/YP community. Other dates for 2017 include: Mar 27, Apr 24 & May 22.

For more information about the Grad/YP group, or to be added to our email list, contact the Grad/YP lead team smsp.grads.lead@umich.edu or Fr. Joe jwagner@smspnewman.org

LENTEN BUSY PERSON RETREAT | Feb 23– Apr 18 For Students (freshmen thru grad students) & Young Professionals

Lent is a great time of the year to dedicate more of our lives to reflection and prayer. If you are someone looking to start a daily habit of prayer, to dive deeper into an already active prayer life, or simply to grow in your relationship with God - the Busy Person Retreat (BPR) is for you. With this retreat, retreatants commit to 15 minutes of individual daily prayer and 30-45 minutes of conversation each week with a spiritual companion.

BPR runs the length of the Lenten Season - beginning on Feb 23rd with the Opening Dinner and concluding on April 18th with the Closing Banquet.

The Campus Ministry team will use the preferences you indicate on your registration form to prayerfully match you with a spiritual companion who best meets your needs and desires.

Click on this link to register or learn more: goo.gl/TR27w7 **The deadline to register is Wednesday, Feb 15.**

If you have any questions, contact Jenny Line jline@smspnewman.org

ST. MARY'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

St. Mary Student Parish at the University of Michigan is a vibrant and dynamic Catholic parish within which to worship, learn, grow in faith and fellowship, and now, intern.

Located in the heart of downtown, St. Mary boasts over 6,000 parishioners of all ages, a \$1.5 million operating budget, and a diverse, exceptional staff. An internship with St. Mary provides students with an opportunity to apply what they are learning academically while gaining valuable professional and leadership skills.

One needs not to be considering a career in ministry to benefit tremendously from an internship with St. Mary. Our staff is composed of 20 professionals whose varied backgrounds include communications, engineering, social work, education, theology, and business provide a diverse learning environment.

Interns will:

- ◆ gain valuable insight into working for a faith-based non-profit
- ◆ meet bi-weekly with their intern cohort for professional development and formation sessions
- ◆ gain practical skills and experience in their area of interest
- ◆ collaboratively creative and implement a project to be showcased to the parish at the completion of the internship
- ◆ receive a \$500 stipend per semester

Application Link: <https://goo.gl/b92Lvq>

Visit our website for more info, including position descriptions: <https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/campus-ministry/student-interns/>

SUNDAY NIGHT GAMES

Feb 12 | 10:00 -11:30 PM

We'd like to encourage all students to join us in the Newman Lounge after the 9:00 PM Mass for snacks and board games!

The Newman Lounge is open for students until midnight on Sunday nights and we hope to see more of your faces hanging out after Mass every week!

If you aren't sure how to get to the Newman Lounge from the church, please see an Outreach team member- they are in the back of the church wearing their Michigan Catholics shirts!



Thursdays | 5:10-7:00 PM

This weekly gathering for undergrads features an Ignatian twist - time for some discussion and an exploration of where God is in your life.

The evening begins with a student-led Mass at 5:10 PM, followed by a great dinner and discussion. Everything wraps up by 7:00 PM, but feel free to stay to study or spend time with friends. We're open until midnight!

Contact Jenny jline@smspnewman.org

RESTORE

Open Undergraduate Faith Sharing Groups

Tuesdays | 8:30 PM

Thursdays | 7:30 PM

St. Mary's is a big place; the University is even bigger. RESTORE offers the opportunity to gather with a community of students centered around authentic conversations, real relationships, and restoring faith.

These faith sharing groups have a mission to strengthen the student community by creating open, year-long, gatherings focused on restoring faith, friendships and the kingdom of God.

Contact Elise
ehuber@smspnewman.org

ST. MARY'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Sunday, February 12 | 3:00 PM

Ken Kollman, Prof. of Political Science, will lead a discussion on "Thoughts on a Christian Response to a Trump Presidency." We will meet in Donnelly Hall at 3pm for cookies and conversation and then begin the discussion at 3:15. The meeting will end about 4:45. All are welcome to attend.

