



ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 2, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

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“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” —Mt 24:42

“Velen, pues, y estén preparados, porque no saben qué día va a venir su Señor”. —Mt 24, 42

Pastoral Perspective

BEING INSTRUMENTS OF JESUS' LOVE, MERCY, COMPASSION AND JUSTICE

BY FR. JAMES GARTLAND, SJ, PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR



I found myself this past weekend sauntering over to the Advent gift baskets here in our atrium after Masses. I was moved to see parents

explaining to their children the concept about giving a Christmas gift to someone in greater need than themselves. One young girl selected a note requesting a Barbie doll, and her younger brother picked the gift of blocks. It's beautiful to see so many of you are fulfilling your commitment as parents to raise your children in our faith.

The season of Advent is my favorite. We hear about angels in our readings, and all of us at St. Mary have had angels in our lives, the reason we are here. We have had messengers sent by God to announce that God is with us. Through grandparents, parents, family, and friends, we have heard and seen angels who have brought us to Jesus and nurtured our friendship with Him. Advent is a time to thank God for the angels of our lives and the gift of our faith.

We're also called to bring Jesus to others. Just as Mary and Joseph responded in faith, "let your will be done", we too are asked to do the same. I am sure Mary and Joseph had long nights attending to their son,

were confused and exhausted at times, and had doubts along the journey. It was certainly excruciating for Mary to walk with her Son on the road to Calvary and be at the foot of the cross, and exhilarating to embrace him upon his resurrection. In the ups and downs and trials of daily living, they kept saying "yes, let your will be done".

In this time of Advent, I am grateful to the gift of faith. I am certain God is with us. I see God's presence in the story of my life. I see God's presence in all of you at St. Mary. I find myself praying in this season of Advent, being quiet and listening, hearing the same message that Joseph and Mary heard, "do not be afraid, God is with you. Go and bring my Son Jesus into the world. With God, all is possible." I find myself grateful for St. Mary Student Parish and all of you. Your faith, your yes that I see every week, deepens my own faith and desire to continue to say yes to God, let your will be done.

In these dark days of December, we prepare to celebrate Christmas. My prayer is to be able to see and hear anew angels from on high, and to be grateful for God's intimate and abiding presence. I pray that this season can deepen our desire to be part of God's plan of redemption, bringing Christ's message to the world. May we be instruments of

Jesus' love, mercy, compassion and justice for all we meet along the way especially to those who are in need of love and compassion. May we prepare to make Christmas merry for others in our love and kindness, as simple as some blocks, a Barbie doll, or a warm sleeping bag.

Have a wonderful Advent and Christmas.

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: DEC 2-8

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Choir Practice before each Mass		Music Room
Family Faith Formation	8:00 AM	All Rooms
Children's Liturgy	10:15 AM	Newman Hall+
ESL	12:45 PM	Donnelly Hall
Hisp/Lat Children's Lit	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
Hisp/Lat Sacramental Prep	3:15 PM	Newman Hall+
Teen Confirmation	3:15 PM	Donnelly Hall+
Outreach Team	4:00 PM	Brittany's Office
Special Event Team Meeting	6:30 PM	Rectory Dining Room
Reconciliation	7:30 PM	Church
Interfaith Lead Team Mtg	8:00 PM	Newman Room

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Centering Prayer	6:30 PM	Richard Room
Born for Joy	7:00 PM	Monteith Room
Bible Study	7:00 PM	Rectory Lounge
Grad/YP Mass & Dinner	7:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
ASB Welcome Gathering	8:00 PM	Newman Hall+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Las Mañanitas y Novena	6:30 AM	Church+
Pray the Rosary after Mass	5:45 PM	Church
ROOTED	6:30 PM	Newman Room
FFF Lead Team Meeting	7:00 PM	Rectory Lounge+
Guadalupe Dance Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Newman Hall
LGBT Outreach Ministry	7:00 PM	Loyola Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Las Mañanitas y Novena	6:30 AM	Church+
SCC Women	9:30 AM	Rectory Lounge
SCC Jolene	4:30 PM	Loyola Room
Reconciliation	5:45 PM	Church
Prayer Team Meeting	6:00 PM	Rectory Lounge
Eucharistic Adoration	6:00 PM	Church
RCIA	7:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
REAL	8:00 PM	Newman Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Las Mañanitas y Novena	6:30 AM	Church+
Choir Practice (lg,nite Mass)	4:15 PM	Music Room
lg.nite	5:10 PM	Church+
Restore after lg.nite	7:30 PM	Rectory Lounge

