

# ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

JULY 2, 9 & 16, 2017  
Thirteenth, Fourteenth and  
Fifteenth Sundays  
in Ordinary Time

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

13<sup>ER</sup> DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

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## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:7-8

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“Cayeron entre espinos, y cuando los espinos crecieron, sofocaron las plantitas. Otros granos cayeron en tierra buena y dieron fruto: unos, ciento por uno; otros, sesenta; y otros, treinta”. - Mt 13, 7-8

## MUCHAS VECES LAS DESPEDIDAS SON DIFÍCILES/GOODBYES ARE CHALLENGING by Amy Ketner, Hispanic/Latino Ministry Coordinator



Muchas veces las despedidas son difíciles, especialmente cuando aquellos que se van son realmente especiales para nosotros. Pronto le diremos adiós a dos queridos miembros de nuestro staff quienes han estado dedicados al ministerio Hispano/Latino: *Leonor Kromis* y Padre Miguel Arrieta, SJ.

Por cinco años, Leonor dedicó incontables horas y energía a desarrollar experiencias de formación tanto espirituales como de liderazgo, a acompañar a muchas familias durante momentos muy difíciles como enfermedad y deportación, y a asegurar que sacramentos y liturgias estuvieran disponibles en español. A través de su siempre amable y alegre servicio a nuestra parroquia, ella ha personificado el amor de Cristo por todos nosotros

Desde su llegada el verano pasado, el Padre Miguel pasó rápidamente a ser una parte importante de nuestra comunidad. Gentil, pero con gran pasión por lo que hace, acompañó a los parroquianos, inspirándonos cada semana con sus mensajes de amor y nos enseñó a vivir la Espiritualidad Ignaciana de una manera más profunda en nuestra vida diaria. Como Leonor, él siempre trató de entender mejor la realidad de nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes, y siempre se solidarizó con ellos.

Ha sido una bendición haber aprendido de ellos y haber sido inspirados por ellos. Ellos son de las personas más generosas, humildes, espirituales, compasivas y amorosas que he conocido. Ellos viven una Fe que hace justicia y que contagia risa y alegría donde quiera que van. Ellos le dan vida a las enseñanzas de amor radical de Jesús, y como San Ignacio nos alienta, ellos realmente le prenden fuego al mundo.

Leonor y Padre Miguel, gracias por su inconmensurable dedicación a nuestra familia en St Mary. Los vamos a extrañar mucho, y siempre estarán en nuestros corazones y oraciones. Vayan con amor y alegría, y sigan prendiendo fuego en el mundo. ¡Gracias!

*Por favor acompañennos en una reunión de agradecimiento después de la misa de 2 pm el domingo 16 de Julio.*



Goodbyes are challenging, especially when those leaving are truly special. We soon say goodbye to two beloved staff members who've been dedicated to our Hispanic/Latino Ministry: *Leonor Kromis* and *Fr. Miguel Arrieta, SJ*.

For five years, Leonor gave countless hours and energy to help develop spiritual and leadership formative experiences, to be with families through hardships like sickness and deportation, and to ensure sacramental and liturgical opportunities in Spanish. Through her humble and joyful service to our parish, she has embodied Christ's love for all.

New last summer, Fr. Miguel quickly embraced the community. Gently, yet passionately, he accompanied parishioners, inspired us weekly with his messages of love, and taught us to live Ignatian Spirituality more deeply in our daily lives. Like Leonor, he desired to better understand the realities of our immigrant sisters and brothers, and stand in solidarity with them.

It's been a blessing to have learned from and been inspired by these two. They are some of the most generous, humble, spiritual, compassionate, and loving people I know. They live a faith that does justice, and spread laughter and joy everywhere they go. They bring alive Jesus' Gospel messages of radical love, and as St. Ignatius encouraged, they truly set the world on fire.

Leonor and Fr. Miguel, thank you for your immeasurable dedication to our SMSP family. You will be dearly missed, though you'll always be in our hearts and prayers. Go in love and joy, and keep setting the world on fire. Gracias!