Suggested readings for the meeting are as follows—please search for these titles on the internet:

1. The first, a brief piece by Eduardo Porter from the NY Times titled "A Threat to U.S. Democracy—Political Dysfunction" is aimed at helping us understand the election of Trump.
2. The second reading, "Election 2016 – a Postmortem" is an article from Commonweal magazine with the reaction of several thoughtful Christians to Trump's election.

Contact Sherry sswarden@umich.edu.



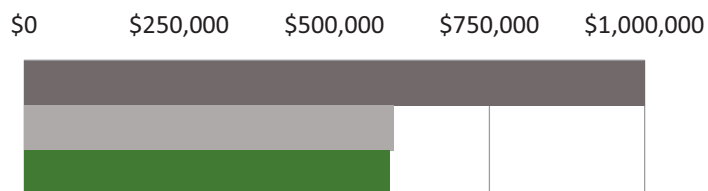
Thursday, February 9
 Adoptive Mothers,
 Story of Moses

Women of every age are invited to connect, be inspired, and celebrate their faith with one another. Women of the Heart meets the second Thursday of each month from 10:15 AM – 12:00 noon to enjoy a light brunch and explore relevant topics. This year's theme is ***Our Scriptural Sisters: Their Roles and Ours.***

For more information contact Patty pmmm@comcast.net or Phyllis pbmclaughlin@comcast.net.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year-to-Date Offering Report as of 1/29/2017



Annual Budget Goal	\$1,000,000
Year-to-Date (YTD) Goal	\$596,400
Amount Collected YTD	\$589,203
Above (Below) YTD Goal	-\$7,197

Weekly Offering Report as of 01/29/2017

Weekly Budget Goal	\$17,300
Sunday 01/29/2017 (Week 31)	\$12,268
Above (Below) Weekly Goal	-\$5,032
Special and Holy Day Collections:	

BAPTISM CLASS

2/20, 3/27, 4/24 & 5/22
 -attend one class only

We offer an infant baptism class in both English and Spanish once a month on a Monday night from 7-8 PM. Information packets are available in the Parish Office and should be picked up at least a week prior to class.

Contact Carol ckonczal@umich.edu

VOCATIONS NIGHT

Feb 7 | 8:00-9:30 PM

If you've ever been curious about the different holy vocations one can live within the Catholic faith, come join us for a Vocations Night. Each month, a different speaker shares their vocation story and words of wisdom to our listeners. Whether our speakers are religious, consecrated, married, etc. they have all had a profound experience of God working in their lives that led them to their vocation. These evenings are meant to be relaxed, laid-back, and a simple way to respond to Pope Francis's call to engage and talk more about the different vocations within the Church. All you need is an open heart, listening ears, and willing spirit to attend. Hope to see you there!



Sister Sara

For more information
please contact either
Elise Huber
ehuber@smspnewman.org
or
Abbie Scheske
abschesk@umich.edu



Sister Lorraine

CENTERING PRAYER

Mondays | 6:30 PM

Centering Prayer is a silent practice of prayer that rests on the faith that Christ is present within by his Holy Spirit. It is an excellent preparation for contemplative prayer, which is a grace or gift bestowed by God. Centering Prayer is an intentional openness to, or practice of "waiting" on God, encouraging the building of a more intimate relationship with Jesus and the movement of the Holy Spirit. It is rooted in centuries-old monastic prayer. The book [Open Heart, Open Mind](#) by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO is a good introduction. The first Monday of each month we listen to an introduction to centering prayer and then pray for 20 minutes. Otherwise, we typically sit and pray for two 20-minute sessions with a short meditative walk in between. All are welcome.

Contact Serena Larson serena68@comcast.net

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Mary offers reconciliation Wednesday after the 5:10 PM Mass,
Sunday at 7:30 PM or by appointment

Job Opportunity at ArborWoman Pregnancy Center

We are seeking to hire a **Pregnancy Medical Center (PMC) Program Manager** (paid, full-time) to both oversee all mission-centric programming within the PMC and to manage and perform client medical services.

Responsibilities: Supporting and caring for clients and maintaining professional standards of care. Monitoring the medical services provided by ArborWoman PMC and the personnel that provide those services (both paid & volunteer).

Goal: To ensure clients receive the best medical, nursing and psychosocial care possible.

