

El lo apartó a un lado de la gente, le metió los dedos en los oídos y le tocó la lengua con saliva. Después, mirando al cielo, suspiró y le dijo: "¡Effetá!" (que quiere decir "¡Abrete!"). - Mc 7, 33-34

TRANSFORMATIONAL EXPERIENCE AT SMSP BY AMELIA GRIFFIFTH



"Go to church!"
was one of the last
things my mom
reminded me to do
the very first time
she and my dad
dropped me off on
campus. I nodded

dutifully, but I only made it to a 10 AM Mass at St. Mary one time during my first month of school.

It wasn't that I didn't want to go to Mass – it was that I didn't want to get up for Mass. I'm not a morning person, and mindlessly assumed that as was in my small hometown, Mass here would only be offered in the morning. Without parents nagging me to get up, it was too easy to hit the snooze button and go back to sleep instead.

At the end of September that year, I saw an email advertising the final days to sign up for the Big/Little program at SMSP. I was not even a little bit enthused by the idea and remain convinced it was not of my own convictions, but rather of those of the Holy Spirit that I filled out that Google form. I was paired with a kind and caring sister in Christ who encouraged me to come to Mass at 9:00 PM.

At St. Mary, I was welcomed into a community where I feel fully known and loved. I've been able to get to know fellow students and our campus ministers as we've planned Ig.nite and

special events, and I've been on ASB trips to Louisville and Baltimore. One of my most transformational experiences, however, was last year, as a student catechist in the Family Faith Formation program.

This responsibility was overwhelming. I didn't feel I was qualified to teach a sweet bunch of fourth graders about a faith I felt I still had so much to learn about. I was familiar with our faith's basic foundations, but I still felt like I was standing on shaky ground. It felt like a lot at first, to somehow fit all of the Beatitudes into one session, and the Ten Commandments into another. I was also asked a lot of questions I had no idea how to answer.

What I learned as a catechist, however, was how much beauty there was in all of this. God moves us in phenomenal ways, especially when it is to gather in His name and to share in His word. Our first lesson was about who God was and what God meant to us, and I remember being filled with so much joy as we got to engage in nourishing conversation about where we saw God in our lives. Right before my eyes was the future church, and I was left in this kind of wondrous awe of not only of their curiosity, but also of their intelligence, understanding, and their unshakeable beliefs in God.

As a catechist, I feel I've learned twice as much as I taught. My faith was

renewed as I bore witness to these children of God coming together, and using their newfound theological knowledge for something bigger — seeing and knowing and listening to God in their lives. I want to encourage all of our students to prayerfully consider this opportunity to help build up the Kingdom of God.

We invite all undergraduate and graduate students to consider opportunities to teach and mentor others at SMSP.

Please visit our website for more information and to sign up!

https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/campus-ministry/catechist-formation/

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon, 2:00 PM (Sp), 5:00 PM & 9:00 PM

DAILY

Monday-Thursday 5:10 PM Friday 12:10 PM

OFFICE HOURS

 Sunday
 8:00 AM-9:00 PM

 Mon-Thurs
 9:00 AM-9:00 PM

 Friday
 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

 Saturday
 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 7:30 PM Wednesday after 5:10 PM Mass By appointment 734-663-0557

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MEETINGS & EVENTS: SEPT 9-16

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Choir Practice before Mass	8:00 AM	Music Room
Choir Practice before Mass	9:00 AM	Music Room
Children's Liturgy	10:15 AM	Newman Hall+
Choir Practice before Mass	10:30 AM	Music Room
English as a Second Language	12:45 PM	Newman Hall
Hispanic/Latino Choir Practice	1:00 PM	Music Room
Hispanic/Latino Children's Lit.	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
Special Event Team Meeting	6:30 PM	Rectory Dining Room
Reconciliation	7:30 PM	Church

