



Saint Mary

Our Lady of the Snows

MARCH 10, 2024 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A MAN FOUND a cocoon of a butterfly. One day, a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further. Then the man decided to help the butterfly, so he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly. What this man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were nature's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon. Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our life. If nature allowed us to go through our life without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. And we could never fly.

GOD'S LOVE IS universal, and, at the same time, it is personal. God is concerned for each person individually, yet at the same time, He loves us as a community. We exist in and through Him, and particularly so because He is the God who loved the world so much, He sent His own Son to gather us together that we may have new life in Him. God also sends us to carry His divine love into the world and give the message of the newness of life and light. We are children of the light baptized into the glory that is Christ. Once baptized in Christ, we become His new creation, the members of God's own family. Today, as we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent, we are called upon to renew ourselves and experience the loving invitation of our Lord.

IN THE GOSPEL passage, we have the words of Jesus telling Nicodemus that, just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. In this Biblical passage, Jesus was referring to an event that occurred in the days of the Old Testament. In the days of Moses, the people of God had lost their patience and spoke against God and Moses and constantly complained against them. They asked why they were brought out of the land of Egypt to die in the wilderness. They grumbled that there

was no food nor water, and they detested the miserable food they got, namely the manna. To punish the ungrateful people for having spoken against Him, God sent poisonous snakes. Many Israelites were bitten by the snakes and died. When the people repented and acknowledged that they had wrongly spoken against the Lord God and Moses, they asked Moses to pray to the Lord to take away the poisonous serpents. Following this, God instructed Moses to make a metal snake and to put it on a pole so that anyone who was bitten could look at it. Whoever would look at the figure of the serpent would not die from the snake bite. It represented what was to come in the days of the ministry of Jesus on earth. The metal snake was an image of Christ, a sign and symbol of God. As the metal snake was raised and put on the pole, Jesus was also raised and nailed to the Holy Cross. It is God's saving action for humanity.

JESUS TOLD NICODEMUS that for the salvation of the world, He Himself would be lifted up. He meant this in a twofold sense: lifted up on the cross and lifted up into glory by His resurrection and His ascension. The suffering and joy signified by these two images are essentially connected. If there is no cross, then there is no crown of joy, and if there is no pain and suffering, then no entry into glory. Jesus tells us today as He told His visitor that if we look at Jesus and believe in Him, then He will give us eternal life. The eternal life that Jesus gives us is not the duration of life but the quality of life. That is the highest life possible which is life with God Himself living in us. It surrounds us and infuses every aspect of our life with peace; peace with people because we are God's children, peace with life itself because we live in a friendly universe, and peace with ourselves because of a new insight into and humble acceptance of our

weaknesses. Jesus sums this up by saying that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son for us human persons. His whole essence is love, and He loves the entire world itself.

THE WHOLE PURPOSE of Jesus being lifted up on the cross is to demonstrate that those who believe in Him might have eternal life. By the phrase eternal life, John does not mean the endless endurance

of human existence. Eternal life is life lived in the unending presence of God. One does not have to wait until some unknown future to have this desired life. It can begin in the here and now for those who have faith in Jesus. This life is defined by God and not by humans. St. Augustine tells us that God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us to love. That shows the depth of His love for humanity.

MAY THE LORD bless you and your family.

Fr. Tomy



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 noon
Spanish Mass (2nd Sunday of the Month): 6:30 pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday, 10:00 am Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 7:00 pm
Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 am
First Friday of the Month: 9:00 am and 5:00 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am

ADORATION

Fridays: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

PRIVATE CONFESSION

Monday: 6:00 pm
Wednesday: 8:30 am
Saturday: 9:00 am and 4:00 pm



WELCOME

**A Journey in Faith to Love and
Serve the Lord**

We are called by our Lord Jesus Christ to live out the vision of the Gospel as a Catholic Christian Community. We strive to joyfully share our faith, to humbly serve the needs of others and to strengthen and encourage one another as followers of Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 7:00 PM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Gloria Render, by Husband Bernard
- ✠ Georg Niepoth, by His Parish Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 9:00 AM (MSG. JOHN BUDDE)

