STUDENT PARISH

JUNE 4 & JUNE 11, 2017 Pentecost Sunday & The Most Holy Trinity

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

PENTECOST

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."

- Jn 15:26

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Pastoral Perspective

BEING A WITNESS TO HOPE! By Bishop Earl A. Boyea

HOW CAN WE HELP 'ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD'?

"GO AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD." These words of Jesus have been guiding our diocese in a particular way these past four years. These words are also the charge given us for the years ahead. The Holy Spirit is clearly telling us what we are to do. Now it is up to each of us to become disciples of Jesus and then go out there and disciple others!

This is never easy. We are in a society that is often encased in sin and pessimism. We can even get quite discouraged at the condition of our faith and our Church. We choose, however, not to focus on the darkness. Rather, we are boldly stepping forth to Witness to Hope.

We have taken positive action by building up our own Household of Faith. There are many activities going on in all of our parishes, thanks be to God.

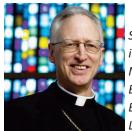
In addition, our evangelization efforts need funding. Thus, after a serious period of consultation and prayer, we are beginning a diocesan-wide capital campaign aptly called Witness to Hope. The biggest single chunk of the funds raised will return to our parishes, where the evangelizing and re evangelizing takes place. While a small proportion will go to support our senior priests and to assist with infrastructure work at the cathedral, most of the funds raised will support our announcing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

These elements include support for our Catholic Charities and their witness to hope and service of those in need; for need-based assistance to children in Catholic schools; for improving and supporting our religious education and parent formation programs; and for supporting our seminarians on their way to becoming our future priests. While our annual DSA supports the ongoing operations of the diocese, this campaign is focused on moving us to be ever greater lights in the darkness of our world.

Such a campaign is formative for all of us in two ways: it does remind us how we are all stewards of the financial gifts with which God has graced us; and it reminds us that we are Catholic, that is, that while we love our parishes, we belong to the wider Church and it is always better to work together to achieve God's will.

So, I invite – in fact, I beg – all of you to pray for the success of this campaign, as well as the success of our Diocesan Assembly. Then I invite you to consider, as part of your prayer, how you may become sacrificially involved in this great act of stewardship, how you may become a Witness to Hope I look forward, over the next year and a half, to being with you as we get moving and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

"GO AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD."



Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Earl A. Boyea Bishop of Lansing

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

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The Week Ahead

MEETINGS & EVENTS: JUNE 4-18

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

SUNDAY, JUNE 4		
Children's Liturgy	10:15 AM	Newman Hall+
Choir Practice	10:30 AM	Donnelly Hall
ESL	12:45 PM	Newman Hall
Hispanic Choir Practice	1:00 PM	Music Room
Hispanic Children's Lit.	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
SMSP Discussion Group	3:00 PM	, Donnelly Hall
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MONDAY, JUNE 5		
Centering Prayer	6:30 PM	Rectory Lounge
Bible Study	7:00 PM	Whitman Room
Born for Joy	7:00 PM	Monteith Room
SMSP Summer Film Series	7:00 PM	Newman Hall
TUESDAY, JUNE 6		
Choir Practice	7:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7		
Reconciliation	5:45 PM	Church
SUNDAY, JUNE 11		
Children's Liturgy	10:15 AM	Newman Hall+
Choir Practice	10:30 AM	Donnelly Hall
Coffee & Donuts	11:15 AM	Newman Hall
Catechesis of the Good	11:15 AM	Rectory Lounge
Shepherd	11.10 / 111	needery Lounge
ESL	12:45 PM	Newman Hall
Hispanic Choir Practice	1:00 PM	Music Room
Hispanic Children's Lit.	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
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MONDAY, JUNE 12		
Centering Prayer	6:30 PM	Richard Room
Bible Study	7:00 PM	Newman Room
Born for Joy	7:00 PM	Monteith Room
Grad/YP Mass and Social	7:00 PM	Church, Donnelly Hall,
		& Courtyard
TUESDAY, JUNE 13		
Choir Practice	7:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14		
Reconciliation	5:45 PM	Church
Reconclination	5.451101	Church
SUNDAY, JUNE 18		
Children's Liturgy	10:15 AM	Newman Hall+
Choir Practice	10:30 AM	Donnelly Hall
ESL	12:45 PM	Newman Hall
Hispanic Choir Practice	1:00 PM	Music Room
Hispanic Children's Lit.	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall

