



Saint Mary

Our Lady of the Snows

APRIL 7, 2024 | SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

HIS HOLINESS POPE John Paul II passed away on April 2, 2005. He shepherded the Catholic Church for nearly twenty-seven years. He was the most travelled Pope. He cheated death many times. At the beginning of his pontificate, an attempt of assassination was made on him (1981). He had colon cancer in 1992; he suffered shoulder and hip injuries in 1992 and 1993; he had his appendix removed in 1996, and in 2001, it was confirmed that he suffered from Parkinson's disease. Towards the end of his life, he was visibly in pain, but he united it with the suffering of Christ and bore with it with extraordinary serenity. One day, while he was giving a press conference, one reporter asked him, "Holy Father, kindly excuse me for being bold. You are aged, your hands are shaking, your voice is feeble and inaudible, and you find it difficult to walk. You are suffering a lot and you are incapacitated in your work. Why don't you resign and take rest, and make way for others to take over. The Holy Father said, "If Jesus had come down from the cross, I too would have resigned. Since, He remained on the cross and suffered, I, too, am holding on to my responsibility, and am suffering." The suffering, which the Pope was undergoing, was because he loved Christ and the people whom Christ had entrusted to him. The Holy Father's sufferings were the tokens of his love.

THE RESURRECTION OF Jesus was a new experience to the disciples. Even though Jesus had constantly explained to them about His rising from the dead, they were unable to grasp the implication of it. It was not something the disciples of Jesus seem to have anticipated, but now they were confronted with a novel experience of their Master. The gospel narrative of today helps them to move from fear to joy, seclusion to mission, absence to presence, disbelief to faith, mere existence to new life. It tells how Jesus breathed on the disciples giving them the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit, they are into the second creation leading them into something even bigger, to be born again in Christ through Baptism. Jesus gives them peace and power to forgive sins. The forgiveness that Jesus speaks of is not just the juridical wiping away of sins but a deep reconciliation of people with God and with each other.

JOHN, IN TODAY'S Gospel reading, provides us with an account of what Jesus did after His Resurrection. The passage begins by telling us that in the evening, on the day Jesus rose from the dead, He came and stood among His disciples as they had gathered behind the locked doors. They were still scared of the enemies in spite of receiving the good news of the Master being alive, and they sat huddled together in that house. They were collaborators with Jesus, who was executed as a rabble rouser, and it was not impossible that they would meet a similar fate. Then, all of a sudden and totally unexpected, Jesus was there before them. In case there was any doubt, He showed them His hands and side which had been pierced with nails. He gave them the message of peace which on the one hand, a normal Jewish greeting of 'Shalom'

and on the other the fulfillment of a promise made at the Last Supper. During His apparition to the disciples, Jesus gave the mission telling them that just as the Father has sent Him, so is He sending them. Two things are being said here. Firstly, the mission that was given to Jesus by His Father is now being passed on to them. He was commissioning the Church through His disciples and their apostolic succession to perpetuate the work of Divine salvation that had been realized through His death and Resurrection. They are to do exactly the same work as Jesus did, proclaim the same message, announce the same vision. And they will do that by the way they live their lives as a group. It is essentially a corporate mission. Secondly, that mission is an essential part of their discipleship. They are called upon to live like Jesus and draw others to share their personal experience of knowing and loving Jesus and being loved by Him. Now, they have a mission to spread the love of Jesus, to form a community, and to celebrate the Eucharist. Jesus confirms them in their mission. He breathes on them and gives them the Holy Spirit and also the power to forgive sins. They have the greater power to reconcile and the special task to bring them to Jesus. This power is more than the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

AS WE HEARD in the Gospel, Jesus appeared one week later and was with them wishing them peace. Then He called Thomas and challenged him to put his finger in His wounds and hand into His side. The Scriptures do not tell us if Thomas ever needed to touch Jesus. What it tells us is that the eyes of Thomas were opened with the expression of faith: "My Lord and my God!" The Resurrection of Jesus was the ultimate evidence that Thomas needed to prove to him that the friendship he had enjoyed with Jesus for the past three years was indeed a friendship with God incarnated in human form. Thomas must have been overcome with awe and wonder. At the end, Jesus appreciated Thomas for his faith in Him. But He said something more about His would-be followers who would believe in Him without visually encountering Him.