- ✠ Irene Meadows (Birthday Remembrance), by Family
- ✠ Dakota Schultz, by Karen Maxson and Mrs. Whit

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 9:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Walter Plajstek
- ✠ Carol Koniecka, by Tom and Barbara Nowicki

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 9:00 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

- ✠ Gloria Render, by Husband Bernard
- ✠ Frances Piper (14th Anniversary), by Her Loving Daughter

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 9:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Amanda Austin (Birthday Wishes), by Family
- ✠ Patty Pool (2nd Anniversary),
by Her Sister Chris Hatmaker

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

8:30 AM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Janice Oleszczak, by Chris Hatmaker

5:00 PM (FR. PLACIDO)

- ✠ Richard Lowisz (2nd Anniversary), by Lottie
- ✠ Tom Rose (3rd Anniversary), by His Wife Dorothy

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Bernie and Joan Shubitowski (6th Anniversary),
by the McDiarmid Family
- ✠ People of St. Mary

10:00 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

- ✠ Al and Anne Larson, by the Larson Family
- ✠ Dennis Bagley, by Jackie and Family

12:00 PM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Patricia Zeleney, by Rob and Joanne Edwards
- ✠ Inam Sharrak, by Family

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"How kind indeed is our Jesus! He welcomes you at any hour of the day or night. His Love never knows rest. He is always most gentle toward you when you visit Him, He forgets your sins and imperfections, and He speaks only of His Joy, His Tenderness, and His Love."

**Fridays: Exposition 1:00 pm
Adoration 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Benediction 4:50 pm**





IN OUR PRAYERS

Kathy Alfen
Melissa Antos
Cindy Barstow
Audrey Beningo
Kathy Boos
Amy Nowicki Boyers
Martin Boyle
L. Brendel
Tom Buckley
Harold Bulgarelli
Diana Burgos
Sharon Callahan
Pete Censer
Jeanne Chimenski
Christine
Jack Cogburn
Candance Cox
Clif Cunningham
Mary Cunningham
Cathleen DeLong
Rick DeLong
Russ DeLong
Mike DePetro
Betty Dunn
Sharon Dusney
Christine Eldridge
Cheryl Facione
Frank Farkas
Mary Finnegan
Richard Gallimore
Natalina Gaviglio
Jean Pierre Geronimi
Greg Gonzalez
Michael Hachigian
Hanna and Family
Maryann Harcharik
Mike Henry
Misty Histon
Pete Holden
Fr. David Howell
Eric Iberle
Grace Iberle
Joe Iberle
Theresa Ivan
Patricia Jones
Gabriel Jules
Pat (Grams) Kanny
AJ Kashenider
Paullette Kathrein
Deirdre Kelley
Donna Kozlowski
Barb Kuehn
Dorothy LaFave
Betty Lager
Ron LaMontagne
Lea Lawitzke
Kyle LeMarbe
Kurt Longcore Family
Tom Losinski
Phil Macheca

Chris Mansfeld
Aldona Manvydas
Stan Manvydas
Jim Markham
Andrea Massa
Linda Massa
Tony Massa
John Matusiak
Ghazi Maya
Najiba Maya
Joan McEnroe
Ilene Miller
Mary Gish Moore
Linda Nathan
Shelley Nichols
Michael Opalko
Bill Panaciewicz
Pat Paris
Patricia Parrish
Agnes Passerelli
Mary Pernak
Mike Pierce
Mike Polcyn
Don & Marilyn Ponto
Franklin Prater
Carol Przekora
Fran Rabideau
Missy Rappuhn
Pat Reske
John Rogers
Judy Romanowski
Henry Rossi
Joan Rowe
Gloria Schulte
Carol Shubitowski
Janet Sikora
Bob Sobczak
Doug Sordyl
Ashtryn Michael
Sorenson
Nate Statly
Kristin Stoneback
Ken Sznyr
Harley Thome
Joan Thome
Bob Tomczyk
Kim Troger
Bill Tumidanski
Greg Vaquera
Doris Welsh
Loretta Whalen
Bobby White
Nina White
Allen Wielfaert
Evan Wielfaert
Zygmunt Zylka

Please call the Parish Office to have a name added to the Prayer List.

