



# ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH

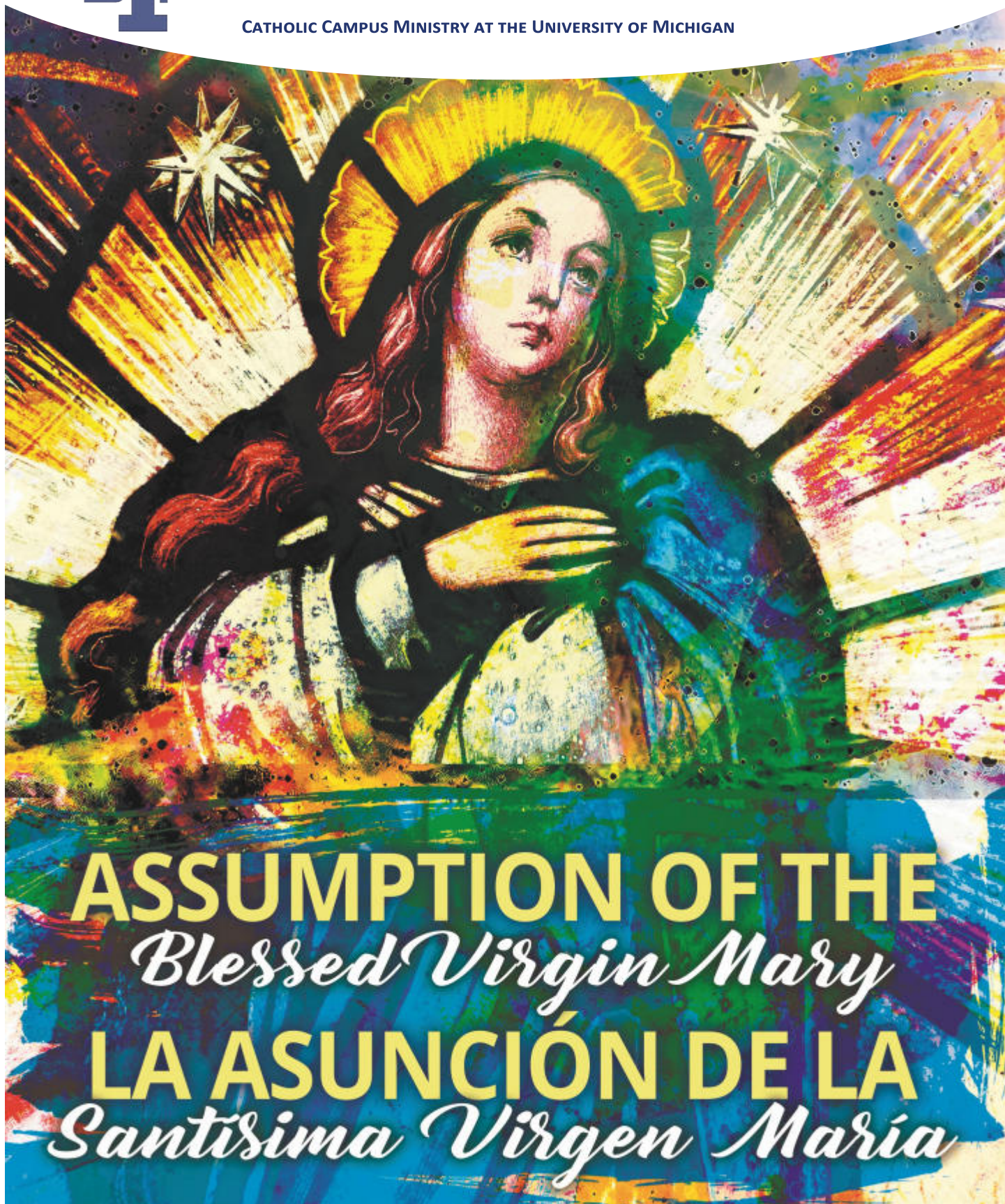
CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

AUGUST 8 & AUGUST 15

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary



## ASSUMPTION OF THE

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

## LA ASUNCIÓN DE LA

*Santísima Virgen María*

# Pastoral Perspective

## MULTIPLICATION OF THE LOAVES

BY FR PAT CASEY, SJ



The world is suffering from one of the worst plagues that history has known, which is killing hundreds of thousands of people.

