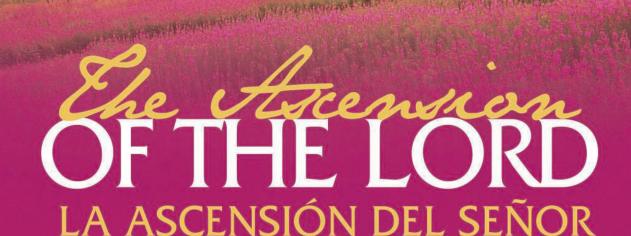


**CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN** 

MAY 21 & MAY 28, 2017

6th Sunday of Easter & The Ascension of the Lord



"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:19

"Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones, bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo". - Mt 28, 19

### **REJOICE IN YOUR SUFFERING** By Jenny Line, Campus Minister

Did you just read that? Rejoice in your suffering? I don't know about you, but the last thing I want to do when I encounter suffering is to rejoice. Most of the time I throw a little pity party for myself and complain to God for doing this to me. Why, why, why? And most importantly, why me?

While reading and praying through the scriptures this Easter Season, I once again am drawn to the faith, persistence, courage, and joy of the apostles. This is often showcased through their suffering. I find it exceedingly moving to encounter a person who is joyful during their suffering. Just when I would think of throwing in the towel, they are found praising God. This is insanely inspiring. Often I pray I would have as much faith as they did.

As we read through Acts, the apostles are often found in prayer. Thus, showcasing the importance of remaining in communication with the Father, with God. Maybe this is what gave them the strength and conviction to live out the teachings of Christ amidst a nation that wanted them dead....like Father like Son, like Creator like creature.

Quite easily, the apostles could have lived in fear. Their leader and Messiah was just brutally tortured and killed. It would have been obvious to think they were next on the chopping block. Yes, the apostles were filled with fear initially, but

come Pentecost, they were filled with the Holy Spirit to proclaim the teachings of Christ throughout the whole world. An extremely overwhelming task, yet they accepted it with power, strength, conviction and joy.

And when they faced setbacks, which they most certainly did, what did they do? They choose not to fear. Why? Because they knew they were safe in the hands of their Creator. They truly lived, "for to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Philippians 1:21. No matter what the world would do to them, it simply did not matter because "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?" Psalm 27:1.

Do I live in a state of fear? Who or what am I afraid of? Fear paralyzes us from doing good. But faith in Christ amidst fear or uncertainty sets us free. Free to love. Free to live as God designed us to live.

Choose today not to live in fear.
Rather rejoice when you are found worthy to suffer for His Name, for great will be your reward in heaven.
The second reading from Peter reminds us not to go out looking for suffering, but rather when suffering comes our way, to rejoice knowing we are found worthy to suffer for Christ. Rejoice because what we are suffering now, is actually purifying us for our heavenly home. Rejoice because God is working for our good and essentially bringing about our

salvation through our suffering.
Suffer with Joy because this is what brings true honor, worship, and glory to God.

Strive to do everything for the honor and glory of God.



#### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon 2:00 PM (Spanish) & 5:00 PM

#### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

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

#### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

 Sunday
 8:00 AM-6:30 PM

 Monday
 9:00 AM-9:00 PM

 Tuesday
 9:00 AM-6:00 PM

 Wednesday
 9:00 AM-7:00 PM

 Thursday
 9:00 AM-6:00 PM

 Friday
 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

 Saturday
 only for weddings

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday after 5:10 PM Mass or by appointment