*Please join us in thanking Fr. Miguel and Leonor at a reception following the 2pm mass on Sunday, July 16.*

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## MEETINGS & EVENTS: JULY 2-23

### SUNDAY, JULY 2

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 Lit.	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall

### JULY 3 & 4 Building & Church Closed No Daily Mass

### SUNDAY, JULY 9—Mission Appeal

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 Lit.	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall

### MONDAY, JULY 10

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 & Social	7:00 PM	Church+

### TUESDAY, JULY 11

Choir Practice	7:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

Reconciliation	5:45 PM	Church
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### SUNDAY, JULY 16

Children's Liturgy	10:15 AM	Newman Hall+
Coffee & Donuts	11:15 AM	Newman Hall
ESL	12:45 PM	Newman Hall
Hispanic Choir Practice	1:00 PM	Music Room
Hispanic Children's Lit.	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
Farewell Reception.	3:15 PM	Newman Hall

### MONDAY, JULY 17

Centering Prayer	6:30 PM	Rectory Lounge
Bible Study	7:00 PM	Newman Room
Born for Joy	7:00 PM	Monteith Room
SMSP Summer Film Series	7:00 PM	Newman Hall

### TUESDAY, JULY 18

Choir Practice	7:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
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### JULY 19-22 Building & Church Closed No Daily Mass

### SUNDAY, JULY 23

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 Lit.	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall

## MASS INTENTIONS: JULY 2-23

### SUNDAY, JULY 2

8:30 AM	Mass for	+Becky Hilger
10:00 AM	Mass for	Mrs. & Mrs. Herb Barnes, Jr.
12:00 PM	Mass for	People of the Parish
2:00 PM	Mass for	Camp Alabaré
5:00 PM	Mass for	Mary Colombano

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

5:10 PM	Mass for	+Nathan & +Gretchen Whitman
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### THURSDAY, JULY 6

5:10 PM	Mass for	+Janet Kuester
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### FRIDAY, JULY 9

12:10 PM	Mass for	Mary Smith
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### SUNDAY, JULY 9

8:30 AM	Mass for	+Fr. Hugh Duffy, S.J.
10:00 AM	Mass for	Christopher Barnes
12:00 PM	Mass for	+Maureen Kelley-Belden
2:00 PM	Mass for	+John & +Mary Jane Beaumier
5:00 PM	Mass for	People of the Parish

### MONDAY, JULY 10

5:10 PM	Mass for	+Benny & Joline Manor
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### TUESDAY, JULY 11

5:10 PM	Mass for	Sr. Monica Kevin, OSU
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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

5:10 PM	Mass for	+Fr. Gene
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### THURSDAY, JULY 13

5:10 PM	Mass for	+Lola Castano
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### FRIDAY, JULY 14

12:10 PM	Mass for	Christopher Brown
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### SUNDAY, JULY 16

8:30 AM	Mass for	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Mass for	+Lucita Flores
12:00 PM	Mass for	+Jean Yves Ishimwe
2:00 PM	Mass for	Cristobal Acosta
5:00 PM	Mass for	+Fr. Gene

### MONDAY, JULY 17

5:10 PM	Mass for	+Martha Callahan
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### TUESDAY, JULY 18

5:10 PM	Mass for	Shawn Brown
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### SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:30 AM	Mass for	
10:00 AM	Mass for	People of the Parish
12:00 PM	Mass for	
2:00 PM	Mass for	+David Saldivar
5:00 PM	Mass for	+Patricia Weller

## GRAD/ YP MASS & SUMMER SOCIAL

Mon, July 10 | 7:00 PM

Join us to worship, connect, and enjoy a delicious dinner with our Grad/YP community.