"The Delta variant is the fastest, fittest and most formidable version of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 the world has encountered, and it is upending

assumptions about the disease even as nations loosen restrictions and open their economies, according to virologists and epidemiologists.

"Vaccine protection remains very strong against severe infections and hospitalizations caused by any version of the coronavirus, and those most at risk are still the unvaccinated, according to interviews with 10 leading COVID-19 experts.

"The major worry about the Delta variant, first identified in India, is not that it makes people sicker, but that it spreads far more easily from person to person, increasing infections and hospitalizations among the unvaccinated.

"Evidence is also mounting that it is capable of infecting fully vaccinated people at a greater rate than previous versions, and concerns have been raised that they may even spread the virus, these experts said.

"The biggest risk to the world at the moment is simply Delta," said microbiologist Sharon Peacock, who runs Britain's efforts to sequence the genomes of coronavirus variants, calling it the "fittest and fastest variant yet."

A few weeks ago the readings of the mass were about the multiplication of bread by the prophet Elisha and Jesus with the following commentary in the sermon.

Without taking anything away from the miracles of Elisha and Jesus, we could imagine a slightly different scene that took place that day. It is hard to believe that all the people

went on a journey to find Jesus without having prepared their journey with some food to maintain themselves. So, what if Jesus wasn't just trying to show them that he was divine, but also was giving them a lesson. Suppose that when the basket went around to the people instead of taking out, those who had brought some food added a little of their own food into the basket for those who did not have anything to eat. Suppose that so many had done this that no one went hungry.

Today there is a great need among us which is not a question of food or money, but more of understanding and the elimination of fear. Many of us have received the vaccine that saves our lives and returns to us the freedom to lead a more normal life. But there are still millions who have not been vaccinated, many of whom because of fear that something will happen to them. They have been given false information or confused information that has become a roadblock to their health and safety.

It seems that we who have been vaccinated and know firsthand that the stories about harmful after affects, etc. are false, are like the people who went looking for Jesus with some food in their baskets. While those who are hesitating are like those who arrived with nothing.

Maybe our mission as Christians today is to share with those who are still waiting to be vaccinated, the knowledge we have about the vaccine which comes from our personal experience. Don't be afraid to let people know that you are vaccinated and that nothing negative has happened to you.

Let's start a campaign of knowledge and truth. Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, etc. are working overtime to make the vaccine available. Let's help them by advocating in favor of the vaccine, so that this plague can be overcome and eliminated. That is one way we, like Jesus, can multiply the bread, in today's world.

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## Graduate Students and Young Professionals



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your help is needed as we start off the new school year with two "welcome back" barbecues. We need help setting up, preparing food, grilling, serving and cleaning up. If you can help please click the link below or email Lanette at [lmele@smspnewman.org](mailto:lmele@smspnewman.org)

You can also sign up on the sheets in the atrium.

Thank you!

### GRAD/YP GROUP

SUN, AUG 29 | 6:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B48ACA929A5FB6-gradyp>

### UNDERGRAD STUDENTS

MON, SEPT 6 | 6:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B48ACA929A5FB6-undergrad>

## Small Church Communities

• SMALL GROUPS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE •

### SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES

Students and parishioners are invited to join one of our Small Church Communities to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings.

Groups meet once a week for eight weeks at various times and days. Several of the groups will focus on special topics, such as racial justice and Ignatian Spirituality. A Spanish speaking group is also available.

Contact Rita Zyber [rzyber@smspnewman.org](mailto:rzyber@smspnewman.org)



MONDAY, AUG 9 | 7:00 PM

### The Station Agent



2003, Comedy-Drama, 1h 30m

Directed by Tom McCarthy

*The Station Agent* is about three people with nothing in common, except their shared solitude, until chance circumstances bring their lives together. It stars Peter Dinklage as a man who seeks solitude in an abandoned train station in New Jersey. It also stars Patricia Clarkson, Michelle Williams, Bobby Cannavale and John Slattery. For his writing achievement,

McCarthy won the BAFTA Award for Best Original Screenplay and the Independent Spirit Award for Best First Screenplay.

Join us for the last of our Summer Film Series on Monday, August 16 when we'll feature the movie "Whale Rider."

This summer's offerings are kind of a hodgepodge of Hollywood classics and independent films that explore enduring social issues and the sense of humor and small kindnesses needed for us to both endure and improve. Come share the film viewing, your thoughts, and Michigan Theater popcorn.