### **CONNE CT WITH US!**

#### **MEETINGS & EVENTS: MAY 21-JUNE 4** MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 21-JUNE 4 **SUNDAY, MAY 21** Children's Liturgy 10:15 AM Newman Lounge+ **SUNDAY, MAY 21 Choir Practice** 10:30 AM Donnelly Hall 8:30 AM Mass for +Redetha Wolf FFF Ice Cream Social 11:15 AM Newman Hall 10:00 AM Mass for Sister Raymunda Witjes, OP **ESL** 12:45 PM Newman Hall 12:00 PM Mass for +Yukihiro Fujita **Hispanic Choir Practice** 1:00 PM Music Room 2:00 PM Mass for +Juan Carlos Gonzalez Andrade Hispanic Children's Lit. 2:00 PM Donnelly Hall 5:00 PM Mass for People of the Parish Pan Dulce 3:15 PM Newman Hall **MONDAY. MAY 22 MONDAY, MAY 22** 5:10 PM Mass for +Louis Andriano **Finance Council Meeting** 5:00 PM Lovola Room **TUESDAY. MAY 23 Centering Prayer** Richard Room 6:30 PM Mass for +Gustavo Carrion 5:10 PM **Bible Study** 7:00 PM Whitman Room Grad/YP Mass & Dinner 7:00 PM Church & Newman Hall **WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 Baptism Class** 7:00 PM Newman Hall Mass for +Bill Gulla 5:10 PM Born for Joy 7:00 PM Monteith Room **THURSDAY, MAY 25 TUESDAY, MAY 23** 5:10 PM Mass for **David Stiennom** Pray the Rosary Church 5:45 PM Grad/YP SCC 6:30 PM **Rectory Lounge** FRIDAY, MAY 26 **Choir Practice** 7:00 PM **Donnelly Hall** 12:10 PM Mass for +Felix Manzaneda & + Lola de Manzaneda **WEDNESDAY, MAY 24** Reconciliation 5:45 PM Church **SUNDAY, MAY 28** Mass for +Sandy Eiler 8:30 AM **SUNDAY, MAY 28** Mass for +Frank M. Marsik 10:00 AM 10:15 AM Newman Hall+ Children's Liturgy 12:00 PM Mass for People of the Parish **Choir Practice** 10:30 AM Donnelly Hall Mass for Benefactors of SMSP 2:00 PM **ESL** 12:45 PM Newman Hall 5:00 PM Mass for +Regina Brosco **Hispanic Choir Practice** 1:00 PM Music Room **TUESDAY, MAY 30** Hispanic Children's Lit. 2:00 PM Donnelly Hall 5:10 PM Mass for +Noel Kelly **TUESDAY, MAY 30** WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 Pray the Rosary Church 5:45 PM 5:10 PM Mass for +Gene Comos **Grad/YP SCC Rectory Lounge** 6:30 PM **Choir Practice** 7:00 PM Donnelly Hall **THURSDAY, JUNE 1 WEDNESDAY, MAY 31** 5:10 PM Mass for Reconciliation 5:45 PM Church **FRIDAY, JUNE 2 SATURDAY, JUNE 3** 12:10 PM Mass for **Centering Prayer Retreat** 10:00 AM Rectory **SUNDAY, JUNE 4 SUNDAY, JUNE 4** 8:30 AM Mass for People of the Parish Children's Liturgy Newman Hall+ 10:15 AM 10:00 AM Mass for Mass for +Richard Callahan **Choir Practice** 10:30 AM Donnelly Hall 12:00 PM 2:00 PM **ESL** 12:45 PM Newman Hall Mass for +Alejandro Islas **Hispanic Choir Practice** Music Room 5:00 PM Mass for 1:00 PM

Donnelly Hall

**Donnelly Hall** 

2:00 PM

3:00 PM

Hispanic Children's Lit.

**SMSP Discussion Group** 

# ST. MARY SUMMER FILM SERIES

Come join us for an evening of film, discussion, and fellowship!
This summer's film festival -- themed "Three River Homecoming" offers films adapted from two books and a play, portraying those times when we are called home and what that journey may entail, and, how God is constantly meeting and recreating us and our experience of home in hope of our final Home in the Triune God.

All student- and resident-parishioners are welcome on the following Mondays with the films shown in Newman Hall at SMSP:

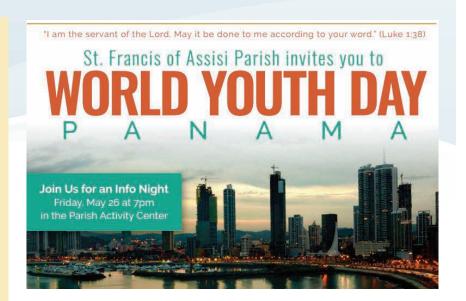
- June 5 at 7PM
   TOUCH OF EVIL (PG-13)
- July 17 at 6:45PM
   A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS (G)
- August 28 at 6:45PM
   A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT (PG)

Enjoy the St. Mary's BBQ and Potluck at 5:30 prior to the viewing of A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT -- bring your favorite dish to share!

Format: Intro by Dennis Dillon, S.J., screening, short break, discussion.

#### Michigan Theater Popcorn Provided

If you have any questions or are interested, please contact either Fr Dennis Dillon, SJ, at 663-0557 (ext.246) or Rainey Lamey at rlamey@umich.edu.





