

"No son ustedes los que me han elegido, soy yo quien los ha elegido y los ha destinado para que vayan y den fruto." - Jn 15, 16A

## SMSP GRADUATION MASS REFLECTION by Aren Newby, Class of 2018

Today I have the opportunity to share a slice of what my time at St. Mary's has meant to me, but I encourage my fellow graduates to reflect on their personal experience here. I give this talk on behalf of all of us today, saying the deepest thank you.

Before I came to St. Mary's, I had left the Catholic Church for a few years. I had gone through my freshman year of college without a community to support me in my faith and was floating around spiritually testing the waters in different churches and communities. This time of my life was especially difficult because of the challenges that transitioning to college presents. I remember making frequent calls home feeling like I hadn't made the right decision to come to UofM and was anxious and at unease with my situation. I was struggling to find Jesus in the midst of this year and knew I was searching for more. Entering my sophomore year of college I decided to go to St. Mary's to hopefully find some comfort in the familiarity of the Catholic Church that I had grown up in. I remember sitting in mass for the first time and hearing Fr. Ben talk to the congregation about topics that I had never heard about discussed in church: sports, relationships, social justice, college partying, fear, and the list goes on and on. At the time I wasn't quite sure where I was at in my spiritual journey, or even if I wanted to give effort to my faith life, but I had the urge to know more about the community at St. Mary's and how faith fit into all of these topics. I took a leap and decided to show up to St. Mary's Newman center to meet some people and see if there were any ministries I could get involved in. St. Mary's instantly welcomed me as family like no other community I have experienced before. From the moment I walked into the Newman Center I was greeted by such warm and smiling faces. I was plugged into communities like

confirmation teaching, social justice ministry, and small groups, within a few weeks. I was given the chance to travel to Washington D.C. for the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice where I saw thousands of Catholic peers and leaders advocating for social change with a focus on Catholicism. But even more than this, the community at St. Mary's showed love to me, and all of my graduates who are sitting here today, for just being myself. This space. This staff. This community has embraced me. My friends and family I have made here have let me be my quirky, obnoxious, hug-loving self to its fullest and have embraced every flaw and strength that I have to give. Thank you to all of St. Mary's community for challenging me to grow in ways that I have not imagined. For encouraging me to be a leader and model in spirituality when I felt I was far too unqualified. Thank you for showing me that walking with Jesus can be exciting and doing it as a Catholic is incredible. Thank you St. Mary's for loving me even though I may have cleaned out the fridge on countless occasions, have fallen asleep in the pews at adoration, broken a table here and there, and in all of my flaws. I am truly surprised that you trusted me with a microphone every Thursday night at Ig.nite, but I have never grown so much then as I did during my internship at SMSP. This community saw something in me that I couldn't see for myself, that I was worthy and capable of more than I could imagine. My time here taught me to truly listen to others and to show up. While here, I strived to add a little bit of joy to those around me by introducing myself to an unfamiliar face and the people I met are some of my best friends today. You have embraced each and every one of us in the highs and the lows of college and have supported us with a hug, a thinking-of-you-text, and lifted us up in prayer. I speak for us all when I say that I am deeply grateful for the way this

community has not only I loved me through it all, good and bad, but has helped bring out my authentic self and has drawn me closer to a relationship with Jesus that I can find peace beyond all understanding in the midst that the unknowingness the future provides.