*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](mailto:smsp.grads.lead@umich.edu) or Fr. Joe [jwagner@smspnewman.org](mailto:jwagner@smspnewman.org)*

## CENTERING PRAYER

Mondays | 6:30 PM **except July 3**

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](mailto:serena68@comcast.net)

## PRAY THE ROSARY

Tuesdays after the 5:10 PM Mass

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](mailto:weena@umich.edu)

## PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Mondays | 7 PM **except July 3**

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



## 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:

- July 17 at 6:45PM A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS (G)
- Aug 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!

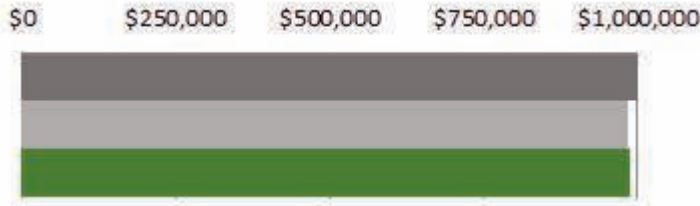
Format: Intro by Dennis Dillon, S.J., screening, short break, discussion.

**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](mailto:rlamey@umich.edu).

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year-to-Date Offering Report as of 06/18/2017



Annual Budget Goal	\$1,000,000
Year-to-Date (YTD) Goal	\$984,000
<b>Amount Collected YTD</b>	<b>\$988,272</b>
Above <b>(Below)</b> YTD Goal	<b>\$4,272</b>

### Sunday Offering Report as of 05/28/2017

June Budget Goal	\$16,000
<b>Sunday 06/18/2017 (Week 51)</b>	<b>\$22,759</b>
Above <b>(Below)</b> Weekly Goal	<b>\$6,759</b>

Special and Holy Day Collections:

## COFFEE & DONUTS

Sun, July 16 | 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!

## BORN FOR JOY

Mondays | 7 PM **except July 3**

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](http://www.saa-recovery.org) or contact Fr. Ben

## MASS SCHEDULE & OFFICE HOURS

### 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  
Wed 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

## BAPTISM CLASS

7/31, 8/21, 9/25

-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](mailto:ckonczal@umich.edu)



## MASS & PARKING FOR SUNDAY, JULY 23 - ART FAIR

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

### PARKING

If you are planning to attend ANY mass on Sunday, July 23, be sure to pick up a **FREE parking voucher** from our front office. Parking during Art Fair is \$20 per vehicle. **Vouchers are valid for the Maynard Street structure and the University structure at Jefferson & Thompson (one block south of St. Mary) only.** Free Sunday parking is NOT in effect during Art Fair and does NOT apply to any metered or structure spaces. The city has mentioned cars will be ticketed and towed this year.

### VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

We are still looking for volunteers to help with our tent on William Street. Shifts range **3-4 hours** during the morning, mid-day, or evening hours each day. We will be selling Michigan Catholics t-shirts, cookbooks, water bottles; we will give out welcome guides and answer questions about our vibrant parish.

We are in need of volunteers to help with parking on Sunday, July 23rd. Shifts this year are only **30 minutes** - volunteers will wear a Michigan Catholics t-shirt and stand at the entrance to the Maynard Street and the university parking structures, welcoming parishioners and handing out free parking vouchers to those who don't have them. If you're planning to come to mass on Art Fair Sunday, consider coming 30 minutes early to help with parking! Individuals, couples, and families would all make great parking "greeters".

Visit <https://goo.gl/7WhVH8> to sign up to volunteer! If you do not have a Michigan Catholics t-shirt, we will give you one as our thank you for volunteering!

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note, our parish building and church are closed during the Art Fair Wednesday, July 19 through Saturday, July 22. There will be NO daily mass while we are closed.

Contact Brittany Tobias [btobias@smspnewman.org](mailto:btobias@smspnewman.org) with questions about volunteering and/or parking. Visit [www.visitannarbor.org/artfair](http://www.visitannarbor.org/artfair) for more information on the Art Fair.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Our LGBT Outreach Ministry held its annual fundraiser "A Taste of Italy" on April 30th in Newman Hall, benefitting Ann Arbor's Ozone House, and new this year, the Corner Health Center in Ypsilanti. Both organizations provide out-standing support for youth at risk in our community.

