

# "You are the Light of the WORLD"



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Matthew 5:14

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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## Worship in Our Parish

### Mass Schedule

Monday, February 10  
8:00 a.m. For the Homeless and Hungry

Tuesday, February 11  
8:00 0.m. +Margaret Payne  
by Richard Kirby

Wednesday, February 12  
7:00 a.m. +Leonard Gross  
by Fred Erhardt Family

Thursday, February 13  
8:00 a.m. +James LeMieux  
by Yvonne Richards

Friday February 14  
9:00 a.m. +Anthony Windberg  
by His Family

Saturday, February 15  
4:30 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Family

Sunday, February 16  
9:00 a.m. St. Mary's Parish Family  
11:00 a.m. St. Mary's Parish Family

### Liturgical Assignments

**02/15-16/2020**

4:30 pm: David VanVeelen, Charles, Kate & John Henry Leonard, Theresa VanVeelen, Joe Burns, Diane Carmode (req sub), Mike Grillo, Lucy Leonard, Rachel Lohman, Karen Mead, Kristin Padula, Kathy Struve, Paul & Jackie Twa, Need 1 EM

9:00 a.m. Lou Draeger, Marley, Alyssa & Calleigh Fogel, Mary Cassleman, David & Diane Burel, Rob Clark, Carl & Betty Doering, Mary Sue Farmer, Bridget Fogel, Lee Ann Frame, Anne Fuller, Julie Kieft, Bonnie Schmitt

11:00 a.m. Bill Dunn, Joseph & Jake Westhoff, Parker Hill, Linda Dunn, Bill & Patti Bernesser, Wendy Ely, Suzanne James (req sub), Lance Kilinski, David Lukasik, Ray Murray, Cheri Shippy, Mitchel Tennyson, Sharon Vink, Need 1 EM

Ushers: Terry Johnson, Joe Mead, Mike Brown, Fred Kromer, Steve Boyink, Chris Jarvis, Bill Berns, Bob Glavich, Scott Van Strate, Jim Milanowski, E. Jack Gardner, Scott Hunt, Ken Michlitsch, Joe Garzelloni, John Brook, Charles Gardner, Kirk Antekeier

## Our First Fruits to God

**02/02/2020**

Online Giving .....\$3,336.00  
Adult Envelopes..... \$14,567.00  
Kids Coins ..... \$36.84  
Loose Contributions ..... \$1,552.21  
Total Support..... \$19,492.05

Education Center Debt.....\$477,903.37

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign  
Goal ..... \$2,000,000.00  
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign  
Pledges ..... \$1,546,621.94  
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign  
Received ..... \$1,437,666.72

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

### World Marriage Day

This Sunday, February 9, has been designated as World Marriage Day. We are all encouraged to pray for marriages every day, but especially on this day let us all keep the married couples of our parish in our prayers. Let us pray for those who are experiencing troubles and are going through a divorce or separation, for those who are struggling to find ways to support their spouse who might be dealing with illness or addiction, for those who are struggling to stay true to their vocation for any number of reasons. Marriage is the backbone of our society and of the Church, as this structure breaks down, God's help is required more and more to strengthen the bonds that unite husbands and wives and assist them in caring for their children. Marriage preparation begins at birth, as children observe the ways that their parents interact, may our prayers help every couple in our parish be an example of sacrifice and love!

### World Day of the Sick

This Tuesday, February 11, has been established by Pope Saint John Paul II as World Day of the Sick, "a special time of prayers and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of

reminding us to see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind." In a parish as large as ours, we have many sick brothers and sisters to pray for this week. May they receive the compassionate care they deserve and be aided by God's healing and strength!

### Healing Our Church Follow-Up

Our parish had a tremendous response to the Healing Our Church small groups that were offered back in October and November as an opportunity to discuss issues surrounding the Catholic Church, and specifically, the abuse scandal. A few people have asked about the follow-up to the questions that were posed as part of the small groups. All of the questions were sent to Renew International's Offices out East, and they collated them and are in the process of sending them to the bishop to review. The last groups in the diocese just finished the program in December, so all of the information has not come back yet. The first wave came in a few weeks ago, but the data is being sent in waves. The bishop assured us at the Presbyteral Council meeting a few weeks ago that he takes all of these questions seriously and is formulating the best way and method to use to respond.

Diocesan staff are working to put together a final report with answers to the questions right now and that will be distributed when it is ready. The bishop will also work to be available to answer anything that is not addressed. The healing process has begun, but we all know that it is far from complete. Let us continue to pray for our Church, for all of the members and leaders, and especially for those who have suffered any abuse or injustice at the hands of any Church member.