For more information contact either Fr. Mark Mossa at [mossa@smspnewman.org](mailto:mossa@smspnewman.org), or Rainey Lamey [rlamey@umich.edu](mailto:rlamey@umich.edu).

# St. Mary Student Parish



## CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAYS | 5:45 PM - 6:45 PM

No reservation is required. Please enter through the doors on Thompson Street and follow the signs. Confessions will be offered in the church and downstairs in Donnelly Hall OR outside depending on the weather.

*Masks and social distancing are required if not vaccinated.*

## VIRTUAL SANTO ROSARIO (ROSARY)

THURSDAYS | 8:00 AM

All are welcome to pray the Rosary in Spanish with other SMSPP parishioners every Thursday at 8:00am, virtually on Zoom. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, contact Amy [aketner@smspnewman.org](mailto:aketner@smspnewman.org).

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SUNDAYS | 11:15 AM - 11:45 PM

Communion will be distributed on Sunday 11:15-11:45 AM.

*Masks and social distancing are required if not vaccinated*

## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

*Masks and social distancing are required if not vaccinated.*

### SUNDAY

✝ 8:30 AM

✝ 10:00 AM **Masks & social distancing required**

Live-streamed-watch live or anytime after the mass

<https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/category/live-mass/>

*The 10:00 Mass will continue to be a safe Mass where masks and social distancing are required. We will also stream that mass in Donnelly Hall for those who wish to attend at this time and not wear a mask. We are offering this Mass for those who are not fully vaccinated, for families with children who are not able to be vaccinated and because of the new variant.*

✝ 12:00 PM

✝ 2:00 PM (Spanish)

Live-streamed-watch live or anytime after the mass

<https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/category/live-mass/>

✝ 5:00 PM

**MON-THUR** ✝ 5:10 PM

**FRIDAY** ✝ 12:10 PM

**SATURDAY** ✝ 5:00 PM

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

✝ Sunday 8am – 6:30pm

✝ Monday 9am – 9pm

✝ Tuesday & Thursday 9am – 6pm

✝ Wednesday 9am – 7pm

✝ Friday 9am – 5pm

✝ Saturday 4:30pm – 6:30pm

During our office hours, the office will be staffed to assist with scheduling, questions, donations, etc. You may also enter the church for individual prayer. Please enter through the main doors on Thompson Street.

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# St. Mary Student Parish



## IN THE SPIRIT OF IGNATIUS

### What do we do with our own “cannonball moments?”

St. Ignatius was a soldier long before he was a saint, but a severe injury from a cannonball changed his life and led him to discover God at work in his life. His long and painful recovery helped him to see that he was no longer in control. With prayer, he was able to turn his life over to God.

Author Lisa Kelly writes about her own cannonball – a diagnosis of lymphoma. “Rather than blame them on God or question, “Why me?” or, “Why now?” I learned from Pat Malone, SJ, that such cannonballs are invitations to discern with God, “OK, now what do we do with this?”

Figuring this out requires “surrender to God,” she says, trusting that God can make a way through the chaos that leads to “unexpected graces,” and a deeper union with God. That’s a relief, she says. “I don’t have to muster my

own will to get through this. I can surrender that façade of ego and then trust that the grace to walk the road ahead is already carrying me.”

To read Lisa’s full story, visit

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/six-lessons-from-a-cannonball-diagnosis/>

### **Focusing on the idea of surrender, try this prayer:**

*Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me. - Ignatius Loyola*

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/prayers-by-st-ignatius-and-others/suscipe-the-radical-prayer/>

**Note:** As a parish staffed by Jesuit priests, we are joining with Jesuits around the world to celebrate a special “Ignatian Year.” Through July 2022, we will reflect on the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, who turned his life toward God after his legs were shattered by a cannonball in battle 500 years ago. We pray that this Jubilee will be a time to learn more about the teachings of St. Ignatius, and to reflect on our own moments of conversion. What are the “shattering” changes we experience that can open our hearts to God?

## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY & YOGA

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY & YOGA is looking for a part-time paid Communications Coordinator to assist with programs (in-person and virtual) and coordinate email newsletters, social media, graphic design, and video editing. Approximately 8-10 hours per week. Visit [ignatianyoga.com/job](http://ignatianyoga.com/job) for the full job description and application.