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STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING

March 3, 2024	\$19,995.00
Our Weekly Goal	\$20,365.00

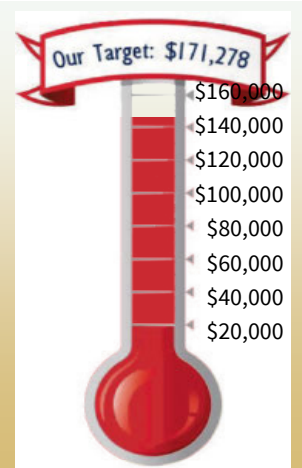
If you would like a copy of your 2023 Contribution Statement, please call the Parish Office at 248-685-1482.



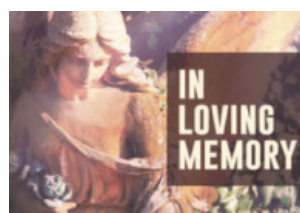
CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023/24 Target: \$171,278.00
RECEIVED: 144,636.15
SHORTFALL: 26,641.85
FAMILIES: 422

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THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER team will be available after all Masses this weekend, March 9-10, in the front pews. Let us pray with you, and know that you are never alone.



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

JANICE OLESKCAK

LAURA HENRI
Mother of Stephen
and Diane Henri

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NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

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First Reading

All, from least to greatest, shall know Me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

Psalm

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

Second Reading

Son though He was, He learned obedience from what He suffered; and when He was made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him. (Heb 5:8-9)

Gospel

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

A poster for the Stations of the Cross. It features a white cross on a dark blue background. The text is in white and pink. It says "Stations of the Cross" in a script font, "Fridays during Lent" in pink, "7:00 PM" in white, and "presented by" in pink. Below that, it lists "March 15 The Thursday Prayer Group" and "March 22 The Faith Formation Catechists". At the bottom, it says "The Thursday Afternoon Prayer Group will be praying the Stations of the Cross and a Rosary each Thursday at 1:00 pm during Lent. All are welcome to join them in prayer in the Church."

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Join Us For Our Walk to Calvary

Our goal is to walk 6,740 miles on our **Journey to Calvary.**

20 minutes of an activity of your choice equals one mile of "walking."

Pray or meditate while you exercise, or simply offer this activity up to God. Write down your miles and deposit them in the box in the Courtyard Lobby.

2,468 Miles

We are off to a good start. Keep walking for Jesus!

HUMILITY

HUMILITY IS DEFINED AS HUMBLENESS OF MIND; LACK OF PRIDE; MEEKNESS.

JESUS IS THE highest example of meekness and humility. He lived humbly from His birth in a stable to His death on the cross. He accepted His unjust condemnation, His suffering, passion and death. He did not avoid this but accepted His saving mission, as tortuous and humiliating as it was for Him. Our Blessed Mother is another outstanding example of humility. Throughout her whole life, she accepted everything that occurred; the things that she didn't understand, the happy times, the hardships-----and those of great sorrow to her, without complaint-----always trusting in her God. All the saints understood that humility is the way to "nail" down a good self-esteem by depending on God rather than oneself. It is the understanding that everything comes from God and that God is everything. Humble souls know that their life is dependent on God and know what to value-----things lasting and not passing. They value the Lord over anything else. When we look at a crucifix, we see a man who is humble and who is not about Himself. We see a man who is for others. May we imitate that humility so that we can experience God in His fullness. St. Peter, in humility, asked to be crucified upside down, because he didn't consider himself worthy to be crucified in the same manner as His Lord. It is to the lowly of the world that the inheritance of the earth is given as their home, and Jesus' Own Divine Heart is given as a place of rest. A humble person is able to forgive, accept criticism or discipline, accept suffering as a part of life that will strengthen their bond with God. We must know ourselves, the good and the bad (some messages taken from the Catholic Register).

