



ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

DEC 24, 31 & JAN 7

4th Sunday of Advent



4th Sunday OF ADVENT 4^o DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” - Lk 1:30-31

El ángel le dijo: “No temas, María, porque has hallado gracia ante Dios. Vas a concebir y a dar a luz un hijo y le pondrás por nombre Jesús”. - Lc 1, 30-31

REJOICE - REJOICE! *BY FR. BEN HAWLEY, SJ*

A Savior? What do we need to be saved from?

Scripture describes Jesus' life's work as freeing the captive, giving sight to be blind, and healing the sick. So he saves us from anything to which we are captive, to which we are blind, and of which we are sick.

Another way to understand what Jesus does for us is this: he rescues us from the shipwrecks of our lives. The original Greek word that the New Testament uses to mean "salvation" is a much older word that this sea-faring people used to mean "rescue from a shipwreck."

In the busy time leading up to the end of the semester we can feel as though we have lost sight of anything but the huge volume of work we must finish. We can feel discouraged by the pressures and so captive of endless work. We can feel heartsick about ever achieving our hopes and dreams.

Jesus' word of hope wants to pierce these layers of blindness, discouragement, and heart-sickness. "Your life has value because I give your life that value," he says to us. This doesn't make the work or the pressures or the discouragement disappear. Nor are we likely to find ourselves full

of giddy joy. It isn't about happy feelings. It is about a deep-seated, foundational realization that I can in fact keep going moment by moment, hour by hour, day by day, and all this pressure will pass - and I will emerge into a new part of my life, aka second semester.

Of course, Isaiah's texts were spoken to the Jewish people in slavery in Babylon, and the New Testament texts - the gospels, St Paul's and other authors' letters - were written at a time of terrible persecution in the Holy Lands. So these words of hope have been spoken to people in much more dire circumstances than ours. And their hopefulness and God's love have allowed these words to be transmitted to us.

"Make straight the way of the Lord." Help Jesus help us. Trust just a little. Let him in. Only when we have let him in and he has started the process of our salvation can we face those who are blind or captive by their own choice - the ones who are blind to their own limitations, blind to the humanity, the worth and value of the people around them, who see people as objects to be used, the ones we hear of in the news these days: Matt Lauer, Harvey Weinstein, Bill Clinton, and the rest of

them. They are the real destructive ones from whom we need real protection. But that is the story of Lent and Easter.

For now let us rejoice - rejoice! Scripture says - that our Savior has come and is coming more and more into our world. Let our Christmas be merry and our New Year filled with the hope of the Christmas Season.

SAVE THE DATE ...

SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

SUN, JAN 21 | 6:00-9:00 PM

Join us in hearing our student interns' stories of faith and how God is at work in their lives!

Contact Brian

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From the Bishop's Office

DEC 31 AND JAN 1 MASSES

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1) is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday.

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GRAD/YP EVENTS

GRAD/YP MASS & DINNER EVENING

MON, JAN 8 | 7:00-9:00 PM

Each month we host a Monday **mass & dinner** right at St. Mary. Join us to worship, connect, and enjoy a delicious dinner with our Grad/YP community.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTIONS

MON, JAN 22 | 7:00 PM

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

SAVE THE DATE ...

LIVING DECISIVELY IN A CONFLICTED WORLD

Grad/YP Retreat (Feb 3-4) at the Weber Center. Registration opens January 3rd.

ROOTED TUESDAYS | 6:30PM

NEXT MTG JAN 9

Rooted is a year-long open Grad Students and Young Professionals faith sharing group focused on becoming more rooted in God, scripture and each other (love). Come meet other Grad/YP's, have authentic conversations and build real relationships for God's kingdom on earth. No need to sign up, just drop in! Contact Jenny jline@smspnewman.org

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

UNDERGRAD MEN'S RETREAT

TO LOVE FRI, JAN 12–SUN, JAN 14

COLOMBIERE RETREAT CENTER, CLARKSTON, MI

The culture has it wrong. God has it right. Come to learn how God intended masculinity to be lived out when it comes to masculine identity, relationships and sexuality. A retreat for undergrad men about the true definition and living out of masculinity as God intended.

All men need to be reminded what it means to be created male by God and how to respond to the cultural pressures and expectations of the world in relation to identity, relationships and sexuality. This retreat is intended to remind and refocus men on how God intended you to live and love.