**Stay tuned for upcoming programs!**  
Contact [ignatianspiritualityandyoga@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianspiritualityandyoga@gmail.com) for more details.

# St. Mary Student Parish



INTERESTED IN  
BECOMING  
CATHOLIC?  
Or maybe you still need  
to receive all of your  
Sacraments of Initiation?



## EXPLORING THE FAITH

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic?

Hopefully, you're praying and reflecting on this step. What has God been trying to say to you? Then, give us a call to talk. Our RCIA gatherings help people explore the faith, and learn more about building a deeper relationship with God. RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), helps those who are considering adult baptism into the Catholic faith, those who may want to convert from another Christian faith, and those adult Catholics who want to complete their Confirmation.

Gatherings will begin in September, and we're hoping to meet in person. In the meantime, give us a call, or send an email. Rita Zyber, RCIA Coordinator, [rzyber@smspnewman.org](mailto:rzyber@smspnewman.org) 734-663-0557, Ext 230

Fr. Joe Wagner, SJ, RCIA Director, [jwagner@smspnewman.org](mailto:jwagner@smspnewman.org)

## VIRTUAL LGBT OUTREACH MINISTRY

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH | 7-8:30 PM

Meetings are private and confidential and on the third Tuesday of the month. 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.

For more info contact: Rodrigo [rodri\\_cg@hotmail.com](mailto:rodri_cg@hotmail.com) or Cynthia [jcynthia@umich.edu](mailto:jcynthia@umich.edu)

## INFANT BAPTISM AT SMSP

St. Mary Student Parish is grateful for the opportunity to celebrate the miracle of new life and welcome new members into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism. Those wishing to have their children baptized at St. Mary Student Parish should be registered members here for at least three months and active, contributing members of the parish.

## BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism preparation class is required to be taken for your first child. If you've taken the class elsewhere, proof of that will be necessary to schedule a baptism. Classes are on Monday 6:30-7:30 PM.

**Class dates through 2021 are as follows:  
9/12, 10/4, 11/1 and 12/6.**

If you are able, we ask that you pick up a baptism preparation packet from the Parish Office at least one week prior to the class. The packet contains articles and discussion questions for parents and godparents.

During the class there is an opportunity to ask questions and schedule the baptism date. The class is required to be taken only once. It does not need to be repeated for additional children.

Please contact Carol Konczal [ckonczal@umich.edu](mailto:ckonczal@umich.edu) or 734-663-0557 ext. 0 to register for a class, or with any questions or further information.



# St. Mary Student Parish

## ATTENTION: LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, GREETERS AND MASS COORDINATORS

We have changed the scheduling program for all liturgical ministers at St. Mary Student Parish. We are using the Sign Up Genius program.

If you would like to be added to the email distribution list to be invited to participate, please email Julie Mussio, at [jmussio@smspnewman.org](mailto:jmussio@smspnewman.org)

Thank you!

## CONSIDER REGISTERING WITH ST MARY

Whether you have just starting attending St Mary or have been a parishioner for years, now is a great time to take advantage of our online registration process. Recognizing that the past year and a half has been different for all of us due to the pandemic, we are grateful that you have chosen to spend time with us (either virtually or in person) and would like to extend the opportunity to further accompany you. As you have discerned, or maybe are in the process of discerning how God is calling you to live out your life as a disciple of Jesus, or maybe more specifically where you are being called to serve, there might be a program that you have heard about or a volunteer role that you would like to know more about? Registering with us is one avenue to gain more information about how you can be more involved. In the process you will be given the opportunity to request more information about St Mary and to provide your skills and/or interest areas so that we may be able to assist in suggesting ways to be more involved. Or if you would prefer to send us an email please direct it to [Lanette\\_lmele@smspnewman.org](mailto:Lanette_lmele@smspnewman.org).