I am truly sad to be physically leaving this community next year, but I am overjoyed to know that the prayers, virtual hugs, and love will continually be sent to me by this community. As I leave St. Mary's, I am excited to incorporate what I have learned, spiritually and professionally, into my everyday life and career in the medical profession. While I hope to one day work as a physician assistant I will strive to model the love that I have received during my time here toward my patients and care for them in a way that I have been cared for. Entering a new faith community will present challenges of its own, but I am encouraged to continually seek the sacraments that the Catholic Church provides and be strengthened each day to continually serve. I hope to be a beacon of hope for those on the margins in any aspect of life and live out the rich history of social justice in the Jesuit tradition, advocating for those in need. Living intentionally, prayerfully, and choosing each day to walk beside Jesus is not always easy--and trust me, I have chosen far too many days to pass on the walk-- but my life has been transformed for saying Yes to a relationship with JC. Walking through the doors of St. Mary's was a decision that I am forever grateful for. I couldn't imagine it any other way. This has been the greatest community for studying, laughing, eating and more eating. Did I mention eating?? On behalf of us all, I am grateful. SMSP became a home during my time here. And I am grateful for the home that welcomed me so effortlessly. I love you all and Congratulations. Thank you.



## **FAREWELL RECEPTIONS** FOR FR. BEN

SUN, MAY 20 9:15 AM & 1:15 PM

All are invited to join us as we say farewell to Fr. Ben. We are hosting two receptions on Sunday, May 20th after the 8:30 AM and 12:00 noon masses in Newman Hall.

Light refreshments will be serve.

#### **MEETINGS & EVENTS: MAY 6-11**

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 6**

Children's Liturgy	10:15 AM	Newman Hall+
Catechesis of the Good Shep.	11:15 AM	Rectory Lounge
Coffee & Donuts	11:15 AM	Newman Hall
English as a Second Language	12:45 PM	Newman Hall
Hispanic Choir Practice	1:00 PM	Music Room
Hisp/Lat Children's Liturgy	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
1st Communion Rehearsal	3:30 PM	Church

#### **MONDAY, MAY 7**

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 & Dinner	7:00 PM	Donnelly Hall

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 8**

Pray the Rosary	5:45 PM	Church
ROOTED	6:30 PM	Newman Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 9**

Reconciliation 5:45 PM Church

#### **THURSDAY, MAY 10**

Women of the Heart 10:15 AM Donnelly Hall

#### **SATURDAY, MAY 12**

First Communion 4:00 PM Church

#### **MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 6-11**

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 6**

8:30 AM	Mass for	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Mass for	+Diane Hanselman
12:00 PM	Mass for	+Becky Hilger
2:00 PM	Mass for	Juan José Stabilito
5:00 PM	Mass for	+Gim-Fung Wong

#### **MONDAY, MAY 7**

5:10 PM Mass for Katie Fuller

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 8**

5:10 PM Joan & Scott Alexander and Mass for

Family

#### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 9**

5:10 PM Mass for The Castaño Family

#### **THURSDAY, MAY 10**

5:10 PM Mass for +Andrew Olert

#### FRIDAY, MAY 11

12:10 PM Mass for +Tony Porras

#### SUMMER SCHEDULE

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE** 

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

#### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

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

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Sunday 8:00 AM-6:30 PM Monday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Tues/Thurs 9:00 AM-6:00 PM Wednesday 9:00 AM-7:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Open during Weddings Saturday

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wed after 5:10 PM Mass or by appt

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



#### **COFFEE & DONUTS**

SUN, MAY 6 | 11:15 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!

#### WOMEN OF THE HEART

THURS, MAY 10 | 10:15 AM LAST ONE UNTIL THE FALL

Women of every age are invited to connect, be inspired, and celebrate their faith with one another. May 10 topic: Simplicity - Richard Rohr speaks of creation as the "Other Bible." Earth is our teacher, as God's revelation...Beauty within helps us recognize beauty in our world.

Contact Patty pmmm@comcast.net or Phyllis pbmclaughlin@comcast.net

#### **BAPTISM CLASS**

5/21, 6/24 & 7/30 ATTEND ONE CLASS ONLY

Baptism classes are held in English and Spanish one Monday evening each month. Information packets are available in the parish office and should be picked up at least one week prior to class date.