### **WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Year-to-Date Offering Report as of 05/14/2017

\$0 \$250,000 \$500,000 \$750,000 \$1,000,000



Annual Budget Goal \$1,000,000
Year-to-Date (YTD) Goal \$902,900
Amount Collected YTD \$903,930
Above (Below) YTD Goal \$1,030

#### Sunday Offering Report as of 05/14/2017

May Budget Goal	\$16,550
Sunday 05/14/2017 (Week 46)	\$22,097
Above (Below) Weekly Goal	\$5,547

**Special and Holy Day Collections:** 

### UNDERGRADS IN A<sup>2</sup> THIS SUMMER

Are you going to be living in or around Ann Arbor this summer? Would you like to stay up to date on fun events happening at St. Mary Student Parish? Sign up for our summer events **email list**. You will receive a weekly email about events - SCCs, socials, and more - during the summer.

#### **PRAY THE ROSARY**

Tuesdays after the 5:10 PM Mass

Reciting this ancient and powerful prayer with others can be a heartopening 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

### **PARISH BIBLE STUDY**

Mondays | 7 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

## **GRAD/YP EVENTS**

#### **MASS & DINNER**

Mon, May 22 | 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. Watch for more information about Mass and summer social evenings.

#### PICNIC IN THE ARB

Sun, Jun 4 | 1:00 PM

Join us around 1:00pm, or immediately following noon Mass, and we'll head over to the Arb together for a picnic. Bring along snacks and drinks, or we'll swing by one of the variety of food places along the way. Please also feel free to bring blankets to sit on, frisbees, footballs, soccer balls, anything you think is a quintessential addition to a picnic! If you want to meet us at the Arb, we'll be in the "Main lawn" area.

### **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 through July 11.

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

### **EL PODER DE LA ORACIÓN**

#### Alejandro E. Islas

En Mayo pasado fui diagnosticado con Cáncer de Páncreas. Recibí Quimioterapias y Radiación con objeto de reducir el tamaño del tumor y poder extirparlo. Esto no ocurrió, y mi equipo médico decidió que no era elegible para cirugía.

Esta decisión me despojo de lo más preciado que un ser humano puede tener: Esperanza.

Alguien agrego mi nombre en la lista de enfermos en el boletín semanal de la Parroquia, además se crearon círculos de Oración de personas que aun sin conocerme oraron para ayudarme en mi problema. Esto ocurrió con mi familia, mis vecinos, otras religiones, otros países y aquí en la Parroquia a través de Rosa Luz Beltrán y Lionel Postigo.

Sus oraciones me ayudaron infinitamente ya que fui capaz de encontrar un Hospital que tomara mi caso, ofrecerme alternativas y finalmente tomar el riesgo de efectuar la tan difícil cirugía. Los Doctores fueron capaces de remover el tumor, y asegurar que las áreas alrededor del mismo estaban libres de cáncer. Mi recuperación fue asombrosa y fui dado de alta del Hospital a los siete días.

En general, agradezco primero a Dios por escuchar mis oraciones sin yo merecerlo, agradezco a mi familia por tener siempre una actitud positiva a pesar de la adversidad de mi caso, agradezco también a todos los feligreses de esta Parroquia que unieron su voz a la mía a través de la oración y a todos aquellos que abrieron su corazón pidiendo a Dios por mi recuperación.

Continuemos orando por otras personas que se encuentran en una situación difícil y desesperada de cualquier tipo.

Como Uds. pueden ver, Dios nos está escuchando.

### THE POWER OF PRAYER

#### Alejandro E. Islas

Last May I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. I received chemotherapy and radiation with the goal of reducing the size of the tumor to be able to surgically remove it. This didn't happen and my medical team decided that I wasn't eligible for surgery.

This decision stripped me of the most valuable thing a human being can have: Hope.

Someone added my name to the list of the sick in the parish's weekly bulletin, and they also created circles of prayer of people who, without even knowing me, prayed for help in my problem. This circle happened with my family, my neighbors, people of other religions, other countries, and here in the parish, through Rosa Luz Beltrán and Lionel Postigo.

Their prayers helped me infinitely, as I was able to find a hospital that would take my case, offer me alternatives, and finally take the risk of carrying out such a difficult surgery. The doctors were able to remove the tumor and assure that the areas around the tumor were free of cancer. My recuperation was amazing and I was released from the hospital after seven days.

