

The Holy Trinity

Go, therefore,
and make disciples
of all nations,
baptizing them
in the name of
The Father,
and of
The Son,
and of
The Holy Spirit,
teaching them
to observe all
that I have
commanded you.

Mt. 28:19-20



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Pastor

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Wednesday - 7 a.m.

Holy Days: See Bulletin

Reconciliation

Wednesday 7:30-8:00 a.m.

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

God Our Father,

In your wisdom you made all things.

Bless these men,

That they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,

May honor them always

With a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~ Book of Blessings



Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, June 17	
8:00 a.m.	S.I. Elyse Winter by Dorothy Raha
Tuesday, June 18	
9:00 a.m.	S.I. Ray Walenga by Chris & Mary Cassleman
Wednesday, June 19	
7:00 a.m.	S.I. Barb Zysk & Jan Stille by Helen Paul
Thursday, June 20	
8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory by Cal & Rita Braun
Friday, June 21	
8:00 a.m.	S.I. William Lawler by Betty & Rick Fleming
Saturday, June 22	
4:30 p.m.	+Thomas Vivian by Beverly Vivian and Children
Sunday, June 23	
9:00 a.m.	+Walter & Ella Boerma by Ken & Barbara Boerma
11:00 a.m.	+Doug Knight by Jean Knight

Liturgical Assignments

06/22-23/2019

4:30 pm: Mike Grillo, Meredith Sakel, Alex Hoisington, Sydney Noorman, J.C. Howe, Irene & Sam Barbera, Jill & John Conroy, Gary Kujawski, Rachel Lohman, Karen Mead, Dawn Stubbs (req sub), Paul & Jackie Twa, James Walkenhorst (req sub)

9:00 a.m. John Bilski, Olivia & Quinn McKenna, Robyn Hunt, Lou Draeger, Colleen Barraclough, Carl & Betty Doering, Mary Sue Farmer, Lee Ann Frame, Anne Fuller, Barb Griffith, Carl & Sharon Mesker, Kristin Padula (req sub)

11:00 a.m. Amy Giroux, James Priddy, Zeb & Josie James, Greg Stempky, Patti & Bill Bernesser, Janet Cox, Suzanne James, Lance Kilinski, Sandy Mercurio, Ray Murray, Kristin Padula, Rob Shippy, Mitchel Tennyson, Sharon Vink

Ushers: Tom & Austin Twa, Mark Brininstool, Jim Kauppila, Bill Berns, Bob Glavich, Scott VanStrate, Jim Milanowski, E. Jack Gardner, Scott Hunt, Ken Michlitsch, Joe Garzelloni, John Brook, Charles Gardner, Kirk Antekeier

Our First Fruits to God

06/09/2019

Online Giving \$2,642.00
Adult Envelopes..... \$10,901.00
Kids Coins\$37.63
Loose Contributions \$1,483.00
Total Support..... \$15,063.63

Education Center Debt..... \$792,484.941

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Goal \$2,000,000.00
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Pledges \$1,315,103.95
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Received \$1,107,420.7

CSA 2019 Goal \$137,595.00
Pledged to Date \$131,691.00
Under Goal \$5,904.00
Participating Families 365

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

It is mid-June, school is out, summer hours have begun, and many activities have taken on a slower pace around the parish, with the exception of our youth programs. This upcoming week will be Vacation Bible School, and our children will be learning about the Prophet Jonah. I always get very excited during VBS week, as the children bring with them so much energy and desire to learn more about their faith. Let's keep them and the many adult volunteers in our prayers this week!

Corpus Christi Procession

Next Sunday, **June 23**, is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. It has been a long-standing tradition for St. Mary and St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parishes to get together for a Eucharistic procession that afternoon. We will be hosting this liturgy on Sunday afternoon, June 23, beginning at 2 pm in our church. There will be songs and prayers before everyone in attendance processes through the neighborhood. Our procession will pause at the Spring Lake Middle School parking lot for a few additional prayers and a water break, before resuming and returning to St. Mary's Church. The entire celebration should take about one to one and a half

hours. This is an opportunity for us to visibly express our belief in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and to offer a blessing for our community as we process in prayer down the streets of our village. Please come out and join us if you are able!