### Away this Week

I will be gone Sunday evening through Thursday this week to visit some old friends in San Diego. If you need any immediate assistance, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your understanding.

May God bless you and all those you love throughout the upcoming week!

Fr. Dave

## This Week in Our Parish

### At a Glance

Monday, February 10  
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary  
 7:00 p.m. Adoration & Holy Hour-Cancelled  
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.

Tuesday, February 11  
 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, February 12  
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary  
 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation  
 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, February 13  
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary  
 12 p.m. Young at Heart Potluck  
 6:30-8 p.m. Quid Est Veritas  
 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Friday, February 14  
 8:25a.m. Praying of the Rosary

Saturday, February 15  
 8:00 a.m. Reconciliation Retreat  
 3:30-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, February 16  
 6:30-8 p.m. Bible Timeline



This week, I am feeling grateful for the community of Spring Lake. Small towns are special places, a fact made clear a couple weeks ago when our middle school conducted a peaceful demonstration to honor the message of Martin Luther King on the federal holiday celebrating his birthday. Not only did an African American passerby stop in to thank us for our messaging, but he also agreed to speak to the whole school about why it meant so much to him. As the great grandson of a slave and the product of segregated schools, our guest praised St. Mary's School for teaching kids to "do what they ought to do so that he could be who he ought to be." In addition, there seems to be a St. Mary's connection at every business and service agency in the village, making it easy to find the support we need to be our best. God is certainly smiling on this community, and I, for one, am grateful for His blessings!

While I am on the subject of gratitude, let me take this opportunity to invite all of you to our first ever St. Mary's School Gratitude Gala on Saturday, March 21, right here on the parish and school campus. This evening is dedicated to celebrating all those, including you, who have helped St. Mary's School go Above and Beyond in all we do. Tickets are now on sale through the parish website at [stmarysl.org](http://stmarysl.org).

Ms. Katie Doyle, Principal St. Mary's School



**ST. MARTIN'S KIDS- WOW,** Thank You to everyone who contributed to the January collection. The total was \$2,179!! Our ministry is filled with gratitude at the support we receive to be able to continue this corporal work of mercy. Our ministry met with the Caraways for a report on their recent fall visit. They arrived unannounced and were pleased to see the children looking well cared for and healthy and the grounds of the orphanage looking clean. Mike passed out staff bonuses and met with a group associated with the day-to-day activities of the orphanage. So far grain purchases have been made to provide food for the coming year and car repairs completed so children will be able to ride to doctor visits instead of walking. There are also many new trees at the orphanage, avocado, cashew, papaya and orange to supplement the diet. All made possible by your generous support!



**St. Mary's Senior Group, "The Young at Heart." The February Potluck will be Thursday, February 13,** at noon in the ABC 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. If you have questions, call or text: Karen Parsons at 616-843-1571.

### Women's Club

**The Women's Club** will be meeting at Old Boys Brewhouse on Wednesday, **February 12** at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. Don't forget to RSVP to Bonnie Glavich, 616-850-9280.



### Scrip Scoop

Valentine's Day is this Friday. Do you need any special Valentine gifts for someone? Be sure to stop by the Scrip table for all your Valentine gifts or an evening out to dinner. Pick up Scrip for Amazon, Applebee's, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Celebration Cinema, Goodrich Theater, Hallmark, Kohl's, Logan's Roadhouse, and many more. For more information on the Scrip program, please visit our website or email the Scrip office.

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Scripture Readings 02.16.20  
 Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
 1Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37

### 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.

"When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way."

*USCCB People of Life*

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



**Support My Mission Year. Hello! My name is Maria Harvey,** and I'm a student missionary in Lansing. I would love to share with you the ways I've been growing as a disciple of Christ and the ways I have been serving the Lord every day since I got here. Come see me after Mass in the gathering space to learn about my year and how you can support me!

### A Parish Festival "Thank You" to Angelo Marasco

On Wednesday, January 29, our friend and parishioner Angelo Marasco died at the age of 89. He was a long-time supporter of St. Mary's School, and he worked on the Parish Festival for many years, where he spearheaded the dinner. He was passionate about creating "the best" festival dinner each year, and he devoted his time, energy, and culinary expertise to make that happen. He poured his heart into the meal and relished the joy it provided others. It was his special way of expressing his dedication to the parish and his fondness for the parishioners. We will greatly miss Angelo, who was always a beloved member of our Festival Committee. Requiescat in Pace.

Laura Alexandria  
 Festival Chair



## Faith Formation, ETC.

### Adult Faith Formation

**Bible Study:** Meets in **B & C Rooms** on Tuesday from 9:30 - 11 am. We are currently studying Mary that can be found on Formed.org.

