

March 16, 2025 — Second Sunday of Lent



ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

- Lk 9:34-35

2º DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

No había terminado de hablar, cuando se formó una nube que los cubrió; y ellos, al verse envueltos por la nube, se llenaron de miedo. De la nube salió una voz que decía: "Este es mi Hijo, mi escogido; escúchenlo".

- Lc 9, 34-35

Parish Insight



WHAT'S THE POINT OF LENT?

BY RITA ZYBER, OCIA/SCC COORDINATOR

As Catholics, we know this period of roughly 40 days is central to our Liturgical Year. Just as Jesus went into the desert to pray and fast and listen to the Father, we set aside this time to be closer to God, too.

As followers of Christ, and hopefully imitators of Christ, we are called to deepen our spiritual lives through the practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving – or being a little more generous toward others. How can we strip away all that is unnecessary and become more mindful of how God is working in our lives?

We spend this time in a more somber spirit, reflecting on the cross and asking ourselves how we might align more closely with all that the cross means for us. With the same humility that Jesus showed by allowing himself to die in this way, we reflect on how we might also die to our more sinful selves in order to be renewed in God's love.

When we think of Lent, however, we sometimes forget about the cross. Maybe we're more focused on the Friday fish fries and how we're managing without chocolate, or chips, or whatever we've given up. Hopefully this season is something more transformational.

Jesus gave us the model for Lent, when he prepared for the start of his ministry. In those brief gospel passages about his temptation in the desert, we see many lessons. First, it's important to find those "desert places" in our lives – the moments of silence and prayer that allow us to hear the voice of God more clearly.

Second, the temptations that come our way, those times when we're attracted to power, recognition, riches, a life of ease, will not bring us lasting peace and joy.

Only a life connected to the Father will bring us what we long for. "Our hearts are restless until they find rest in you, Oh God." That's what St. Augustine reminded us. God is bigger than all the evil temptations that come at us.

Third, we don't do any of this alone. Like the angels who came to minister to Jesus, we can always rely on the Grace of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit to keep us safe and on the right path.

Pope Francis, who continues to battle serious illness, wrote his Lenten message for 2025 just before he was hospitalized. Noting that the Church this year is celebrating the Jubilee of Hope, Francis said he wanted to reflect on what it means for the Church to journey together in hope. He also focused on migration, urging us not to be paralyzed by fear, or a reluctance to leave our comfort zones.

"It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the father," he said.

He also emphasized the importance of seeing the common dignity we all share as children of God. "It means walking side-by-side," he said, "without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded."

Let us continue to pray for Pope Francis, and for the spirit of simplicity and humility to guide us on our Lenten journey.

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LENT EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 21 @ 7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross through the Lens of Racism
THURSDAY, APRIL 3 @ 7:15 PM	Lenten Prayer and Penance Service
FRIDAY, APRIL 4 @ 6:00 PM	GRAD/YP Stations of the Cross
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 @ 7:15 PM	OCIA Stations of the Cross
FRIDAY, APRIL 18 @ 2:00 PM	Lenten Procession/ Via Crucis (Starting at St. Thomas)
FRIDAY, APRIL 18 @ 7:00 PM	Migrant Stations of the Cross/ Via Crucis del Migrante

All events are open to all.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGH THE LENS OF RACISM

FRIDAY MARCH 21 AT 7:00 PM

@ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH



Tuesday, April 1st @ 7PM - St. Thomas

Wednesday, April 2nd @ 7PM - St. Francis
No confessions at St. Mary @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 3rd @ 7:15 PM - St. Mary



Into the Light

RENEW. REFRESH. REJOICE.

We are a fellowship group, a warm welcoming community, who have been meeting on Saturday mornings during Advent and Lent since the 1970's. We have a prayer service using the Sunday's readings and then breakfast with a potluck, and round-the-table we each share brief reflections of what stood out in the readings.

Fridays @ 5:30 PM

March 14, 21 & 28, April 4 and 11

Rectory Lounge, St. Mary Student Parish (Zoom available too)

Contact rlamey@umich.edu

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Why Do My People Flee?

A First Hand Report from Honduras with PADRE MELO

Tuesday, April 1 at 7 pm
@ St Mary Student Parish
331 Thompson Street, Ann Arbor



Join us for an evening of understanding what is happening beyond our borders that causes so many people to leave their homes, families and cultures to make the perilous immigrant journey.