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Las Mañanitas y Novena	6:30 AM	Church+
Mujeres Poderosas	10:30 AM	Rectory Lounge

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Las Mañanitas y Novena	6:30 AM	Church+
Into the Light	7:45 AM	Rectory Lounge+
Feast Day of Service Mass	10:00 AM	Church
FDS Grab & Go Meal	11:00 AM	Newman Hall
Immaculate Conception Mass	12:00 PM	Church
Feast Day of Service	12:00 PM	Newman Hall/Offsite

MASS INTENTIONS: DEC 2-8

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:30 AM	Mass for	+Edgar Gambin
10:00 AM	Mass for	+Penny Wong
12:00 PM	Mass for	+Becky Hilger
2:00 PM	Mass for	People of the Parish
5:00 PM	Mass for	+Thassanee Dejthamrong
9:00 PM	Mass for	Benefactors of SMSP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:10 PM	Mass for	+Angelina Salomone
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:10 PM	Mass for	+Boon-Aek Dejthamrong
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:10 PM	Mass for	+Kia-Sheng Eaow
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:10 PM	Mass for	+Gim-Fung Wong
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

12:10 PM	Mass for	+Effie Clarke
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

10:00 AM	Mass for	Immigrants & Refugees
12:00 PM	Mass for	Beau Adams

Grad Students and Young Professionals

MASS & DINNER EVENING

MON, DEC 3 | 7:00-9:00 PM

Our Grad/YP Monthly Mass & Dinner this month falls on the feast of Jesuit St. Francis Xavier. Join us to worship, connect, and enjoy a delicious dinner with our Grad/YP community.

ADVENT PRAYER AND SOCIAL

MON, DEC 17 | 7:00 PM

Join your fellow grad students and young professionals to reflect on the Advent season as we approach Christmas. The night will begin with a prayer service at 7 pm at St. Mary's, after which we will head out to a local restaurant or bar to celebrate the upcoming holiday together.

DECEMBER BACCALAUREATE MASS & RECEPTION

FRI, DEC 14 | 5:10 PM

Please join us to celebrate a Baccalaureate Mass honoring the December graduation of our undergrad and grad students. Open to graduates and their families. Mass at 5:10 PM followed by light refreshments. *Please wear your cap and gown and arrive by 4:45 PM for a class photo.*

Please RSVP to Danielle dkopin@smspnewman.org.

REAL

WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM

Weekly meetings for 1.5 hours, drop-in style, to look at scripture, the teachings of the Church, and faith sharing. See description on the "Undergrad Events" page for more information or contact Emily emoll@umich.edu

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

Financial News

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year-to-Date Offering Report as of 11/25/2018

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Annual Budget Goal \$1,020,000

Year-to-Date (YTD) Goal \$386,200

Amount Collected YTD \$409,860

Above (Below) YTD Goal \$23,660

Sunday Offering Report as of 11/25/2018

October Budget Goal \$19,400

Sunday 11/11/2018 (Week 22) \$15,140

Above (Below) Weekly Goal -\$4,260



NO CASH? DONATE USING VENMO!

Give like students give - straight from their smartphone. Venmo, a smartphone app, is a secure platform designed to allow you to make payments, transfer money, and donate quickly and easily to friends, groups, and businesses. Link your bank account (or debit card), choose the recipient of your choice, and hit pay. It's that easy!

Our username is @SMSPumich

You can still donate online and/or with checks and cash. Venmo is simply another way to donate that is more efficient, convenient, and very popular among students. Don't be surprised if you even see smartphones out during the offertory - they're not texting... they're supporting St. Mary!

Undergraduate Events



Thursdays @ 5:10 PM

St. Ignatius told his fellow Jesuits to “go forth and set the world on fire.” Our undergrad-led ministry draws its inspiration from Ignatius with a dual purpose: to welcome students into the parish, bringing them together as an undergrad 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.

Restore after Ig.nite

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, undergrad 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.