This year, we're excited to share that YOU raised a record-setting \$5,232 on behalf of St. Mary Student Parish! The bulk of the net proceeds went to Ozone House, while \$250 went to the Corner Health Center. Ozone House said this is the largest individual donation (non-corporate or government/state funds) they've ever received!

We would especially like to **THANK DEACON ROMOLO AND LORRAINE LEONE**, who whip up their "parish-famous" home-made pasta sauce for our fundraiser each year.

We continue to be amazed by your support, which truly makes a difference in our community.

Thank you!



## 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](mailto:rodri_cg@hotmail.com)

or Cynthia [jcynthia@umich.edu](mailto:jcynthia@umich.edu)

## Around the Diocese

### ST. JOSEPH SUMMER FESTIVAL

July 14-16

St. Joseph Parish, 6805 Mast Road, Dexter, MI

St. Joe's annual summer Festival will kick off with the Friday Night Concert featuring Val Limar Jansen at 7:00 PM. Events and activities begin at noon on Saturday and Sunday. There will be family friendly activities and entertainment, Bingo, concerts, and great food. For more information and entertainment line-up go to [www.stjos.com](http://www.stjos.com).

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

July 14-16

St. Francis Retreat Center 703 E. Main Street, Dewitt, MI 48820 [www.stfrancis.ws](http://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 non-refundable deposit is required with registration.

Register by July 7 by calling St. Francis Retreat Center at 517-669-8321 or register online at <https://form.jotform.com/63555485961973>

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

### SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT

July 16-22

St. Francis Retreat Center 703 E. Main Street, Dewitt, MI 48820 [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws).

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 517-669-8321 or register online <https://form.jotform.com/63344958437972>

### DARE TO DREAM BENEFIT CONCERT FOR UGANDA

July 29 | 7:30 PM

Towsley Auditorium, Washtenaw Community College 4800 E. Huron River Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Local Musician Dave Harburg will perform contemporary versions of his great-grandfather Yip Harburg's more famous works, such as "Over the Rainbow," "Brother Can You Spare a Dime," "Old Devil Moon," and "April in Paris". The proceeds from the concert will help build a vocational school in Kyakatara, Uganda with the non-profit Children Waiting Everywhere founded by St. Thomas parishioner Naomi Corera. This vocational school will give people the opportunity to provide for their families who otherwise could not. In addition to the concert, as part of the fundraising efforts, David with his brother Aaron produced an album available now on most digital music stores entitled "Harburg Recapitulations". David and Aaron are currently producing another album with more revisions of Yip's work along with some David Harburg originals. The concert will feature another local musician Alanna Boudreau.

Gift items will be sold at the concert that were made in Uganda and Kenya. Suggested Tax deductible donation \$10 individual or \$25 for families

Visit the websites or call for more information:

- [www.davidharburg.com](http://www.davidharburg.com)
- <http://childrenwaitingeverywhere.org>
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/over-the-rainbow-concert-for-uganda-tickets-34687342776?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=esfb&utm-source=fb&utm-term=listing>



## “MARY: BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN” RETREAT

Tues, July 25 | 9 AM-3:30 PM

St Francis Retreat Center  
703 E. Main Street | DeWitt, MI 48820

Mary is truly THE Wonder Woman created by God with super-powers of grace and humility! We will unpack the Scriptures and her apparition at Fatima to understand the great role she plays in our lives and how much she loves us! All are welcome.

Cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60 and over and includes breakfast snacks, lunch, Mass and materials. Bring your Bible.

Contact the retreat center at  
<http://www.stfrancis.ws/> or 517-669-8321.

## WEDDING BANNES



Jeffrey P. Chludzinski & Stephanie L. Smith  
July 15, 2017



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



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

## ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center – Sunday, July 9th

On Sunday, July 9th at all of the Masses, Sr. Carol Weber, OP and Sr. Judy Blake, SSJ, founders of St. Luke, will visit St. Mary and bring with them graduates of their programs and employees from their social enterprises to speak to our community.