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St. Mary Student Parish



LIVE AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

Workshop for young people aged 13 to 17
March 29 and 30

- Friendship, Family, and Faith
- My Journey to University

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LGBT OUTREACH MINISTRY

7:00 PM ON THE 3RD TUESDAY OF THE 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 provide a safe space for discussion, healing, and prayer.

Next meeting : March 18.

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

SUPPORT OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AT ST. MARY

If you are interested in supporting our immigrant community at St. Mary, we invite you to get involved! You can reach out to Amy Prociuk (amyprociuk@gmail.com) or Rosa Luz Postigo (rpostigo@smspnewman.org).

St. Mary Student Parish



Our OCIA members participated in the **Rite of Election** with Bishop Boyea at Christ the King Church in Ann Arbor on Saturday, March 8.

Please continue to pray for our 10 Elect (those preparing for Baptism), and our 20 candidates preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Special thanks to our OCIA Team, Ricardo Rodriguiz, Cynthia George, Ryan Marcotte, Jonah Kazmierski, Maggie Perrone, and Glenn Gottfried.

MUSICIANS NEEDED

The parish is organizing a group of instrumentalists to accompany the choir for the Holy Thursday celebration. We are still in need of brass players. If you are interested, please contact Mike Sasena msasena@sbcglobal.net

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

If you are sick or a homebound parishioner, we can bring you communion to your home or to another location that would be convenient for you .

Please contact Dorota dbest@smspnewman.org

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

For any parishioners who may have concerns about gluten, we have low-gluten hosts available. Please see one of the lay ministers in the sacristy before Mass begins.

Undergrads & Grad/YP



Bilingual Lenten Retreat

Hosted by Cristeros and open to all undergraduates, graduate students, and young adults.

March 22

11:30 am - 3:00 pm

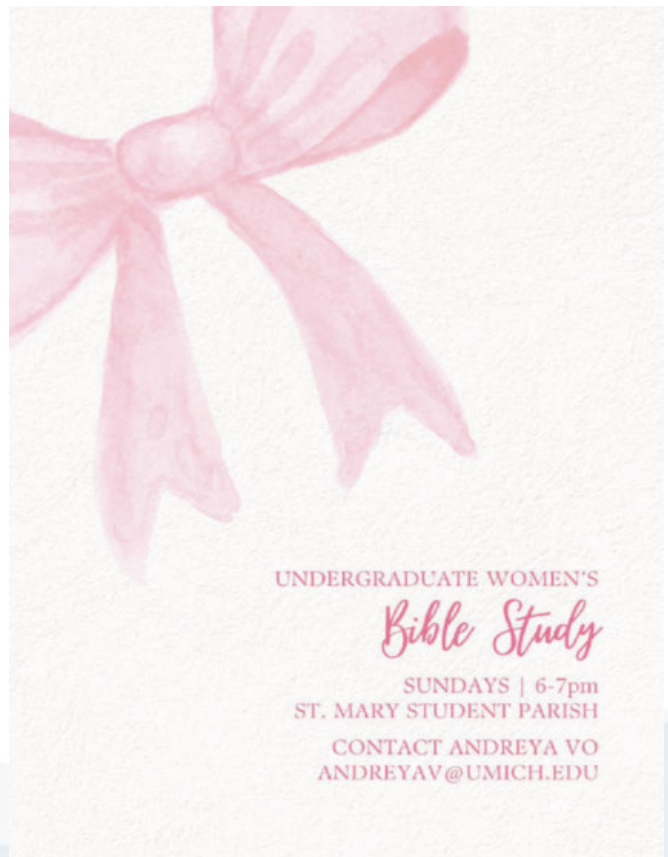
11:30 am - Noon - Bilingual Mass (english/spanish)
12 pm -1 pm - Lunch
1 pm-2 pm - Lenten talk
2 pm-3 pm - Hora Santa/Holy Hour
3 pm-3:30 pm - Sharing of graces

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Bible Study

SUNDAYS | 6-7pm
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Meetings & Events

MEETINGS & EVENTS: MARCH 16— MARCH 23

SUNDAY, March 16

- 8:15 AM **Family Faith Formation** — Newman Hall, +
- 10:00 AM **Children's Liturgy of the Word** — Newman Lounge
- 11:15 AM **Family Faith Formation** — Newman Hall, +
- 12:45 PM **ESL** — Loyola Room
- 1:00 PM **Spanish Reconciliation** — Spiritual Direction Room
- 3:15 PM **H/L Sacramental Prep** — Newman Hall, +
- 3:15 PM **Teen Confirmation** — Donnelly Hall, +
- 4:00 PM **Reconciliation** — Spiritual Direction Room
- 6:00 PM **Undergrad Women's Bible Study** — Rectory Lounge
- 7:00 PM **Reconciliation** — Spiritual Direction Room

