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SAINT MARY OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

A Journey in Faith — To Love and Serve the Lord

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • January 16, 2022

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

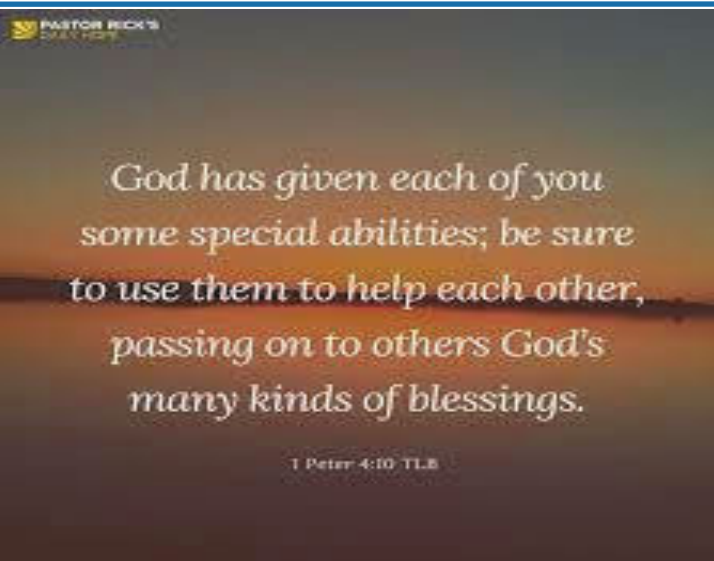
A BANDIT CONVICTED of several murders was on death-row, about to be taken to the electric chair. The prison chaplain had done everything he could to induce him to receive the sacrament of penance, but in vain. All the man would say was, “Go away and leave me alone.” The priest, full of compassion, said a short but fervent prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary and then said to the criminal, “I am leaving, as you wish, but first I want you to do me a favor. Let us say a Hail Mary together.” The bandit agreed and they started to pray. At the very first words, the grace of repentance touched the hardened heart. With tears streaming down his face, the man asked for the sacrament of penance and absolution for his sins, and died in God’s peace with the rosary in his hands and Mary’s name on his lips. After Jesus, is there any other intercessor, here on earth or in heaven, more powerful than Mary the mother of Jesus, who is also our own mother?

IN THE GOSPEL of this Sunday, we see Jesus is performing His first miracle. Jesus along with His disciples and Mary were present for a wedding at Cana. Mary was the first to notice that the wine had run out. She quickly acted to save the couple from embarrassment. She could have remained passive like many other guests present there, but she felt really one with the couple, and considered their embarrassment as her own. She turned to her Son, convinced of His power and goodness. She did not know what He would do, but one thing she was sure of, He would not turn down her request for help. She did not explain to Him the various ways or the possible alternatives for finding a solution to the problem. She just believed that He would certainly intervene to spare the couple humiliation. She was not upset when at first, He apparently declined to help. She simply told the servants, “Do what He tells you.” They did what He said and the water was changed into wine. It was another mighty sign of God’s saving work.

THE CHANGING OF water into wine also symbolizes abundant gifts that come with the hour of Jesus’ death, leading to resurrection. This symbolic meaning goes back to the Old Testament where wine in abundance is a symbol of the richness and overflowing plenty that God promises on the day of messianic deliverance. The miracle at Cana sums up vividly what is to come, how Our Lord enters into people’s troubles, how He transforms the insufficiency of man into joyful fullness and, above all how with Him the kingdom of God, the promised age of salvation, has dawned and the role Mary plays in His kingdom. Jesus gives us the happiness of the wine through the wonder he works in the Eucharist. He brings about unity in the community life. In the Eucharistic celebration a wonderful exchange takes place. Jesus transforms us, reveals to us his glory and power, so that we too can believe in him as His disciples believed in him. We must transform ourselves and others.

May God bless you and your families.

-Fr. Tomy



EXPOSITION, ADORATION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



In this new Year, plan to make a visit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. “If you desire To live in deeper intimacy with our Lord, Seek Him where He speaks to souls; In meditation and prayer.”

**Fridays 1:00-5:00pm
Benediction at 4:50pm**



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PARISH COUNCIL

Council President: Larry Chludzinski
 Council meeting is the fourth Tuesday of the month.