REAL

Wednesdays @ 8:00 PM

Goal: To unite young women (undergrad, grad, young professional) through God’s love for us. Not only do we want to share in God’s word during our meetings, but form a community that transforms our lives. This group is there to complement the regular prayer life that the women have, or wish to develop.

Structure: Weekly meetings for 1.5 hours. It will be drop-in style so women are welcome to join whenever throughout the year. Each session will involve looking at scripture, the teachings of the Church, and faith sharing. The women will be encouraged to read and study before coming to the sessions, but things will be recapped at the beginning for those who join that day. Contact Emily emoll@umich.edu

Student Study Days

Extended hours to study for finals

* 9:00 AM to Midnight from Sun-Thurs
Dec 9-13, 16-18

* 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Fri & Sat Dec 14 & 15

We’ll have snacks in quantities most can only dream of and study spaces of varying noise levels.

Campus Ministers are available between 10am-5pm weekdays to pray with and for you during the stress of finals. Stop and see Brian or Jenny to receive prayer or email us at prayer@smspnewman.org to set up a time for prayer.

Undergrad Christmas Party

Fri, Dec. 14 @ 7:00 PM

Celebrate Christmas at SMSP! Bring your best gingerbread house making skills and your ugliest Christmas sweater for the chance to win prizes. Kick off the holidays with cookie decorating, swing dancing, ornament making, and Euchre.

December Baccalaureate Mass & Reception

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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

Advent Season



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

The Children's Christmas Pageant gives our children a wonderful opportunity to tell the Biblical story of Christmas to the parishioners of St. Mary's with drama and song. St. Mary's will have our traditional Christmas Pageant at 3:00pm on Christmas Eve before the 3:30pm Family Mass. All children are welcome to participate as actors (ages 3-9), readers, singers or musicians (ages 7-17) and a variety of other roles.

Rehearsal is the morning of Saturday, December 15th, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM. **You must attend the Rehearsal to participate.**

Information about the specific time you need to be at rehearsal will be emailed to you after the sign up has closed on Dec 11th.

To sign up click on the following link or type it in your browser.

[St. Mary's 2018 X-MAS
PAGEANT SIGN-UP](#)

If you have **any problems with the sign-up** or have general questions, please contact Diane at 810-964-4551 or dbmukkala@gmail.com

**Deadline to sign up is
December 11th 6:00 PM**

DAILY ADVENT PRAYER RESOURCES



Sacred Reading for Advent and Christmas books are available at both church entrances. Excerpt found on Page 1:

Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return. He will return to us in the celebration of Christmas, when we will remember historic coming in the humility of the human condition, but he enters our heart each time we are willing to receive him, and he will come again at the end of time to "judge the living and the dead." Therefore, we must always be vigilant and await the Lord with the hope of encountering him. Pope Frances, Dec 3, 2017

We ask you to take only one per family to ensure there are enough for all.

ON-LINE RESOURCES

We'd also like to encourage using one of the prayer sources available by email, app, or through social media.

HERE ARE A FEW THAT WE RECOMMEND:

Loyola Press offers several opportunities, including a 3-minute retreat and a daily prayer inspiration:

www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer

www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/prayer/daily-inspirations

Pray As You Go app offers an Advent Retreat and daily, downloadable prayers: www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/

Creighton University:

onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/

Finally, you can sign up for daily reflections written by authors from Jesuit schools and organizations throughout the country:

jesuitprayer.org/

INTO THE LIGHT

SATURDAYS 12/01, 12/08, 12/15 & 12/22 AT 7:45 AM

Into the Light is a prayer group that has been meeting on Saturday mornings in Advent and Lent since the 1970's. This Advent the group will meet at 7:45am at the Newman Center for a communion, prayer service and potluck breakfast. We discuss the readings for each Sunday in Advent and share our journey towards the celebration of Christmas through prayer and companionship

Advent Giving Tree

Advent Giving Tree gift tags are still available in the baskets located near the altar, in the atrium and at the back of church. We invite you to take a gift tag and purchase the requested gift to brighten the holiday season for someone in need. You can even get together to purchase a gift with a friend! Below is the list of this year's participating organizations. God bless you for your generosity! *Please note ... All gifts are to be returned by Sunday 12/16 except those for Nurturing Families Washtenaw which must be returned by 12/9. Contact Ally aliedtke@smspnewman.org*

ArborWoman arborwoman.com

ArborWoman supports women in the greater Ann Arbor area who are facing unexpected pregnancies. We provide a trust-based environment in which our programs, including pregnancy testing, limited obstetrical ultrasound, counseling and a wide array of material and spiritual support services, are offered confidentially and free of charge by well-trained personnel.