MASS INTENTIONS: JUNE 4-18

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

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8:30 AM	Mass for	People of the Parish
10:00 AM		
		+Richard Callahan
2:00 PM	Mass for	+Alejandro Islas
5:00 PM	Mass for	Lourdes Gago
MONDAY, J		
5:10 PM	Mass for	+Bridget Maher
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5:10 PM		+Noirin Geary
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WEDNESDA	Y, JUNE 7	
5:10 PM	Mass for	Jan Burnham
THURSDAY,		
5:10 PM	Mass for	Keith Wood
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SUNDAY, JU	INE 11	
8:30 AM	Mass for	
10:00 AM	Mass for	+Mark Savageau
		+Sr. Raymunda Witjes, O.P.
		People of the Parish
		Art Lamey
MONDAY, J		
5:10 PM	Mass for	Kit Wood & Family
TUESDAY, J	INE 12	
5:10 PM		+Nathan & + Gretchen
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5:10 PM	Mass for	+Herbert Stein
THURSDAY,	JUNE 15	
5:10 PM	Mass for	+Janet Kusten
FRIDAY, JU		
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12:10 PM	Mass for	Mary Smith
SUNDAY, JU	INE 18	
8:30 AM		+Jack Gibson
10:00 AM		+Eric Weitzel
12:00 PM		+Becky Hilger
2:00 PM		People of the Parish
5:00 PM	Mass for	+Kitty Henn
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COFFEE & DONUTS

Sun, Jun 11 | 11 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!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year-to-Date Offering Report as of 05/28/2017

\$0	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$750,000	\$1,000,000
Annual	Budget Goal			\$1,000,000
Year-to-	Date (YTD) Goa	I		\$936,000
Amount	Collected YTD			\$930,146
Above (<mark>Below)</mark> YTD Goal			-\$5,854

Sunday Offering Report as of 05/28/2017

May Budget Goal	\$16,550
Sunday 05/28/2017 (Week 48)	\$12,764
Above (Below) Weekly Goal	-\$3,786
Special and Holy Day Collections:	

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.

UNDERGRADS IN A² 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 https://docs.google.com/ forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchDEoMA3nW3KOVHDPnZ-B-JOtld8b0Ax2BpeduFd_b8tw2pw/viewform.

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

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, any-thing 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.

MASS & SUMMER SOCIAL

Mon, June 12 | 7:00 PM

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.

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



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

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

WEDDING BANNS

David Nemer & Michelle Jose-Kampfner June 10, 2017

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Kyle J. Livingstone & Jessica M. White June 16, 2017

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Jose-Miguel Jimenez & Mariel Violeta Osorio Ramirez June 17, 2017

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Pedro Lemus & Graciela Lemus June 24, 2017

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July 15, 2017

Curt G. Behlow & Charlene K. Jackson July 15, 2017

Scott M. Wagner & Laura M. Felosak July 29, 2017

BAPTISM CLASS

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

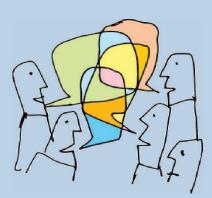
FEED THE HOMELESS

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

Contact Erin 5Telemaco@comcast.net



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/

AN INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

If you're interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is, we offer the opportunity for you to explore the Catholic faith in a welcoming environment. RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is designed to help people discover where God may be leading them, regardless of where they are in their own personal faith journey.

This past year, our group learned about and prepared for reception into the Catholic Church, but most importantly, they experienced an outpouring of God's love and grace for them as they prayed together, studied scripture, and explored ways to more fully enter into God's embrace.

As Pope Francis reminded us in *The Joy of the Gospel, "The important thing is to not walk alone, but to rely on each other as brothers and sisters."*

You might also consider RCIA if you were baptized Catholic but have not yet received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

New sessions begin in September, but feel free to contact us this summer to talk about the RCIA process:

Rita Zyber <u>rzyber@smspnewman.org</u> (734) 663-0557, Ext. 230 Or Fr. Joe Wagner jwagner@smspnewman.org

Registration Reminder:

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AND CONFIRMATION

Online registration is under way for registered families who want to enroll their children in Family Faith Formation (K-7th grade). The homebased program meets one Sunday a month here at the parish and requires families to continue to work together at home on lessons.