TODAY IS DIVINE Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of the Easter season. It was named by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of St. Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000 and then officially decreed by the Vatican. Divine Mercy Sunday can be seen as the convergence of all the mysteries and graces of Holy Week and Easter Week. The feast focuses the light of the Risen Christ into a radiant beam of merciful love and grace for the whole world. In His revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus expressed His desire to celebrate this special feast. He says that the Feast of Mercy emerged from His very depths of tenderness, and mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of His Mercy. Jesus says that the divine floodgates, through which grace flows, are opened and let no soul fear to draw near to Him, even though his sins be as scarlet because the Feast of Mercy emerged from the very depths of His tenderness.

MAY GOD 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, APRIL 8, 7:00 PM (FR. TOMY)

- ✝ Bob Pigula (6th Anniversary), by His Parish Family
- ✝ A Soul in Purgatory in Most Need of a Mass Intention, by Denise Sokol

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 9:00 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

- ✝ A Soul in Purgatory in Most Need of a Mass Intention, by Monica White

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 9:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- ✝ Dakota Schultz, by Jack and Kathy McElroy and Meaghan and Amelia Thomas

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 9:00 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

- :: Gloria Render, by Her Husband Bernard

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 9:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- :: Daniel Joseph Fader (Birthday Blessings), by Mom & Dad

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 8:30 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

- :: Special Intentions

5:00 PM (FR. TOMY)

- ✝ Walter Plasjek, by Diana and Jim Barnes
- ✝ Wayne and Rob Robar, by Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 8:00 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

- ✝ Neal Engel, by Alona Boyd and Steve Engel
- :: People of St. Mary

10:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- ✝ Dennis Bagley, by Wife Jackie and Family
- ✝ Anton Phuong, by Phong Nguyen

12:00 PM (FR. PLACIDO)

- :: Inam Sharrak, by Family
- ✝ Daniel Smith, by the Thompson Family



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:

JOAN MARIE McENROE
Mother of Julie Jacobs

EASTER FLOWER THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Easter Flower Offerings. The names of the dedications will be listed in next weekend's bulletin.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Kathy Alfen
 Melissa Antos
 Baby Chase
 Cindy Barstow
 Audrey Beningo
 Kathy Boos
 Amy Nowicki Boyers
 Martin Boyle
 L. Brendel
 Leroy Brown
 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
 Terri Fedock
 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
 Poullette Kathrein
 Sue Keliher
 Deirdre Kelley
 Donna Kozlowski
 Barb Kuehnl
 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
 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
 David Prosak
 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 Szyr
 Joan Thome
 Bob Tomczyk
 Kim Troger
 Bill Tumidanski
 Greg Vaquera
 Doris Welsh
 Loretta Whalen
 Bobby White
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STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING

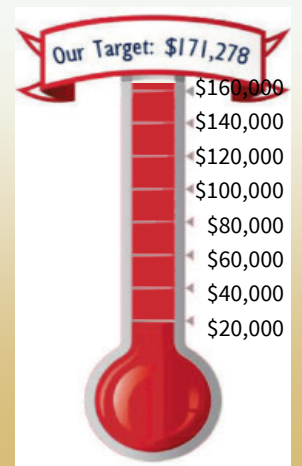
March 31, 2024	\$33,008.00
March 24, 2024	\$21,045.00
Our Weekly Goal	\$20,365.00



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023/24 Target: \$171,278.00
 RECEIVED: 164,237.00
 SHORTFALL: 7,041.00
 FAMILIES: 495

Please Donate Here



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"O Jesus, Eternal God, I thank You for Your countless graces and blessings. Let every beat of my heart be a new hymn of thanksgiving to You. O God, let every drop of my blood circulate for You, Lord. My soul is one hymn in adoration of Your Mercy, I love You, God, for Yourself alone." (1794)

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



POSITION OPENINGS AT ST. MARY PARISH

ST. MARY PARISH is seeking qualified candidates to apply for the positions of **Parish Secretary** and **Faith Formation Administrative Assistant**. For information about these positions, please visit our website at stmarymilfordmi.org or contact the Parish Office at 248-685-1482. You may submit your resume in person, online, or by email to Fr. Tomy at fr.tomy@stmarymilfordmi.org.