Bad News about the Mosaic

I receive many comments from visitors regarding the beauty of our church, and specifically, about the mosaic of Jesus behind the altar. Over the past few years, small pieces have been falling off the mosaic. We brought in a restoration firm to examine it and determine what should be done to fix/preserve it. Unfortunately, the report that we received was not good. When the church was originally built, over 52 years ago, the mortar used in the brick was too rigid and was not permeable enough to allow moisture to escape from the wall. This has led to many of the pieces no longer adhering to the wall and an unknown level of damage to the mounting wall. There are several things that need to be addressed to repair it. First, the mortar between the brick needs to be repointed, and then a small section of the mosaic will be removed, repaired, and reattached. Removing a small section will allow the company to inspect the wall behind for

possible damage. The estimate we have for initial repairs and inspection is almost \$25,000, and repairs to the rest of the mosaic could run more than \$100,000. We have money in savings to begin the project, but we are soliciting donations to prepare for the cost of the full restoration. Contributions can be made in the collection or to the parish office in an envelope marked "Mosaic Restoration Fund" and there will probably be several second collections for this in the future. Thank you in advance for anything that you can do to assist with this project!

Let's Go to Bat for Kids

This Thursday evening will be the softball game at Fifth Third Ballpark between the clergy and the local media. Come out and enjoy a fun night that will raise money for Catholic Charities West Michigan. Also, please help me win the MVP trophy by making a donation in my name either online or by check to the parish office. Thank you!

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

Fr. Dave

This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, June 10
7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. VBS
7:00 p.m. Adoration & Holy Hour

Tuesday, June 11
7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. VBS

Wednesday, June 12
7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. VBS

Thursday, June 13
7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. VBS

Friday, June 14
7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. VBS

Saturday, June 15
3:30-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, June 16



Scrip Scoop

School is out for SUMMER! Are you taking a fun family vacation this summer? Our Scrip "Cash & Carry" has the gift cards you need for traveling! Pick up Scrip for: Applebee's, Arby's, Burger King, Culver's, IHOP, Panera Bread, Marathon Gas, Shell Gas, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell, Wendy's, and many more!

There are hundreds of other Scrip gift cards that can be special ordered, including hotels and airlines! You can special order at the parish office, or after Mass. If orders are placed before 9am Monday morning, they are usually delivered to the Parish office by Wednesday/Thursday of that week. Please visit the Scrip website for a complete list of vendors: shopwithscrip.com

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Scripture Readings 06.23.19

Gn 14:18-20 Ps 110:1-4
1Cor 11: 23-26 Lk 9:11b-17

Evangelization Clip

Jesus tells us today that "the Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth...He will declare it to you." God's truths are absolute. Those truths are found in Scripture and in significant teachings of the Catholic Church. Such an **absolute truth is our God-given right to life.** No political party and no judicial body has greater authority than God. See Isaiah 49:15-16: "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have engraved you."). In **Human Life and Dignity** (see USCCB), our bishops reference Pope Benedict's Encyclical Letter, **Charity in Truth**, and state, "As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death." We must form our consciences on such absolute truths. What could be better than life? Pass it on.

Parish Office Summer Hours



Beginning Friday, **June 21** the parish office will be closing at noon on Fridays. This schedule will run through **August 16**.

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS -



Raffle tickets are now available for pick-up in the Gathering Space after all Masses. Please pick up your packet of 15 tickets and sell to friends, family (and yourself, of course), for a chance to win **\$10,000!** All proceeds support **St. Mary's School** and help keep tuition affordable for our school families. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Additional tickets will be available after Masses and in the parish office. The drawing is on Saturday, **September 7**, at the Parish Festival. Thank you to Stan's Bar for their raffle ticket sponsorship. For questions, contact Kathleen Johnston at 231-750-6971 or Kathleen.johnston@spectrumhealth.org

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.

"Each [UI and IVF] procedure involved living human beings – individuals with unique DNA, who deserve to be treated with the dignity of human persons. ... They should no more be frozen or disposed of like laboratory waste than the rest of us. They bear ---as all human beings do --- the image and likeness of God, the Father of all."

USCCB "[*Life Matters: Reproductive Technology*](#)"

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



Get in the lineup!