The PMC Program Manager must possess a medical license (i.e., Registered Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Sonographer) in good standing with the State of Michigan and must express a sincere desire to reach out with compassion, assistance and truth to abortion-vulnerable women. Must have program management or team building experience, excellent leadership and communication skills, as well as basic computer skills. One to two years of nursing experience is required. PMC experience and/or certification in sonography is preferred, but not required.

To apply, send cover letter, resume, and 3 references no later than Feb 9 to HR@arborwoman.com

GET BAKE'D

3rd Sunday of the month 3:00-5:00 PM

All students and resident parishioners are invited to the Newman Hall kitchen to bake cookies and bars for upcoming SMSP events. These delicious treats will be added to the freezer and will be available to any group meeting at SMSP. Everything provided, just bring yourself. We will usually meet 3rd Sunday of the month. No experience necessary. Taste testing required!

Contact Susan smaulb@umich.edu

COFFEE & DONUTS

Sunday, February 26 | 11:00 AM

Please join us in Newman Hall after the 10:00 am Mass for hot coffee, a delicious donut, and time spent with friends and family. All are welcome!

PRAY THE ROSARY

after 5:10 PM Mass on Tuesdays

Reciting this ancient and powerful prayer with others can be a heart-opening experience and a way to promote peace in the world and in ourselves. We will provide you the texts of the prayers if needed.

If you have intentions for which you'd like us to pray, or any questions, please send them to Toni Morales weena@umich.edu.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING???

If you have misplaced items while at church, we may have them waiting for you in the parish office! Please stop by the office to check the Lost and Found box. All items not claimed by the last Sunday of every month will be donated. Thank you.



2000 TOGETHER
I bleed Maize and Blue.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, February 12
9:00AM—3:00PM

Walk-ins are welcome or go online redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment. Enter sponsor code goblue.

TRIDUUM CHOIR —NEW SINGERS WELCOME TO JOIN!

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM

The Triduum Choir provides music for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. Song selections range from classical music by Mozart to more contemporary music written within the last few years.

Rehearsals dates through April 12 on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

Contact Paige
pdgraham@umich.edu

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Mondays | 7:00 PM

Our Catholic faith teaches that God is alive in the Scriptures. Come discover the Word with us. We practice scripture-based faith sharing in a small discussion group. Discussions are guided by church-approved commentaries, question guides, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Contact Kathy Ann Moilanen 734.668.7437

BORN FOR JOY

Mondays | 7:00 PM

A 12-step recovery group for men (ages 18+), who struggle with sexual acting out/pornography and are sincerely looking for hope and help in a community of fellow strugglers. Structured discussions are led by an experienced leader, offering times for listening and sharing. Discern, discover, and understand your struggles. Find God already helping you, and recover your joy. Primarily for students and young men. (Other men welcome as well.) Not for the curious, researchers, reporters. Please be courteous and stay away. Visit www.saa-recovery.org or contact Fr. Ben pastorstmarys@gmail.com

AROUND THE DIOCESE OF LANSING

[Called & Gifted Workshop](#) Feb 10-11 | St. Thomas, Ann Arbor

[Recovery Retreat for Divorced Catholics](#) Feb 10-12 | St. Francis Retreat Ctr, DeWitt www.stfrancis.ws/upcoming-retreats.html

[From Darkness to Light: Human Trafficking and Our Response](#) February 11 | Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing www.micatholic.org/fromdarknesstolight/

[Rachel's Vineyard Retreat](#) Feb 17-19 | Lansing, MI

[The Man Event \(Catholic Men's Conference\)](#) Feb 25 | Our Lady of Fatima, Michigan Center www.TheManEvent.org

[The Mission High School Retreat](#) Mar 3-5 | St. Catherine of Siena Academy, Wixom

[Diocese of Lansing Middle School Rally](#) Mar 18 | Fr Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor



LGBT OUTREACH

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

7:00-8:30 PM

The LGBT group is sponsored by St. Mary Student Parish and meets twice monthly. Meetings are private and confidential.

As a diverse community of believers, we respect each person as a unique reflection of God's presence in our midst. We commit ourselves to being a community of care, support, formation, reconciliation, and witness to justice with and among gay and lesbian persons, parents, family members, and friends.