"IT WAS PRIDE that changed angels into devils. It is humility that makes men as angels (St. Augustine). St. John Vianney was often harassed by the devil, who said he could imitate St. John in every way, even penance-----only one thing he could not imitate was humility. St. John responded: "That is why I defeat you."

AS WE WALK this week, pray for the virtue of humility, for the grace to overcome any pride or selfishness, to be kind and gentle to others, and to be able to forgive when necessary. To forgive is to set the prisoner free, only to discover the prisoner was you. If we surrender ourselves and trust completely in God, He will lovingly take care of us on our journey through life. By now, we are hopefully engaged in some sort of routine or activity, that is helping us on our "walk" to Calvary. Soon, we should begin to notice the difference it may be making in us, mentally (increased awareness on God in our lives), and also physically. Please remember to jot your miles on the footprints by the map in the courtyard lobby. **PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE END OF LENT-----THEN THEY WON'T GET COUNTED.** At this time, we have 2,468 miles on our journey; still a long way to go.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, Love and Prayers,
Arlene Loehr

P.S. AS HUMAN BEINGS, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world, as in being able to remake ourselves." "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Thine."

ST. MARY CHURCH STAINED GLASS WINDOWS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

DURING LENT, TAKE time to pray the Stations of the Cross through our Church's stained glass windows. Each week during Lent, three of the windows will be discussed here. Prayer books are available in the church for you to use to follow each stained glass station.



WINDOW 10: DIVIDING JESUS' GARMENT

The garment of Jesus is white and is divided into four sections. They are emphasized by the redness of His robe which forms their backdrop. The soldiers had cast lots for His clothing to divide it among themselves. The dice are the amber cubes to the right.



WINDOW 11: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

The copper nails are exaggerated to bring attention to the concept of Jesus' humanity - that His pain was as real as ours. The copper cross is positioned here horizontally to speak specifically to the action of the journey with Christ. The light and colors surrounding the Body are an attempt to portray the radiance and power of the Person of Jesus.



WINDOW 12: THE GOOD THIEF

The grey, purple and blue tones suggest the darkness of the hour - the death of Jesus. However, the cross which is that of the Good Thief, is touched by the light of Jesus, the yellow section extending from the following window. The cross, though, is engulfed by the darkness of the moment.

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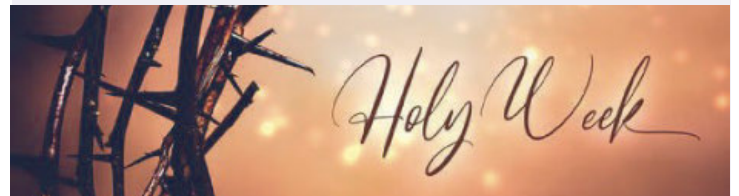
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PENANCE AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PRIVATE PENANCE

- † Monday, March 11 at 5:00 PM
- † Saturday, March 16 at 11:00 AM
- † Monday, March 18 at 5:00 PM
- † Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM



HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration	8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Shadow Drama	
Stations of the Cross	Noon
Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ	1:00 PM
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	2:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Easter Egg Hunt	11:30 AM
Blessing of the Easter Baskets	Noon
Easter Vigil Mass	8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM Noon
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ARE needed to bring Holy Communion to parishioners in assisted living facilities and to the homebound. The commitment is once per month. The facilities are located in the Milford area. If you are interested in helping with this wonderful and very appreciated ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 248-685-1482. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

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"BLESSINGS IN A BAG"

ST. MARY WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WWP) LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT

Dear Parishioners,

YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS, Lucy Sailor, Jackie Bagley, and Marie Brenner, are inviting you to participate in a Walking with Purpose outreach project during Lent to provide food for students in need at Oak Valley Middle School in Milford. The project is titled, "Blessings in a Bag."