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Centering Prayer	6:30 PM	Richard Room
Born for Joy	7:00 PM	Monteith Room
Parish Bible Study	7:00 PM	Newman Room
Grad/YP Mass & Dinner	7:00 PM	Church & Donnelly Hal

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Catholic Thinkers Book Club 7:00 PM Loyola Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Reconciliation 5:45 PM Church
RCIA 7:00 PM Donnelly Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

women of the Heart	10:12 AIVI	Donnelly Hall
lg.nite	5:10 PM	Church & Newman Hall
Restore	7:30 PM	Rectory Lounge

SUNDAY, SEPT 16

Mass of the Holy Spirit

Choir Practice before Mass	8:00 AM	Music Room
Choir Practice before Mass	9:00 AM	Music Room
FFF Parent Orientation	9:15 AM	Loyola Room
Children's Liturgy	10:15 AM	Newman Hall+
Choir Practice before Mass	10:30 AM	Music Room
FFF Potluck	11:15 AM	Newman Hall
FFF 1st Communion Orientation	12:15 AM	Donnelly Hall
English as a Second Language	12:45 PM	Donnelly Hall
Hispanic Choir Practice	1:00 PM	Music Room
Hisp/Lat Children's Liturgy	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
Teen Confirmation Orientation	3:15 PM	Donnelly Hall
Hispanic/Latino Potluck	3:15 PM	Newman Hall
Fresh Gathering	6:00 PM	Newman Hall+
High School Youth Group	6:30 PM	Rectory Dining Room
Reconciliation	7:30 PM	Church

9:00 PM

Church

MASS INTENTIONS: SEPT 9-14

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:30 AM	Mass for	+John Faerber
10:00 AM	Mass for	+Steen N. Christensen
12:00 PM	Mass for	+Marvin Pribyl
2:00 PM	Mass for	People of the Parish
5:00 PM	Mass for	+Kia-Sheng Eaow
9:00 PM	Mass for	Benefactors of SMSP and
		Campus Ministry

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5:10 PM Mass for Souls of Purgatory

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:10 PM Mass for Garcia-Hernandez Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:10 PM Mass for +Antonio & Olga Morales

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

5:10 PM Mass for +John Fung

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:10 PM Mass for +Thassanee Dejthamrong

ST MARY DISCUSSION GROUP

SUN, SEPT 23 | 3:00 PM

Discussion group meets one Sunday a month from 3-5 pm in Donnelly Hall to discuss current topics of interest and to offer support to the parish. We gather at 3 pm for coffee, cookies and conversation. Discussion begins at 3:15 and continues until 5 pm. Topics for this academic year will be determined by the group at the 9/23 meeting. Bring ideas and suggestions for topics, articles, or presenters. New members are warmly welcomed and meetings are open to parish members and guests.

For more information, or to be added to the email list, contact Sherry Warden at sswarden@umich.edu or at 734-663-8818

BUSY PERSON RETREAT (BPR)

The BPR allows you to make time for God in the midst of your regular hectic schedule. Bring the joys and concerns of your daily life into conversation with Jesus and a spiritual companion. Invite the Holy Spirit into your decision making and all aspects of your life. Retreatants commit to 15 minutes of individual daily prayer and 30-45 minutes of conversation each week with a spiritual companion. Sign-up here: goo.gl/dpZe9u

MASS & DINNER EVENING

MON, SEPT 10 | 7:00-9:00 PM

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

LEAD TEAM OPEN MEETING

MON, SEPT 17 | 7-8:30PM

The Grad/YP lead team invites all Grad Students and Young Professionals to join us for an open meeting of the lead team. Come help us brainstorm, share ideas, plan for future activities and events with the Grad/YP group.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTIONS

MON, SEPT 24 | 7:00-9:00 PM

Join us for dessert and time to socialize or network with other grad students and young professionals. A different speaker or opportunity for prayer and reflection will be featured each month. September's speaker is Fr. Dan Reim, SJ. He will speak on "Virtue and Grace: An approach to morality and spirituality"