For Spanish class-Amy aketner@smspewman.org

For English class-Carol ckonczal@umich.edu

#### **WEDDING BANNS**

Michael Lauber & Kathleen Darcy-June 9 Jeffrey Geyser & Shelley Turzewski -June 9

#### **ALPHA HOUSE**

TUES, MAY 14-19 | 7-8:30 PM

St. Mary Student Parish is seeking volunteers to help at Alpha House, an organization that provides temporary shelter, food, and support services for families in Washtenaw County. Volunteers are needed for May 14th-19th, and you can help by providing a main dish or side dish for dinner, serving the meal, being with children during activity time, or being an overnight volunteer.

Sign up to participate by following this link: tinyurl.com/SMSP-AH-May2018

For any questions, email: stmarys.alphahouse@gmail.com

# LATIN AMERICA TASK FORCE DINNER AND A MOVIE

FRI, MAY 18 | 7-8:30 PM

Join LATF to share a delicious dinner and a film pertaining to current Latin American issues: *Berta Vive* 

Berta Vive documents the life and death of Honduran leader and recipient of the 2015 Goldman Environmental Prize, Berta Caceres. It follows her campaign of resistance against the Agua Zarca Dam and her dedication to environmental protection and community activism.

Dinner 6:30 pm, Movie 7:00 pm, discussion following DINNER OPTION: \$8.00 Pilar's Tamales Meal - Includes one Tamale with salsa, organic casamiento, fried plantains, and curtido (veg. option available) Please RSVP to jane@icpj.org to guarantee your meal.

#### **SMSP DISCUSSION GROUP**

SUN, MAY 20 | 3:15 PM

The May 20 meeting of the St. Mary Discussion group will feature a discussion regarding why our young people are leaving the Catholic Church. As usual, plan to arrive about 3pm for coffee, cookies, and conversation. The program will begin about 3:15and end by 5pm.

For more information, contact Sherry Warden at sswarden@umich.edu or 734-663-8818

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

SUN, JUNE 3 | 9AM-3PM

Put the power of faith into action and help save a life!

Walk-ins are welcome, or go online at redcrossblood.org and enter our sponsor code goblue to schedule your appointment today

#### **CENTERING PRAYER**

MONDAYS | 6:30 PM

Centering Prayer is a silent practice of prayer that rests on the faith that Christ is present within by his Holy Spirit. It is an excellent preparation for contemplative prayer, which is a grace or gift bestowed by God.

Centering Prayer is an intentional openness to, or practice of "waiting" on God, encouraging the building of a more intimate relationship with Jesus and the movement of the Holy Spirit. It is rooted in centuries-old monastic prayer. The book "Open Heart, Open Mind" by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO is a good introduction. The first Monday of each month we listen to an introduction to centering prayer and then pray for 20 minutes. Otherwise, we typically sit and pray for two 20-minute sessions with a short meditative walk in between. All are welcome.

Contact Serena Larson serena68@comcast.net

#### **LGBT OUTREACH MINISTRY**

1ST & 3RD TUES | 7-8:30 PM

The LGBT group is sponsored by St. Mary Student Parish and meets twice a month. 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

# GRAD GROUP/YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

#### **MASS & DINNER EVENING**

MON, MAY 7 | 7:00 PM

Monthly Mass & Dinner for Grad/YP. Join us to worship, connect, and enjoy a delicious homemade dinner with our Grad/YP community.

#### **SPIRITUAL DIRECTIONS**

MON, MAY 21 | 7:00 PM

Join us for dessert and time to socialize or network with other grad students and young professionals. A different speaker each month will lead us into faith-based discussion.

#### **PICNIC IN THE ARB**

**SUN, JUNE 3** 1:30PM

Join us in Newman Lounge, 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, or 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 near the Geddes Road entrance. (In case of bad weather, we will postpone until the following Sun, Jun 10.)

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

# CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

Today we welcome and rejoice with Steven McCarthy, who is celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at the 5 p.m. Mass.