St. Luke N.E.W. (North End Women's) Life Center is a faith-based environment providing life skills, education and workplace training, empowering women and men to become self-sufficient.  
—see next page

### Programs

They offer a variety of programs including literacy, computer training, work development and life skills development. A new nutrition program was added to address needs from the water crisis.

### Community

They provide services to the local community including a food pantry, hot meal program, Christmas giveaway, water distribution site and a donation center for clothing and household items.

### Social Enterprise

They operate several businesses that employ program graduates and give them the opportunity to become self-sufficient. They are job creators, and the types of jobs they create save and change lives.

St. Mary has a long standing relationship with St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center. Our Alternative Spring Break students and Flint Family Service Trip participants have worked at the Center for several years. We have also supported them through our Advent Giving Tree program. This Appeal offers us a chance to make a difference in the lives of the people of the north end of Flint – providing hope and healing to the structurally unemployed.

Please consider donating generously to our Mission Appeal this year. If you will not be here on July 9th, there is a link on the St. Mary website for online donations to this Appeal. Thank you!



# Success Stories

## **From a Drug House to a New Life** **Rachel's Story**

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I can't even begin to describe what the N.E.W. Life Center has done for me! Its Life Change program guided me to work on self-esteem building, anger management, personal care, exercise and even volleyball. They also taught me basic life skills like cooking, gardening and simple home repair, plus CPR, parenting, nutrition, budgeting, job searching and basic computer skills.

"I earned my GED, and now I'm taking college courses Mondays and Wednesdays. They helped me regain parenting rights for daughter, and now they take care of my two daughters when I'm at class. In addition to school, I work in the N.E.W. Life Center Food Pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays – packing and distributing bags of food.

Every worker here has a story, and we're all here for each other through thick and thin. We keep each other safe and give each other support that none of us ever had before. You can't understand how important it is to be surrounded by good, loving people when you're trying to come back from a life like I had!



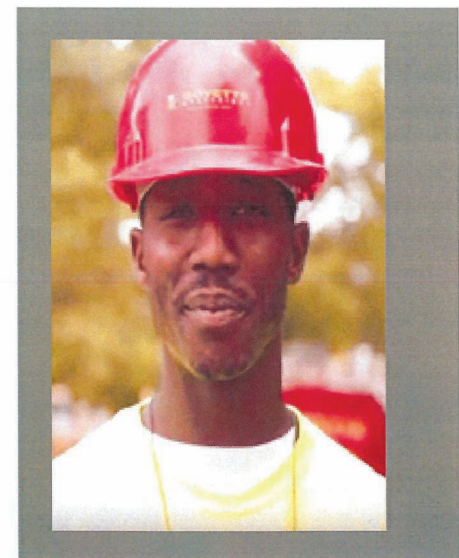
## **From Poverty to a New Life** **Kapus' Story**

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Kapus was born and raised in Flint, graduated from Flint Northern in the early 2000s and joined the Army as a combat medic. When he completed his commitment to the Army, he expected life to become easier but the opposite became true.

Kapus returned to his home town to find no opportunity for work. A caseworker suggested Kapus volunteer at NLC, there he found doors start to open, "N.E.W. Life gave me a chance to do what I was good at, and they put me in contact with people to get my life moving in the right direction."

Kapus completed pre-employment training at NLC and spent the summer of 2016 working in the lawn care social enterprise. There he demonstrated his skills and commitment to hard work. NLC helped Kapus secure a job with Goyette Mechanical in Flint. He is now working full-time as a member of the Plumbers/Pipefitters union. We at NLC feel blessed to have Kapus in our lives and a part of our story. "What I can say is, N.E.W. Life did exactly what the name says, they gave me hope. They shed a lot of light on my darkness."