WORSHIP

Commission meeting is the second Tuesday of the month.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Chairperson: Jerri Somervell
 Commission meeting is the second Tuesday of the month.

FAITH FORMATION

Chairperson: Mike Ciarelli
 Commission meeting is the second Tuesday of the month.

FINANCE

Chairperson: Keith Hughes
 Commission meeting is the third Tuesday of the month.

BAPTISMS Please call the Parish Office to arrange for your child's baptism.

MARRIAGES Arrangements may be made by contacting the Parish Office at least six months before the wedding date. You must also be a Parishioner six months previously.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual Confession
 on Saturdays at 9:00am then again at 4:00pm-4:50pm
 Mondays 6:30-6:55 pm, & Wednesdays 8:30am-8:55am
 or anytime upon request by calling the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

Mon Jan 17th	NO SESSIONS—MLK SERVICE WEEK
Tue & Wed Jan 18th & 19th	NO SESSIONS—MLK SERVICE WEEK
Mon Jan 24th	EDGE Grades 6-7-8
Tue & Wed Jan 25th & 26th	Faith Formation Grades K-5
Mon Jan 31st	EDGE Grades 6-7-8
Tue & Wed Feb 1st & 2nd	Faith Formation Grades K-5

THE CHOSEN

Looking for an easy way to consider the Gospels and your relationship with Jesus? We are watching and discussing Season 1 of The Chosen. No preparation is needed; just come and get to know Jesus like you've always imagined! Rms. 6-8, unless otherwise posted.



Wednesday evenings 7:00 pm, Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23
 Men's Thurs. mornings 10:00 am, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24
 Friday mornings 10:00 am, Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25

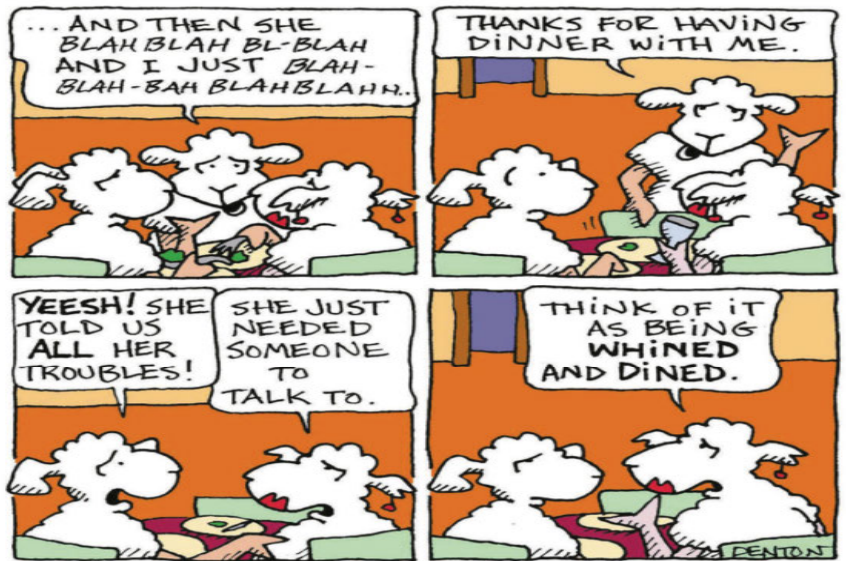
GO DEEPER! FOR ALL ADULTS, PARENTS AND CATECHISTS

These stand-alone classes are offered for the entire congregation for personal enrichment as well as for Catechist Certification.

All classes will be presented on Thursdays at 6:30 pm via Zoom
 Theology Topics:

Jan. 20th Topic #13—Forming a Christian Community
 Feb. 3rd Topic #A—Using & Exploring Sacred Scripture
 Feb. 17th Topic #B—Sacraments of Healing
 Mar 3rd Topic #C—Church at Prayer in the Eucharistic Celebration

QUESTIONS/ZOOM LINK? CONTACT:
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"You have kept the good wine until now."

Sheepish Question:

To whom or what do I need to give my best at this moment in time?

FAITH FORMATION



WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE

On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court made abortion legal in our country. Since then millions and millions of unborn babies have been killed. The most basic of all human rights is life. The most basic of all Catholic social principles is the right to life and dignity for every human person.