Steven prepared throughout the year with our RCIA group for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. However, he was unable to attend the Easter Vigil Mass due to illness. Fr. Joe Wagner, our RCIA director, is conferring these sacraments today.

Please keep Steven and all our newly baptized and confirmed candidates in your prayers.

#### **HELP WANTED**

St. Mary Student Parish, staffed by priests of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), is accepting applications for the following positions:

#### HISPANIC/LATINO SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION COORDINATOR

Responsible for overseeing monthly H/L Family Faith Formation Sundays, preparing for and supporting monthly H/L Sacramental Preparation Sundays, assisting with translation of materials for all H/L Sacramental Preparation Programs, collaborating, assisting, and attending all H/L Sacramental Liturgies and Rehearsals, assisting with Teen Confirmation for H/L Families and attending monthly Sacramental Preparation Lead Team and Hispanic/Latino Ministry Lead Team meetings.

#### **MUSIC COORDINATOR**

Responsible for overseeing all aspects of liturgical music for St. Mary's sacramental celebrations and ensures that music leads prayer and is of high musical quality. The Music Coordinator also mentors and empowers music ministers according to the philosophy of music at St. Mary Student Parish.

For more information on this position and other employment opportunities at St. Mary Student Parish, please visit our website stmarystudentparish.org/about/employment-opportunities



#### **PRAY THE ROSARY**

TUESDAYS | 5:45 PM

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

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

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

MONDAYS | 7:00 PM

"The Bible and the Virgin Mary"
Mary the mother of Jesus is important, but do you fully grasp how essential she really is to us as Catholics? Come draw closer to Mary with our bible study and our new approach to learning from our beloved scriptures, including video!

"The Bible and the Virgin Mary" unveils the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of sacred scripture. It's based on the book "Hail Holy Queen" by Scott Hahn, a convert to the Catholic faith whose deep biblical insights promise to amaze and astound even those who are well-acquainted with the bible.

Each meeting will include a 30-minute video followed by guided discussion and snacks. No need to sign up, just drop in! As you enter the church, please see the white board in the atrium for our assigned room for that evening. Contact Kathy Ann at 734-668-7437.

#### **DELONIS COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

Each 1st and 5th Friday of the month, St. Mary Student Parish provides volunteers to cook and serve the evening meal at the Delonis Center in Ann Arbor. We are still in need of volunteers for many of our upcoming dates. You can sign up to volunteer for one meal or multiple. The Delonis Center is located at 312 W. Huron Street. Sign up to volunteer by following this link: bit.ly/delonis Contact jderry@smspnewman.org

#### **HILL HOUSE MEAL**

St Mary's Faith & Justice Ministry is seeking volunteers to help feed the homeless in Ann Arbor. We are committed to providing a Sunday meal quarterly for the residents that meet weekly at **HILL HOUSE** for dinner.

Meal format is set and sign-up is done electronically. Hill House is located at 3501 Stone School Road.

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

Contact Erin 5telemaco@comcast.net if you would like to be added to the volunteer group list.

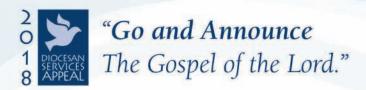
#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Whether you are planning to get married at St. Mary or elsewhere, we can help you prepare. Our marriage prep also includes a two-day retreat led by vibrant married couples in our parish.

Contact Julie Mussio jmussio@smspnewman.org

#### **LOST & FOUND**

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



#### 2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Diocesan Services Appeal. Sharing your blessings enables dozens of ministries to help people both spiritually and physically – bringing hope, comfort, and salvation to so many in our diocese.

As we work to reach our parish goal, we pray for those who have not yet made your gift. We pray that you answer the call to discipleship, unity, and our shared responsibility to be the Good News of Christ with the world.

To help with your discernment, listed below are answers to some common questions you may have about the DSA.

