



Saint Mary

Our Lady of the Snows

MARCH 24, 2024 | PALM SUNDAY

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

TODAY, THE CHURCH is celebrating Palm Sunday which is also known as Passion Sunday to commemorate the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' final agonizing journey to the cross. Here we have the rejoicing with the coming of Jesus and, at the same time, a reminder of His suffering that is to come in a short time. Palm Sunday reminds the faithful of the glorious and triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted Him with shouts of joy and proclaimed Him as the messianic king. They spread their cloaks on the ground and placed the palm branches on the street and shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David" and "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." The Gospels tell us that Jesus rode into the city on a donkey, as foretold by Prophet Zechariah, and, in so doing, emphasized the humility that was to characterize the Kingdom He proclaimed. The donkey was a symbol of peace, and those who rode upon them proclaimed peaceful intentions. The laying of palm branches indicated that the king or dignitary was arriving in victory or triumph.

TODAY'S READINGS PRESENT us the glorious triumph of a King, and this is combined with His sufferings. The Gospel during the procession tells of His victory, and the latter reading reveals in painful detail of the physical sufferings of Jesus. There is rejection, pain, misunderstanding, and humiliation. And yet through it all, Jesus stands firm, faithful to God until the end. In the process, there is a transformation. The leader becomes a servant; shame turns to honor; mockery becomes praise; fear turns to trust; abandonment becomes love; despair turns into hope, and above all, death blossoms into new life. This is again confirmed in the first reading where the servant is faithful to God. He suffers in silence and accepts all accusations of mockery and pain. Yet He remains faithful to God.

THE LITURGY OF the day contains first the blessing of the palms. This is included as a part of the Eucharistic celebration. As we go for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we recollect and honor Jesus' entering the great city of Jerusalem. The Church maintains the dignity of the celebrations and turns to the blessing of the palms. The prayers used for this blessing are eloquent and full of instruction and, together with the sprinkling with holy water, impart virtue to these branches which makes them holy. The faithful should

hold these palms in their hands during the procession, and keep them in their homes as an outward expression of their faith. It is probable that, as far as Jerusalem itself was concerned, the celebration of Palm Sunday began immediately after the ages of persecution. It was a form of public worship by the Christians as against the quiet celebration of the Eucharist. St. Cyril, who was bishop of that city in the fourth century, tells us that the palm tree, from which the people cut the branches when they went out to meet our Savior, was still to be seen in the valley of Cedron.

IN TODAY'S PASSION narrative, we see the unfathomable love of God for us human persons shown in His beloved son, Jesus. When we see the crucifix, we see the nailed hands and feet of the Son of God to that cross, slowly shedding His blood for us. The Pharisees and the people mocked Him at Calvary as He hung crucified. Pilate condemned an innocent person to death. He had to die a humiliating death hung between two thieves. The leaders deliberately put Him with the criminals to humiliate Him further before the people and to have them associate Him with robbers. The helplessness of the God-man was visible on the cross. In the face of those insults, and the people watching, and the leaders sneering, and the soldiers offering sour wine, Jesus had things to say. He went on repeating them. His words, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing" hold for all time, for we too are included in it. God's merciful answer to His dying Son Jesus is for us too since we are His chosen ones.

THE LITURGY OF Palm Sunday in the past two decades has been closely related to the celebration of Youth Day. Pope Benedict XVI in his homily of 2006 Palm Sunday said that for 20 years, thanks to Pope John Paul II, Palm Sunday has become in a particular way the Day of Youth, the day that young people around the world go out to meet Christ, wishing to accompany Him in their cities and countries so that He will be among us and be able to establish His peace in the world. The Pope stressed the three characteristics proclaimed by the church: poverty, peace, universality — are summarized in the sign of the cross. Palm Sunday, however, tells us that the authentic great "yes" is, in fact, the cross, that the cross is the authentic tree of life.

MAY THE LORD bless you and your family.