Delonis Shelter annarborshelter.org

The Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC) offers those experiencing homelessness in our county a wide array of services in one central location, all year long. Serving nearly 1500 adults experiencing homelessness each year the SAWC partners with more than 30 community agencies to make services available.

Dr. Sister Priscilla and Holy Family Virika Catholic Hospital in Uganda

Doctor Sister Priscilla Busingye, friend of St. Mary's, is one of the few obstetricians working in rural western Uganda. She is the Medical Director of Holy Family Virika Catholic Hospital in Fort Portal, where there is about one doctor for every 19,000 people. Born and raised in a nearby village, Sr. Priscilla is committed to improving the health and welfare of the Ugandan people, particularly that of women and children.

Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) eji.org

The Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the US, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

Hope Clinic thehopeclinic.org

Hope Clinic provides compassionate and practical help to those in need. They offer medical care and dental care to the uninsured, plus a variety of social services to minister to the whole person.

Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights wicir.com

The Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR) is an ever-expanding organization that aims to walk with our immigrant brothers and sisters, especially in moments of crisis, and defend immigrant rights. WICIR is motivated to action by the God-given rights of all people to live in a safe and just society regardless of documentation.

Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP)

ignatianspiritualityproject.org

We offer men and women who are homeless and in recovery from addiction the opportunity to change their lives. We believe that Ignatian Spirituality and Ignatian retreats are an effective and important resource in laying a foundation of hope which can lead to long-lasting transformation.

Nurturing Families Washtenaw csswashtenaw.org/parenting-families/nurturingfamilieswashtenaw/

Nurturing Families Washtenaw is a program of Catholic Charities continues to provide expanded and specialized services for young parents.

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) @Alpha House

alphahouse-ihn.org

Alpha House is an emergency shelter for children and their families experiencing homelessness. The impact of our programs is simple – families gain housing and remain together as a family. With our ongoing support and advocacy as needed, families remain securely housed, better able to cope with ongoing challenges and more connected to community resources.

MISSION/Mercy House www.missiona2.org

Mercy House is a St. Mary parishioner's home that has opened its doors to the homeless. The home is a refuge during the day for Washtenaw County residents who need shelter from the winter weather, as well as companionship, warm meals and use of amenities. In the tradition of the Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, this residency seeks to bless others by providing shower facilities, washer and dryer, and even emergency housing.

St. Luke's N.E.W. Life Center, Flint stlukenewlifecenter.com

St. Luke's North End Women's (N.E.W.) Life Center is situated in North Flint and provides a 3-year program of life change (personal growth and development opportunities, basic life and employment skills training) for women who are parenting alone, as well as afterschool and summer programs for children, and basic needs assistance for local families. They also provide GED and literacy classes for men and women as well as computer training.

Shelter of Flint shelterofflint.org

Shelter of Flint owns and manages hundreds of properties in Flint, Michigan and offers a full range of programs that support families in need of emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing as well as first time buyer assistance and senior affordable housing.

Nourish Your Spirit

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & NIGHT OF PRAYER

WED, DEC. 5 | 6:00-10:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration will take place from 6-10pm in the Church. Come when you can and stay as long as you like.

Need prayer? St. Mary's prayer team will be available from 7:30-8:00 PM in the back of the church for anyone needing prayer.

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

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

BORN FOR JOY

MONDAYS | 7:00 PM

A 12-step recovery group for men (ages 18+), who struggle with sexual acting out/porno-graphy and are sincerely looking for hope and help in a community of fellow strugglers. Visit www.saa-recovery.org

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

We are growing, and planning more fun activities!

Sunday, Nov. 25 – We'll kick off the Advent season with prayer and then dive into some conversation on relationships and dating and why it matters to God.

Sunday, Dec. 9 – A party to celebrate Advent and the Christmas season.

Feb. 15-17, 2019 – Mark your calendars for the Winter Break Weekend at Spring Hill Camp, near Ewart, MI.

