

Welcome to St Mary Student Parish

LET GOD'S LOVE LEAD YOU THROUGH THE UNCERTAINTIES

BY: ALLI KASPAREK, FAMILY FAITH FORMATION INTERN



As I begin my senior year at the University of Michigan and reflect on my time as a catechist in St. Mary's Family Faith Formation program, I am brought back to my sophomore

year when I first became a catechist. I remember hearing from a friend that St. Mary was in need of some catechists, which immediately piqued my interest. Being the oldest of four and spending a lot of my time around my younger siblings, plus enduring countless babysitting gigs, I felt a sort of pull towards this specific ministry. But, even with previous experience working with children, I was still on the fence about joining. I worried about my qualifications as a role model of the faith. I felt unsure in my own knowledge of the intricate details of the foundations of Catholicism, and I was worried that this lack of knowledge would prevent me from being the ideal role model of faith that I thought the kids would require in order for them to fully encounter Christ. Well, spoiler alert: that ideal role model of faith doesn't exist.

The Family Faith Formation program brings along not only the cultivation of the love of Christ for our newest generation of disciples, but it brings along spiritual growth within the catechists as we, the community of catechists, delve deeper into the essence of our faith. You don't need to be a "perfect Catholic" to be a catechist. By taking a leap, by saying, "Yes, I want to be a catechist," you are also saying, "Yes, Lord, I want to be in deeper relationship with You. I may not yet be a

perfect disciple, but I am opening my heart up to the opportunity to grow closer to You through this community of catechists and through the children I will teach." In my own experience, I am often tempted to retreat back into my comfort bubble of familiarity, especially when approached with an unfamiliar situation or opportunity, but, as someone told me recently, growth only happens in the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. As St. Mary opens back up, and as old and new students alike begin to make their way back to the church, all I can hope for in the coming year is for the members of our student community to grasp onto any and all opportunities for growth.

So, if you're anything like me (doesn't mind working with kids, looking for an opportunity to grow in community, seeking a space to reflect on your own faith through a refreshed perspective), then I think the catechism program is what you're looking for! We are looking for both undergraduate and graduate students to fill both in-person and Zoom catechist opportunities. You and your co-catechist will be teaching a Sunday session once a month. There will also be one planning session once a month where we will meet during a weeknight for catechist formation and community building.

I hope you all have a blessed year, finding the space wherever it may be to let God's Love lead you through the uncertainties into a place of closeness with Christ.

UNDERGRAD AND GRAD STUDENT CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are inviting all **UNDERGRAD AND GRAD STUDENTS** to join us this year to be catechists for the Catholic faith through teaching, discussions, activities, and prayer. Invite a friend and share your faith. Catechists are needed from Kindergarten to Teen Confirmation, and there will be different teaching methods available based on the ages of the children. For more information please click on this link, and if you have any additional questions or would like to get involved please contact:

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- Elena Ghezzi [Teen Confirmation Intern] at etathearter <a href="m Teen Confirmation Sessions & info
- Marcela Larios [Hispanic Family Ministry Coordinator) at mlarios@smspnewman.ora for H/L Sacramental Preparation Sessions



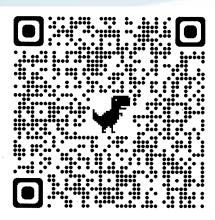








Faith Doing Justice



Please take a moment to fill out the survey by hand or use your smart phone to scan the QR code and fill out a virtual copy.
Thank you for your help with this project!

Additional Resources for National Migration Week Justice For Immigrants/USCCB:

https://tinyurl.com/SMSPjustice

Message Of His Holiness Pope Francis For The 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021: Towards an Ever Wider "We":

https://tinyurl.com/SMSPWorldDay

For additional information or questions, please contact Aissa Cabrales aissac@umich.edu.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SURVEY: SEPT 24

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK & 107TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

National Migration Week is September 20-26, culminating in the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, September 26th.