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

Undergrad & Grad Students

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We invite all undergraduate and graduate students to consider opportunities to teach and mentor others at SMSP. Teaching opportunities include a variety of catechism programs where you can share your faith with the youth of our parish, as well as the opportunity to teach English to non-native speakers through the English as a Second Language Program.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHING ARE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- FAMILY FAITH FORMATION
- TEEN CONFIRMATION
- HISPANIC/LATINO CATECHISM PROGRAM
- HISPANIC/LATINO MINISTRY CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
- ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM
- RCIA

Please visit our website for more information and to sign up! https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/campus-ministry/catechist-formation/

MADE FOR HAPPINESS

On September 22nd, the Diocese of Lansing is hosting Made for Happiness, a gathering of 15,000 Catholics for the largest gathering of Catholics in our Diocesan history. We are gathering a group of UM students to go!

The assembly is at the Breslin Center on Michigan State's campus and will feature great speakers and a diocesan wide closing mass! The day begins with a Eucharistic procession from the cathedral downtown at 9:00 am! Come join other Michigan students!

Learn more at https://madeforhappiness.org/

welcome students!

Busy Person Retreat

This fall, make time for God in the midst of your regular hectic schedule. Bring the joys and concerns of your daily life into conversation with Jesus and a spiritual companion. Invite the Holy Spirit into your decision making and all aspects of your life. Retreatants (undergrads and grad/young professionals) commit to 15 minutes of individual daily prayer and 40-45 minutes of conversation each week with a provided spiritual companion.

The Campus Ministry team will use the preferences you indicate on your registration form to prayerfully match you with a spiritual companion who best meets your needs and desires. Click on the following link to learn more about spiritual companionship (often called spiritual direction): http:// www.ignatianspirituality.com/making-good-decisions/spiritual-direction/

The deadline to register is Tuesday, September 18th.

If you have any questions, contact BPR Coordinator, Jenny Line jline@smspnewman.org. Register Sept 2-18: goo.gl/tc5zsw

ig. Mite thursdays @ 5:10 PM

St. Ignatius told his fellow Jesuits to "go forth and set the world on fire." Our undergraduate-led ministry draws its inspiration from Ignatius with a dual purpose: to welcome students into the parish, bringing them together as an undergraduate community through celebrating mass, sharing a meal, and allowing them to engage with faith as it interacts in their everyday lives as college students. Ig.nite meets every Thursday of the academic year (except holidays) for a student-

led 5:10 pm mass in the church followed by a meal, some guided conversation, and socializing. The evening typically wraps up by 7:00 pm.



Special topic on September 6th: Rejoice and Be Glad Our theme for the year, rejoice and be glad, finding holiness in the mundane and extraordinary of our lives presented by Ali Q. Reis. Contact Ali areis@smspnewman.org

restore after ig. mite thursdays @ 7:30 PM

Looking to become more engaged in the Mass and attentive to the action of God in your life? Restore is an open, undergraduate faith sharing group focused on restoring faith, friendships, and the kingdom of God. We read the readings for the coming Sunday and focus on seeing God in action in our lives. Come meet other undergrads, have authentic conversations and build real relationships and community. No need to sign up, just drop in! Contact Jess jessjana@umich.edu.

fresh gathering sunday, sept 16 @ 6:00 PM

Freshmen and first-year students! You will hear a lot of voices telling you who are and who to become start anew and let God define who you are. Join us for fellowship, fun, a home-cooked meal, and learn how St. Mary can be your new home away from home.

