

*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2:2



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Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday-7:00 a.m. Friday-9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: See Bulletin

Reconciliation

Wednesday 7:30-7:50 a.m.

**Wednesday 5:30-6:00 p.m. (September-May)

Saturday 3:30-4:10 p.m.

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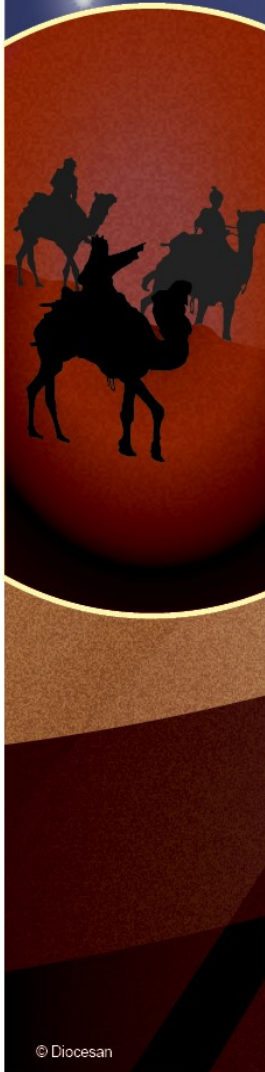
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Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 06
8:00 a.m. +James Falvey
by Fred McNew

Tuesday, January 07
8:00 0.m. S.I. Raymond Crowley
by Tom & Anne Rumpitz

Wednesday, January 08
7:00 a.m. +Deacon Jack Pierce
by Pat & Cathy Kennedy

Thursday, January 09
8:00 a.m. S.I. Connor Burke
by Jim & Barb Burke

Friday January 10
9:00 a.m. S.I. Rose Marie Knudsen
and Family
by Rose Marie Knudsen

Saturday, January 11
4:30 p.m. +Raymond Berg
by Yvonne Richards

Sunday, January 12
9:00 a.m. +Arlyn Madura
by Mary & Chris
Cassleman
11:00 a.m. +Edsel Bowman
by Irene Bowman

Liturgical Assignments

01/11-12/2019

4:30 pm: Jackie Twa, Brooke, Kennedy & Parker Brininstool, Paul Twa, Jennifer Brininstool, Joe Burns, Diane Carmode, Barb Griffith, Gary Kujawski, Karen Mead, Paul & Jackie Twa, Need 3 EM's

9:00 a.m. Michael Zambiasi, Noelle Wiedenhoft, Quinn & Olivia McKenna, Floria Mason, Bill Berns, Carl & Betty Doering, Gloria & Lou Draeger, Mary Sue Farmer, Anne Fuller, Alice Szpieg, Laure Veitenheimer, Michael Zambiasi, Need 1 EM

11:00 a.m. Bill Dunn, James & Grace Priddy, Need 1 Altar Server, Linda Dunn, Bill & Patti Bernesser, Maryvic Cuison, Bill Dunn, Suzanne James, Lance Kilinski, David Lukasik, Joe Popiel, Cheri Shippy, Mitchel Tennyson, Need 1 EM

Ushers: Tom Swifney, David Wilson, Pat Kennedy, Rita Dyke, Jim Huyge, Dave, Clark, Dick Yount, Sam Young, Chip Wright, Mark Gauthier, Tim Raha, Shawn James, Adam Hill, Don Kotecki, Michael Bernard

Our First Fruits to God

12/22/2019

Online Giving\$2,802.50
Adult Envelopes..... \$16,943.00
Kids Coins \$29.12
Loose Contributions\$1,666.17
Total Support.....\$21,440.79

Education Center Debt.....\$677,950.07

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Goal \$2,000,000.00
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Pledges\$1,449,637.66
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Received \$1,280,624.22

CSA 2019 Goal \$137,595.00
Pledged to Date \$148,161.00
Over Goal \$10,566.00
Participating Families 424

If you are 70 ½ or older and need to take a required minimum distribution from an IRA, gifts to St. Mary's Church are qualified charitable distributions and can save you tax dollars. To find out more on how to take advantage of this tax provision, please speak with your tax consultant or investment advisor.

A Word From The Pastor

Happy New Year! The secular calendar has now flipped, and we set off into the Year of Our Lord 2020. I pray that God will bestow His blessings upon all of us throughout this new year. As a Church, this weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ; that great event in which God was revealed to all people as a tiny infant in Bethlehem. For the Orthodox Christians and many of the Eastern Catholics, the Epiphany (properly celebrated on January 6 according to the Julian Calendar) marks the primary Christmas celebration. After all, it wouldn't have done much good for us if God had visited His people and remained hidden, so they mark this special revelation with great rejoicing. Don't forget that our Christmas season continues through next Sunday's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Unless your tree has dried out so much that it is unsafe, we should keep our decorations up through the end of the season. It is not too late to wish everyone you know a very Merry Christmas, despite the fact that you might get some strange looks, and all of the stores have already moved on to Valentine's Day with their displays.