Join Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM) as the CCWM Padres take on a spirited team of Media Giants in a softball game at Fifth Third Ballpark, Thursday, **June 20th!** Gates open at 5:30 p.m. This event benefits the child welfare programs of CCWM, which help keep families together here in our community. The event is FREE (parking is \$7/car) and includes children's games and activities along the concourse, local mascots, and a fun night at the ballpark!

Scott Hahn in West Michigan Don't miss Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center at Our Lady of Consolation Church in Rockford on **Saturday, June 22, 2019**. Study Scripture and go deeper into the riches of our Catholic faith with one of the Church's most renowned biblical scholars of today. For details and registration visit: <https://stpaulcenter.com/rockford/>. Tickets will also be available at the door (while supplies last.)



Perpetual Adoration

Volunteers Needed: Sunday 4-5 a.m., Monday 8-9 a.m., Wednesday 3-4 a.m. Saturday 2-3 a.m., 4-5 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.

Urgent: Second person needed: Sunday 4-5 a.m., Noon - 1 p.m. & 6-7 p.m., Monday 2-3 a.m., Noon-1 p.m., Tuesday 1-2 p.m., Wednesday 8-9 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 1-2 p.m., 4-5 p.m., 5-6 p.m. Thursday 1-2 p.m., Friday, 10-11 a.m.

Call coordinators, Joan Blasky 616-842-5776 or Adele Croft 616-414-7638 if you are able to help.

"We want our eyes open to the reality of other people. To hear what they are not able to articulate. We want to see justice run like a river. We want to be able to see differently.

Margaret Mayce, OP
United Nations Representative for the United States Dominican Sisters

Faith Formation PS-6 PS- GD 6: Faith Formation:

Today I pen my final column as I will be retiring following this week's VBS. I entrust you to competent and faith-filled hands in my successor, Cynthia Larson. I will not steal her thunder as she will soon introduce herself to you, but God has certainly blessed St. Mary's in your next *Elementary Faith Formation Director*.

Please continue to pray throughout the week for our students and volunteers participating in *Jonah, Chapter 5*. In my parting words to you I hope to convey my passion to live out *Jonah, Chapter 5* in our world today. After *Jonah* tried to flee from God as he chose not to go to Nineveh to preach and was swallowed by a BIG fish, *Jonah* experienced a form of death. He fell to rock bottom and sought forgiveness for his unwillingness to say "YES!" to the WORD of God that was spoken to him. After 3 days *Jonah* was spewed UP and out of the BIG fish onto the exact shore of the location that God had called him to preach. *Jonah's* experience mirrors the Paschal Mystery, as a form of death and resurrection. *Jonah* was perplexed that all of Nineveh converted and God forgave them. God's complete forgiveness angered *Jonah*. He could not forgive. He was more upset that a plant died than he was of the prospect of 120,000 persons dying, not to mention the animals (*Jonah* 4:11). Yes, God cares for the animals too. All of creation God created with the WORD that was spoken. We need to care for creation today more than at any other time. Yes, our Earth is suffering. Therefore, the VBS will feature activities and connections to caring for creation and all that was made by the hand of God. God's WORD is revealed in our lives TODAY in every bird that sings and flower that blooms! Thank you for providing me the opportunity to share God's WORD to you. I will miss you and pray for you, the good people of St. Mary's. Continued peace and blessings...

ANNOUNCEMENTS: It's not too soon to SIGN - UP your children in Faith Formation K-6 for 2019-2010!! REGISTRATION is now open through the parish website. Follow the tab to the [Elementary Faith Formation Registration Link](#) is found on the Main Page. Tuition fees remain the same as last year K-6 is \$80 for the 1st child in a family. \$65 for the 2nd child. \$60 for any additional child. *New this year, payment may be made online.*

Cathy Pearce |

Director of Elementary Faith Formation

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Youth Ministry

July 19-21st Steubenville Summer Conference! If you are serious about your faith and want to take it to the next level you don't want to miss out on this event! Simply the best Catholic speakers, bands and talent will all come together in one place. **Open to all 9th grade-college age students (as of fall 2019).**

Summer Youth Rosary Club! We will be offering a rosary club this summer, details to come. Studies have shown that students worry about their future and things that are happening in their lives that they can't control. Anxiety and depression can often develop and grow over the summer. We would love to meet at the boardwalk, get some ice cream and pray together for everyone's intentions. This is a simple and effective way to grow in our faith and as a community!