As part of National Migration Week, the SMSP Immigration Team is conducting a survey. St. Mary Student Parish belongs to Strangers No Longer (SNL), a network of Catholic Parishes that assist immigrants in our area and advocates for comprehensive and humane immigration policy. We do this to put into practice the example of Jesus and Pope Francis: to receive the "strangers", the migrants, as our own brothers and sisters. SNL plans to engage with local leaders to build consensus on how communities can improve the quality of life of immigrants in Michigan, and we need your input.

Survey link: https://forms.gle/9houoVPfnxU14J5L8
Feedback from the survey will help us move forward in our work with the immigrant community! The Immigration Team and SNL thank you for taking the time.

A Mass for World Day of Migrants and Refugees at Holy Trinity Parish in Detroit!

A Mass to celebrate the World Day for Migrants and Refugees is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 6:00 pm at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Detroit. SMSP will be sending representatives. All are welcome to join us!

There are two ways to participate:

1. In person at Most Holy Trinity in Detroit: 1050 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48226 (Mass may be moved outside if current COVID-19 situation warrants)

2. Live-stream: StrangersNoLonger.org/Events

FAITH DOING JUSTICE ZOOM MEETING

THURS, SEPT 23 | 4:15 PM

With Ruby Pérez, FDJ Student Intern, and Fr. Bobby Karle, FDJ Staff Coordinator.

For anyone who has been involved in FDJ or is interested in getting involved. Please register in advance:

stmarystudentparish.org/parish-life/faith-doing-justice

ESL TUTORS TRAINING Tues, sept 28 | 6:30 PM

Are you interested in helping others learn and practice English? St. Mary invites you to an ESL tutors training!

No language or teaching experience is required to be a tutor. We will prepare you with resources and support at this training event, and throughout the year. Beginning in October, tutors and learners will meet individually or in small groups for an hour of conversation and practice each week. (In person and Zoom options available).

Contact Ellie efalahee@umich.edu or Mary mary.c.tillotson@gmail.com

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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.

Contact Ellie efalahee@umich.edu or Mary mary.c.tillotson@gmail.com

Campus Ministry—UNDERGRADS

CALL FOR ASB SITE LEADERS

ASB is seeking undergraduate student Site Leaders for the upcoming trips taking place over Spring Break 2022 (February 26-March 6).

To apply, please visit the application link: please https://forms.gle/7ni5unCw37GeokXP7
Deadline to apply is September 20, 2021.

https://tinyurl.com/smspASB

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THURS, SEPT 16 | 7:00 PM

Looking to meet new friends?! Join us for fellowship and faith. Each week a new student will share their faith story followed by a small group discussion. Smoothies will be provided.

ASB INFORMATION SESSION NIGHT

MON, SEPT 27 I 7-8PM

Each year, St. Mary Student Parish offers undergrads the opportunity to participate in Alternative Spring Break (ASB), a week-long service immersion that takes place over Spring Break. Students will travel to a variety of domestic and international sites to serve alongside different communities, learn about specific justice issues, live in solidarity and community, and find God in all things.

Join us to learn more about Alternative Spring Break trips! We will be going to 5 sites and you can learn more at the event! If you have any questions, please email jnovotny@smspnewman.org.

UNDERGRAD SERVICE FAIR

THURS, SEPT 30 I 6:00 PM

Put your faith into action! Come learn how to become involved in service and meet representatives from a variety of partner organizations located in Ann Arbor and surrounding communities. Food will be provided.

BUSY PERSON'S RETREAT

Geared toward students, grad students and young professionals, BPR participants commit to pray 15 to 25 minutes each day for eight weeks and meet once a week with an experienced spiritual companion.

The retreat begins the week of September 20th and runs through November 14th.

Sign up https://forms.gle/ifLiJd5aU1zt9PiPA or contact Rita rzyber@smspnewman.org



NEW STUDENT RETREAT

SAT, OCT 9 | 10:00 AM

Are you interested in making new friends, learning about Ignatian spirituality, and reflecting on your time at the University of Michigan thus far? Join us for a New Student Retreat on Saturday, October 9, from 10am-8pm. This retreat is open to all first year, second year, and transfer students.

To register, scan QR code or visit our website: https://tinyurl.com/SMSPretreat

The last day to register is Friday, October 1.