Here is the online link to register on the website:  
<https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/join/>

## MASS INTENTIONS: AUGUST 7 –AUGUST 21

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

5:00 PM Mass for +Anthony Schork

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

8:30 AM Mass for

10:00 AM Mass for +Ina Jean Houser

12:00 PM Mass for People of the Parish

2:00 PM Mass for +Herminia Canales

5:00 PM Mass for Gloria Kryz & Andre Rosalik

### MONDAY, AUGUST 9

5:10 PM Mass for

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

5:10 PM Mass for

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

5:10 PM Mass for

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

5:10 PM Mass for +Jane Frances Burke

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

12:10 PM Mass for +Rod Toves

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

5:00 PM Mass for

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:30 AM Mass for +Helen Konopka Banks

10:00 AM Mass for Pat & Carol McIntee 72nd Anniversary

12:00 PM Mass for +Neal Laurance

2:00 PM Mass for +Francisco Ochoa

5:00 PM Mass for People of the Parish

### MONDAY, AUGUST 16

5:10 PM Mass for

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

5:10 PM Mass for

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

5:10 PM Mass for

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

5:10 PM Mass for +Marguerite Mary McLean

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

12:10 PM Mass for

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

5:00 PM Mass for

## Faith Doing Justice



### COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (CERA)

Federal funds are available to assist tenants facing pandemic-related hardships avoid eviction. The COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program offers assistance to qualifying tenants and landlords to pay off back debt and/or utilities built up since March 2020. Without this assistance, hundreds of renters in Washtenaw County that faced pandemic-related hardships will be at risk of eviction in the coming months.

Volunteers needed! Support for eligible individuals and families in navigating CERA will be fundamental to the program's success in the coming months. We need your help! Volunteers are needed to guide members of the community through completing their application. After ample training, volunteers will answer questions and assist applicants in gathering the documents and information they need to prove their eligibility. You will need reliable internet access and should be comfortable using and uploading documents to an online application portal.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Kristina Schnepf at [RAAHceravolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:RAAHceravolunteers@gmail.com) to learn more. If you are in need of rental assistance, go to <https://ceraapp.michigan.gov/> today to start your application.

### MEALS FOR MERCY HOUSE

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Mercy House, located at 805 W. Huron Street in Ann Arbor, is an oasis of hope for people experiencing homelessness, providing meals and showers, as well as clothing and personal items.

They are looking for individuals who could prepare and deliver a meal for 20 people on Mondays or Wednesdays, with a 5:45pm drop-off at the house. (The focus is on providing a main dish, however, if you are able to include a side dish and/or dessert, it will be most appreciated!)

They also accept grocery gift cards to buy the ingredients for a meal. If you are interested in serving in this way, please go to the following Sign Up Genius link: <https://bit.ly/SMSPMercy>  
<https://tinyurl.com/SMSPMercyHouse>

Questions? Please contact Sonia at [soniafrances55@gmail.com](mailto:soniafrances55@gmail.com). Thank you.

## Graduate Students and Young Professionals



### ANNUAL WELCOME MASS & BBQ

SUN, AUG 29 | 5:00 PM

All graduate students and young professionals are invited to our annual Welcome Mass & BBQ.

Join us at the 5:00 PM parish mass with Fr. Joe presiding, followed by a delicious BBQ in our courtyard (or Newman Hall, in case of rain).

New members and veterans welcome!

If you are unable to join us for mass, you are still welcome at the BBQ starting around 6:00 PM.

For more information, contact [jwagner@smspnewman.org](mailto:jwagner@smspnewman.org), [brkinzer@umich.edu](mailto:brkinzer@umich.edu) or request to receive the Grad/YP Newsletter [smssp.grads.lead@umich.edu](mailto:smssp.grads.lead@umich.edu).



# Hispanic/Latino Ministry



## SANTO ROSARIO (ROSARY)

THURSDAYS | 8:00 AM

Todos están invitados a rezar el Santo Rosario con otros feligreses cada jueves a las 8:00am, virtualmente por Zoom. Para más información o para recibir el enlace de zoom, favor de mandar un email a Amy Ketner [aketner@smspnewman.org](mailto:aketner@smspnewman.org).

All are welcome to pray the Rosary in Spanish with other SMSM parishioners every Thursday at 8:00am, virtually on Zoom. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, please email Amy at [aketner@smspnewman.org](mailto:aketner@smspnewman.org).

## IMMIGRATION SUPPORT

Rooted in Christ's call to recognize Him in one another, St. Mary loves and welcomes our immigrant brothers and sisters. We serve as a safe home and dynamic resource for our immigrant and non-immigrant communities by providing pastoral care, education, and advocacy opportunities all based in mutual companionship.

We invite you to "welcome the stranger" as Jesus has called us to do. Volunteers are needed to tutor at our English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation hours, accompany immigrant parishioners to court or ICE check-ins, and serve on our immigration team to plan educational events, advocacy campaigns, prayer opportunities and more.