Fr. Tomy

Worship

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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 25, 7:00 PM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Gloria Render, by Husband Bernard
- ✠ Brenda Ziembroski, by Her Loving Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 9:00 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

- ✠ Ron Savage, by Mitzi and Ronnie Savage
- ✠ A Soul in Purgatory in Most Need of a Mass Intention, By Robert Lesniak

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 9:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Deacon Edward Meyer (Birthday Remembrance), by Sherry Meyer
- ✠ A Soul in Purgatory in Most Need of a Mass Intention, By Adam Lesniak

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 7:00 PM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Rita Bernard (7th Anniversary), by Jerry Bernard & Family
- ✠ Brenda Ziembroski (1st Anniversary), by Her Loving Family

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2:00 PM (FR. PLACIDO)

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 PM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Paula Probstfeld, by Family
- ✠ Ron John Johnson, by Jim and Nancy Robertson

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Ron Kowalski (12th Anniversary), by His Family
- ✠ People of St. Mary

10:00 AM (FRS. TOMY AND PLACIDO)

- ✠ Lee Wheeler, by Daniel and Heather Hurst & Family
- ✠ Rill Currie, by Daniel and Heather Hurst & Family

12:00 PM (FR. PLACIDO)

- ✠ Brenda Ziembroski, by Her Family
- ✠ Carol Brown, by Her Sister

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adorable Face of Jesus, my only love, my light, and my life, grant that I may serve, know and love Thee alone, that I may live with Thee, of Thee, by Thee and for Thee. Amen.

**Holy Hour of Adoration with Praise and Worship
on Tuesday, 3/26 at 7PM**

**Eucharistic Adoration at the Altar of Repose
on Holy Thursday, 3/28 from 8:00PM - 11:00 PM**

**Adoration will not be held on Good Friday.
We will resume next week.**





IN OUR PRAYERS

Kathy Alfen
Melissa Antos
Cindy Barstow
Audrey Beningo
Kathy Boos
Amy Nowicki Boyers
Martin Boyle
L. Brendel
Vincent Brown
Tom Buckley
Harold Bulgarelli
Diana Burgos
Sharon Callahan
Pete Censer
Jeanne Chimenski
Christine
Jack Coggburn
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
Audrey Gawenda
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 Lagger
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
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

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| March 17, 2024 | \$17,622.00 |
| 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

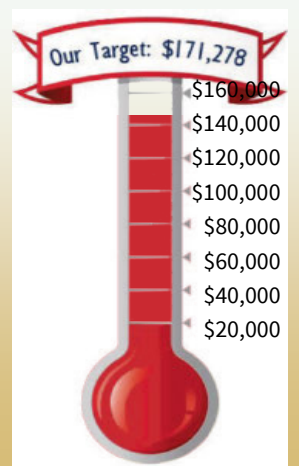
2023/24 Target: \$171,278.00

RECEIVED: 154,336.18

SHORTFALL 16,941.82

FAMILIES: 456

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NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

First Reading

This Man God raised on the third day and granted that He be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Second Reading

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20:9)



WALK TO CALVARY HOLY WEEK

**“THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN FOR YOU.
THIS IS MY BLOOD WHICH SHALL BE SHED FOR YOU.”**

WHEN WE GAZE upon Jesus crucified on the Cross, we remember those words He spoke at the last supper----- and now fulfilled. Since it was written in Scripture that He must die, the prophecy had to be fulfilled. Crucifixion was the cruelest form of death, yet Jesus chose and willingly endured the brutal scourging, mocking, humiliation, and finally death on the Cross because of His Great Love for us. By this, He offers to us forgiveness and redemption from our sins and the gift of eternal life. **HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.** His Cross is the logo of Christianity, the mark of a Christian. The Sign of the Cross begins every Mass, blesses us at Baptism and during life, and is the last prayer spoken at the grave.

AS JESUS WAS being nailed to the Cross, He said: “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” As He forgave those who condemned, tortured, and crucified Him, we too, must forgive those who wrong, hurt, or humiliate us. We must also ask for forgiveness for our transgressions against others, therefore against God. This is not always easy to do. Forgiveness is essential to a happy and healthy mind, body, and spirit. The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation offers conversion and healing, giving us peace and joy. It deepens our relationship with God and helps us to grow in humility and virtue-----and the grace to avoid future sin. There is nothing that God cannot forgive or heal.

IN THIS LAST week of Lent, pray for forgiveness and the ability to forgive. Also pray for America, that God will forgive the many grievous sins committed in our country.

OUR LENTEN WALK will finish this week. Once we reach the foot of the cross, it is important for us to continue this walk (exercise) throughout our lives, praying to our Lord along the way.

AT PRESENT, OUR miles are 6,060. We are almost there with only 680 miles left to go! We will have the total miles in next week's article.

UNTIL THEN, GOD Bless and Forgive us. Love and Prayers,

Arlene Loehr

P.S. LIFE IS LIKE a coin, you can spend it anyway you wish, but you can only spend it once.