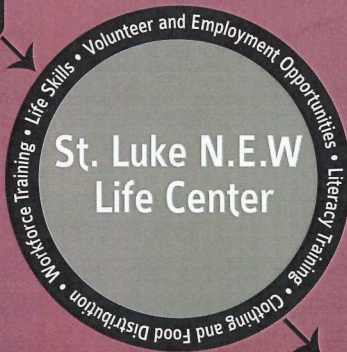
## Changing the Life of One Person, One Family, One Community

Initiated by two Roman Catholic nuns in 2002, the St. Luke N.E.W. (North End Womens) Life Center (NLC) is a faith-based nonprofit organization that offers services to structurally unemployed men and women in the north end of Flint, Michigan. The NLC offers transformational programs that provide life skills, education, and workforce training to help individuals become more self-sufficient and support their families. NLC staff is committed to building trusting and enduring relationships with families who receive assistance through their programs. In order to receive support from NLC, an individual must have a genuine desire to change his or her situation and must regularly participate in activities for the duration of the program in which he or she is enrolled.

NLC also contains microenterprises in culinary arts, clothing manufacturing, and landscaping. These small businesses serve as places of employment for NLC program graduates, putting men and women on a path to financial stability based on the job and life skills gained at the NLC.

Active Program participants and neighborhood residents also have access to wrap-around support services and training such as food and clothing distribution, childcare, and literacy/high school completion assistance.

Structurally Unemployed Men & Women



Transformational Life Change



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## Our Parish Campaign



### Please Join Me

This request begins by expressing deepest gratitude from Father and the campaign committee to all who have already made a sacrificial pledge to the *Witness to Hope*. Your generosity will help many people encounter Christ throughout the Diocese of Lansing for generations to come by enabling our parish to address several of its most immediate needs. It will also support ministries of the larger Church in our diocese.

Next weekend we will conduct Participation Weekend during all Masses. This is an invitation to have all those who have not yet made their commitment, to do so. Please bring your completed pledge card to Mass, or you can fill one out when you arrive.

A sacrificial gift is needed from each family in our parish to reach our goal, and there is no gift or pledge too small to make an impact. We are deeply grateful for all gifts regardless of their size. Each person in our parish is faced with a different financial situation, and it is with that in mind that I ask everyone to prayerfully consider what their best sacrifice is, knowing that pledge amounts will vary from person to person..

Each member of our community is asked to join all in our parish in making their own best sacrifice. For example, a pledge of \$50 per month means a \$3,000 over five years, and a pledge of \$167 per month means a \$10,000 campaign gift over five years. Some parishioners have pledged less and some have pledged far more in line with their blessings from the Lord.

Please review the pledge guide on the back as you pray about your gift.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your generosity and dedication to our parish.

**PLEDGE GUIDE**

The *Witness to Hope* campaign is a historic, unprecedented effort to position parishes and the Church throughout the Diocese of Lansing for a strong and vibrant future. It invites the faithful to prayerfully consider what their best sacrifice is. A decision of faith made in prayer and guided by gratitude, joy, and love will not only help one’s parish and the larger Church; it will also be a great blessing to the donor. “For God loves a cheerful giver” (Cor. 9:7).

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

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**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 out to “Witness to Hope.”

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## Sunday Readings

### JULY 2 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a  
 Psalm Psalms 89:2-3, 16-19  
 Reading II Romans 6:3-4, 8-11  
 Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him. He invites us to take up our cross and follow him, and to respond to those who are in need, as did the woman who extended hospitality to Elisha the prophet. Blessed is she who walked in the countenance of the Lord.

### JULY 9 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I Zechariah 9:9-10  
 Psalm Psalms 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14  
 Reading II Romans 8:9, 11-13  
 Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, came to bring peace to all people. We are called to live in his Spirit, to be gracious, merciful, and compassionate to all.

### JULY 16 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I Isaiah 55:10-11  
 Psalm Psalms 65:10-14  
 Reading II Romans 8:18-23  
 Gospel Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." May the soil of our hearts be receptive to the Word and carry it out through the presence of the Spirit.

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