We teach that all love comes from God and focus on helping people reconcile their faith with their orientation. We provide a safe space for discussion, healing, and prayer. Together we reflect on Scripture and listen to the lived experiences of gay and lesbian persons and their allies.

Contact Mark
markthies@yahoo.com

Witness to HOPE

The Catholic Diocese of Lansing

Frequently Asked Questions

To Strengthen Our Parish and Our Diocese

What is the goal of the *Witness to Hope* campaign?

The \$65 million diocesan-wide *Witness to Hope* campaign will fund a diverse balance of critical pastoral and financial needs. Each parish will have its own goal and fund its own priority projects as it determines. Parishioners will be invited to pledge their faithful generosity over as many as five years.

Why is the diocese conducting the campaign at this point?

Witness to Hope is a continuation of Bishop Boyea's pastoral letter *Go Announce the Gospel of Jesus Christ*. This campaign will advance the ability of our parishes, as well as our diocese, to fulfill the shared mission given to us by Jesus. The impact of this generous support will be felt in parishes and throughout the diocese for years to come. This support will provide us financial backing to increase our evangelization efforts, provide a welcoming home for all who seek the faith, and ensure a continued sound financial base for future members of the faith to build upon.

What share of funds do parishes receive?

Each parish has a base goal equal to its annual offertory. Parishes receive 35% of this amount, with the diocese receiving 65%. Parishes then receive 65% of the funds from 100% to 120% of goal. Parishes then receive 100% of all funds in excess of 120% of goal.

Will funds for the *Witness to Hope* campaign reduce offertory support for the parish?

In presenting the campaign, it will be important to emphasize that all gifts to *Witness to Hope* should not reduce other giving commitments to the Church, but should be extraordinary generosity made freely and faithfully to meet the extraordinary challenges and opportunities presented through the campaign. Over the long term, this historic, unprecedented campaign will build the capacity of parishes to realize their mission potential.

Will we be conducting the Diocesan Support Appeal as well as *Witness to Hope*?

There will NOT be a Diocesan Support Appeal conducted in 2017.

How was the parish case established?

Each parish, through the leadership of its pastor and councils, determines what its parish share will fund. Father and the councils agreed that we must increase our evangelization efforts, and offer continued opportunities for individuals to grow within the ministries where they serve.

How long is the pledge period, and when will I receive my reminders?

Pledges can be made over as many as 5 years, and parishioners may choose the beginning month and whether to receive monthly, quarterly, or annual reminders. Each parishioner also will select when they want to begin making their payments to best fit their personal financial situation.

How do I learn more?

There will be a series of bulletin inserts to provide more information about the campaign. Also you are encouraged to visit www.witness-to-hope.net.

What is a pledge?

A pledge is a good-faith promise that offers you a way to be generous over a period of time. Pledges are not legally binding.

When will I receive reminders to make payments on my pledge?

Unless you indicate that you would like a later start date on your pledge card, you will begin receiving reminders a few weeks after you make your pledge. You can choose whether to receive those reminders on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.

Is it possible to set up automatic payments for my pledge?

Yes, some donors set up automatic bank draft or credit card payments. Some also send checks or transfer stock.

To whom should checks be made?

Checks should be made payable to "Witness to Hope."

I can't give that much. How can I help?

Many people often start with thinking there is no way to help. Here are some examples of small ways people can make adjustments to permit a generous gift.

Monthly Pledge	My Sacrifice Equals	Total 5-Year Pledge
\$167	\$5.56 per day take out lunch	\$10,000
\$83	\$2.78 per day premium coffee	\$5,000
\$50	\$1.67 per day large soda	\$3,000
\$25	83¢ per day lottery ticket = \$1	\$1,500

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FEBRUARY 5

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I	Isiah	58:7-10
Psalm	Psalms	112:4-9
Reading II	1 Corinthians	2:1-5
Gospel	Matthew	5:13-16

Through the power of God, we can be a light to the world by our loving concern for others, especially the poor and oppressed.

FEBRUARY 12

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I	Sirach	15:15-20
Psalm	Psalms	119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34
Reading II	1 Corinthians	2:6-10
Gospel	Matthew	5:17-37

In Jesus is revealed a new wisdom, a new law, a new way of living. Happy are they who choose to keep his commandments and follow his ways.

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