Contact Amy [aketner@smspnewman.org](mailto:aketner@smspnewman.org)

## HISPANIC/LATINO MINISTRY

Join us in our weekly Spanish mass and many other events and programs offered in Spanish! Our community is diverse, made up of students and resident parishioners hailing from all over the Americas and Spain. While many are fluent Spanish-speakers or bilingual, minimal Spanish is needed to participate in our Ministry.

We welcome you to participate in the Latinx young adults group, serve as a catechist, or help plan annual cultural celebrations, like Día de los Muertos and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Volunteers are also needed in our choir, Children's Liturgy, and in a number of other ways at Spanish Mass. We hope you join us!

Contact Amy [aketner@smspnewman.org](mailto:aketner@smspnewman.org)



## VIRTUAL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Whether you are an English-learner or want to help someone improve their language skills, we welcome you. Tutors and learners meet individually or in small groups each week for 45-60 minutes over zoom. Meetings can be at a time that is convenient for you.

For tutors, no language or teaching experience is required - just an interest in helping others practice English! All levels of English learners are welcome, and the program is free.

For more information or to sign up, email Ellie [efalahee@umich.edu](mailto:efalahee@umich.edu).

## *Diocese of Lansing*



### **A Special Update from Father Mathias Thelen, Chairman, Realign Resources for Mission Committee**

Dear Friend,

My goodness, it seems like it was a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away... but back in the Fall of 2019, Bishop Boyea gave our newly established Realign Resources for Mission Committee a seven-fold verbal instruction: "Consult. Consult. Consult. Consult. Consult. Consult. Consult."

We heard you Bishop! Since then we've hosted several meetings with the priests of the Diocese of Lansing and also with lay parish staff as well as 67 parish meetings with the wider lay faithful. Thank you to all of you who participated. You spoke. We listened. In fact, we changed our plans based upon your feedback. Let me explain.

Overwhelmingly, you told us that you are well aware of the need for change. The vital statistics from most of our parishes make that case almost unanswerable. You also really like the vision of Realign Resources for Mission.

You like the idea of a parish led by multiple priests, living in community, who are striving for health and holiness both for themselves and their people;

You like the idea of a parish being led by a pastor who has the charism of leadership while other priests operate out of their charisms and gifts too.

You like the idea of a professionally excellent parish staff who are recruited in sufficient number, and paid competitively, in order to further the mission of the parish;

You like the idea of a vibrant parish community that makes and forms missionary disciples who are intellectually and spiritually equipped to win all souls to Christ including or, rather, especially those lost sheep within our own families.

You like the idea of a parish that seeks the lost and serves the poor by prioritizing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy within our local communities.

## *Diocese of Lansing*

And yet you also have worries. Understandable worries. You cherish your local church, your local church community, and your local priest. Generally, you fear the loss of all three. In fact, the feedback suggests you would really like to keep them and, what is more, you are not too concerned as to how the Diocese of Lansing makes that happen within Canon Law, the internal law of the Church. We heard you.

Thus, following that first round of consultations, our committee went back to the drawing board. We sat down with the best canon lawyers in the diocese. We worked on developing revised proposals based upon new models of governance that can facilitate local church communities holding onto their church, and their parish priest, while also cooperating more fruitfully with neighboring priests and neighboring parishes. This greater flexibility which is to found in canon law can also help provide tailor-made solutions for each particular area within our 10-county diocese which is both rural and urban. One size doesn't fit all, if you like.

Based upon your feedback, we also envisage a phasing-in of any Realign Resources for Mission recommendations over a period of time beginning with pilots in particular areas. There will be no "big bang". No "year zero".

Being responsive to feedback from both clergy and lay faithful is a simple recognition that nobody has a monopoly on good ideas. Across our parishes, there are thousands of people praying their way through this Realign Resources for Mission process. Each will be given their own insights by the Holy Spirit. Hence the need to listen, learn, revise and consult again and again and again. It also recognizes that for any reforms to be embraced, or to be effective, there has to be broad consent from both clergy and lay faithful. Like it or not, we are all in this together.