LUCY IS A substitute teacher at Oak Valley and has witnessed the need firsthand. Jackie is a member of the St. Mary St. Vincent DePaul Society and has been touched by the great need in the Milford area. And Marie Brenner has raised a family of hungry teenagers and believes we can make a difference here.

LUCY HAS BEEN working with the Oak Valley principal and vice principal. She learned that the school had been receiving a grant which enabled it to provide bags of food to the vulnerable students every Friday to help get them through the weekend, but the grant has stopped leaving a significant number of students without food security. We are inviting the St. Mary community to join us in this endeavor. Our goal is to provide 160 bags for students to take home. We will deliver the donations to the school on March 22.

COLLECTION: March 5 – 19, 2024

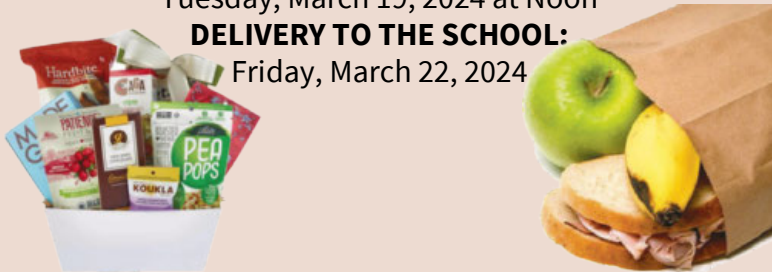
WHERE: Courtyard Lobby – Fenced area

ASSEMBLY OF THE BAGS:

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at Noon

DELIVERY TO THE SCHOOL:

Friday, March 22, 2024



**Cans of Soup | Peanut Butter & Jelly |
Macaroni and Cheese – Box or individual Size |
Individual Containers of Apple Sauce |
Crackers – Ritz, Gold Fish, etc. | Granola Bars |
Monetary Donations to Purchase Fresh Fruit
(Checks payable to St. Mary)**

VOLUNTEERS WILL MEET in the Social Hall on Tuesday, March 19 at Noon after the last Tuesday morning WWP session to assemble the Blessing Bags of Snacks and Food.

FOR MORE INFO contact: Lucy Sailor – 248 318-0899 or wwpstmary@stmarymilfordmi.org





GIVE. PACK. FEED.

Who: All students, K-8th grade and families

What: Collect cash/pocket change weekly


When: **LENT, 2024**

Goal: Provide 10,000 meals at \$0.35 each; for a Parish total of **\$3500**

Packing Date:
Saturday, April 20, 2024
6:00-8:00 pm

Where: St. Mary Parish Hall



<div>  <div> This Week's Events: Youth Ministry </div> </div>	
11	EDGE- A NIGHT ON VOCATIONS Transitional Deacon Tommy, Consecrated Lay from Regnum Christi, Sisters from Mary, Mother of the Eucharist and a married couple will be speaking on their journey to their vocation and listening to the Lord's voice during their discernment time.
14	YOUNG ADULTS Discover the story of Salvation with Dr. Edward Sri and Curtis Martin Week 4
15	LIFETEEN- PAINLESS The teens are invited to view the Passion and death of Jesus Christ through the lens of the apostle Peter in order to understand the depths of God's love and mercy which can lead them to conversion

THE FLOCK



"By grace you have been saved by faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God."

Sheepish Question:

Recently, how have I experienced God's grace in spite of my failures?



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CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

CAN COLLECTION WILL BE AT THE BACK DOORS IN A RED PICK UP TRUCK AFTER ALL SUNDAY MASSES. WE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING AT MATTIE'S MARKET IF YOU MISS US IN THE PARKING LOT!