For information, contact

cgardey@umich.edu or bmchugh@umich.edu

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

INFANT BAPTISM

MON, DEC 10 | 7:00 PM

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

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

MON, DEC 3, 10 & 17 | 7:00-8:30 PM

St. Mary's Bible study invites you to interact with the Holy Spirit as we consider "The Spirit and the Sacraments" This term's study--one that Bishop Earl Boyea is encouraging everyone in the Lansing diocese to experience--is called "The Wild Goose." (Celtic circles referred to the third person in the Trinity as the Wild Goose!) Come watch a short video, discuss it/share your experience, and enjoy a snack. Attend one--or all--sessions:

DEC. 3 "THE SPIRIT CONVICTS"

DEC. 10 "THE SPIRIT'S FREEDOM"

DEC. 17 "THE SPIRIT GIVES WITNESS"

**Planned calendar is subject to slight changes. please call Kathy Ann 734.668.7437 if you are specifically interested in the topic on a given night and we may be able to accommodate your needs!*

CATHOLIC THINKERS BOOK CLUB

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

LAST BOOK THIS SEMESTER:

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.

WINTER: We'll be looking at issues of early Church history, focusing a lot of attention on Saint Paul. Copies of these books will be on reserve at Literati or you may obtain it through any of the other usual sources.

Jan 8: We will start off with Karen Armstrong's 2015 book (only 143 pages) *"Saint Paul: The Apostle We Love to Hate."*

Feb 12: We will continue our study of early church history by taking a deep dive into the thought and ongoing influence of St. Paul in Garry Wills' 2006 book *"What Paul Meant."*

Mar 12: We are starting off Lent by reading Nikos Kazantzakis' novel *"The Last Temptation of Christ,"* a reinterpretation of the Gospels that fleshes out Christ's Passion.

Apr 9: The Catholic Thinkers Book Club will conclude its semester about early Church history by reading Elaine Pagels' *"The Gnostic Gospels."* We will provide updates about where copies may be obtained.

Contact Liz at YpsiLiz2006@gmail.com

WOMEN OF THE HEART

THUR, DEC 13 | 10:15 AM –12:00 PM

Women of every age are invited to connect, be inspired, and celebrate their faith with one another.

Pope Francis' Exhortation On Holiness, Rejoice and Be Glad, will be the springboard for this year's theme. It may be beneficial for you to purchase Rejoice and Be Glad to have as a resource as we progress through this work.

<https://www.amazon.com/Rejoice-Be-Glad-Reading-Exsultate/dp/1627853774>

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

ST MARY DISCUSSION GROUP

SUN, DEC 16 | 3:00 PM

Ken Kollman, the Director of the Center for Political Studies, will join the Discussion Group to lead a discussion of the article *"Our Representatives, Their Servants-- The Growing Threat of Plutocracy"* by Jeff Madrick. He will also talk about the results of the midterm election. The article can be found at: <https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/our-representatives-their-servants>. Or contact Sherry Warden at sswarden@umich.edu and she will send you a pdf of the article. For more information, or to be added to the email list, contact Sherry Warden at or at 734-663-8818 .

STUDENT STUDY SNACKS NEEDED

Students will be studying for finals here at the parish December 11 through December 19. We are asking for donations of snacks to keep them fed during this time. Please use the Sign-Up Genius link to see what is needed and sign up for what you can bring. <http://bit.ly/2018-study-snacks>
Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU!

You may have noticed that we have begun the new Church Year with a set of new vestments for the presiders at mass. We offer our thanks to two generous members of the parish who provided them as a gift. Since the donors are remaining anonymous, you can't thank them directly, but you might offer a prayer of thanks for their presence among us.

Hispanic Latino Ministry

LAS MAÑANITAS

DAILY AT 6:30AM | DEC 4-12 | CHURCH

45 minutes of song and prayer in Spanish leading up to the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tuesday Dec 12.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

TUE, DEC 12 | 7:00 PM

Spanish Mass celebrating the feast of "Our Lady of the Americas" English guides provided. Reception following Mass in Newman Hall.

MASS FOR VENEZUELA & CHRISTMAS CAROLS! MISA POR VENEZUELA Y VILLANCICO

SAT, DEC 15 | 5:30 PM

All are welcome to join us in offering a (Spanish) mass for the people of Venezuela, who continue to suffer a severe economic and political crisis. Mass will be followed by Spanish Christmas Carols and a potluck in Newman Hall.