Gift Bearers

For those who are not aware, there is a sign-

up book on the podium in the center narthex of the church for individuals and families to bring up the gifts. Often, when a Mass intention is offered, Barb will ask if the family related to the offering would like to bring up the gifts. If they choose not to, or if the Mass is offered for the Parish Family, then we would like another family to fill this important role. You can check this when you arrive for Mass, and feel free to sign up. It is our goal to have a variety of people bringing up the gifts and not have to rely on the ushers to do this.

Volunteers

I want to express a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered for the various ministries at our liturgies these past few weeks! I am especially grateful to those who stepped up to help usher at the 4 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. The slight panic that I experienced when I realized that there were no ushers at that Mass, and the difficulty we have had with soliciting volunteers to be ministers of communion and servers lately, has prompted us to look at the way that we schedule and assign people to the various positions that need to be filled. The parish staff and I will be examining our different options in the next few weeks, but in the meantime, I wanted to encourage everyone

who is involved in the various liturgical ministries to offer to volunteer to fill slots as much as you can. There are many Masses where we get extra volunteers seeking to cover any openings, and for this I am very grateful. However, at a few of the Masses recently it has been like pulling teeth to find enough people for the openings we have. I would ask that if you are scheduled and cannot make your assignment that you not only indicate that you need a sub on Ministry Scheduler, but if it isn't filled within a day or two, or if it is a last minute request, that you also call some people on the list to make sure we have coverage. Your help with this is greatly appreciated!

May God bless you and your family abundantly during this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year!

Fr. Dave

This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, January 06
 7:20 a.m. Praying of the Rosary
 7:00 p.m. Adoration & Holy Hour
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.

Tuesday, January 07
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Making Life Disciples
 8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, January 08
 7:20 a.m. Praying of the Rosary
 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
 12:00 p.m. Women's Club
 3:45 p.m. Junior Choir Practice
 4:15-5:30 p.m. Elementary Faith Form.
 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
 6:30 p.m. Open Gym 7-12 FF
 7:00 p.m. 7-12 Faith Formation

Thursday, January 09
 7:20 a.m. Praying of the Rosary
 12:00 p.m. Young at Heart Potluck
 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Friday, January 10
 8:20a.m. Praying of the Rosary

Saturday, January 11
 10:00 a.m. St. Martin's Kids Meeting
 3:30-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, January 12

Save the date March 21, 2020 for the Gratitude Gala to benefit St. Mary's School in Spring Lake. We invite you to mark your calendars for an evening of gratitude honoring the champions of St. Mary's School, past and present, whose legacy and support keeps us soaring to new heights! The evening will include dinner, keynote speaker and recognition of special honorees. Event time and cost to be confirmed. Additional details to come.

Women's Club

Please join us as we begin a New Year on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. The rosary will be prayed in the chapel at 12:30 p.m. The first meeting of the year will follow at 1:00 p.m. in the ABC rooms. Our guest speaker will be Jennifer from Momentum. Her topic will be Depression and Suicide.

Please pray for the families of Anne Antonich and Glenn Vink (son of Sharon Vink).
 May they rest in peace in the arms of the Lord. Amen.

Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!



St. Mary's Senior Group, "The Young at Heart" invites men and women; age 55 or older to a monthly potluck on the second Thursday of each month, September through June. (unless announced otherwise in the parish bulletin.)

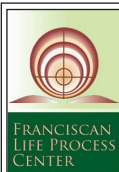
The January Potluck will be Thursday, January 9th, at 12 noon in the A-B-C Room of St. Mary's, Activity Center. Please bring a hot dish, cold dish, salad or dessert to share. Table settings and beverages will be provided.

Following the potluck, there will be BINGO for those who would like to participate.

Please remember to check for school closings on the day of the potluck. When bad weather conditions cause the Grand Haven Schools and/or Spring Lake Schools to be closed, St. Mary's Senior Potluck will be canceled.

If you have questions, call or text: Karen Parsons at 616-843-1571.

Saint Mary's has computers, keyboards, and monitors that are no longer in use in the school or computer lab. These can be purchased for home use at the following prices. Computers are \$35. Monitors are \$20 and keyboards are \$5. For more information or to arrange a purchase, contact our technology coordinator, Bill Sibilla at extension 236 or email at bsibilla@stmmarysl.org



Touched by Mercy, a Day for those Affected by Suicide will be held at the Franciscan Life Process Center, Lowell Campus, 11650 Downes St. NE Lowell, MI 49331 on **Saturday, February 8, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.** Join Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE, MA and Father Ron Hutchinson, MA for a special day of reflection, sharing and prayer for those who have been affected by the suicide of a loved one. Please go to touchedbymercy2020.eventbrite.com to register.