Please email Julia Novotny with questions at inovotny@smspnewman.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Campus Ministry-GRAD STUDENTS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

SPIRITUAL DIRECTIONS

MON, SEPT 27 | 6:30 PM

All Grad Students and Young Professionals are welcome to our first Spiritual Directions event of the year. This month we welcome Fr. Jim Gartland, SJ, our pastor, who will offer a talk titled "An Ignatian Year: Embracing God's Dream for Me."

Join us to hear Fr. Jim and enjoy some snacks and time to socialize or network with other grad students and young professionals.

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UNSETTLING HISTORIES

SAT, OCT 16 | 1:00 PM @ THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

All undergrad and grad students are welcome to participate in an hour-long tour of recently installed art at the University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA). Our focus will be on the exhibit Unsettling Histories.

As UMMA explains: Unsettling Histories rejects the simple narratives of our collection's past and forces us to examine whose history we prioritize and why.

We will also explore the recently expanded African art collection and the issues surrounding restoring art to its rightful owner. Connie Powers will be our tour guide.

No need to register for the tour. Just meet at the UMMA information desk on October 16 at 1pm. Masks are required. If you have any questions please email Connie at connpowers2@gmail.com

Note: Connie is a trained docent, and active with our parish's Anti-Racism Working Group. She presented this tour to the group and it was highly recommended as engaging and informational.

Ignatian Year at SMSP



IN THE SPIRIT OF IGNATIUS

PAYING ATTENTION EACH DAY

St. Ignatius Loyola encouraged people to develop an intimate relationship with our God, who loves us and desires the best for us. He gave us many ideas for prayer, including using our imaginations and feelings, as well as spending time in silence.

Ignatius Loyola trusted human desires. He believed that our deepest desire is to return God's love. Ignatius Loyola also trusted feelings. He believed that feelings of joy and sorrow, peace and distress, were important indicators of the path toward fruitful decisions and deeper union with God.

At the heart of Ignatian prayer are the Spiritual Exercises and the Daily Examen. The Examen is a way to spend time reviewing the events of the day, while paying attention to God's activity and presence in the moments we may not have noticed at the time. When we end each day with gratitude, and name our blessings and challenges, we can start to see a pattern of how we react personally to these situations, and how God may have been at work – even in things that may have seemed unimportant at the time.

Prayer:

"Teach me to listen, Holy Spirit, for your voice – in busyness and in boredom, in certainty and in doubt, in noise and in silence." (John Veltri, S.J.)

For detailed steps in praying the Examen, visit: https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/

Note: As a Jesuit parish, 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 reflect on our own moments of conversion. What are the "shattering" changes we experience that can open our hearts to God?

Also: Please see our special Ignatian Table and bulletin board in the upper atrium outside the church door near Thompson Street for more information and resources on the teachings of St. Ignatius.



IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY IN THE IGNATIAN YEAR

SUN, SEPT 19 I 6:15 -7:45PM IN DONNELLY HALL

Panelists:

Rita Zyber, Jim Manney, Etta MacDonagh, Ruby Pérez Hosted by Fr. Bobby Karle, SJ

Location:

St. Mary Student Parish and/or on Zoom

Schedule:

- 6:15: Welcome and opening prayer
- 6:20: Panel discussion
- 6:40: Q&A
- 6:50: Guided Ignatian contemplation
- 7:15: Embodied prayer practice
- 7:35: Sharing
- 7:40: Closing prayer

You are welcome to attend as much or little of the event as you would like.

Registration:

https://tinyurl.com/iggy500 or just show up.

HELP WANTED:

HISPANIC/LATINO MINISTRY COORDINATOR

The Hispanic/Latino (H/L) Ministry Coordinator reports to the pastor and is responsible for the H/L ministry program which includes oversight, coordination, invitation, pastoral care, and planning for future ministry. Working with the Coordinator is a student intern.

This is a twelve-month, 20 - 30 hours/week, hourly position.

The Coordinator oversees the administration of the parish's H/L ministries and programs; invites resident and student parishioners to help carry out these ministries and programs; and offers direct pastoral care to H/L community members in special need.