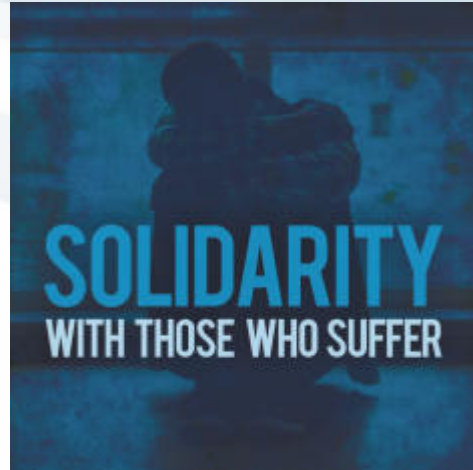
All are invited to join us on Saturday December 15 at 5:30pm for mass, followed by the reception in Newman Hall at 6:30pm.

HISPANIC/LATINO MINISTRY

Come join us in our weekly Spanish mass, and our many other events and programs offered in Spanish. Our Hispanic/Latino community includes a diverse array of students and resident parishioners. Many in the Ministry are bilingual, but minimal Spanish is needed to participate in our various programs. We welcome those native to Spanish-speaking countries, as well as those interested in practicing Spanish!

Volunteers are invited to help with English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation hours, Children's Liturgy, Catechism, Bilingual Stations of the Cross, quinceañeras, Spanish choir, and social events. We also need volunteers to help with our weekly Spanish mass and with annual cultural celebrations, like Our Lady of Guadalupe & Day of the Dead.

Contact Amy aketner@smspnewman.org



IMMIGRATION TEAM

Interested in learning more about immigration in the US? Already passionate about it? Engage with the immigrant community at our parish in a more meaningful way by joining the Immigration Team and/or participating in our events. The Immigration Team aims to make St. Mary a dynamic resource for our immigrant and non-immigrant communities by providing pastoral care, education, and advocacy opportunities, all based in mutual companionship. From praying the Rosary with immigrant families, to organizing advocacy campaigns and educational events, there are a variety of ways you join us in "welcoming the stranger" as Jesus has called us to do.

Contact Amy aketner@smspnewman.org

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

SUNDAYS FROM 12:45-1:45 PM

The ESL program is looking for volunteers. Our classes are conversational based, usually on a one-to-one, student-to-tutor ratio. We meet once per week at St. Mary's each Sunday to help other members of our community, especially those of the Hispanic/Latino community, learn English. Fluency in a language besides English and/or prior ESL experience help, but are not required to volunteer. The students we teach are of all ages, have a wide level of English-speaking abilities, and would really benefit from your help! It's a very rewarding experience to volunteer with our program and a great way to grow in your faith.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Tanner at tannerjo@umich.edu



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BRIEF REPORT: AFTERNOON OF LISTENING AND CONVERSATION

On Sunday, November 4, 2018, St. Mary parishioners were invited to participate in an afternoon of listening and conversation regarding the sexual abuse crisis within the Catholic Church. This event sought to give parishioners an opportunity to reflect on how the crisis has impacted their faith lives, and to express what hopes they have for St. Mary and for the global Church moving forward.

Below is a brief summary of some of the hopes expressed by over 60 parishioners that attended. A more comprehensive summary can be found on the parish website.

HOPES FOR ST. MARY AND OUR UNIVERSAL CHURCH AS WE MOVE FORWARD FROM THIS CRISIS

1. We hope that the laity work to find plans of action to have a voice with the local church, the diocese, and the Vatican.
2. We hope the children and parents in our church and diocese are provided better training to detect signs of abuse and that the children know they are taken seriously.
3. We hope for greater transparency and accountability from the hierarchy. Victims deserve an apology. There can be no more cover-ups.
4. We hope for healing for the victims and all impacted by this crisis. We hope the Church does all it can to bring about that healing.

The longer document can be found here: <https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/smsp-news/>

JANUARY DAYTIME WARMING CENTER

JANUARY 1-31 • MONDAY – FRIDAY • 8:30AM – 4:00PM

We are called to “love our neighbor”, but sometimes we don’t even know our neighbor or who they are. Start this new year by getting to know our community and the people in it. Here’s how: during the month of January in Newman Hall, our parish community provides a welcoming, safe, and warm environment where people experiencing homelessness can find companionship, food, and rest. We are inviting YOU to be a part of this incredible opportunity of solidarity.