Your challenge this week is to do something to promote life and dignity for all. Advocate for unborn babies, fight

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Thinking of Others

When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (Jn. 2:3)



- ▶ Isaiah 62:1-5 - Jerusalem the Lord's bride
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 - Variety and unity
- ▶ John 2:1-11 - The wedding at Cana



- ▶ **Adults:** When have you stepped in, as Mary did at Cana, to try and make a difficult situation easier for someone?
- ▶ **Kids:** What can you do this week to help make someone's job a little easier?



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONNECTION

It is only fitting that Jesus begins His ministry at a wedding feast. Jesus transforms the water into

wine. He brings new life to the party that was about to end prematurely. This story reminds us that God is good all the time and wants what is good for us. Mary does not worry that Jesus will not help. She simply trusts and waits. This wedding feast mirrors the wedding feast that we celebrate every Sunday at Mass. The bridegroom, Jesus, invites us, the bride, to come into communion with him. He turns the wine into his Blood. He gives us His Body and pours out His Blood for us. In return, He asks us to be open to the gifts He wants to give us. We are compelled to give our whole lives to Him in return.

Questions for Reflection: We see the transforming power of Jesus in this story. What changes need to happen in your life? If you want to follow Jesus more closely, what do you need to change in your life? In what areas of your life do you need to be transformed? How can you love Jesus more?

MEET OUR EXTENDED FAMILY FEAST DAY: JANUARY 20

SAIN'TS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

WHILE VISITING ROME WITH SOME FELLOW FARMERS, SAINT FABIAN DECIDED TO VISIT A PAPAL ELECTION MEETING. WHILE STANDING IN THE BACKGROUND, OBSERVING THE DEBATES, A DOVE DESCENDED FROM THE CEILING AND LANDED ON FABIAN'S HEAD! BEING REMINDED OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, THE COUNCIL ELECTED FABIAN POPE AND HE SERVED FOR 16 PERSECUTION-FREE YEARS!!



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GOSPEL WEEKLIES EUCCHARISTIC MINUTE



Holy Communion assures me that I will win the victory; and so it is. I fear the day when I do not receive Holy Communion. The bread of the Strong gives me all the strength I need to carry on my mission and to do whatever the Lord asks of me.

—Saint Faustina Kowalska

Our spiritual life is a series of battles. Every day brings its own challenges—opportunities to do good and temptations to do wrong. Receiving Holy Communion is a source of strength for us. It gives us the grace we need to do battle with evil. It assures us that we can overcome the temptations we encounter. And it also gives us the strength that we need to do the will of God in our lives. Every one of us has a mission from God. If we don't fulfill our mission, it does not get done. The Eucharist empowers us to know and complete our mission each and every day.



ORDINARY TIME

CHRISTIAN SERVICE



WE NEED YOU!!!!

**Small Animal Pet Food Collection Month
January 10th-30th**

Donation to support clients at
Community Sharing

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

**DRY/WET DOG & PUPPY FOOD
DRY/WET CAT & KITTEN FOOD
SMALL MAMMAL FOOD
CAT LITTER**



Please - only unopened items accepted.

We thank you for your generosity!

Are you called to the ministry of Altar Serving? All Parishioners from 4th grade through adults are invited to participate. *All altar servers must have made their 1st Communion.*



Scheduling will be done with your Mass time preference in mind. Training is required and available by contacting Deacon Tim:
faithformation@stmarymilfordmi.org, / 248-685-2702



**February 12th & 13th
Parish Life Ministry
Weekend** is coming!

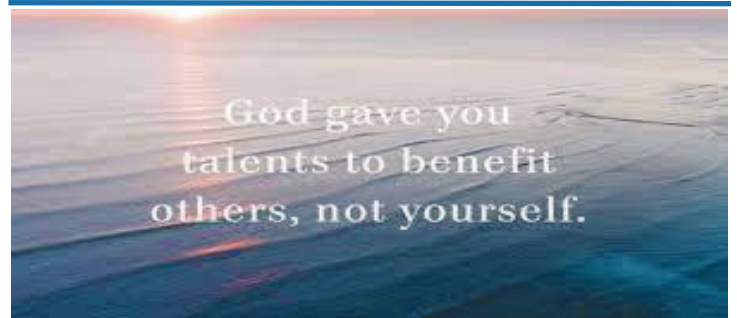
Watch the future bulletins for more intriguing details.