Cost of retreat is \$75. Men who register will need to pay via venmo or St. Mary's quick give. Financial aid is available if needed.

Sign-up goo.gl/R8Feio

UNDERGRAD WOMEN'S RETREAT

BE LOVED FRI, JAN 26–SUN, JAN 28

WEBER CENTER, ADRIAN MI

The culture has it wrong. God has it right. Come to learn how God intended femininity to be lived out when it comes to feminine identity, relationships and sexuality.

A retreat for undergrad women about the true definition and living out of femininity as God intended. All women need to be reminded what it means to be created female by God in a world that tells that us we are inadequate, unworthy of true love and not enough. This retreat is intended to combat those lies and remind and refocus women on how God intended us to receive love and how we are to be loved.

Cost of retreat is \$75. Women who register will need to pay via venmo or St. Mary's quick give. Financial aid is available if needed.

Sign-up goo.gl/DdgrQP

RESTORE TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

NEXT MTG JAN 9 & 11

Restore is a year-long open undergraduate faith sharing group focused on restoring faith, friendships and the kingdom of God. Come meet other undergrads, have authentic conversations and build real relationships. No need to sign up, just drop in! Groups will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 PM, and Thursday at 7:30 PM (after lg.nite).

Contact Jenny jline@smspnewman.org or Jess jessjana@umich.edu

A Look Ahead

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 24-JANUARY 14

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4th Sunday of Advent Masses

8:30 AM Mass for Herbert Barnes
10:00 AM Mass for +Joy and +Joe Gardner
12:00 PM Mass for Joan Brown Alexander & Family
12:00 PM Mass for People of the Parish

Christmas Eve Masses

3:00 PM Mass for +Miles Roberts
5:30 PM Mass for +Victor Colombano
7:30 PM Mass for +Don and +Sally Groulx
Midnight Mass for Mary Colombano

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 AM Mass for Gloria Kellermann

DECEMBER 26-30 Closed /No Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:30 AM Mass for People of the Parish
10:00 AM Mass for
12:00 PM Mass for Zenaida Fulgencio
2:00 PM Mass for

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

10:00 AM Mass for +Jessica Hatten Mexico

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 Closed /No Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

5:10 PM Mass for

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

5:10 PM Mass for Tina Pant

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

12:10 PM Mass for +Esther Sierro-Mentz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30 AM Mass for People of the Parish
10:00 AM Mass for +Becky Hilger
12:00 PM Mass for +Patrick & +Julia McEnergy
2:00 PM Mass for
5:00 PM Mass for +Elisha Savageau
9:00 PM Mass for + John Maldups

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

5:10 PM Mass for

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

5:10 PM Mass for +Ed Muzyl

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

5:10 PM Mass for

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

5:10 PM Mass for

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

12:10 PM Mass for +Martha Callahan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30 AM Mass for Benefactors of SMSP
10:00 AM Mass for People of the Parish
12:00 PM Mass for +Victoriano & +Anita Go
2:00 PM Mass for Edgardo Aguilar Guardado
5:00 PM Mass for +Glenn Johnson
9:00 PM Mass for +Colton K.

ST. MARY DISCUSSION GROUP



SUN, JAN 7 | 3:00-5:00 PM

The St. Mary Discussion Group will meet on January 7--*note change of date*. Mary Anne Peronne will lead a discussion about DACA recipients and how we can support them.

Rosemary Sarri will facilitate. Rosemary has shared a report entitled "A PORTRAIT OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS RECIPIENTS Challenges and Opportunities Three-Years Later." You can search for it by title or find it at <https://unitedwedream.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/DACA-report-final-1.pdf>

Join us at 3pm in Donnelly Hall for coffee, cookies and conversation. The program will begin at 3:15 and end by 5:00. All are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Sherry Warden at sswarden@umich.edu

MEETINGS & EVENTS: DECEMBER 24-JANUARY 12

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Children's Liturgy 10:15 AM Newman Hall+

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASSES

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM (no streaming),
12 NOON Spanish Mass in the Church
12 NOON in Donnelly Hall

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

3:00 PM Children's Pageant & Mass
5:30 PM Mass
7:30 PM Mass
11:30 PM Lessons & Carols
Midnight Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Closed except for 10:00 AM Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Children's Liturgy 10:15 AM Newman Hall+
Hispanic Choir Practice 1:00 PM Music Room
Hispanic Children's Liturgy 2:00 PM Donnelly Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 1-