Please consider signing up for one of the many volunteer slots available at <http://bit.ly/warmingcenter2019>

Questions? Contact Ally Liedtke at aliedtke@smspnewman.org

DRIVE FOR REFUGEE WELCOME BASKETS

In preparation for the Feast Day of Service, SMSP is collecting donations to assist refugees and their families with critical social services needed to ease their transition into a new way of living. Whether or not you are able to participate in the service activities on the Day of Service, please consider donating an item for the welcome baskets. These donations can be brought to the parish office or to the upper atrium.

The list of items includes:

- **LINENS** (all new, please):
bath towels and hand towels, twin sheet sets, queen sheet sets, pillows, ***blankets in twin and queen sizes (high need), shower curtain liners and rings, bath rugs
- **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** (all new, please):
**kitchen and bathroom trash cans, **toilet paper and paper towels, **laundry baskets, Broom and dustpan sets or mops, can openers
- **HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** (new or if used, clean and in very good condition):
**baking dishes, **mixing bowls, pots and pans (please no scratches if nonstick type), **flatware sets of 4 or more, flatware organizers, **sharp knives
- **MISCELLANEOUS** (new preferred):
Extension cords, Kitchen trash cans, Bathroom trash cans, Laundry hampers, Buckets (dollar store type), Alarm clocks

ADVENT RETREAT

SUNDAY, DEC 2, 6:30PM THROUGH
FRIDAY, DEC 7, NOON

Weber Retreat Center, Adrian, MI

By Martin Iott, OP

The O Antiphons are prayer phrases used during the week before Christmas in Western Christian traditions. The title of each O Antiphon begins with a name for Christ - "O Wisdom," "O Key of David," etc.

These antiphons, flowing from the hopes and dreams expressed in the Hebrew Scriptures, especially in the Wisdom literature and the prophets, give expression to our deepest desires and the desires of God for us realized in the Messiah.

Online registration by credit card only. All others please call 517-266-4000 or email webercenter@adriandominicans.org

GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP

JAN 18 & 19 AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Grieving with Great HOPE is a weekend grief support workshop that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child (including pregnancy loss), a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include, Fr. James Conlon, as well John and Sandy O’Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization.

Contact Kelly Hernandez at 734-821-2122 for registration information or visit www.goodmourningministry.net.

January 18, 7-9:00pm (church) and January 19, 10-4pm (Activity Center) at St. Francis of Assisi, 2250 East Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor with support from Nie Family Funeral Homes. Seating is limited. Registration is \$20.



THE MAN EVENT 2019: DIOCESE OF LANSING CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men, come to grow in your faith at the annual Diocese of Lansing's Catholic Men's Conference. In carrying out the tradition of providing an atmosphere of support and helping the Catholic men among us to courageously live a Christ-centered life in today's world, this year's theme will focus on how to 'wear the armor of God'. Ephesians 6:10-18

"In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all [the] flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." - Ephesians 6:16-17

When: February 23, 2019

Where: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (913 Napoleon Road, Michigan Center, MI 49254)

Time: 10 AM – 5 PM

Individual Ticket Prices: Adults \$40 / Students \$30

What to Expect:

- * Motivating messages from Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Fr. Tim MacDonald
- * Adoration and confessions
- * A mouth-watering pig roast BBQ lunch from Stick-A-Pig-In-It
- * Music by Brian Flynn & Band
- * Mass with Bishop Boyea (4 PM)

Registrations are now open. For more information or to purchase your tickets, visit www.themanevent.org.

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Sunday Readings

DECEMBER 2

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading I 3 Jer 33:14-16
 Psalm Ps 25: 4-5, 8-10, 14
 Reading II 1 Thes 3:12-4:2
 Gospel Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

We must be on guard for the Day which is to come when all will be fulfilled. As we await the coming of Christ, let us love one another, observing his covenant and decrees.

DECEMBER 9

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading I Bar 5:1-9
 Psalm Ps 126:1-6
 Reading II Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
 Gospel Lk 3:1-6

The Lord has done great things, leading his people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem. Let us make ready the way of the Lord by abounding in love and in works of justice.

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