For a complete job description click here

https://tinyurl.com/2br53ccy.

Those interested in applying should send a resume and cover letter in English to Cathy Welch at cwelch@smspnewman.org not later than Friday, October 1, 2021.

PARISH TOWNHALL MEETING

THUR, OCT 7 | 7:00PM

We invite you to a Parish gathering to talk about the Diocesan *Realignment of Resources for Mission*. The meeting will be held here in our Church on Thursday, October 7th, 7-8:30 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to share information and also share our concerns and hopes moving forward.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAYS | 5:45-8:00 PM

"One cannot know the Lord without this habit of adoring, of adoring in silence. I believe, if I am not mistaken, this prayer of adoration is the prayer least known by us, it is the one we do the least", as if it were a "waste of time before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ". Instead, we should rediscover "the silence of Adoration: he is the Lord and I adore him." -Pope Francis

Eucharistic Adoration will be available each Wednesday in the Church from 5:45pm-8:00pm. We are in need of two adorers for each time slot.

Click HERE or copy and paste: https://bit.ly/3ziUjTsADORATION Thank you for supporting this ministry!

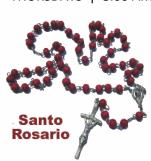
CONFESSIONS

and follow the signs.

WEDNESDAYS | $5:45\ PM$ - $6:45\ PM$ IN DONNELLY HALL SUNDAYS | 6:15 – $7:00\ PM$ IN THE CHURCH Please enter through the doors on Thompson Street

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 mas información o para recibir el enlace de zoom, favor de mandar un email a Isabel

isabelehcorona@yahoo.com or Karin karinromeros@gmail.com

All are welcome to pray the Rosary in Spanish with other SMSP parishioners every Thursday at 8:00am, virtually on Zoom. For more information or to receive the Zoom link, please email Isabel isabelehcorona@yahoo.com or Karin karinromeros@gmail.com

FALL MASS SCHEDULE

Masks required for those who are not fully vaccinated and they are recommended and strongly encouraged for all others as well.

SUNDAY

- ♦ 8:30 AM
- 10:00 AM *Masks & social distancing required*Live-streamed-watch live or anytime after the

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

10:00 Mass is a safe Mass where everyone in attendance is required to wear a mask. Those that are vaccinated and wish to attend at this time are welcome to attend in Donnelly Hall where the Mass is being streamed. 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
- ⊕ 8:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

- → Mon-Thur 9:00 AM 10:00 PM
- ₱ Friday 9:00 AM 5:00 PM
- ☆ Saturday 4:00 PM 6:30 PM



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 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 734-663-0557, Ext 230

Fr. Joe Wagner, SJ, RCIA Director, jwagner@smspnewman.org

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 orientation with their faith .

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 or Cynthia jcynthia@umich.edu

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

SUN, SEPT 26 | 6:30 PM

All area high school students are invited to join us for the first gathering of the year. Youth group events are led by a team of college-age students who help you to hang out, make new friends and talk about the ways you can keep God at the center of your busy lives. The group will meet about twice a month through the school year. Masks and social distancing are required.

For info, contact rzyber@smspnewman.org.



CROP WALK 2021

SUN, OCT 3 | 2:00 PM

The 47th annual Ann Arbor Hunger CROP Walk is coming soon to the downtown area. Please help us raise funds and awareness in our continual fight against hunger. A portion of the proceeds, 25 % of it, will support local agencies in Washtenaw county, such as The Hope Medical Clinic, Growing Hope, The Breakfast at St. Andrew's. The remaining 75 % will go to Church World Service national and international relief and development programs.

Sunday, October 3, 2021, at Bethlehem United Church of Christ on 423 South 4th Avenue, Ann Arbor. Please register online at our St. Mary's CropWalk team page. The send-off is at 2 pm. The walk will be in person- 2 miles for the short walk and 4 miles for the long walk.