CANS MAY BE DROPPED OFF LEADING UP TO SUNDAY IN ROOM 5.



St Mary VBS Station Leader Job Postings



Sign up Here



June 17-21 from 9:00 am—12:00 Noon

We're looking for volunteers to help lead the different stations during VBS. We provide all the training and support you need to run a fun and successful station. You will be given a team of volunteers to help you out! We have stations for Pre-k through 5th grade. Please see below to see which one is the right fit for you!

EACH STATION LEADER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Reading through the station leader guide
- Creating a list of needed supplies and coordinating with the FF Office to buy the supplies.
- Coordinating with the FF Office and your volunteer team for setup and training.
- Having Fun!!!

Scuba VBS Stations

- ♦ **Sing & Play Splash—Opening Ceremonies:** Play music videos, introduce the day (can be combined with Fin-Tastic Finale).
- ♦ **Deep Bible Adventures:** Make Sacred Scripture come alive by transporting the kids back to Bible times.
- ♦ **Tidal Treats:** Simple snacks with a coral reef connection and talk about the saint of the day.
- ♦ **Imagination Station:** help kids connect the fun experiments to truths from Sacred Scripture.
- ♦ **Sticky Scripture:** Help the kids learn the bible verse of the day with a fun DVD video.
- ♦ **Reef Rec:** Faith-building outdoor games that are oceans of fun!
- ♦ **Fin-Tastic Finale:** Close each day with lots of fun-filled activities to help kids discover incredible truths about friendship with God (can be combined with Sing & Play Splash).
- ♦ **Tide Pool Preschool:** Lead a variety of hands-on exploration stations that reinforce the Bible Point, teach the kids to create fun crafts and lead the closing circle (preschool's finale).
- ♦ **Spotlight VBS:** Use your photography and computer skills to create a super-cool photo presentation and wow the kids, volunteers, and parents at Fin-Tastic Finale each day.



ADOPT A TEDDY BEAR TODAY!

THE TEDDY BEARS have arrived and are ready to be adopted. If you have never participated, please consider taking one home. We have 12 dozen waiting to be dressed however you prefer. You could buy baby outfits (newborn or 3 month size fits best), Build-a-Bear outfits or accessories; Or if you are really creative- sew, knit or crochet something. They all are a huge hit at the Fair! Bears will be available at the next Fellowship Sunday after all Masses the weekend of March 9/10. Hope you stop by our table as you also enjoy your coffee and donuts.

THANK YOU IN advance!

Your Teddy Bear Chairs,
Cheryl Hinman 248-730-1211

Cheryl Kaczmarek 248-775-1027



ST. MARY TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

THE TUESDAY MORNING men's golf league is looking for a few new players. We play at Hartland Glen and tee off at 9:00 am. We play 9 holes of golf starting on April 30th and go until September 10th.


WE ARE LOOKING for anyone who would like to be added to the sub list with the possibility of playing full time. If interested, please call Bill at 248-931-2495 or

ST. MARY CEMETERY ALERT

ALL GRAVE BLANKETS and other Christmas decorations need to be **removed from the grave sites at the St. Mary Cemetery by Friday, March 15.** Any left after this date will be removed and disposed.

You may also order online on our website at www.stmarymilfordmi.org and pay via Online Giving.

Please see the website for details and directions.