In general, I first thank God for listening to my prayers even though I didn't deserve it, I thank my family for always having a positive attitude, despite the adversity of my case, and I thank all the members of this parish who united their voice with mine through prayer, and everyone who opened their hearts to ask God for my recuperation.

We continue to pray for others who find themselves in any kind of difficult or hopeless situation.

As you can see, God is listening to us.

#### **HELP WANTED**

We are looking for our next Hispanic/Latino Ministry Coordinator! Please visit our website www.stmarystudentparish.org/about/employment-opportunities for more information and to apply. Applications will be accepted through Monday, May 22nd.

#### **BAPTISM CLASS**

5/22, 6/26, 7/31 -attend one class only

On the last Monday of every month (occasionally, the date is changed due to holidays, etc.), St. Mary Student Parish holds a baptism class for new parents at 7:00 pm. Parents who are preparing to have their child baptized in the Catholic faith should pick up materials for the discussion from the Parish Office at least one week prior to the meeting they plan to attend. The baptism preparation packet contains articles and discussion questions for parents and godparents. It also contains a Baptism Registration form which must be filled out prior to class. At the discussion, parents (and godparents, if possible) will have an opportunity to ask questions about Catholic Baptism and schedule their baptism in the Church. If you've attended a baptism class before, we don't require you to attend another.

In order to have a baptism here you either need to be registered here OR get permission from the church where you are registered. We do Sunday baptisms during the mass and are celebrated by the priest. Only one child may be baptized per mass on Sundays. Spanish Baptisms are usually scheduled every other Sunday after the 2pm Spanish mass at 3:15. Three children can be baptized after the Spanish Mass.

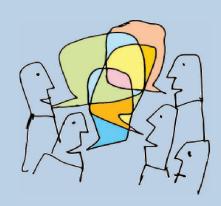
We grateful for the opportunity to celebrate the miracle of new life and welcome new members into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism. Contact Carol ckonczal@umich.edu

### **FEED THE HOMELESS**

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



# ST. MARY DISCUSSION GROUP

Sun, Jun 4 | 3:00-5:00 PM

Fr. Richard D'Souza, S.J., will lead the discussion at the June 4 meeting of the St. Mary Discussion Group. Fr. D'Souza joins the St. Mary's staff and the University community, coming from the staff of the Vatican Observatory, for a two-year assignment as a postdoctoral researcher in the University of Michigan department of Astronomy. He plans to talk to us about his work, which is mainly in astronomy, and how he connects his work with his religious life. As usual, we will meet at 3pm in Donnelly Hall for coffee, cookies and conversation, and then begin our presentation and discussion about 3:15pm. We will end the meeting by 5:00. For more information, contact Sherry Warden,

sswarden@umich.edu.

To learn more about Fr. D'Souza, check the St. Mary website: http://www.stmarystudentparish.org/staff/fr-richard-dsouza-s-j/

#### **WEDDING BANNS**

Philip James Quinley & Michelle Burke May 26, 2017

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Christopher John White & Kaitlyn Elizabeth Rapson
June 2, 2017

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Jeffrey Michael Fitzgerald & Linda Jean Stuckey
June 3, 2017

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Phillip J. Rose & Maggie Hwang June 3, 2017

#### **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 <u>Open Heart, Open Mind</u> 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



# FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Registration has begun for registered families who want to enroll their children in Family Faith Formation (K-7th grade) and Teen Confirmation (8th grade and older).

Early registration period is open to:

- SMSP Parish Members previously enrolled in the Family Faith Program last year.
- SMSP Parish Members whose eldest child is three or four years of age [Pre-K].

<u>Family Faith Formation</u>: The home-based program meets one Sunday a month here at the parish and requires families to continue to work together at home on lessons.

<u>Teen Confirmation</u>: Classes will begin in September. These classes will meet 2-3 times a month on Sunday afternoons. Families are also expected to work together at home on lessons.

<u>Register online</u>: Space is limited for both programs, so please register early. Please visit the parish website for more information and the online registration form:

http://www.stmarystudentparish.org/worship/faith-formation/registration/

Registration will begin August 1, 2017 for SMSP Parish Members not previously enrolled in FFF Program 2016-2017.