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THE DIVINE MERCY OF GOD

“ETERNAL GOD, IN WHOM MERCY IS ENDLESS AND THE TREASURY OF COMPASSION INEXHAUSTIBLE, LOOK KINDLY UPON US AND INCREASE YOUR MERCY IN US, THAT IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS WE MIGHT NOT DESPAIR NOR BECOME DESPONDENT, BUT WITH GREAT CONFIDENCE SUBMIT OURSELVES TO YOUR HOLY WILL, WHICH IS LOVE AND MERCY ITSELF.” (950)

TODAY, WE CELEBRATE the Feast of Divine Mercy. The message of Divine Mercy is that God loves ALL of us, no matter how great the sinner. “The greater the sinner, the greater right he has to My Mercy.” (723) Trust in Jesus is the essence of the message of Mercy. “The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.” (1578) “Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.” (699) “My Mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world.” (1485) Along with trust, we must turn back to God, with conversion of our lives back to God and repenting of our sins and forgiving others. We must also radiate our mercy to others by our actions, our words, and our prayers. **“BE MERCIFUL AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL.”**

OUR LORD APPEARED to a young Polish nun the 1930s, giving her messages and asking that she have His Image painted, with the signature: JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU. The two rays radiating from His Heart denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. “By means of this image, I shall grant many graces to souls. It is a reminder of the demands of My Mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works.” (742) Three o’clock in the afternoon is the Hour of Mercy, for it is the hour that Jesus died. We are asked to pray the Chaplet of Mercy, especially at that hour (it can be prayed at any hour) for the conversion of sinners and for the dying. “Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death.” Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My Infinite Mercy.” (687) (The numbers in parenthesis refer to the messages given to St. Faustina in her diary.)

ON OUR WALK to Calvary, we had an awesome total of 7,012 miles. Thanks again to All who participated. Please keep praying---- and “walking” with God.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, Love and Prayers,

Arlene Loehr

P.S. JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU----- AND I LOVE YOU!

JOIN US THIS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 7



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

SHOULD A CATHOLIC PURSUE AN ANNULMENT?

QUESTION: AFTER A CIVIL DIVORCE, IS A CATHOLIC OBLIGATED TO PURSUE AN ANNULMENT?

ANSWER: MANY CATHOLICS are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

ANNULMENTS HAVE NO legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person’s life. Some people have found the process to be healing, and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you. ©LPi



THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

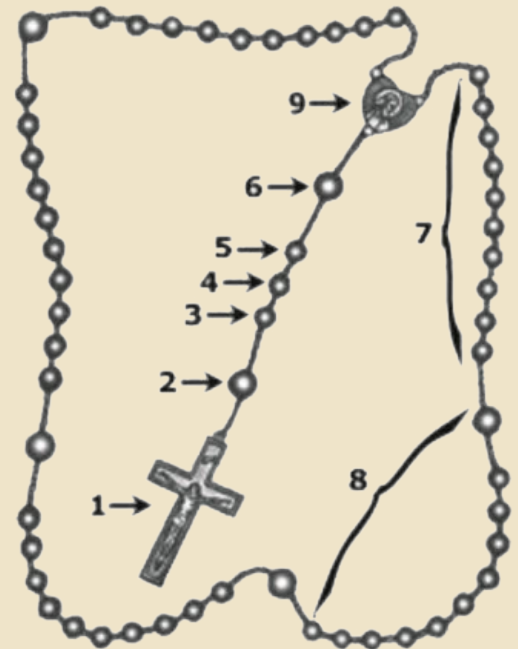
Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father bead and then 10 "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion-inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



Upcoming Events

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GRIEF/LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Begins: Thursday, April 18th

and will meet every Thursday for 8 sessions

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM, Room 10

Registration **IS** required.

