



STEWARDSHIP *for*
**SAINTS &
SCHOLARS**

*The campaign for Catholic education
in the Diocese of Lansing*



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary Student Parish is a welcoming, inclusive, caring, and diverse Catholic community, uniting residents and students.

We are Christ-centered with the Eucharist as the source of holiness in our vibrant liturgical life. Inspired by Ignatian spirituality, we live a faith that does justice, reaching out to the marginalized. As an apostolic parish, we are committed to ongoing formation of Christian witness, discipleship, and leadership.



OUR VISION

Since 1925, St. Mary Student Parish has been a cornerstone and a vital spiritual home for Catholics at the University of Michigan and throughout the Ann

Arbor area. The parish grew extensively over the years, and in 2005, the Society of Jesus began administering the parish while serving a diverse community spanning generations and cultures.



Today, we have a thriving parish with over 3,500 households and countless ministries. To ensure our parish can continue to meet future needs, we are launching a major fundraising initiative in concert with the Diocese of Lansing's *Stewardship for Saints and Scholars* campaign.

St. Mary Student Parish's new campaign will fund essential repairs and updates to the Newman Center and church, creating more inviting and functional spaces for both resident and student parishioners. We also aim to enhance our endowment to support campus ministry initiatives, such as retreats, alternative spring break trips, and other immersion opportunities, as well as increasing the funding for our resident faith formation and community outreach initiatives.



PRAYER FOR ST. MARY'S COMBINED CAMPAIGN

*Good and loving God, giver of all good gifts,
We thank You for the many blessings you have bestowed upon us.
and our St. Mary Student Parish community over these past 100 years.
We humbly ask that in your mercy that you bless this campaign.
Give us the grace to trust in your divine providence
and to embrace your call to be good stewards of your gifts.
Send forth your Spirit upon our parish as we embark on this campaign,
so St. Mary Student Parish may continue to share the Good News
and be a beacon of light and a wellspring of hope for generations to come.
We make our prayer through the intercession of our patroness,
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception,
and in the name of Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

our plans

OVERALL FUNDRAISING
GOAL: \$4,250,000

HOW WE GET THERE:

✦ MEET STEWARDSHIP FOR SAINTS AND SCHOLARS PARISH TARGET | \$1,355,000

In collaboration with the diocese, our first objective is to reach our *Stewardship for Saints and Scholars* parish goal. Every dollar raised through this initiative will support Catholic education, as described in the campaign case statement. Funds will be dedicated to teacher recruitment, training and retention, school tuition assistance, and accessibility for all students, including those with special needs. As part of the *Stewardship for Saints and Scholars* initiative, 20% of the funds we raise toward this goal (**\$271,000**) will be returned to our parish as they are collected.



✦ RESIDENT PARISHIONER FUND

The 20% rebate from the S3 campaign will be used to effectively address the needs of our parishioners. We plan to allocate these funds to enhance our ability to support community outreach, including addressing urgent local needs, such as food and diaper drives, a daytime warming center, overnight shelters, and crisis support for migrant families.

Additionally, we will invest in our resident faith formation by bringing in guest speakers, expanding Bible studies and Small Church Communities, organizing immersion trips, and supporting our Hispanic and Intercultural Ministry. Furthermore, we will develop our music ministry initiatives and increase overall engagement in our local stewardship programs.



✦ CAMPUS MINISTRY | \$990,483

Our Campus Ministry programs are thriving, with the addition of new Bible study groups, Women's and Men's groups, and newly formed Hispanic/Latino and Middle Eastern groups. We continue to grow with retreats, alternative Spring Break trips, and expanded outreach activities such as Friday night cultural events and intramural sports. Over the past two years, we have experienced a 30% increase in weekend Mass attendance, largely due to the popularity of our 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday Masses, which cater predominantly to our student community. To support and sustain this growth, we plan to divide our funds into an endowment and a 10-year term quasi-endowment. This strategy allows us to access some of those dollars in a shorter-term time limit. Our goal is to increase our current endowment funds in order to provide an additional \$55,000 per year to mirror the growth of the ministry and support these crucial initiatives.



CHURCH ENHANCEMENTS

The proposed improvements aim to enhance the church, ensuring it remains a welcoming space for current and future generations. The project is composed of a diverse group of residents who have evaluated and recommended a cohesive environment. While some enhancements are planned for the sanctuary, this campaign will focus on additional improvements to the sanctuary, centralizing the tabernacle, intercultural Marian walls, and repair

✦ FACILITIES PROJECTS | \$1,755,838

St. Mary Parish recently conducted a facilities condition assessment that revealed a variety of necessary projects required to maintain our 100-year-old church and 70-year-old Newman Center. In the next year or two, we will prioritize replacing the roof of the Newman Center, along with addressing safety-related repairs such as stairway handrails, handguards, and concrete walkways and stairs.

Looking ahead, we plan to undertake several significant updates over the following three to four years. These improvements will include upgrading the HVAC and electrical systems, flooring, and doors, enhancing the interior church lighting and installing a new sound system.

We also aim to revitalize five of our meeting and study rooms and make the Newman Center eco-friendlier. The Newman Lounge, our main gathering and study area for students, has not been updated in almost a decade, so we will focus on aesthetic and functional improvements to the Newman Lounge, the Rectory Lounge, and the Loyola Room. Additionally, we plan to convert one room into a Blessed Sacrament Chapel for small prayer group meetings. Donnelly Hall will be enhanced with a moveable wall to provide flexible room configurations.

In line with Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* and the Jesuits' Universal Apostolic Preference to Care for Our Common Home, we will also implement systems and equipment to minimize waste and promote recycling and reuse.



✦ \$148,679

Enhance the beauty of our historic dining and reverent worship space for Church Enhancement Committee, priest and student parishioners, has a vision to enhance our worship space. Projects already completed, including enlarging the altar, adding a new altar, installing two windows, and repairing the apse wall and arch.





the impact

Through our combined campaign, we have a unique opportunity to deepen our Ignatian spirituality and express gratitude for the many blessings we have received. Supporting St. Mary's mission will sustain our vital ministries for students and residents and contribute to important projects within the church and Newman Center. Your contribution is powerful. It not only provides essential resources for our parish's future success but also provides you with the opportunity to co-labor with Our Lord, who invites us to help build his kingdom of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the holy Spirit" (*Romans 14:17*). Through your stewardship and prayer, you draw closer to Him. We invite you to respond to God's call and join us in this transformative effort.

Your support will make a significant difference.

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