#### The final deadline for all registrations is Sept 1, 2017

Contact information:

- Family Faith Formation (includes First Reconciliation, First Communion, Intermediate First Reconciliation/First Communion): Lori Feiler, Program Coordinator Ifeiler@smspnewman.org 734-663-0557, Ext. 245
- Teen Confirmation: Rita Zyber, Program Coordinator rzyber@smspnewman.org 734-663-0557, Ext. 230

### **BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS**

Thank you to all who donated blood May 7. We exceeded our goal of 31 pints by 2 pints!



#### **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:

Rodrigo rodri\_cg@hotmail.com or Cynthia jcynthia@umich.edu

#### **HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS**

St. Joseph Mercy Hospice is currently seeking volunteers for their hospice program. A volunteer has the opportunity to offer a special service to patients who have chosen to live their final days with dignity and peace.

#### What do Hospice Volunteers do?

Volunteers bring warmth and friendship to patients and their families in several ways:

- Companionship Providing vital social contact and welcome break in routine.
- Caregiver Relief- Sitting with the patient while family takes a break.
- Bereavement Support- Providing supportive visits and/ or phone calls, assists with monthly mailings.
- Program Support -Administrative Support, Fundraising and Community Outreach opportunities.

Young, old, in school, working or retired, volunteers all have one thing in common: the desire to enrich their lives and those of others. Hospice volunteers share their talent and energy and, most importantly, their time, with people who need them.

Volunteers are given a choice of which geographical areas are most convenient for them. Volunteers are needed during the day, evenings and weekends; assignments are tailored to volunteers' Individual schedules.

#### **How are Volunteers Trained?**

A training course is required for all volunteers. The course includes the history of hospice; physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects of death and dying; communication and listening skills; grief and bereavement, as well as the emotional demands of hospice. Ongoing training is also offered for the volunteer' education and enrichment.

#### What Else is Required of Volunteers?

St. Joseph Mercy Hospice Volunteers must be sensitive, caring and mature individuals who can enter a home without judging or imposing their own belief systems. They must be patient, flexible, and comfortable in the presence of life limiting illness.

#### How can you Become Part of St. Joseph Mercy Hospice?

If you would like to become part of this caring group of volunteers or would like more information, please contact the Volunteer Department of St. Joseph Mercy Hospice by calling 1.517.540.9029.

# ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS PASSIONIST RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER

Praying the Labyrinth Thurs, June 1, 7-9pm
The Labyrinth is an ancient Christian prayer form often seen as a metaphor for our Spiritual journey, "A Pilgrimage to the Holy." Participants will learn about the history and movements of the Labyrinth as well as experience walking and praying the Labyrinth.

To register, contact Lynnette Marshall, 313-286-2800 or online at www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats.

Hope and Health Wed, June 14, 9am-3pm God has a plan for you, which is why he created you with dignity and purpose. We come together to explore what this purpose is, to overcome challenges we face and how embracing physical health can offer long-term community hope, humility and salvation.

To register, contact Lynnette Marshall, 313-286-2800 or online at www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats.

**Soul Collage – for Prayer & Reflection** Mon, June 26, 10am-6pm. Engage in the creative process of SoulCollage® the art of cutting and pasting to create cards for prayer and reflection.

Our interpretation of the images through prayer and reflection can be helpful as we grow in our awareness of who we are before God and who God is calling us to become.

To register, contact Lynnette Marshall, 313-286-2800 or online at www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats.

**Night Out Under the Stars** Wed, June 28, 7-9pm Guys and gals are invited to come and relax, share refreshment, step away from the chaos and enjoy the peaceful outdoors and casual fellowship.

To register, contact Lynnette Marshall, 313-286-2800 or online at www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats/register-upcoming-retreats

High School Juniors & Seniors & Parents and College Seniors and Graduates & Parents

You are invited to

#### **AVE SUMMER FEST 2017**

At the Ann Arbor residence of Tom Monaghan,
Founder - Ave Maria University & Ave Maria School of Law

Thursday, June 22, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Come & Learn More about the *Ave Maria University*Michigan Scholarship \$7,000 per yr / 4 yrs

and

Ave Maria School of Law

Michigan / Toledo Full-Tuition Scholarship

Meet admission counselors, current students & alumni.
Enjoy an evening of great food, sundae bar,
live music and outdoor games.