Please call the parish office at 248-685-1482
to register.

If you have questions, or are in need of
additional information, please contact
Marisa Vitali (248)722-0402 or
Pat Zoch (248) 360-6666

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HOLY LAND WOOD CARVINGS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND, 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.

OUR GOAL IS to sell beautiful hand-carved Olive Wood religious items, including Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues, Pictures of the Last Supper, and many other religious items, to Catholic Churches in the United States. By purchasing one of these exquisite wood carvings, you will be supporting the Christian families in the Holy Land and helping them provide for their families and maintain their jobs.

WE INVITE YOU to take a moment to browse through the carvings. 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.

Holy Land Carvings
www.holylandcarvings.com

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

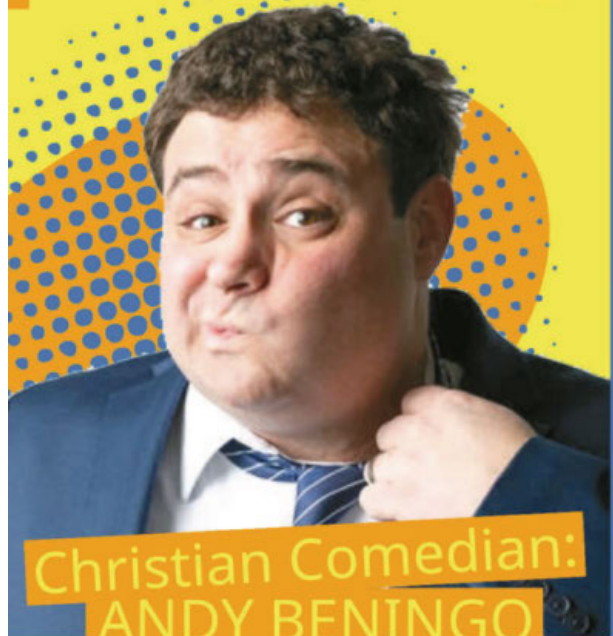
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CLEAN COMEDY SHOW



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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.

APRIL 13, 2024

TACO-BOUT A PARTY!

EDGE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

End of Year Fiesta

Join us on Monday, April 15 following the celebration of Mass at 7pm for a Cinco de Mayo style fiesta to celebrate the end of the year

LIFETEEN STUDENTS AND FAMILIES & UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN

End of Year Party and Introduction

Join us on Friday, May 3 following the celebration of the First Friday Mass at 5pm for our End of Year Party and Introduction to the LifeTeen Community

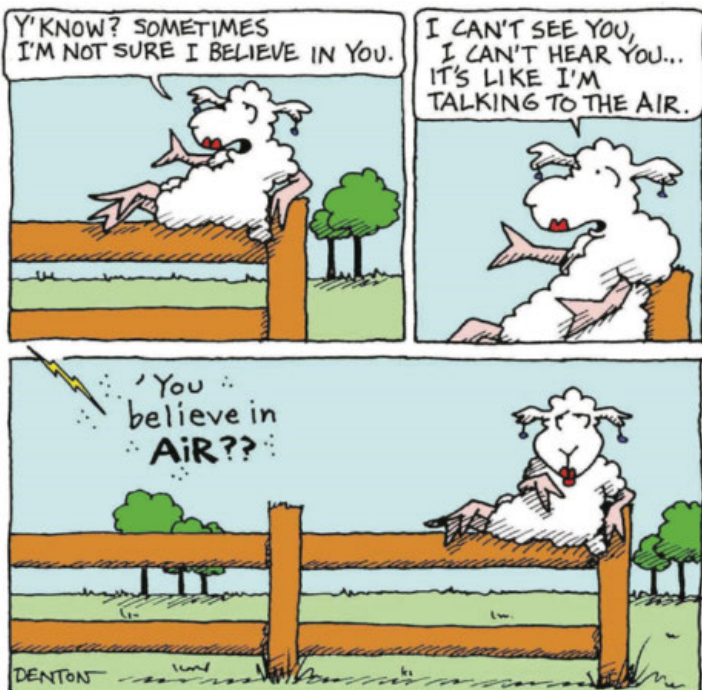
YOUTH MINISTRY-FROM THE MINDS OF OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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: Was the story of Adam and Eve true?