HEALTH MINISTRY

HEALTH TIDBIT

“PATIENCE, PERSISTENCE AND PERSPIRATION MAKE AN UNBEATABLE COMBINATION FOR SUCCESS.”: Once you make exercise a part of your daily life, you will begin to reap several benefits: reduced stress, improved sleep, increased muscle tone, and more energy. Incorporating exercise into your life each day may be difficult at first, but soon it will make you feel so good that you will look forward to ‘getting physical.’



PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY



AS WE TURN the layers of each prayer quilt from wrong side to right side in preparation for inserting the ties, the quilters extend their hands and pray together:

"We extend our hands in blessing to (the recipient of this quilt.)
May God the Father bless you,
May God the Son heal you,
May God the Holy Spirit strengthen you,
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

THE NEXT PRAYERS for the quilt are yours, people of St. Mary, when you tie a knot as you pray. Your prayers are extremely important to the person who will receive the quilt. You know, "It's not about the quilts; it's all about the prayers!"

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS THE COMFORT OF A PRAYER QUILT?

CALL THE ST. Mary Parish office at 248-685-1482 to arrange for that person to receive the benefits of a prayer quilt.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BRIDE AND GROOM



ALL OF US wish to congratulate those married this past week. To the bride and groom and their families, all the blessings of God, long life and profound happiness.

Those married:

**ABIGAIL (SIMMS) KOWALSKY
&
KYLE KOWALSKY**

KNIGHT NEWS

MY BROTHER KNIGHTS: Many of you are aware that outside of our Council, we have an Assembly that is comprised of four Councils; St. William Vercelli, Fr. Edmund Battersby, St. Patrick and Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. The four Councils form Fr. John A. Hardon, Assembly #3099. The Fourth Degree is the Patriotic arm of the Knights of Columbus. We serve the Military and Veterans of the area. You may have seen our Color Corp standing guard at the casket of a deceased Veteran. But what you don't see is our service to the area Veterans at the Piquette Center in downtown Detroit or the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. Our Assembly will host a yearly Christmas Party with the Veterans at the Piquette Center providing the homeless Veterans with a Christmas gift bag of toiletries in addition to a fine pizza lunch. We also make a yearly donation to the center. Four times a year we travel to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor to play bingo with residents. I cannot say enough about what we do for the brave men and women who served our country. If you are not already in the Assembly, please consider joining. It will make you proud.

From Fulton J. Sheen: "You cannot always depend on prayers to be answered the way you want them answered, but you can always depend on God."

Enjoy Sunday with your family.

Gus LaRuffa - PGK (248) 912-7406

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council 7444



WHAT IS OUR BLESSED MOTHER TELLING US?



HERE WE ARE, in the Year of our Lord, 2022. So far, we are pretty much in the same "boat" that we were in last year. Our country continues to experience border and immigration issues, vaccine mandates and related rulings that can change almost daily; abortion, lawlessness, etc. We hear so many stories on the news that we don't know what to believe anymore. We all have our own ideas as to what "truth" is; often we do not agree with others and that leads to divisiveness, conflict and hatred. Now tornadoes and wildfires and other natural disasters seem to be occurring more frequently, as well as issues with Russia and China. In the messages of our Blessed Mother at Medjugorje, She says....."My poor children, look around you and look at the signs of the times. Do you think that you can do without God's blessings?" Another message states: "I am praying that you may discern everything around you and according to God's truth and to strongly resist everything that wants to distance you from my Son." She tells us to

"GO BEFORE THE CROSS AND JUST SIT THERE IN SILENCE WITH YOUR HANDS FOLDED AND OPEN YOUR HEART. JESUS WILL DO THE REST. IN THIS WAY, YOU ARE DRAWING FAITH TO BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT IT; YOU ARE DRAWING TRUTH TO BE ABLE TO DISCERN; YOU ARE DRAWING LOVE THAT YOU MAY KNOW TO LOVE TRULY. MY CHILDREN, MY APOSTLES OF MY LOVE, FOLD YOUR HANDS AND LOOK AT THE CROSS."

Our Lady says that "Nothing is by chance." We often wonder why God allows things to happen. He has a purpose to the pain, suffering and sorrows that we may experience. Someday we will understand why these things took place. With God, we have hope. God is faithful to His people; and we must be faithful to Him. Just as long ago, the Holy Family trusted in God----- in all the trials and threats that they encountered, we, too, must not lose faith. Those without faith are hopeless. Be grateful to God that we survive the difficulties and trials that we encounter-----by means of His Great Mercy, which is endless. Be strong in the Lord. He can bring good even out of evil. (Quotes taken from Words of the Harvester.)