MONDAY, March 17

- 10:00 AM **Eucharistic Adoration** — Church, Whitman Room
- 5:45 PM **Rosary for Peace** — Church
- 7:00 PM **Born for Joy** — Whitman Room
- 7:00 PM **Middle Eastern Students' Bible Study** — Donnelly Hall
- 7:00 PM **OCIA Prep in Spanish** — Zoom
- 7:30 PM **Catholic Student Evangelization** — Rectory Lounge
- 8:30 PM **Middle Eastern Students' Bible Study** — Church

TUESDAY, March 18

- 10:00 AM **Eucharistic Adoration** — Church, Whitman Room
- 3:45 PM **Eucharistic Adoration** — Church
- 7:00 PM **Men's/Women's Connect** — Newman Hall, +
- 7:00 PM **LGBT Outreach** — Loyola Room
- 7:00 PM **Triduum Rehearsal** — Church, Donnelly Hall

WEDNESDAY, March 19

- 5:45 PM **Reconciliation** — Donnelly Hall, Monteith Room
- 5:45 PM **Eucharistic Adoration** — Church
- 6:30 PM **SCC Grad/YP** — Whitman Room
- 7:00 PM **Cristeros Hispanic Student Group** — Rectory Lounge
- 7:00 PM **OCIA** — Donnelly Hall
- 7:00 PM **Parish Council** — Newman Hall

THURSDAY, March 20

- 10:00 AM **Eucharistic Adoration** — Church, Whitman Room
- 6:00 PM **Ig.Nite** — Newman Hall
- 7:30 PM **Jesuit History Talk** — Donnelly Hall
- 7:30 PM **SCC Grad/YP** — Rectory Lounge

FRIDAY, March 21

- 8:15 AM **Rosary in Spanish** — Zoom
- 2:30 PM **EC Group** — Loyola Room
- 5:00 PM **Undergrad Crochet Group** — Loyola Room
- 5:30 PM **Into the Light** — Rectory Lounge, Rectory Dining Room
- 7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross Through Lens of Racism** — Church
- 7:00 PM **Hispanic SCC** — Zoom
- 7:00 PM **Friday Social** — Donnelly Hall

SATURDAY, March 22

- 11:30 AM **Cristeros Lenten Retreat** — Church, +

SUNDAY, March 23

- 10:00 AM **Children's Liturgy of the Word** — Newman Lounge
- 12:45 PM **ESL** — Loyola Room
- 1:00 PM **Spanish Reconciliation** — Spiritual Direction Room
- 2:30 PM **H/L Health Fair** — Newman Hall
- 4:00 PM **Reconciliation** — Spiritual Direction Room
- 6:00 PM **Undergrad Women's Bible Study** — Rectory Lounge
- 7:00 PM **Reconciliation** — Spiritual Direction Room

MASS INTENTIONS: MARCH 15— MARCH 23

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

- 5:00 PM Mass for + Michael Breen

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

- 8:30 AM Mass for Diane and Clifton Chippewa
- 10:00 AM Mass for + Edward Vuylsteke
- 12:00 PM Mass for + Pablo Mendoza Iniesta
- 2:00 PM Mass for
- 5:00 PM Mass for People of the Parish
- 8:00 PM Mass for Students of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 17

- 5:10 PM Mass for Gianna Lang

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

- 5:10 PM Mass for

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

- 12:00 PM Mass for

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

- 5:10 PM Mass for + Alexander Valenzuela Lara

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

- 12:10 PM Mass for Women's Ignatian Spirituality Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

- 5:00 PM Mass for Women's Ignatian Spirituality Retreat

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

- 8:30 AM Mass for
- 10:00 AM Mass for
- 12:00 PM Mass for + David Sears
- 2:00 PM Mass for
- 5:00 PM Mass for
- 8:00 PM Mass for People of the Parish

WINTER SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Monday– Thursday 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MASS TIMES

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SUNDAY MASSES

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

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2:00 PM (Spanish)