Yes, the story of Adam and Eve is not written as a historical or scientific book. It is a story to reveal spiritual truth. Whether or not it happened exactly that way does not contradict our belief that it is the written Word of God and that it is True. The Catechism of the Catholic Church outlines our belief of the story of Adam and Eve, CCC (386-410). The truths that we should focus on are that we are created in the image and likeness of God, the truth that the devil tempts us and pridefully reveals his offerings of sin as superior than God's commands, the truth that sin and death was brought into the world by Adam's and Eve's disobedience, and, in the big picture, God has come to save us from the sin.

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“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Sheepish Question:

What helps me dispel my doubts about God?

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St. Mary, Church of the
Holy Spirit and St Daniel
Parishes

NOW REGISTERING

6th Annual Motor City Mission Trip



Scan this to register!



Contact your Youth Minister for all the details

June 24-27, 2024

Work days Monday-Wednesday, Kalahari fun day on Thursday
Open to all 6-12 grade students

\$100 covers t-shirt, snacks and dinner each day and the Kalahari Trip

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!!!**

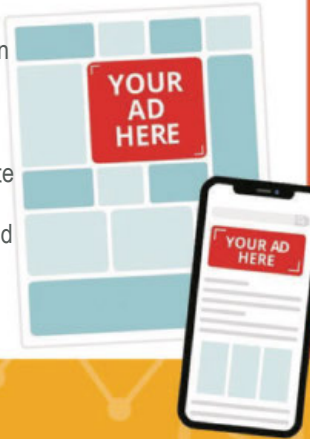
Scuba VBS Stations

- ◆ **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.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Craig Davis from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



LPI Craig Davis
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Christian Service

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WOW! "WIDOWS OR WIDOWERS"

NEXT GATHERING:

April 17 from 6:30pm-8:30pm

at St. Mary (Milford)

Pot Luck Dinner

and of course an evening of fun!

Please RSVP by April 15th (for food count)
to JV at 248-685-1482 or j.vance@stmarymilfordmi.org



SAVE THE DATE! CLOTHING DRIVE

PLEASE SAVE THE date for the
St. Vincent de Paul clothing drive
on July 12-14.

ST. MARY SUMMER FAIR

ADOPT A TEDDY BEAR TODAY!

THE TEDDY BEARS have arrived and are ready to be adopted. We still have 5 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 are all a huge hit at the Fair!

IF YOU HAVE never participated before or if you just haven't had a chance to get a bear, please consider taking one home. We would appreciate all the help we can get. The Bears will be available for pick up in the Parish Office, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm and are not due back until July.

THANK YOU IN advance!

Your Teddy Bear Chairs, **Cheryl Hinman** 248-730-1211 and **Cheryl Kaczmarek** 248-775-1027



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April's suggestions from the theme basket committee are: Organic/Plant Based/Vegan & Cruelty Free products, Gardening items, Sports themed items, or Coffee items.

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

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April 6 & 7 • April 20 & 21 • May 11 & 12 • May 25 & 26

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.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Dear Brother Knights,

ONCE AGAIN, THANKS to all our Brother Knights who were out there this weekend selling Tootsie Rolls for our MI Drive. It was once again a great success. Special thanks go out to Harlan and Steve Thome for their great work in the organization of this event. Even though they have it down to a science, there is a lot of work that happens before, during, and after the event. We have the easy part of standing out there on a street corner or in front of a store. But all kidding aside, it's a great effort by all.

FROM FULTON J. SHEEN: *"The basis of all disappointment is the disproportion between what we imagine or wish for us to make us happy and what we actually possess."*



ENJOY SUNDAY WITH your family.

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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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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. "

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

IN THIS SUNDAY'S Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness, our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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.



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