JOIN US ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

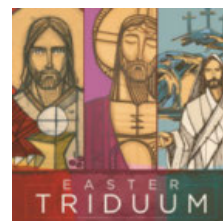


TO ST. FAUSTINA, Jesus revealed three new ways to ask for mercy on the strength of His passion: the Chaplet, the Novena, and prayer at 3:00 PM; and He taught her to transform her daily life into a continuous prayer for mercy. Through her, He calls us all to ask for His mercy.

**Please join us to pray
the Divine Mercy Chaplet
on Sunday, April 7
2:00 PM Confession
3:00 PM Adoration with
The Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Catechism Corner

TRIDUUM: HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND HOLY SATURDAY



QUESTION:

I HAVEN'T ATTENDED TRIDUUM SERVICES BEFORE. WHAT HAPPENS THAT'S DIFFERENT FROM A NORMAL SUNDAY MASS?

Answer:

THE LITURGIES DURING Holy Week are unique and rich in symbolism. The Mass for Palm Sunday follows the pattern from 2,000 years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It includes a Gospel reading outside the church building and the entrance of the priest into the sanctuary while the congregation waves palms.

THE HOLY THURSDAY Mass also follows the rhythm of the ancient Last Supper. The presider washes the feet of members of the congregation, like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs late into the night. Parishioners can remain like the disciples in Gethsemane, asked to “watch and pray.”

ON GOOD FRIDAY, we celebrate another special liturgical service. Following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a communal reverencing of the cross. The intercessions are solemn and include prayers for many different groups of people, reminding us that Jesus' passion is for the whole world. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday are distributed, after which the tabernacle is empty. The tabernacle remains empty through Holy Saturday — just as Jesus departed from this earthly world in death — and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday! ©LPi

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 16: THE EUCHARIST AT EMMAUS

The artist stresses, through repetition, the importance of the Eucharist for Christians. In this window, the two hands breaking the bread represents the meal at Emmaus where the disciples recognized Christ in this act.



WINDOW 17: THE ASCENSION

The artist's intention was to take the figure of Christ in his white garment and to blend it in with the clouds. In this way Christ is to appear luminous and light, to create the effect of being carried upward with the wind.



WINDOW 18: PENTECOST

The strong swooping movement of the wind is suggested by the circular motion of the clear glass. The tongues of fire, represented by the red sections, are portrayed as being swept along by the wind. The artist depicts in this way the power and might of the Holy Spirit.

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EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE



TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, MARCH 26

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| Holy Hour of Adoration with Praise and Worship | 7:00 PM—8:00 PM |
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HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

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

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

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| 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

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

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

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| Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord | 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM Noon |
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PALM SUNDAY

THE PALM SUNDAY celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy "outside" the church, we symbolically reenact Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel waved palm branches – a symbol of royalty – to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America.

THE PALMS USED on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn't end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, the palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service.

Upcoming Events

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A poster for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. At the top is a red and white checkered banner. Below it, green and red triangular bunting. The text reads: "11th Annual Lakes Area Right to Life **Spaghetti Dinner FUNDRAISER** SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH 6:00PM - 9:00PM". The location is "St. Patrick Church White Lake 9086 Hutchins Rd., White Lake, MI". It lists activities: "Silent Auction, Raffles, Kid Zone, Cash Bar and more!". Ticket prices are shown in a white bowl: "Tickets: \$20 Adults \$5 Children". Ticket purchase locations are listed: "Purchase tickets at lakesarearighttolife.org or at St. Patrick, Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Mary, or St. Perpetua." Logos for "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS" and "Lakes Area Right to Life" are present, along with a QR code. The bottom has a red and white checkered banner.

11th Annual
Lakes Area Right to Life
Spaghetti Dinner
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St. Patrick Church White Lake
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Doors open at 6pm!
Silent Auction, Raffles, Kid Zone, Cash Bar and more!
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Tickets:
\$20 Adults
\$5 Children
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Lakes Area Right to Life
QR code

A poster for Holy Hour of Adoration. On the left is a golden monstrance. The text reads: "Holy Hour of Adoration Experience the Eucharistic Lord Tuesday, March 26 7:00 PM Come and Experience the Holy Hour of Adoration with Praise and Worship led by Fr. Placido and music by Kurt Dickson and Joe Hassell." Below this is a paragraph: "Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic devotion dating back to the early days of the Church. It involves exposing a consecrated host, the Blessed Sacrament, allowing people to sit and pray in the presence of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to experience this Holy Hour of Adoration to help prepare your heart for the Passion of the Lord." The background is dark blue.