Let's walk together as a team. Let's meet as a group before the send-off at 1:45 pm outside of Bethlehem UCC lawn. Unable to walk with us in person? No problem. Walk virtually around your neighborhood by visiting our Facebook page #A2HungerWalk! If you are interested in donating, please donate online at our St. Mary's Crop Walk team page.

Please contact Alexandrina Nemmers at (808)330-6403 or email at anemmers42@protonmail.com if you want to walk, donate, or do both, or for any questions regarding CROP WALK.

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

- READERS SUN, SEPT 26 | 3:45 PM
- ₱ EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS SUN, OCT 3 | 3:45 PM

SMSP is hosting a training for Liturgical Ministers. This training is for readers and Eucharistic Ministers. Whether you've been trained at your home church or you'd like to become a new Liturgical minister, please attend this quick training! No RSVP needed - simply show up at this training event.

Contact Lanette Imele@smspnewman.org

CATHOLIC THINKER'S BOOK CLUB

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM

Greetings Thinkers, we're kicking off the book club on Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 PM in person in the Loyola Room at the parish.

The first half of the reading year will focus on social justice and the second half on contemporary Catholic leadership including a look at the Council of Bishops.

The reading list is as follows:

- Oct 12-Knowing Christ Crucified by M. Shawn Copeland
- Nov 9-Living Justice: Catholic Social Teaching in Action by Thomas Massaro, SJ
- Dec 14-Gregory of Nazianzus by Brian E. Daley, SJ
- Jan 11-Movie Night Title TBD
- Feb 8-Articles about USCCB Titles TBD
- Mar 8-Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship by Pope Francis
- Apr 12-Joe Biden and Catholicism in the United States by Massimo Faggioli

For information or questions concerning this year's reading please contact Nora Maloy at nmaloy@med.umich.edu

MASS INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER 19-26

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:30 AM Mass for +Betsy Emelander 10:00 AM Mass for +Jane Frances Burke 12:00 PM Mass for +Rev. Dr. Tony Kosnik 2:00 PM Mass for People of the Parish 5:00 PM Mass for Nancy Callihan-Vachon 8:00 PM Mass for +Ana Maria Pinto

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:10 PM Mass for +Edward H. Vuylsteke

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:10 PM Mass for +Arunee Munthuganonda

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5:10 PM Mass for

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:10 PM Mass for

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

12:10 PM Mass for +Edward H. Vuylsteke

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:00 PM Mass for Orathai Charoenchart

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 AIVI	iviass for	
10:00 AM	Mass for	+Rick Dwyer
12:00 PM	Mass for	
2:00 PM	Mass for	Allison Yaretzi Jimenez
5:00 PM	Mass for	People of the Parish
8:00 PM	Mass for	Catechists

MEETINGS & EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 19-26

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Bilingual TC Parent 12:30 PM Virtual Only Orientation

Reconciliation 6:15 PM Church

Ignatian Spirituality 6:15 PM Donnelly Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Meals for Mercy House 5:45 PM Off-Site
Grad/YP Lead Team 6:00 PM Courtyard

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

LGBT Outreach Ministry 7:00 PM Loyola Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Meals for Mercy House5:45 PMOff-SiteReconciliation5:45 PMDonnelly HallAdoration5:45 PMChurchRCIA7:00 PMDonnelly Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Santo Rosario

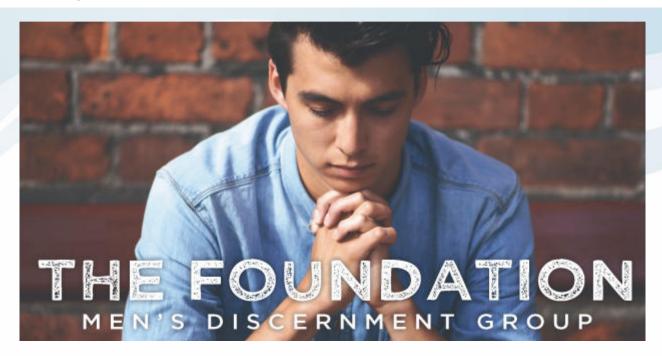
(Rosary in Spanish)
Faith Doing Justice 4:00 PM Virtual
Ig.nite! 7:00 PM Donnelly Hall,
Newman Lounge