**Tap'd @ TED's:** Tap'd will be **February 20** with **Deacon Michael Goodwin**, he will be sharing his vocation story and what he's been doing on his Pastoral year. 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. Doors to the **Private Dining Room @ TED's** open for us at **6:30 pm**, presentation starts at 7 pm.

**Bible Timeline:** Sundays at 6:30-8:00 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? **Thursdays** at 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room, Catechist Gregory Todd is leading a series from Formed.org called **Forgiven: The Transforming power of Confession**.

**Man Up:** We met in **St. Ans Chapel**, aka Stan's Bar and will give an update next week. **DON'T BE A SNOWFLAKE, GET OFF THE COUCH, BE THERE!**

Dave Heinert

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### Faith Formation K-6

**The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 13-16**

The disciples are taught by Jesus to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Salt in Jesus' time was a very necessary and precious item. It was very hot and people needed to consume salt to survive. Merchants brought it to a public area and what wasn't consumed fell to the ground. When the leftover fell to the ground it lost its savor. Jesus uses salt since the people could relate to it at that time. When we think of salt we think of it adding flavor.

Does Jesus add flavor to your life? Do you ask be salt to others by bringing the good news of Jesus to them? Do you let it fall to the ground? Or do you become the salt that seasons people's lives and helps them know the goodness of the Lord?

The second part of the Gospel this week says, "You are the light of the world". We are called to shine our light which is Jesus to others. We can do this by possessing the virtues of Jesus. When we choose to learn and follow his teachings we can then shine our light, our examples of how to live and behave as Christ would to others.

#### Family Time:

Talk to your children of how we can shine the light of Jesus in to all areas of our family life and the world. If we allow our good deeds to be visible, the light shown on them others will be able to recognize God at work. May our families become role models for the world in order to give glory and honor to Almighty God.

Cynthia Larson

Faith Formation K-6

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### St. Mary's Christian Service

**Pantry Report...** during the Month of January (*five weeks*) we served 90 families, 165 adults and 80 children. Thanks to your generosity and kindness we were able to respond to their needs. Many thanks for the continuing gifts of gloves, mittens, hats & scarfs. Currently, we have enough. Warm hands make warm hearts.



**St. Mary's Central Food Pantry is an ongoing weekly ministry which appreciates your support.** Please remember us when you shop. **This week's list includes** cereal, soup, rice, syrup, dry spaghetti pasta, applesauce, canned meats, baked beans, sugar, pizza & taco fixings for the family shelf, ramen noodles, shampoo, bar soap and toilet paper safe for septic tanks. We are averaging 25 families per week in the Pantry. Please keep these families in your prayers.



**History Facts. Do you know when St Valentine become a saint?** Saint Valentine of Rome was martyred on **February 14 in AD 269**. The Feast of Saint Valentine, also known as Saint Valentine's Day, was established by Pope Gelasius I in **AD 496** to be celebrated on February 14 in honor of the Christian martyr.

*St. Mary's Christian Service Ministry wishes you a very happy and love filled day.*

St. Mary's Christian Service Ministry  
Smiles and Blessings Dorothy E. Raha  
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### Youth Ministry

#### Youth Lent Retreat Saturday, March 7th @ Camp Blodgett

Lent is always the perfect time of year to draw closer to Christ. Open to all 7-12th grade St. Mary's Parish youth and friends. Come and laugh, learn and pray with us!

**Time:** Saturday **March 7th** 1pm-9pm **Place:** Camp Blodgett (Own transportation) **Cost:** \$45. per student

#### Steubenville Summer Conference June 12-14, 2020

This is simply is the best Catholic youth conference in the country. Open to all 9-12th grade students as of fall 2020. Held on the Campus of the Franciscan University of Steubenville, over 2,000 fellows Catholic youth from all over the country come together to hear the best speakers and bands our faith has to offer.

**Sign up Deadline: Sunday, April 19th**

**Cost: 325. per student (100 dollar nonrefundable deposit holds your spot) Trip Limit: 24 students and 4 adults**

#### Summer Mission Trip Dates and Location!

**July 15-19TH 2020: Detroit, MI**

Chris Iwan

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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  
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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  
CDR Brent Jackson USN  
MGy Sgt Daniel Kauppila, USMC  
Airman Basic Zachary  
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SGT Adam Ketner, USMC  
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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  
DC  
Danielle  
Sharon DeWitt  
Jim Donnelly  
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Fred Kromer  
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Phil Lemmen  
Angelo Marasco  
Janelle Martin  
Bill Mason  
Ridge Matthews  
Jim McHugh  
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Susan Millett  
Wendy Murray  
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