Closed except for 10:00 AM Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Music Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Family Faith Formation 8:00 AM All Rooms
Children's Liturgy 10:15 AM Newman Hall+
ESL 12:45 PM Newman Hall
Hispanic Choir Practice 1:00 PM Music Room
Hispanic Children's Liturgy 2:00 PM Donnelly Hall
Discussion Group 3:00 PM Donnelly Hall
Hispanic 1st Reconciliation 3:15 PM Church
Rehearsal
Reconciliation 7:30 PM Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Centering Prayer 6:30 PM Richard Room
Bible Study 7:00 PM Newman Room
Born For Joy 7:00 PM Monteith Room
Grad/YP Mass + Dinner 7:00 PM Church
Donnelly Hall
ASB Meeting 8:00 PM All Rooms

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Continuing SCC—Open 4:00 PM Loyola Room
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM Church
Triduum Choir 6:00 PM Donnelly Hall
ICPJ Latin American Night 6:00 PM Newman Hall
RESTORE 6:30 PM Rectory Lounge
ROOTED 6:30 PM Newman Room
Catholic Thinkers Book Club 7:00 PM Loyola Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Women of the Heart 10:15 AM Donnelly Hall
lg.nite 5:10 PM Newman Hall +
RESTORE 7:00 PM Rectory Lounge
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Music Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

Men's Undergrad Retreat 5:00 PM Church
Hispanic 1st Reconciliation 6:30 PM Newman Hall
and Off site

JANUARY WARMING CENTER

Every Interaction Matters

We are called to “love our neighbor”, but sometimes we don’t even know our neighbor. Start this new year by getting to know your neighbor. 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, compassion, kindness, and respect.

JANUARY DAYTIME WARMING CENTER MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM-4PM JANUARY 1-31

We provide food, coffee, a warm place of rest, the opportunity for conversation, and the building of relationships. Solidarity and mutual giving are the values that guide this ministry.

Consider this your sign from God, and sign up to volunteer and donate: <http://bit.ly/warmingcenter>

Questions? Contact Jake Derry at jderry@smspnewman.org

JANUARY WARMING CENTER GIFT REGISTRY

Our warming center registry is back for its third year! We are collecting gently used (or new if you wish) items for those guests with us for the month of January. We would like to provide them with at least one of their three requested items before they move on to the February Warming Center. Visit our registry sign-up to view requested items and for more information. The sign up will be updated throughout the first three weeks of January.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080C49A4AD2-stmary1

Questions? Please contact
Karen karenbthomas2@gmail.com or
Rainey rlamey@umich.edu

ICPJ LATIN AMERICAN TASK FORCE MOVIE NIGHT

TUE, JAN 9 | 6:00-9:30 PM

Join the Latin American Task Force for a delicious tamale dinner and a film pertaining to Latin American issues.

The film being shown is: It Was The State, which investigates the disappearance of the 43 rural college students at Ayotzinapa in 2014. It points to the Mexican police system as the culprit and perpetrator of this kidnapping and sheds light on a challenging issue. Also hear from Michigan Solidarity with Mexico Network about the state using police repression to demobilize people, fracture/break social movements and communities, create terror and hinder dissent.

Contact Jake jderry@smspnewman.org

HILL HOUSE MEALS

St Mary’s Faith Doing Justice Ministry is seeking volunteers to help feed the homeless in Ann Arbor. We are committed to providing Sunday meal quarterly for the former Camp Take Notice (CTN) residents that meet weekly at **HILL HOUSE** for dinner. Hill House is located at 3501 Stone School Road.

How to Volunteer:

1. Provide a specific food donation such as an entree or dessert
2. Provide staple donations such as napkins, water bottles, etc.
3. Provide Monetary support for the purchase of needed items
4. Provide transportation and/or serve food on the given day

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

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS | 7:00-8:30 PM **NEXT MTG JAN 8**

Our Catholic faith teaches that God is alive in the Scriptures. Come discover the Word with us. We practice scripture-based faith sharing in a small discussion group. Discussions are guided by church-approved commentaries, question guides, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

MON, DEC 25 & JAN 1 No Bible Study
CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ALL and HAPPY NEW YEAR

MON, JAN 8 We'll start the new year off by cracking open a new book of the Bible to study!