Scripture Readings 01.12.20

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29: 1-4, 3, 9-10
 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17

Sanctity of Life



Every Life is Worth Living! This ministry promotes the sacredness and inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

In commemoration of the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade please join us for the Memorial for the Unborn, a service to remember and mourn the lives lost to abortion in Ottawa and Muskegon County. **Saturday, January 18, 10:00 a.m. – walk, 10:30 a.m. – service.** Walkers depart from First Reformed Church of Grand Haven and process to St. Patrick/St. Anthony Church. If you are unable to walk, please join us for the service at St. Patrick's Church. All are welcome to return to First Reformed Church after the service for light refreshments.

To become involved with the Sanctity of Life Ministry please contact Mary Bilski at 616-846-5751 or mjbilski@att.net

Scrip Scoop

Is your New Year's resolution to save more money? You should be using Scrip. You can purchase gift cards and earn Scrip credits to go toward: St. Mary's School tuition, Faith Formation tuition, Mission Trip expenses, or Mary Light of Learning Campaign.

The more you use the Scrip program, the more money you can earn to help pay for Catholic Education! The Cash and Carry box have over 50 retailers, but many more can be special ordered. Even if you start out small and use it for groceries and gas, the savings will add up!!!

For more information about the Scrip program, please visit our website, or call the Scrip office

New item for ONLINE PURCHASE: Subway now has E-Cards!

For more information on the Scrip program, please visit our website: www.slstm.org/scrip

Jennifer Grossman & Marcie Hamilton
 SCRIP Coordinators
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Faith Formation, ETC.

Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study: Tuesday mornings in the B & C rooms from 9:30 - 11 am. We are currently doing short studies found on Formed.org till the new year. We'll be studying **Mary** starting in **January**. We start back up **January 7th**.

Tap'd @ TED's: The next Tap'd will be in 2020. Tap'd is an event where somebody presents on a topic for thirty minutes while we enjoy a delicious meal or sip on a drink. Then Fr. Dave answers questions from the "**Stump Father**" box located in the gathering space.

Bible Timeline: Sundays at 6:30 pm-8:00 pm downstairs in room D. Catechist Bill Sibilla is leading a walk through the Bible using the Bible Timeline series.

"Quid Est Veritas": What is Truth? At 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room, Catechist Gregory Todd will be leading a series from **Formed.org**. The day is to be determined. In the meantime please go to the parish website and create an account for **FREE**. Check out next weeks bulletin for more details.

MyParish App. : Download MyParish App. to keep up to date with the happenings at the Parish.

Man Up: If you are interested in joining a new men's group for the parish as it gets off the ground, then send me an email. We would like to cover topics from **fighting to philosophy**. But, we want to hear from you. The first rule of Man Up is that we need to start talking about Manning Up!

Dave Heinert

Director of Adult Faith Formation

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St. Mary's Christian Service

Hello Dear Parishioners, Happy 2020! I remember as a student of St. Mary's School, in the 5th grade, being asked to imagine what life would be like in the year 2000. We have reached the year 2020! What a great year to be alive. I look forward to sharing this year with you. I am still trying to close out 2019, seems like the days flew by. Your generosity to our Christian Service Ministry is overwhelming! More details on those served for Christmas next week. Thank You.

Soup For All Grant... Parishioners, thank you for your support of this project thru prayers, volunteering, and sponsorship. I am happy to share we were **awarded \$3,500**, to be used for homelessness and utilities.

St. Mary's School Student Council raised \$157.97 at their last jeans day in December for the food pantry. We will purchase meat with it. Thank you.

This week's Panty needs are: coffee, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, canned chicken, canned pasta, Hamburger Helper, chunky soups, pasta sauce, macaroni, ramen noodles, saltines, baked beans, shampoo, dish soap, deodorant, kleenex and feminine products. **Script and monetary donations are always accepted and appreciated.** Thank you very much and many blessings to you in this New Year 2020.

If you are looking for your empty dish from your donation to a funeral lunch, you will find it on the white table outside of the center kitchen. Please take the time to check the table. We cannot be responsible for the wrong dish taken.

St. Mary's Christian Service Ministry
Smiles and Blessings Dorothy E. Raha
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Faith Formation K-6

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Today's celebration of the Epiphany is a reminder to all of us that Jesus is the "ultimate epiphany" of God, God's definitive manifestation of love and care for all of us, all of God's people.

The Magi's gifts represent much more than just simple offerings. The magi's gift of gold symbolizes their acknowledgement of Jesus as a king whose kingdom cannot be destroyed by earthly powers. In presenting frankincense to Jesus, the magi recognized Jesus's role as a priest. Myrrh was, in Jesus's time, more valuable than gold. Its ancient use was as an analgesic and an embalming element. Myrrh symbolized pain, death and the afterlife. As a gift of the magi, it foretold of Jesus's suffering and death.