Until next week,
Love & Prayers,
Arlene Loehr

P.S. Stay connected with God. Go before the crucifix. Sit in silence and open your heart to the One Who created you. In the end, He will take care of everything.



MEN - SEIZE THE WEEKEND!



DON'T FORGET TO make your reservation for the **MEN'S RETREAT**

scheduled to begin Friday evening January 28th and conclude around noon on Sunday, January 30th.

This year's theme is **"Bouncing Back -Living in Hope"** Please seriously consider taking advantage of this opportunity to step away from your hectic daily routine to nourish your body with rest and relaxation and your soul with spiritual insight and self-reflection.

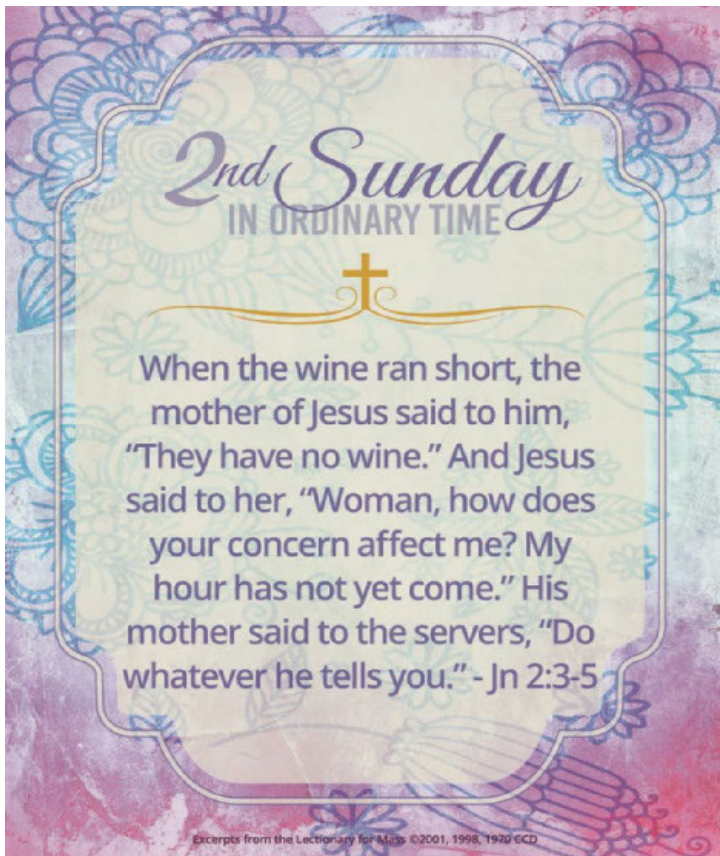
The weekend includes private rooms with bathrooms, five great meals, the retreat programming and ample free time.

Reservations can be made online at stpaulretreat.org or calling the retreat center at 313-535-9563.

For more information or help with registration please contact either:

Dennis Belcuore 248-891-2730

Peter Schappach 586-651-2933



*When I stand
before God
at the
end of my life,
“I would hope that I would not have a
single
Bit of talent left, and could say,
“I used everything you gave me”*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

It Takes All Kinds

“IF EVERY FLOWER wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

WHO IS GOD asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

BUT THIS ANSWER fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

THINK ABOUT THE wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever He tells you,” her words apply to all.

TODAY, ARE WE called to be the servers – do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

LET US EXAMINE our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

NEXT WEEKEND’S LITURGY

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction

ISRAEL WAS SUSTAINED throughout countless struggles by God’s word revealed in the law. We Christians do not identify ourselves by the same criterion, but by a larger sense of law disclosed by Jesus, the living revelation of God. His ministry proclaimed a new law rooted in love that is lived out on behalf of others. A liberating law, it requires a searing focus and discipline by us as individuals and as a community. Providentially, the same Spirit that animated Jesus animates us.



“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”
- Luke 4:21

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ezra reads the law to the postexilic Jewish community.

Ps 19 Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1 Cor 12:12-30 The baptized community is like one body with many parts.

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 Jesus announces His mission to bring good news.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

IN THIS SUNDAY’S Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”

In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families, providing monies for food, utility and rent, bills, etc. Thank You!