In mid-June the Realign Resources for Mission committee began yet another round of consultation. We met with the priests of the Diocese of Lansing at Saint Mary Magdalen in Brighton as well as with the lay parish staff at the same location. Both gatherings were very heartening with an encouraging degree of enthusiasm and openness to the Realign Resources for Mission process. We had lots of time to talk, to learn, to laugh and to pray together. We also reviewed our latest draft plans for the reconfiguration of parishes. Thank you to all who took part.

What's the next step? The Realign Resources for Mission committee will now review the feedback from those meetings in order to rework those latest draft plans. When that's done, it's back to the wider lay faithful for a series of regional meetings to review and revise yet again. Stay tuned for details of those gatherings. They are coming soon!

Throughout this two-year process, there is one thing that has remained consistently clear and that is our divine mission: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations," (Matthew 28:19). Let us never forget that God has given us more than enough gifts to accomplish that mission. We believe in Jesus Christ. He has changed our life. Hence, if we work together, think together and, more specifically, pray together then good things, no, great things are bound to happen all across the Diocese of Lansing.

Yours in Christ,

Father Mathias Thelen,  
Chairman, Realign Resources for Mission Committee



# Diocese of Lansing

## THE DSA UPDATE AS OF 8/2/21

**\$65,457 OR 62.90% OF OUR GOAL**



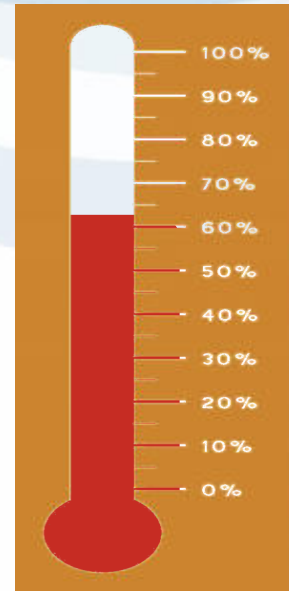
We are grateful for these contributions and invite others to push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church.

Thank you to everyone who has made a gift or pledge commitment to our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our gifts to DSA enable our diocese to provide services crucial to our parish. The programs and services funded by DSA offer direct assistance to individuals and families, and to parishes, schools, and Catholic Charities agencies. "Every good work" of the Church occurs through dozens of ongoing ministries made possible by our contributions to DSA. If you have not yet made

a gift or a pledge, we invite you to do so today.

Gift envelopes are available in church or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa). Your DSA gift will support the vital services and ministries that help bring the love of Christ to all we encounter.

**\$65,457 RAISED**



*The Festival is coming back!*

Saturday August 28 Noon-9 pm  
Sunday August 29 Noon-3 pm

*We can't wait to see you!!*

2021 BISHOP'S Priesthood DISCERNMENT DINNER  
**AUGUST 22, 2021**  
3:00pm • Bethany House at the St Francis Retreat Center • Dewitt, MI

[www.lansingpriest.org/dinner](http://www.lansingpriest.org/dinner)

August 28

FAMILY MOVIE UNDER THE STARS Friday, August 27 at dusk

Classical Disc SHOW

THREE MEN AND A TENOR

WILDLIFE SAFARI

August 29

A SAFE FESTIVAL STARTS WITH YOU

K of C Chicken Dinner August 29

"From Grace" August 29

Arts & Craft Village August 28 & 29

WALK THE MAST ROAD (From Dexter) NORTH TERRITORIAL

It's all at Mast Road and North Territorial.

DEXTER

Visit [STJOS.COM/FESTIVAL](http://STJOS.COM/FESTIVAL) Call (734) 426-8483 Like

**2021 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NIGHT OF VOCATIONS**

FAMILY VOCATION NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021  
7:00PM AT JACKSON FIELD STADIUM

Last year, nearly 6,000 people gathered from around the Diocese of Lansing to enjoy a game with the Blue Jays. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Lansing Lugnuts

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# Sunday Readings

## AUGUST 8—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I 1Kgs 19:4-8  
 Psalm Ps 34:2-9  
 Reading II Eph 4:30,5:2  
 Gospel Jn 6:41-51

To strengthen him for the journey, God provides Elijah with cake and water, reminiscent of his ancestors' Pasch. Thus he experiences the goodness of the Lord. Jesus, the bread of life, strengthens us for our journey, following his way of love.

## AUGUST 15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reading I Rev 11:19; 12:1-6,10  
 Psalm Ps 45:10-12,16  
 Reading II 1Cor 15:20-27  
 Gospel Lk 1:39-56

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