When we begin to open ourselves up to Jesus in a personal way we are able to have "epiphanies" of our own. These can come in small movements of God that we begin to recognize Him. We may feel inspired to do or say something; we might be reading and have a new insight into who God is in our relationship with Him. These encounters move us closer to God. He is waking us...opening us up to have a real relationship with him so we are to share Him with others. Jesus gently invites us into a deeper relationship with Him. Today on this feast ask God to open your heart to seeking Him in all the ways He wants to have a relationship with you. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to a new epiphany of who Jesus is in your life.

Cynthia Larson

Faith Formation K-6

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*Happy New Year
with blessings of health
and happiness.*

Youth Ministry

NEXT PRO-LIFE YOUTH SERIES EVENT!

Saturday, January 18 MEMORIAL WALK FOR THE UNBORN

For all the SOULS lost to abortion in our area!

MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON, DC

January 23-26th

All high school students are welcome to sign up for this pilgrimage to our capital. Mass, sightseeing and walk-up the mall to peacefully bring an end to abortion in America.

Chris Iwan

Coordinator of Middle School and High School Youth Ministry

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As a Prayerful Community

*Pray for our Parishioners who serve our country
with pride and valor .*

*We remember those who have asked to be listed
in the bulletin for our prayers.*

LCPL Benjamin Bosse
Major Ken Brakora, USAF
Lt. Col. Jason Braun, USAF
PVT Brian Brennan, USA
MA1 Jason Bruemmer, USN
CWO5 Tracy T. Byers, USMC
Capt. Catherine
Cassleman, ANG
Major Jim Cassleman M.D., USAF
Capt. Rick Cassleman, USAF
Courtney Clark, Peace Corps,
SSGT Johnathan Cox II, USAF
PFC Zachary J. Crevier, USA
Specialist Ryan Diedrich, USA
SGT Scott Diedrich, USMC,
LT Darcy M. Dubuc, MD, USN
SGT Justin Ebidon, USMC
SFC Jacob Frame, Green Beret
SGT Jacob Gardner, USMC
Airman Jacob Green, USAF
SGT Ashley Howe, USMC
CDR Brent Jackson USN
MGy Sgt Daniel Kauppila, USMC
Airman Basic Zachary

Kennedy, USAF
SGT Adam Ketner, USMC
SSG Scott Lange USAF
SPC Henry T. May, USAF
Andrew McCabe, Coast
Guard Helicopter Rescue
Lt. Col. William F. Ratledge, USAF
Lt. Col. Kenneth Rossman, USMC
SMSgt. Michael J. Rozneck. USAF
LCPL Kyle James Russell, USMC
Jonathan Schmitt
First Class IT, USN
Capt. Matteson Smith, USA
Major Max Smith, USA
Capt. Ann Trombly, USAF
PFT Austin Van Strate
Major L. Brandon Wohlschlegel,
Army Ranger.

We also pray for all
first responders and
law enforcement officers
who put their lives on the line to
keep us safe at home.

Jamie Anderson
Chase Anspach
Cristy Barnes
Logan Boon
Marisa Brizzalara
Janice Bullinger
Connor Burke
Gustavo Carrerro
Carolyn Cibor
Raymond Cibor
Millie Conran
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Danielle
Sharon DeWitt
Jennifer Edinger
Caren Fann
Joe Fendt
Vanessa Fox
Mary Jo Glassner
Glenn
Ernie Grabman
Paul Grantz
Marshall Graves, Jr.
Russ Greenbauer
Janet Hall

Lee Haslick
Stephen B. Hess
Jack
Keki Jahs
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Nicholas Karlsons
Kathleen Kennedy
Jean Koehs
Violet Korecki
Beatrice Kotecki
Fred Kromer
Baby Paul Langeres
Phil Lemmen
Angelo Marasco
Janelle Martin
Bill Mason
Ridge Matthews
Jim McHugh
Melissa
Margie Meyer
Lisa Meyers
Susan Millett
Jeff Moorehouse
Jacob Myers
Ted Ostradick

Bill Palermo
Jennifer Porter
Val Race
Jack Richards
Ayden Riggs
Teresa Rivera
George Sadowski
Esperanza Sanchez
Kathie Saurbaugh
Christopher Schippers
Tony Schippers
Nancy Senkowicz
Roger Shoestring
Cathy Staeven
Charles VanderLaan
Ric VanWeelden
Alan Walczak
Eileen Westerhoff
Young
Alan Williams
Richard Wilson
Sara Wolcott Family
Amy Wygmans
Ted Youn
Zachary Zimmerman