 St. Mary Giving Tree Fundraiser Orders due by Monday, March 18, 2024 (1:00pm) Payment must accompany order. If returning in weekly collection or sending via mail, please clearly mark SVDP FUNDRAISER in the memo line and on the envelope. Orders may also be placed on the website: www.stmarymilfordmi.org All orders MUST be picked up on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 from 1:00pm – 6:00pm via curbside pick-up.		Whole Spiral Sliced Ham/Glaze Pkt - \$70.00	Half Spiral Sliced Ham/Glaze Pkt - \$40.00	Whole Classic Semi Boneless Ham - \$55.00	Half Classic Semi Boneless Ham - \$30.00	Whole Spiral Sliced Glazed Ham - \$75.00	Half Spiral Sliced Torch Glazed Ham - \$45.00	Smoked Kielbasa - \$25.00	Fresh Kielbasa - \$25.00	Amount Due	Amount Paid - (Please circle)	CASH	CHECK #
Name	Phone #	6001	6002	6003	6004	6005	6006	6021	6023	\$	\$		



6023 – Fresh Kielbasa
Enjoy our famous Dearborn Brand Fresh Kielbasa made with fresh garlic!
5 lb package

6021 – Smoked Kielbasa
Try our famous Dearborn Smoked Kielbasa. This pre-cooked Kielbasa is made with beef and pork and is ready to heat and serve.
5 lb. package



6001 - Whole Spiral Sliced Ham with Glaze Packet
6002 - Half Spiral with Glaze Packet

Our Famous Dearborn ham with glaze packet. If you prefer to add the glaze yourself, this ham is the ham for you. It has been cooked and smoked for up to 24 hours. It is best served at room temperature. It has a shelf life of 14 days from receipt or it can be frozen and thawed in the refrigerator 2 days prior to use.

½ Ham Average weight: 8 lbs.

Whole Ham Average weight: 14 lbs.



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Whole Ham Average weight: 14 lbs.

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OUR MINISTRY WELCOMES all machine, hand sewers, and non-sewers. We have retirees, full timers, part timers, 'Snow birds,' and some members who can only attend our Saturday workshops. You can decide how "active" you wish to be and how much time you can give.

WE MEET THE first Friday of every month from September until June at 10am in Room 2. We hold two Saturday Work Shops in October and May. "Sew Tuesdays" are the 3rd Tuesday of every month for those who wish to hand sew ties or machine sew. Come check us out at any time. See if you would like to join us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Dear Brother Knights,

THE TIGERS HAVE been in camp for almost a month now. Opening Day is a few short weeks away. The grass is starting to green up a bit. Well, this year again, our Council will be sponsoring a Little League Baseball team in Commerce. Last year we had great fun watching the young kids learn the skills of the game. This year, we will jump up in age brackets according to our Deputy Grand Knight, Steve Battle. The games will be on the same fields on Glengary Road. So come on out and watch.

FROM FULTON J. SHEEN: "In almost nine cases out of ten, those who have once had the Faith but now reject it, or claim that it does not make sense, are driven not by reasoning but by the way they are living."



ENJOY SUNDAY WITH your family.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



IN THE GOSPEL today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray before He went out to preach and to heal.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness, and dread.

PLEASE NOTE THAT all monies donated to the St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul organization 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 Scott Crichton at (734) 788-7261.

"OCTOBER 2023 WAS SURVEY MONTH"

A BIG "THANK YOU!!!" to all who took the St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows' Survey. Of our 2,460 registered parishioners, 431 completed the survey, that is 17.5% of all parishioners. If you recall, the survey was conducted starting October 1st and concluded October 31st. Every parishioner was encouraged to take the survey. The raw data (138 pages of data, including nearly 150 write-in comments) have been analyzed, compiled, and summarized. As promised, a link for survey results is available for all parishioners to access on our website. Hard copies are available in the office for parishioners to view the results. This is the first of several summaries of specific areas addressed by the survey. **For a more in-depth review, please go to the St. Mary website at www.stmarymilfordmi.org to view the entire survey results.**

TODAY'S SUMMARY WILL be for the questions and responses that addressed St. Mary's Music Ministry.

Question 34: Please identify to what extent you are satisfied with the music during Mass:

Answered: 309 Skipped: 122

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Total
Choir	44.90% 132	50.0% 147	4.08% 12	1.02% 3	294
Music Selections	38.49% 117	51.97% 158	7.89% 24	1.64% 5	304

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