## We just gave to the Witness to Hope Campaign. Why is it important to contribute to DSA?

Thank you for contributing to our first-ever diocese-wide capital campaign, Witness to Hope. It was a momentous effort to invest in the future of our Church. Approximately 50% of the funds raised will be returned to parishes for their selected projects. In addition, six endowments have been established at The Catholic Foundation to support vital designated purposes of the wider Church long into the future. However, contributions to DSA are used for a different purpose.

#### What is the difference in the use of DSA gifts and Witness to Hope gifts?

Consider this analogy. An individual invests in the future by buying or building a home. He or she then needs to provide for the operation and maintenance of that home. Witness to Hope gifts are a long term investment in the future of the church. DSA gifts support ongoing efforts at our parishes, schools, and across the diocese.

Both types of gifts are necessary and responsible uses of the financial gifts with which God has graced us as the stewards of His Holy Catholic Church.

## What are some examples of the ministries and services supported by the DSA?

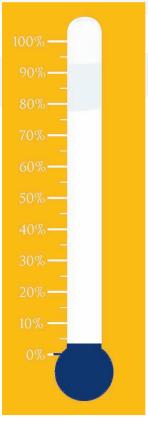
The televised outreach that Diocese of Lansing provides for those living in retirement communities, nursing homes and other group living situations - as well as the elderly, homebound, physically ailing individuals and the imprisoned.

Catholic Charities agencies' faith-based counseling for our brothers and sisters who are hurting and struggling.

The Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp that offers the next generation of Catholic leaders guidance and formation into Disciples of Christ.

Visit the display in the atrium to see the answers to other frequently asked questions, check out our parish's progress, or to pick up a gift envelope.





## **FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018**

#### Year-to-Date Offering Report as of 04/29/2018



# Keeping Students Connected to the Catholic Church.

Newman Connection's High School Outreach Program keeps high school and college students connected to Catholic campus ministry.

When students sign-up with Newman Connection, their information will be automatically sent to the Campus minister at the colleges of their choice. The Campus Minister can then reach out to the student prior their arrival on campus. This effort has shown great success.

We are keeping students connected to the Catholic Church using technology and social media.

To find out more, please go to newmanconnection.com. Or contact Cassie Campton at (866) 815.2034 ext. 708, ccampton@newmanconnection.com

Forms are in the office or you can fill out the form below and hand it in to the office.

#### **RACE AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

The next listening session on Race and Catholic Schools meeting of the Diocesan Task Force on Race and Catholic Schools will be at **5:00pm, Wed, May 9** at Queen of the Miraculous Medal, 606 South Wisner Street, Jackson.

#### PRIVATE DIRECTED RETREAT

JULY 16-20 Weber Retreat Center
1257 E. Siena Hgts Dr, Adrian, MI
Reflect peacefully, rest in God's presence, get
refreshed, and restored in this 5-day retreat.
Experience the serenity and clarity that comes from
listening to God's Holy Spirit within you, guided by
daily spiritual direction to help you process and
clarify your insights. Cost is \$425 which includes
private room, meals and daily spiritual
direction. Commuter rate \$225.

Register at 517-266-4000 or http:// weber.adriandominicans.org/Programs/Programs/ tabid/1092/ArticleId/1866/Private-Directed-Retreat.aspx

## **Student Contact Information**

Congratulations! We know college is going to be a busy time for you and adjusting to collegiate life can be overwhelming. We are here to help you make that transition a positive experience by connecting you to the Catholic campus ministry of your chosen college. The contact information below will be sent to Campus Minister so they can welcome you to campus and help you with the transition into your new life.

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and Kathy Zukowski

#### MAY 6

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading I Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm Ps 98:1-4

Reading II 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

Let us love one another as Christ has loved us by offering himself for our sins. His love is to be revealed to all the world, as Peter himself taught.

#### **MAY 13**

#### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

 Reading I
 Acts
 1:1-11

 Psalm
 Ps
 47:2-3, 6-9

 Reading II
 Eph
 4:1-13

 Gospel
 Mk
 16:15-20

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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