Please note that ALL MONIES donated to St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul remain in this area, and are used to assist local families in need.

IF YOU HAVE questions or are interested in joining us, please contact Julie Jacobs at (248) 396-2857.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Martha Abercrombie
 Ruth Ayers
 Arlene Banka
 Samantha Barlow
 Karen Beck
 Nancy Beck
 Bob Behmer
 David Beningo
 Bernadine Bettley
 Shirley Bible
 Patricia Billinghurst
 Raymond Billinghurst
 Karen Bochenek
 Mel Boomer
 Amy Nowicki Boyers
 Monica Brooks
 Tom Buckley
 Tony Bular
 Sharon Callahan
 Sarah Campione
 Marguerite (Babs)Carlise
 Pete Cenzer
 Chuck Chidsey
 Trevor Cline
 Richard Cole
 Jodie Courtney
 Cheryl Crawford
 Emmett Michael Collop
 Cliff & Mary Cunningham
 Susan Daurety
 Mary Jane DeCender
 Rick & Russ DeLong
 Mario DelPup
 Thomas DeWitt
 Dolores Donnellon
 Laura Drahozal
 Terry Dreslinski
 Josie Duncan
 Elizabeth Dunn
 Lisa Fegan
 Mary Finnegan
 Andrea Foster
 Thomas Fuja
 Natalina Gaviglio
 Bev Golden
 Michael Hachigian
 Lori Haile
 Thomas Hammond Jr.
 Eli Hansen
 Dennis Henry
 Ann Marie Howard
 Virginia Iaconelli
 Jackie Johnson
 Casey Jones
 Tom Jones
 Pat (Grams) Kanny
 Linda Keesler
 Sam Kirk
 Donna Kozlowski
 Delaney Kraemer
 Barb Kuehnl
 Rose LaBorde
 Tom LaFave
 Patricia & Ronald
 LaFrance
 Greg Lemanski
 Ron Lemon

Phil Machecha
 Aldona & Stan Manydas
 Christina McCarthy
 Joe Mills
 Adam Moore
 Pat Moore
 Charlotte Moss
 Rose Marie Nardone
 Brian Ney
 Dennis O'Brien
 Janice Oleszczak
 David Ostrenga
 Carol Lynn Pearce
 Mary Pernak
 Alex Petkus
 Mike Polcyn
 Don & Marilyn Ponto
 Anthony Prudhomme
 Carlos Purdue
 Fran Rabideau
 Cindy Rashid
 Robert Reid
 Paula Reynolds
 Rex Richmond
 Katie of Riverview
 Marilyn & John Rogers
 Henry Rossi
 Fr. Bill Sinatra
 Eileen Sausa
 Gloria Schulte
 Karen Scott
 Joy Shick
 Carol Shubitowski
 Edna Skop
 Jerry Snyder
 Scott Soukup
 Philip Stapleton
 Kristin Stoneback
 Bob Tomczyk
 Susan Truner
 Michael Trupiano
 Bill Tumidanski
 Art & Lorraine Velthoven
 Nina White
 Arlene Yearn
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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday : 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
 12:00 noon

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, 10:00 am Mass

Nursery

Closed until further notice

Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:00 p.m.
 Tues., Wed., Thurs., Friday: 9:00 a.m.
 Sat., 8:30 am

Holy Day Masses

9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 17th, 7:00pm

† Kate Ziegler, req. by: The Davis Family

Tuesday, January 18th , 9:00 am

† Markiyan-Vasyl Marcheff, (For Good Health) req. by: Mom-Tetyana

Wednesday, January 19th, 9:00am

† Lou Margiotta, (2nd anniversary) req. by: Carol, Dana, Gina & Angela

† Bill Piper, (Birthday remembrance) req. by: His Sister

Thursday, January 20th, **NO MASS**

Friday, January 21st, 9:00 am

-Kris Quint, (Birthday Blessings) req. by: Her Sister

Saturday, January 22nd

8:30 am (presider) Fr. George

† Dorothy Rodzik, req. by: Jeff & Maureen MacFarland

5:00 PM (presider) Fr. George

† Sal & Rose Dickie, req. by: Family

† John DeBona, req. by: The Family

Sunday, January 23rd

8:00 am (presider) Fr. George

† Richard & Betty Casey, req. by: The Casey Family

† Phil Rashid, req. by: Family

10:00 am (presider) Fr. George

† Floyd Kanny, req. by: The ISA Family

† Suzanne Wokuluk, req. by: The Luke Family

12:00 Noon (presider) Fr. George

† Stanley & Doreen Demski, req. by: Daughter-Beverly Williams

~People of St. Mary

**IN LOVING
 REMEMBRANCE**

On behalf of the Parish Family of St. Mary, we would like to extend our deepest sympathies and prayerful reassurances to the family and friends of:

LESLIE HELD

OFFERTORY REPORT

Thank you so much for your great generosity and open-hearted support of St. Mary.