Confirmation classes are for students in the eighth grade and older. These classes will meet 2-3 times a month on Sunday afternoons.

Space is limited for both programs, so please register early. Please visit the parish website for more information and click on the registration form:http://www.stmarystudentparish.org/worship/faith-formation/ registration/

Final deadline for all registration is September 1. For more information, please contact Lori Feiler (Family Faith) lfeiler@smspnewman.org or Rita Zyber (Confirmation) rzyber@smspnewman.org.



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

SOME THOUGHTS FOR TRINITY SUNDAY

God is a Trinity of Persons. Those of us who were raised in the United States tend to have an image of God as God the Father, a strong, independent being who does powerful things like create the world and smite enemies. But the church has always taught that God is a Trinity, a relationship of diverse Persons.

If our image of God is mostly that of an independent being, we can easily fall into the thinking that leads people to say they are spiritual but not religious. Or it can lead us to say that we can be good Catholics without necessarily going to church. Or it can cause us to ... complain about people who are different from us. If God is an individual, we can imagine that our spirituality can also be individual. As long as I'm good with God, I'm good to go.

But if God is a community, a Trinity, that changes things. If we want to be spiritual—that is, connected to a Higher Power or the Prime Mover or whatever we think of as "God"—we necessarily have to be part of a community. To be connected to God means being connected to the Trinity, which is a community of Persons. It also means being connected with all the rest of the people who are connected to the Trinity. In other words, to be one with God is to be one with the entire Communion of Saints—living in both this life and the next. If some of those saints don't seem all that saintly to me, I nevertheless have an obligation to see in them the face of Christ and love them as I love myself. (From Nick Wagner, author and founder of Team RCIA)

The Trinity is about "community."

We are always within the community of the trinity. Making the sign of the cross reminds us of who are — and whose we are.

Emily Strand, Mass 101: Liturgy and Life



PRAYER FOR SUMMERTIME

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in park, families gathered around picnic tables and the increased time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist.

Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. And warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of you love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.

Amen

http://www.marquette.edu/faith/prayer-summer.php



THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE GREAT LAKES

Mon, June 12 from 7-8:30 pm

Weber Retreat and Conference Center • 1257 East Siena Heights Drive • Adrian, Michigan 49221 • 517-266-4000

Presented by Frank Marsik, Associate Research Scientist at University of Michigan, who will look at how climate change is affecting the water levels of the Great Lakes and the implications for tribal fisheries and traditional ways of the indigenous tribes within Michigan.

Free and open to all No registration required

For more info: http://weber.adriandominicans.org/Programs/ Programs/tabid/1092/ArticleId/1821/The-Impacts-of-Climate-Change-on-the-Great-Lakes.aspx

Or, if you prefer, call 517-266-4000.

A one day retreat presented by Tony Sperendi

MARY: BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN

Tues, June 13 from 9 am-3:30 pm

St. Francis Retreat Center, Dewitt

We will study and break open the Scriptures and our Tradition to see how important Mary is to us. We will also look at the saints to reflect on their writings of Mary. Finally, we will take a look at two of Mary's apparitions at Fatima and Guadalupe to see what she is saying to us today.

The day will include morning snacks and coffee, lunch, Mass, prayer, along with presentations. The St. Francis Book & Gift Shop will be opened throughout the day. Please bring your Bible and your spiritual journal if you keep one.

The cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60 and over https://form.jotform.com/71385454319966

CATHOLIC FAITHFUL SMALL GROUP GATHERING (ULTREYA)

Tues, June 13 from 6-8:15 pm

St. Francis Retreat Center, Dewitt

Mass in the Chapel at 6:00 pm. Grouping at 6:45 pm. Event ends 8:15 pm. Bring a snack to pass.

ALL ARE WELCOMED!