Contact Kathy Ann Moilanen 734.668.7437

BORN FOR JOY

MONDAYS | 7:00 PM **NEXT MTG JAN 8**

A 12-step recovery group for men (ages 18+), who struggle with sexual acting out/pornography and are sincerely looking for hope and help in a community of fellow strugglers. Structured discussions are led by an experienced leader, offering times for listening and sharing. Discern, discover, and understand your struggles. Find God already helping you, and recover your joy. Primarily for students and young men. (Other men welcome as well.) Not for the curious, researchers, reporters. Please be courteous and stay away. Visit www.saa-recovery.org or contact Fr. Ben pastorstmarys@gmail.com

CENTERING PRAYER

MONDAYS | 6:30 PM **NEXT MTG JAN 8**

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

Centering Prayer is an intentional openness to, or practice of "waiting" on God, encouraging the building of a more intimate relationship with Jesus and the movement of the Holy Spirit. It is rooted in centuries-old monastic prayer.

The book Open Heart, Open Mind by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO is a good introduction. The first Monday of each month we listen to an introduction to centering prayer and then pray for 20 minutes. Otherwise, we typically sit

and pray for two 20-minute sessions with a short meditative walk in between. All are welcome.

Contact Serena Larson serena68@comcast.net

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUESDAYS | 6-10 PM **NEXT TIME JAN 9**

Eucharistic Adoration will take place most Tuesdays in the Church. It is a time to reflect and pray quietly before the Lord. People are invited to come when they can and stay as long as they like. Contact Marlee

mcwillsh@umich.edu

PRAY THE ROSARY

TUESDAYS AFTER THE 5:10 PM MASS

NEXT MTG JAN 10

The Rosary is an ancient and powerful prayer of the church. Every Tuesday after the 5:10 mass, you are welcome to join us in a quiet and prayerful recitation of this blessed gift from our patroness, St. Mary. Not able to come? Then we invite you to send us your prayer intentions--named or unnamed--to hold up during the weekly Rosary.

Email Toni Morales weena@umich.edu, or ask the office staff 734.663.0557 to pass along your requests to us.

LGBT OUTREACH MINISTRY

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

NEXT MTG JAN 16

The LGBT group is sponsored by St. Mary Student Parish and meets twice a month. Meetings are private and confidential. As a diverse community of believers, we respect each person as a unique reflection of God's presence in our midst. We commit ourselves to being a community of care, support, formation, reconciliation, and witness to justice with and among gay and lesbian persons, parents, family members, and friends.

We teach that all love comes from God and focus on helping people reconcile their faith with their orientation. We provide a safe space for discussion, healing, and prayer. Together we reflect on Scripture and listen to the lived experiences of gay and lesbian persons and their allies.

Contact: Rodrigo rodri_cg@hotmail.com or Cynthia jcynthia@umich.edu

Next Semester

WOMEN OF THE HEART

Women of every age are invited to connect, be inspired, and celebrate their faith with one another. Women of the Heart meets one Thursday each month from 10:15 am–12:00 noon to enjoy a light brunch and explore relevant topics.

JAN 11—We have gifts that differ according to the grace that is given to us.” (Romans 12:6a) Hildegard of Bingen - Musician, composer, scientist, doctor, artist, writer, mystic, visionary, and environmentalist.

FEB 8—Transcending Despair - Julian of Norwich - “All will be well...”

MAR 8—“All the way to heaven is heaven, for He said, “I am the Way.” Catherine of Siena - Passionate lover of God, guide of the Church, correspondent of popes, nobles, monks and merchants, nurse of the sick, companion of the condemned, Doctor of the Church.

APR 12—Becoming Joy - Teresa of Avila - “Let nothing disturb you; nothing affright you...Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.”

MAY 10—Simplicity - Richard Rohr speaks of creation as the “Other Bible.” Earth is our teacher, as God’s revelation...Beauty within helps us recognize beauty in our world.

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

THE SPIRITUALITY OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 11:30 AM-3:30 PM

This will be a special interest group for the purpose of celebrating the Eucharist and discussing Salesian spirituality while enjoying a pot luck lunch together. Our discussions are led by Fr. John Lehner, OFSD. This year we will focus on topics from the book Treatise on the Love of God by St. Francis de Sales. The group will be held on the second Saturday of the month at St. Mary in the rectory lounge. All are welcome! Contact Karen Stein kare4s@yahoo.com

JAN 13-BOOK 10 - Loving God Above All things

FEB 10- BOOK 11 - The Bond of Perfection

MAR 10-BOOK 12 - Loving (and Living) Jesus

BAPTISM CLASS

1/29, 2/12, 3/26, 4/30 ATTEND ONE CLASS

St. Mary Student Parish holds a baptism class, in English and Spanish, for new parents one Monday evening each month at 7:00 pm. Parents who are preparing to have their child baptized in the Catholic faith should pick up materials for the discussion from the Parish Office at least one week prior to the meeting they plan to attend. The baptism preparation packet contains articles and discussion questions for parents and godparents. It also contains a Baptism Registration form which must be filled out prior to class.