Chris Iwan

Coordinator of Middle School and High School Youth Ministry
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Adult Faith Formation

Bible study: Starting **September 10th** with a study on the **Eucharist** followed by a study on **Mary**, both of which can be found on **formed.org** that can be accessed by visiting the parish website. There are books for both programs which we will be ordering. If you would like a book; let me know.

A Parish that prays and plays together stays together. Let us build a Parish where strangers become acquaintances, acquaintances become friends, and friends become family.

Tap'd is back! We will meet in "**The Private Dining Room at TED's**" again on **June 19**. Come early, stay late. Please, **RSVP** to me or visit our Facebook page. Gathering is **6:30 p.m.** for talking, eating, and drinks. The short presentation from a member of Mercy Health on **Advanced Care Directive Planning** will start at 7 p.m. followed by Fr. Dave stump time! Let's free our minds of the burdens that may keep us up at night.

Bible Timeline: Starting in the fall on Sunday evenings, Bill Sibilla will be leading a walk through the Bible using the Bible Timeline series.

Tuesday Golf Group: A few members of St. Mary's meet on Tuesday's at 10 am in William Ferry Park. They then head to Whitehall for some golf and fellowship. If you are interested in joining this fellowship, then please call Mert (616)846 1635 HAVE FUN

Dave Heinert

Director of Adult Faith Formation

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St. Mary's Christian Service

St. Mary's School Student Council - I would like to recognize and thank this fine group of students who worked tirelessly throughout the school year to assist Christian Service in many ways. One fun way was "**Jean Day**", monetary donations to wear Jeans to school raised **\$826.73**. This enabled us to purchase foods especially with children in mind.

Pantry Numbers For May. We were happy and blessed to serve 73 families (142 adults & 68 children). We never have too many volunteers, call Dorothy if you are interested.



St. Mary's Central Food Pantry is a weekly ministry which appreciates your support. Please remember us when you shop.

This week our list includes: cereal, regular tea, saltines, mac & cheese, canned meats, Ramen Noodles, peas, pasta sauce, ketchup, mustard, taco/pizza fixings, snacks for the family shelf, juice, deodorant and shampoo. Monetary gifts and Scrip are welcomed. Please place donations in with your offertory or turn in to the parish so your gifts can be recorded on your contribution statement for tax purposes. Please mark "Christian Service". Thank you on behalf of the families we serve.

Volunteers are still needed to pack the 50 pails/totes for the Summer Fun Project. We will gather in the pantry on **Tuesday, June 18** at 10am. Please call Dorothy to volunteer (616-842-2602).

Smiles and Blessings Dorothy E. Raha
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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
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
Sgt. Josh Sherman, USA
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
Joyce Berns
Connor Burke
Gustavo Carrero
Carolyn Cibor
Raymond Cibor
Millie Conran
Danielle
D.C.
Sharon DeWitt
Jennifer Edinger
Caren Fann
Theresa Farnelli
Joe & Frank Fendt
Vanessa Fox
Mary Jo Glassner
Glenn
Ernie Grabman
Paul Grantz
Marshall Graves, Jr.
Barb Greene
Janet Hall
Lee Haslick
Stephen B. Hess
Adam Hill

Christopher Howe
Gregory Howe
Jack
Keki Jahs
Lin Johnson
Nicholas Karlsons
Kathleen Kennedy
Mary Ann Kihnke
Baby Paul Langeres
Bill Mason
Ridge Matthews
Jim McHugh
Melissa
Margie Meyer
Lisa Meyers
Susan Millett
Jeff Moorehouse
Jacob Myers
Nash Nichols
Jamie Noorman
Ted Ostradick
Bill Palermo
Jennifer Porter
Val Race
Jack Richards
Ayden Riggs
Teressa Rivera

Tegan Rose
Larry & Helen Rozneck
George Sadowski
Esperanza Sanchez
Christopher Schippers
Tony Schippers
Nancy Senkowicz
Roger Shoestring
Cathy Staeven
Alan Walczak
Eileen Westerhoff
Young
Alan Williams
Sara Wolcott Family
Amy Wygmans
Ted Youn
Ed & Jane Zahurak
Ron & Phyllis Zant
Zachary Zimmerman