RSVP link: goo.gl/JphAiA

mass of the holy spirit sunday, sept 16@ 9:00 PM

Special blessing for students, faculty, and staff during a candlelit mass.

sunday nights @ smsp

- Evening Masses at 5 & 9 PM
- Confessions at 7:30 PM
- Snacks in the Newman Lounge from 6-9 PM
- Open until midnight for students Sunday-Thursday

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS | 7:00-8:30 PM

Practice scripture-based faith sharing in small discussion groups which are guided by church -approved commentaries, question guides, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Contact Kathy Ann 734.668.7437

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. 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 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 weena@umich.edu

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. Visit www.saa-recovery.org

WOMEN OF THE HEART

THURS, SEPT 13 | 10:10AM

Women of every age are invited to connect, and celebrate their faith with one another. Women of the Heart meets one Thursday each month from 10:15 am to 12 pm to enjoy light refreshments and explore relevant topics.

This year's theme is Pope Francis' Exhortation on Holiness, "Rejoice and Be Glad!" It may be beneficial to purchase "Rejoice and Be Glad" to have as a resource as we progress thru this work. Sister Carol Johannes, O.P. and Nancy Mason Bordley have planned for a year rich in content.

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

LGBT OUTREACH MINISTRY

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

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

CATHOLIC THINKERS BOOK CLUB

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH | 7-8:30PM

FALL: The book club will examine issues around stewardship.

Sept 11: "Who Will Provide? The Changing Role of Religion in American Social Welfare" by Mary Jo Bane, Brent Coffin, and Ronald Thiemann. Related information can be found at: https://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/news/releases/2001/08/text/unlevelfield2.html

Oct 9: Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, "Gaudete et Exsultate" available for download here (in English): https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.pdf

Nov 13: "The Vice of Luxury: Economic Excess in a Consumer Age" by David Cloutier. This 2016 book will be available on reserve at Literati or may be obtained through the usual other sources.

Dec 11: "The Gift of Peace" by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, which takes a look at one man's late-life understanding of himself in relation to the world.

For more information, contact Liz at YpsiLiz2006@gmail.com

FAITH FORMATION FOR 3-5 YEAR OLDS

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in Sacred Scripture, Liturgy, and respect for the child's rich relationship with God. Central to CGS is the atrium, a room containing beautiful materials that focus the child's attention on key scripture passages or liturgical moments. After an introduction by the catechist, the children are invited to work with the materials on their own to continue their meditation. Because children learn by using their hands, working with materials allows them to enter more deeply into meditation, nurturing their relationship with God.

We invite children ages 3-5 years who are either in preschool or young 5s programs to participate. This faith formation opportunity will be held once a month after the 10:00 AM Mass from 11:15 AM-12:45 PM (September 23, October 14, November 4, December 9 with 2019 dates TBD). It is a drop- off program. Materials cost is \$35 per child for the year and scholarships are available. Enrollment is limited, register before September 20 at https://goo.gl/forms/HahihByVf8VE7rdM2.

For more information, please contact Catechists Katie Baidel and Maria Laberteaux at smsp.cgs@gmail.com.

INFANT BAPTISM

9/17, 10/29, 11/26, 12/10. only *need to attend 1 class*. 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.

Contact Carol ckonczal@umich.edu for English
Contact Amy aketner@smspnewman.org for Spanish

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

KICK-OFF ON SUN, SEPT 16 | 6:30 PM

All high school students are invited to drop in for Youth Group. Twice-a-month gatherings are held on Sunday evenings (6:30 to 8 p.m.), and will include talks and discussions led by college students. With food, games and prayer, teens will also explore where God is in the midst of their busy and sometimes messy lives. Additional social and service opportunities will be offered. Come see what it's all about!

Contact Rita rzyber@smspnewman.org

"Our hearts are restless until they find rest in you."
-- St. Augustine

Serve Others

ATTENTION TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE A MUSICAL GIFT

God calls us to share our talents with the church, and we need yours! If you have a heart for singing, please join one of our choirs. We are looking to start a choir at the 5pm Mass and a student choir at the 9pm Mass, but will always welcome new vocalists to our existing groups at 8:30 am, 10 am, noon, and 2 pm (Spanish).

If you have any questions, please email Kristin Berger, Music Coordinator, at kberger@smspnewman.org or talk to the director at your favorite Mass. We hope to sing with you soon!