FREE - Registration <u>required by Thursday, June 15</u> to attend! For more information & to register today go to www.avemariafoundation.org

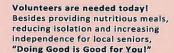




### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### How You Can Help

- Meals are delivered Monday thru Friday between 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM.
- Most routes take around an hour to deliver.
- Volunteers can deliver once a month, once a week or every weekday.
- Volunteers can choose an area or route for delivery.



- \*Volunteering can help increase your:
- Social Connection
- Sense of Purpose
- Physical Fitness
- \*Volunteering can help reduce your:
- Stress
- Risk of Disease
- Social Isolation

\*The Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research, May 2012



To volunteer, contact your local Meals On Wheels office today, or visit our website: www.tcoa.org

Eaton County—517-541-2330 Clinton County—989-224-3600 Rural Ingham—517-676-2775 Greater Lansing—517-887-1460



# FR. CHARLES IRVIN AND FR. JAMES SWIAT

Ordained priests 50 years ago on June 3, 1967

YOU ARE INVITED
TO AN OPEN HOUSE

To celebrate and honor Fr. Charles Irvin and Fr. James Swiat's 50 years of service to God's people

SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2017

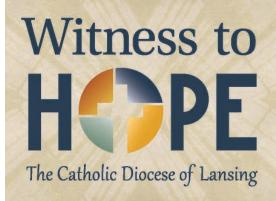
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JUDE 801 NORTH BRIDGE STREET DEWITT, MICHIGAN

1:00 P.M. – MASS OF PENTECOST RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN THE PARISH HALL

3:00 P.M. - REFLECTIONS

4:00 P.M. - BUFFET

Kindly RSVP by may 5th, 2017 via email to ccarlson@faithcatholic.com



# Our Parish Campaign

# To Strengthen Our Parish and Our Diocese

## Together, We Make A Difference

As Catholics, we have a responsibility to meet the needs of our local parish and to collectively act to support those activities that benefit us all. Witness to Hope is the campaign being conducted in each of the 81 parishes in our diocese. It is our opportunity to address both immediate needs and long-term issues.

The \$65-million collective goal is designed to provide direct and indirect support to every parish in the diocese. The largest single element in the campaign is the funds to be spent directly by the parish. The benefit from the other elements include ensuring funding for future seminarians, caring for our senior priests, strengthening our religious education programs, expanding parish and social service ministries, and addressing current collective priorities of the diocese.

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing more information with you during Mass, in the bulletin, at receptions, and in information packets for each family.

As our parish moves forward, each of us are asked to do three things:

- Listen and Learn. Come to understand the needs of our parish and diocese in a very detailed way. See the impact of what the funds raised will do.
- Reflect and Pray. Consider what all will be accomplished and the importance of the Church in your life. As a family, seek God's guidance as to how you can best help. Ask questions and ensure your understanding during this period.
- Decide and Act. When you feel you have had your questions answered and determine how best you can assist, please make your pledge and celebrate with all our parish families and families throughout the diocese.

In the coming weeks, we will build on this information and look forward to an active dialogue with you. Thank you for your prayers, consideration, and interest in our Church.

# 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 based for future members of the faith to build upon.

#### 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 conduced in 2017.

#### How was the parish case established?

Each parish, through the leadership of its pastor and councils, determines what the parish share will fund. Every parish sets its own priorities to be funded. For some it may be repairs and critical maintenance, others will work to eliminate debt, still others will make capital purchases, or expand evangelization and other outreach ministries at the parish.

# 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 choose whether to receive monthly, quarterly, or annual reminders. Each parishioner will also select when they wish to begin making their payments to best fit their personal financial situation.

#### How do I learn more?

There will be series of bulletin inserts to provide more information about the campaign. The parish will host a number of receptions where members can come listen, learn, and ask questions, each member will receive a packet of information. You may visit www.witnesstohope.net anytime to learn about the overall campaign, our parish effort, and learn more about what other parishes are doing.

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# MAY 21 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

 Reading I
 Acts
 8:5-8, 14-17

 Psalm
 Psalms
 66:1-7, 16, 20

 Reading II
 1 Peter
 3:15-18

 Gospel
 John
 14:15-21

The people of Samaria come to worship the Lord and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the same spirit who leads us into the truth. In the body, Jesus was put to death; in the Spirit, he was raised to life. We are called to this same glory.

# MAY 28 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Reading I Acts 1:1-11
Psalm Psalms 47:2-3,6-9
Reading II Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in his name, reminding them that he is always present through his Spirit. Having ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be his witnesses for we have been gifted with his Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.

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