Holy Hour of Adoration
Experience the Eucharistic Lord
Tuesday, March 26
7:00 PM
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A poster for a comedy show. It features a photo of comedian Andy Beningo. The text reads: "SHARE A LAFE! CLEAN COMEDY SHOW TICKETS \$20 APRIL 13, 2024 Christian Comedian: ANDY BENINGO Presented by Knights of Columbus 7444 at ST. MARY CHURCH 1955 E. COMMERCE ST., MILFORD 6:30 PM Adults only, please. Refreshments available." There is a QR code in the top right corner. The background is yellow with blue polka dots.

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CLEAN COMEDY SHOW
TICKETS \$20
APRIL 13, 2024
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Presented by Knights of Columbus 7444
at **ST. MARY CHURCH**
1955 E. COMMERCE ST., MILFORD
6:30 PM
Adults only, please.
Refreshments available.

ST. MARY YOUTH MINISTRY
PRESENTS

Graduation Brunch!

CLASS OF 2024,
JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION
BRUNCH AFTER 10 AM MASS ON
SUNDAY, MAY 26

Please RSVP by Sunday, May 12
to Sophia at 248-685-2702 ext. 201
OR by scanning the qr code below



Christmas In April

THE YOUTH MINISTRY STUDENTS ARE
LOOKING FOR SOME YARDS TO
BEAUTIFY THIS SPRING!
IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE
IN CLEANING YOUR YARD FROM THE
WINTER AND PREPARING IT FOR
SPRING/SUMMER, PLEASE LET US
KNOW BY APRIL 1, SO WE CAN GET
YOU ON THE LIST!

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

CONTACT SOPHIA AT 248-685-2702 EXT. 201 OR
EMAIL YOUTHMINISTRY@STMARYMILFORDMI.ORG

YOUTH MINISTRY—FROM THE MINDS OF OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

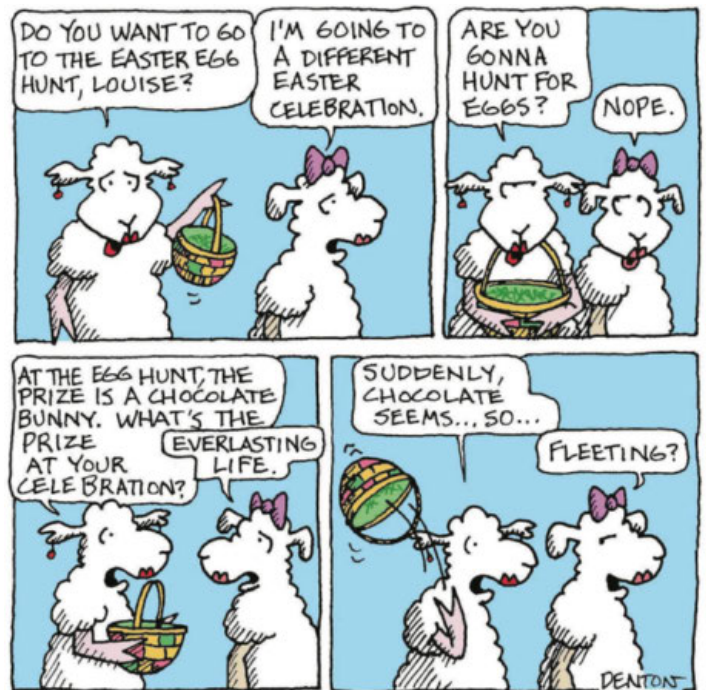
DURING THE MIDDLE School Edge program, our students are encouraged to ask questions relative to the Catholic faith. Each week, we will publish answers to a question that has been asked. The depth of their questions is thought provoking and genuine.

Question: How Does God Appear to us?

THIS QUESTION CAN be interpreted in two different ways. First, it can be read as: How can we receive apparitions (as in seeing a vision of God/Mary/the saints)? This answer is simple. It is only by the grace of God that people receive apparitions.

THE SECOND WAY in which the question can also be interpreted is how God can be seen and heard throughout our life. There are multiple ways God reveals Himself to us, and there are 3 main ways God has already revealed Himself to us. First, Jesus reveals the Father to us; the more we know Jesus, the more we know the Father. And the more we know the Father, the more we know Jesus. This also applies to the Holy Spirit. The more we know the Holy Spirit, the more we know God the Father and The Son (CCC 238-248). The second way God has revealed Himself to us is through sacred scripture. The more we know sacred scripture, the more we know God and are able to apply the biblical teachings of God to our life (CCC 101-137). The last is sacred tradition. We have been given some knowledge of God that is not written in the bible that still has authority to be from God. The Catechism of The Catholic Church is a great example (CCC 75 - 100).