CAN YOU HELP LEAD A SMALL GROUP?

Small Church Communities (or SCCs) are a great way to get more involved with your faith and with the community here at St. Mary Student Parish. In order to provide enough groups this Fall, we need more facilitators.

Materials, guidance and prayer suggestions are provided. Facilitators help to keep the group on track and moving forward with fruitful discussion. You can choose a time and day that works best for you. Please contact Rita Zyber for more information. rzyber@smspnewman.org.

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: VIGIL FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

In every Catholic church, a candle perpetually burns near the tabernacle, a reminder of the presence of the Body of Christ.

As members of the Body of Christ, we join in this ancient tradition as we keep vigil with immigrant families—those separated at our southern border, over continents by forced migration, or torn apart by deportation, as many are here in our parish.

Symbolized by the candle burning near the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the atrium, our St. Mary community continues to keep watch and pray.

May we, the Body of Christ, be a light in the darkness.



Light in the Darkness: Vigil for Immigrant Families is a program of the Campaign for Hospitality.

To learn more, please visit:







PRAYING WITH OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SIGN UP IN THE ATRIUM TODAY!

St. Mary is excited to announce a new opportunity to pray together as a community. Each week a family from the parish will receive a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to pray with her all week. They will pick up the statue on Sunday, pray with her all week, and then return her the following Sunday so that a new family can receive her in their home. We will do this from now until the Feast Day of Our Lady on Wednesday, December 12. If you would like to sign up for a week, please leave your name and number on the sign up sheet in the atrium.

For more information contact Amy aketner@smspnewman.org



CROP HUNGER WALK



Join us for the 44th Annual Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, Sept. 30th. CROP

Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. More than 1,600 walks take place across the U.S. annually - this historic Ann Arbor 5K walk has happened annually since 1975 and has raised a total of over \$3 million. Last year, over 300 individuals walked and raised over \$25,000.

75% of funds raised will be granted to Church World Service and their partner agencies. The remaining 25% will be granted to various local hunger and poverty relief organizations. Additionally at the event, we will be collecting non-perishable food items which will be donated to a local food pantry.

Registration for the walk begins at 1:00 PM, send-off service and walk begin at 2:00 PM at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard Street, in Ann Arbor.

To join our team, look for *St. Mary Student Parish* team on the

<u>hunger.cwsglobal.org</u> site or

follow the link on the SMSP website

https://www.crophungerwalk.org/ annarbormi/Team/View/84429/St-Mary-Student-Parish. Paper envelopes are also available upon request.

Can't walk? Please consider supporting our team with a donation via the CWS website or drop off a check in the parish office (made out to CWS/CROP). Thanks for your support and prayers. Hope to see you at the Walk on Sun., Sept. 30th.

For more information, contact Lisa Hirsch at 734-741-1235 or mcdfam5@sbcglobal.net.

Parish Financial Update

FISCAL YEAR END 2018/2019

Year-to-Date Offering Report as of 09/02/2018



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\$176,000
\$175,094
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Sunday Offering Report as of 09/02/2018

September Budget Goal	\$19,000
Sunday 09/02/2018 (Week 10)	\$21,820
Above (Below) Weekly Goal	\$2.820



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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SEPTEMBER 9

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

 Reading I
 Is
 35:4-7a

 Psalm
 Ps
 146:7-10

 Reading II
 Jas
 2:1-5

 Gospel
 Mk
 7:31-37

The advent of the age of salvation is upon us; the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up. The kingdom is made manifest around the Eucharistic table, where rich and poor alike are invited to feast.

SEPTEMBER 16

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

 Reading I
 Is
 50:5-9a

 Psalm
 Ps
 116:1-6, 8-9

 Reading II
 Jas
 2:14-18

 Gospel
 Mk
 8:27-35

Discipleship entails denying our very selves and following the way of the Lord, a way of suffering and service. In professing our faith in him, we can rely on the Lord for strength and salvation.

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