After mass read, reflect, and share on Sundays Gospel in small

groups. Then share with one another about each other's prayer life, study, and actions as a Christian. Indeed, we learn from one another. It does not matter where you are at with the practice of your faith. It is a powerful way to encourage each other bringing us the graces that we need to grow in our Faith Journey. There will be songs sung and joy created, Alleluia!

EVOLUTION, ECOLOGY & GOD

Sat, June 17 from 10 am-3:30 pm

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Presented by Fr. Denis Edwards, author of Ecology at the Heart of Faith and professorial fellow at Australian Catholic University, will begin with the story of the universe and the evolution of life on Earth, leading into a theology of God creating an evolutionary world through the Word and in the Spirit. He discusses the theology of the natural world that Pope Francis offers in Laudato Sí and explores the interconnection between ecological conversion and the Eucharist.

Cost: \$45 (includes lunch)

http://weber.adriandominicans.org/Programs/Programs/ tabid/1092/ArticleId/1800/Evolution-Ecology-and-God.aspx

Or, if you prefer, call 517-266-4000.

AVE SUMMER FEST 2017

Jun 22, 6-8:30 pm

High school juniors & seniors, college seniors and graduates are invited to Ave Summer Fest 2017at the Ann Arbor residence of Tom Monaghan, Founder - Ave Maria University & Ave Maria School of Law.

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 and alumni. Enjoy an evening of great food, sundae bar, live music and outdoor games.

FREE-Registration required by Thurs, June 15 to attend!

For more information & to register today go to www.avemariafoundation.org

Around the Diocese



PRAYING WITH THE HEART OF THE CHURCH: A CO-ED CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT

July 14-16

St. Francis Retreat Center703 E. Main Street, Dewitt, MI 48820 www.stfrancis.ws.

Through the movements of Lectio Divina, we are drawn to a direct and immediate experience of God. This retreat focuses on the five movements of Lectio Divina and deepening one's relationship with Jesus. This is not a silent retreat, but there will be opportunities for silent reflection.

The cost is \$175 per person or \$300 for couples. A \$100 nonrefundable deposit is required with registration.

Register by July 7 by calling St. Francis Retreat Center at 517-669-8321

or register online at <u>https://</u> form.jotform.com/63555485961973

http://www.stfrancis.ws/upcoming-retreats.html

IGNATIAN RETREAT: A SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT

July 16-22

St. Francis Retreat Center703 E. Main Street, Dewitt, MI 48820 <u>www.stfrancis.ws</u>.

This silent Ignatian retreat is built around the elements of Lectio Divina and the Examen prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events your day in order to discern God's direction for you. On this retreat, you will review your life from a prayerful, God -Centered perspective.

Fr. David Rosenberg, director of St. Francis Retreat Center, will be the Rector for this retreat. It begins with registration at 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 16th. The opening session will consist of orientation and an introduction to the rest of the week. You will be introduced to your spiritual director, whom you will meet with each day for the rest of the week.

The cost of this retreat is \$620 per person, this includes all meals, materials, and lodging. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is requested with your registration.

Register by July 4th by calling St. Francis Retreat Center at 517 -669-8321

or register online https://form.jotform.com/63344958437972

Our Parish Campaign

Frequently Asked Questions

The Catholic Diocese of Lansing

Witness to

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 conduced 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.

Our Parish Campaign

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.witnesstohope.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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Sunday Readings

JUNE 4 PENTECOST SUNDAY

34 Reading II 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13	Reading I	Acts	2:1-11	
· **	Psalm	Psalms	104:1, 24, 29-31, 34	
Gospel John 20.19-23	Reading II	1 Corinthians	12:3b-7, 12-13	
Gusper John 20.13-23	Gospel	John	20:19-23	

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit. That same Spirit, the Advocate, our comfort and refreshment, was given as gift to the disciples to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord, "to renew the face of the earth."

JUNE 11 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Reading I	Exodus	34:4b-6, 8-9	
Psalm	Daniel	3:52-56	
Reading II	2 Corinthians	13:11-13	
Gospel	John	3:16-18	

God sent his Son to save us and to forgive us, making us his adopted children. Like the Trinity of persons, may we be united in peace and love through the Spirit, through whom we offer God praise and glory.

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