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"The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced."

Sheepish Question:

What am I searching for as I approach
Holy Week?

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.

ST. MARY CHARITABLE OUTREACH

AS PART OF our vision as a Parish, we have sought to be a service both within and outside of the Parish. Each month, we distribute 10% of our weekly collections to various charities. Below is our Charitable Outreach for the month of February.

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| February 2024 TOTAL | \$8,080.22 |
| LOCAL TOTAL | \$5,834.34 |
| Angel's Place | 500.00 |
| Community Sharing | 1,000.00 |
| Corner Shower and Laundry | 500.00 |
| Forgotten Harvest | 280.42 |
| Hospitality House | 1,000.00 |
| Mary's Mantle | 500.00 |
| Open Door | 500.00 |
| St. Mary's Christian Service | 53.92 |
| St. Mary's St. Vincent De Paul | 1,000.00 |
| Vista Maria | 500.00 |
| NATIONAL TOTAL | \$1,497.25 |
| Catholic Charities USA | 372.25 |
| Glenmary Home Missioners | 375.00 |
| Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly | 375.00 |
| St. Louis Center | 375.00 |
| INTERNATIONAL TOTAL | \$748.63 |
| Catholic Relief Services | 500.00 |
| Cross Catholic Outreach | 248.63 |

Christian Service

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HOLY LAND WOOD CARVINGS

COMING TO ST. MARY ON APRIL 6 AND 7

WE ARE THE Holy Land Carvings group, and we are proud to represent the Christian woodcarvers of Bethlehem. These artisans rely on tourism, but due to the war in Israel, they have lost their jobs and are unable to provide for their families.

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WE INVITE YOU to take a moment to browse through **the carvings that will be available on the weekend of April 6 & 7.** By supporting this project, you are making a significant contribution towards keeping the Christian community present in the Holy Land.

PLEASE JOIN US in this worthy cause and help us make a difference. We deeply appreciate your support and understanding in this crucial matter.

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THEME BASKETS MARCH COLLECTION

MARCH HAS SNUCK up on us!

This month we are asking for donations related to the following themes: **Male Grooming Products, Bar Essentials, and Golfing.** If any one or more of these themes interest you, we would appreciate any items from these categories!

AGAIN, PLEASE FEEL free to reach out to Christine Hoppe at hoppecandf@gmail.com or MaryLynn Ferda at marylynn.ferda@stmarymilfordmi.org with any questions or for suggestions.

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March 25 & 26 • April 8 & 9 •

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IF YOU CAN'T make any of these dates, forms will be available in the Parish Office. Make sure you include a copy of your driver's license. I can also e-mail the form to you: ronlleffert@comcast.net.

Christian Service

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Dear Brother Knights,

AS MANY OF you know, on April 13th we are hosting a comedy night featuring Andy Beningo. The night will be filled with lots of clean fun. Andy has appeared all over the area. And if you have seen him, you know he is pretty funny. Tickets are going very fast, so I would not wait too long to purchase your tickets.

DON'T FORGET TO buy your State Raffle Tickets from John Rogers when you see him at the Fish Fry.

FROM FULTON J. SHEEN: *"In vain will the world seek for equality until it has seen in all men through the eyes of faith. Faith teaches that all men, however poor, or ignorant, or crippled, however maimed, ugly, or degraded they may be, all bear within themselves the image of God, and have been brought by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. As this truth is forgotten, men are valued only because of what they can do, not because of what they are."*



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WHEN SOMEONE RECEIVES a Prayer Quilt, many prayers have been said in their behalf on those ties. The PQM continues to pray for all whom have received a quilt with this special prayer.... "We offer our prayers today for the recipients of our quilts. For those that received prayer quilts last month, that they feel supported on their journey. For those that will receive the quilts we create today, that they feel some relief in anticipation. For all those who still need our prayers, that they receive the peace of body and mind that they require. For those recipients who have gone to their heavenly reward, may they find peace and joy in the arms of God. We request these blessings in the name of Jesus Christ, the healer of all our ills, Amen."

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 Ray at 248-496-9760.

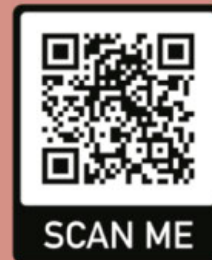
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DURING LENT, THROUGH your generosity, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting many families providing them with food and help for utility and rent bills.

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