Our annual budget is based on contributions each week of \$20,365.00. The contributions for last weekend were \$18,821.00. The total for Christmas is \$68,328.00. This amount includes On Line Giving donations.

Thank You for your generosity!

EDGE

On January 10, our Edge session was all about Commandments 1-5. We played a game called the "No Rules Game" where the youth were given ball pit balls with no rules to see what they would do. We then went into a teaching about how the Commandments aren't just rules to make our lives miserable, but how we can live in freedom with the Commandments God has given to us. In small group time, they spent time discussing the first 5 Commandments, then made rules for the no rule game.

Back in large group, each small group played another groups game based on the rules they wrote in small group time.

Next week, we will spend time with Commandments 6-10.



CONFIRMATION

-The next candidate/sponsor session is January 16 at 7pm
-Don't forget about the Confirmation retreat on March 5!

LIFE TEEN

-January 14 service opportunity (watch social media & your email for details)
-Monthly Life Teen is January 23
-Local conference February 6 (see below)

-The Shine retreat at OLGC has been rescheduled for March 5th
(was previously January 8th)

-January 14th at 4:30 pm will be our MLK Service night; details and sign up to come! Please check the website and your email for a sign up.

-January 27th, middle school NET Retreat at St. Patrick

EDGE DATES TO REMEMBER

RISE DETROIT 2022
A GATHERING OF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

FEBRUARY 6, 2022
8:15 AM - 7:15 PM

All 9-12th graders are invited to attend RISE!

The speakers include Dr. Bob Rice, the Culture Project, Bishop Cepeda, and Fr. Patrick Gonyeau!

Activities include keynotes, powerful praise and worship experiences, two workshop opportunities, small group discussion, and Liturgy!

COST: \$35 for all participants: Includes lunch and dinner!

RSVP TO OLIVIA AT YOUTHMINISTRY@STMARYMILFORDMI.ORG BY DECEMBER 28TH

SCHEDULE

8:15AM ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION
WELCOME
OPENING PRAYER
KEYNOTE: "YOU HAVE BEEN NAMED" by Dr. Bob Rice
WORKSHOP: "SON OF GOD"/"DAUGHTER OF GOD" with The Culture Project
LUNCH
KEYNOTE: "CALLED TO BE SAINTS" by Dr. Bob Rice
WORKSHOP: WITH THE CULTURE PROJECT
SMALL GROUP TIME
MASS with Bishop Cepeda
DINNER
CLOSING SESSION: WITH FR. PATRICK GONYEAU (includes Adoration and an opportunity for confession)
7:15PM DISMISSAL



save the date

TRIVIA NIGHT IS BACK!

February 26, 2022 | 6:00 pm
St. Mary Parish Hall

(this event supports the Edge and Life Teen programs at St. Mary Parish)

If you would like to help support this event with decorating, selling tickets, helping the night of... etc. please contact Olivia at youthministry@stmarymilfordmi.org

WORSHIP

RESOLUTIONS FOR A NEW YEAR AND BEYOND FROM POPE FRANCIS

IF YOU BEGAN the new year and were unsure of resolutions, or you made some resolutions but aren't really committed to them, here are a few suggestions from Pope Francis to help you out through the new year and beyond.

1. "Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."
2. "Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."
3. "Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."
4. "Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."
5. "Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."
6. "Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."
7. "Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."
8. "Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."
9. "Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."
10. "Be patient & respectful to our family, friends, neighbors and strangers, really listen to what they have to say."

It's a good list: it's clearly rooted in Catholic teachings, but presented in a way that non-Catholics can embrace. I think that all of us can find on this list at least one or two resolutions that speak to areas in which we really need to grow.

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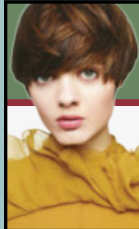
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