At the discussion, parents (and godparents, if possible) will have an opportunity to ask questions about Catholic Baptism and schedule their baptism in the Church. If you've attended a baptism class before, we don't require you to attend another. Saturday baptisms are private ceremonies usually celebrated by the deacon.

For Spanish class-Amy aketner@smspewman.org

For English class-Carol ckonczal@umich.edu

THE CATHOLIC THINKERS BOOK CLUB

The Catholic Thinkers Book Club meets 7-8:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at St. Mary Student Parish. All are welcome to participate. For your convenience copies of these books are on reserve for purchase at Literati Book Store, 124 E. Washington.

Here is next semester’s line up:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 7-8:30 PM

- Mustafa Akyol's "The Islamic Jesus: How the King of the Jews Became a Prophet of the Muslims."

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 7-8:30 PM

- Kathleen Norris' "Amazing Grace."

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 7-8:30 PM

- Karen Armstrong's "The First Christian: Saint Paul's Impact on Christianity."

If you would like to be added to the email list, please send a note to Liz Rodriguiz at YpsiLiz2006@gmail.com

Christmas Break Schedule

DECEMBER 21 Daily Mass 5:10 PM

Office Closed for Christmas Break at 6:00 PM

DECEMBER 22 Daily Mass 12:10 PM

Office Closed — Open at 11:45 AM for Mass

DECEMBER 23 Closed for Christmas Break

DECEMBER 24

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASSES

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM (no streaming),
12 NOON Spanish Mass in the Church
12 NOON in Donnelly Hall

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

3:00 PM Children's Pageant & Mass
5:30 PM Mass
7:30 PM Mass
11:30 PM Lessons & Carols
Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 AM Mass
Office Closed — Open at 9:30 AM for Mass

DECEMBER 26-DECEMBER 30

Closed for Christmas Break — No Mass

DECEMBER 31

8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON, 2:00 PM Spanish

JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:00 AM Mass
Office Closed — Open at 9:30 AM for Mass

JANUARY 2

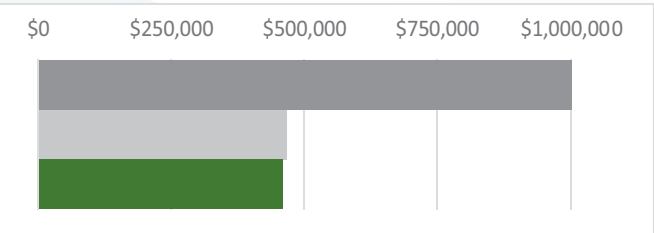
Closed for Christmas Break — No Mass

JANUARY 3

Back to Normal Hours & Mass Schedule
Daily Mass 5:10 PM
6:00 PM Confessions

FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018

Year-to-Date Offering Report as of 12/17/2017



Annual Budget Goal	\$1,020,000
Year-to-Date (YTD) Goal	\$465,700
Amount Collected YTD	\$459,579
Above (Below) YTD Goal	-\$6,121

Sunday Offering Report as of 12/04/2017

Weekly Budget Goal	\$19,500
Sunday 11/14/2017 (Week 20)	\$26,584
Above (Below) Weekly Goal	\$7,084



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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. You 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!

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Sunday Readings

DECEMBER 24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading I 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16

Psalm Psalm 89: 2-5, 27, 29

Reading II Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel Luke 1:26-38

David's posterity shall endure forever. His kingship finds its fulfillment in the son of Mary, Jesus the Christ. To him be glory and praise forever.

DECEMBER 31

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

Reading I Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm Psalm 128:1-5

Reading II Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. Mindful of his covenant, God blesses the faith of Abraham and Sarah in their son, Isaac. The child Jesus and his parents are blessed by Simeon.

JANUARY 7

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Reading I Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm Psalm 72:2,7-8,10-13

Reading II Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited King and Messiah with the gift of their lives.

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