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5:00 PM

8:00PM

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Monday-Thursday 5:10 PM

Friday 12:10 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 4: 00 PM - 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Wednesday 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM

or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday 5:45 PM - 9:00 PM



Honoring 100 Years of Faith and Community at St. Mary Student Parish

Thursday, March 20th at 7:30 pm in Donnelly Hall

Have you ever wondered when and how the Jesuits arrived at St. Mary Student Parish in Ann Arbor? **Fr. Tom McClain** and **Fr. Tom Firestone** have the details and will be here for an evening to discuss this with interested parishioners! The evening will consist of an informal 30-minute discussion followed by a brief Q and A and culminating with an opportunity to peruse some relevant documents our historical committee has gathered!

April Preview: Cornerstone Reinstallation Ceremony, April 6th

Mark your calendars for **April 6th, beginning at 3:00 pm**. This date and time are 101 years from the original cornerstone ceremony in 1924. We will be sharing details in upcoming bulletins about the origin of the cornerstone, the process for its removal, and its reinstallation! Stay tuned.

Looking forward:

Save the Date: September 21 – All-Parish Outdoor Mass!

Join us at St. Mary as we celebrate our centennial year with one united Mass for the entire parish. More details will follow, but for now, please mark your calendars for this special event. We are also seeking a photographer to capture a memorable photo of our entire community on this remarkable day. If you're interested in helping, please let us know!

Around the Deanery and Beyond

DISABILITIES MASS & RECEPTION AT ST. ANDREW, SALINE

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 AT 5:30 PM

All are welcome to participate in the Sunday evening Mass, March 30th, 5:30 pm. These Disabilities Masses, hosted twice a year at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Saline, are regular Sunday Masses with some additions to highlight the special gifts that God gives to us in those living with disabilities and a variety of resources to assist those with disabilities.

The Mass will be appropriate for those with sensory difficulties, an ASL interpreter will be present, worship aids available for those needing large print and braille, quiet spaces for individuals needing a break will be available, and we will have extra ushers to assist with mobility and other needs.

Immediately following the Mass, enjoy fellowship in the parish hall over a pasta & salad dinner, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Saline Council 6674 and the disabilities team.

Questions: Contact Dominic Bruno

dominicb@standrewsaline.org

734 429 1152



JESUIT FRIENDS AND ALUMNI NETWORK OF DETROIT LUNCHEON

Join Jesuit friends and alumni for a spring luncheon on Wednesday, March 26th at University of Detroit Mercy. Brother James Boynton, SJ, will speak on What is a Jesuit Brother Anyway?


Brother Boynton, the 30th President of University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy, shares his insights into the role of Jesuit brothers in our Church today and his mission at University of Detroit Jesuit.

Register – or find more information – at www.jfanusa.org/detroit

2025
Rose Mass
for healthcare professionals

Holy Mass Celebrated by Bishop Earl Boyea on
Saturday, March 29th | 4:30pm
St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor
Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

Dinner reception featuring Dr. Kristin Collier on
Physician Conscience:
What is it, and Why Should We Care?

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING???

If you have misplaced items while at church, we may have them waiting for you in the parish office! Please stop by the office to check the Lost & Found box.

Fiscal Year 2024/2025	
Year-to-Date Sunday Offering Report as of 03/09/2025	
Sunday Offerings Budget Goal	\$1,193,400
Year-to-Date (YTD) Goal	\$870,400
Amount Collected YTD	\$854,964
Above (Below) YTD Goal	(\$15,436)
Sunday Offering Report as of 03/09/2025	
March Sunday Offerings Weekly Budget Goal	\$18,000
Sunday 03/09/2025 (Week 36)	\$41,204
Above (Below) Weekly Goal	\$23,204

St. Mary Student Parish



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Sunday Readings

March 16 – Second Sunday of Lent

Reading I Gn 15:5-12, 7-18
 Psalm Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
 Reading II Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1
 Gospel Lk 9:28b-36

Abram's faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery-the dying and rising of Jesus.

March 23 – Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
 Psalm Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 1
 Reading II 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
 Gospel Lk 13:1-9

From the burning bush, Moses is called by God to lead his people out of slavery into freedom. The parable of the fig tree speaks on the one hand of God's patience, but of the urgency of the call to conversion on the other. Like the Hebrews of old, we too have failed to heed God's call, thinking ourselves to be self-righteous.

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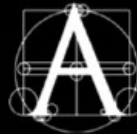
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