8:30 AM Virtual

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

H/L Parent Orientation 3:00 PM Newman Hall
TC Sunday Session 3:10 PM Donnelly Hall
Catechist Evening 7:00 PM Newman Hall
Retreat
Reconciliation 6:15 PM Church

Ignatian Spirituality 6:15 PM Donnelly Hall
High School Youth Group 6:30 PM Rectory Lounge
BIPOC 9:00 PM Loyola Room



THE FOUNDATION: MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP

Who-Any adult man over the age of 18 from the Diocese of Lansing who has graduated from high school and desires to join a group of men who are not afraid to talk about priesthood and be open to God's call — whatever it is.

What-Peer support and prayer are the main focus of the group, along with diving into topics surrounding priestly discernment and Catholic identity. All meetings are centered around a discussion about the chapter of the day from the book To Save a Thousand Souls (books will be provided).

Where-St. Mary Student Parish, Loyola Room * 331 Thompson St., Ann Arbor

When-Saturday meetings at 10 a.m. and end with lunch!

October 9 November 13 December 18 January 15 February 19 March 12 April 9

Contact: Fr John Vinton frjohn@stfrancisa2.org or Fr Jim Gartland, SJ at jgartland@smspnewman.org

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.

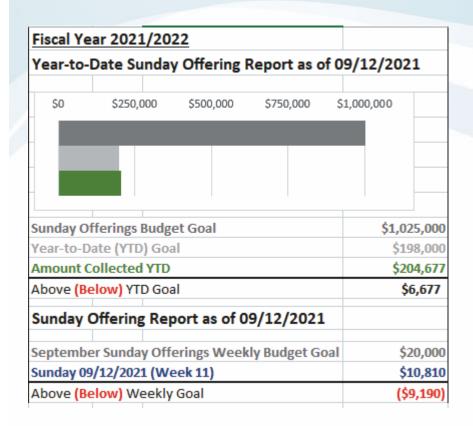
Baptism preparation class is required to be taken for your first child. If you've taken the class elsewhere, proof of that will be necessary to schedule a baptism.

Classes are on Monday 6:30-7:30 PM on the following dates. **10/4, 11/1 and 12/6.** 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.

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.

Please contact Carol ckonczal@umich.edu or 734-663-0557 ext. 0 to register for a class, or with any questions or more info.

St. Mary Student Parish Financials



ONLINE GIVING

Many of you have signed up for online giving, which is a great help to us. Thank you. Some of you may be open to doing so. We recently introduced a new "online giving portal" through ParishSoft. This will eventually be the only online giving program that we will use.

You can sign up and allocate gifts to particular funds here: https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/smsp.

Contact Kristen Gowman kgowman@smspnewman.org with any questions.

DONATE USING VENMO

Give like students give - straight from their smartphone. Venmo 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 Venmo username is @SMSPumich.

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT SMSP:

KROGER REWARDS AND AMAZON SMILE

HERE'S HOW TO SIGN UP FOR KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS:

KROGER will donate a % of your purchases.

- 1. Visit kroger.com/communityrewards
- 2. Create a digital account
- 3. Link your card to "St. Mary Student Parish" #JF263
- 4. Start shopping!

Note: If you don't have a Kroger Rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

HERE'S HOW TO SIGN UP FOR AMAZONSMILE:

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

- 1. Visit smile.amazon.com
- 2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
- Search for the charity of your choice (St. Mary Student Parish) to receive donations
- Select your charity
- 4. Start shopping!
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SEPTEMBER 19—Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Wis. 2:12, 17-20

Psalm

3:16 - 4:3 Reading II Jas

Gospel 9:30 - 37Mk

Jesus speaks of his own rejection, torture, and shameful death. True discipleship, he says, is concerned not with status but with service to the poor, with justice and peace.

SEPTEMBER 26—Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Nm 11:25-29

Psalm 19:8,10,12-14

Reading II Jas 5:1-6

9:38-43,45,47-48 Gospel Mk

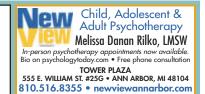
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