



Saint Mary

Our Lady of the Snows

APRIL 14, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A WIDOWED MOTHER leaves her house and goes to fetch water, leaving her only child asleep. On her return, she found a large crowd around her burning house. On the inside, her son is about to die in the fire. Throwing her bowl of water on the floor and crying, she wants to get into the burning house to look for her son. Everyone keeps saying, "You're going to die, too. The fire is very great." Escaping from their hands, she enters the fire and wrapped her son in a blanket. The child, tight against her breast, is not touched by the fire. The mother comes out severely burnt and is only narrowly saved, thanks to the care of the hospital, but she lives with scars and is unrecognizable. Many years passed. The child, under the guidance of his mother, completed his studies and was appointed minister. He organized a party at his villa on his appointment and invited all the dignitaries of the city and his friends. While they were in full party, noises were heard at the door of the entrance to the villa. The son was forced to go and resolve the situation. He found that the security officers were preventing his mother from joining the party. He had not invited her, but she also wanted to join the party. Faced with this situation in front of his guests, he said tenderly to his mother: "Please, Mom, I would be ashamed to have you appear before my friends. We can discuss this later." And in secret, he ordered security to throw out his mother because of her scars. This woman represents Jesus Christ who sacrificed Himself for you and me. Today, what place do you give Him in your life? It is He who has received the scars because of you and me.

IN OUR JOURNEY through life, we are confronted with several problems and difficulties which can make us lose our perspective. We can lose all direction to life and remain helpless. Then, left to ourselves, we become nothing and tend to remain with uncertainty. In such situations, we need positive support, a sincere understanding which can place us on the right path. In the Easter context, we see Jesus as a consoler and help to the disciples who are filled with fear. He comes constantly to them and remains with them, guides them, and eats with them. By breaking the bread with the disciples and sharing the meal, He makes them experience His real presence. Today, we have another account of Jesus appearing to His disciples on Easter Sunday. The gospel begins with the story of the two disciples who had the experience of walking with Jesus and their recognition of the Lord in the breaking of bread. Remaining close to them, Jesus drives away all their doubts and unbelief by giving them the gift of peace. He asks the disciples to touch and feel Him and experience His real presence among them. He remains as the real friend in their lives, and helps them back into confidence.

THE RESURRECTION OF Jesus is the greatest miracle that took place during his earthly stay. It is the foundation and

the cornerstone of our Christian religion. The death of Jesus on Calvary proved that He was truly human. His resurrection showed that He was divine. During His public life, Jesus announced that He was Son of God and spoke of His mission to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Through His resurrection, Jesus won the victory over death to win for us the eternal life. The Gospels tell us that after His resurrection, Jesus appeared several times to the disciples, and each of His appearances was to substantiate the belief that He had indeed been raised from the dead. His task was to lead the disciples from a position of fear and doubt into a situation of worship and acceptance. Clearly, this is the case in the gospel passage of today given by Luke to us. Today's gospel reports to us two events that are distinct in time but closely linked to each other. The first is the apparition of Jesus to His disciples and second was to prepare them for the mission. This apparition took place on Easter evening after Jesus had appeared to the two disciples of Emmaus. Those two disciples had walked the seven miles back to Jerusalem to report the event to others and to tell them that on their journey to Emmaus the Lord had walked with them. They had talked to Him during the journey and listened to His teachings, but they did not recognize Him until the breaking of the bread. Indeed, they truly met Him by way of the Sacred Scriptures, which He explained to them and pre-eminently they met Him in the breaking of bread. The disciples, gathered in the room, were hearing the account of these two disciples who have just returned from Emmaus after their meeting with Jesus. While this event was being discussed, Jesus mysteriously appears once again in their midst. Surprised by His sudden appearance, the disciples are confused and terrified. He greets them with the familiar words, Peace be with you. The aim of Jesus was to bring peace into an environment of fear and consternation. Here indeed, as we see as in other instances in the Gospel, the presence of Jesus does bring peace and joy.

THE READINGS OF today tell us that our Christian faith is first and foremost a response of belief to the person of the risen Christ who will be with us at all times. This belief embraces the realization that Jesus has won salvation for us by His sacrifice on the cross as Peter explained in His sermon. John, in his letter, reminds us that Jesus remains our advocate when we encounter the harsh reality of our sins in our lives. It is the sacrifice of Jesus that has made possible our proximity to God and the experience of His love. By embracing the same obedience to the Commandments in the love of Jesus Christ, we know that we are in Jesus and that Jesus is in us. Then in our pilgrimage of faith, the action of the Holy Spirit calls for a never-ending conversion of our inner most selves. We can help the process by keeping always the freshness of the joy and wonder of the first Easter.

MAY GOD 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, APRIL 15, 7:00 PM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Patricia Pigula, by Family
- ✠ Brenda Gail Ziembroski, by Her Loving Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 9:00 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

- :: Gloria Render, by Her Husband Bernard
- :: For Lorraine's Intentions, by Lorraine

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 9:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Bob Pigula (6th Anniversary), by His Parish Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 9:00 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

- :: Gianni Fader (11th Birthday Blessings), by Nana & Papa

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 9:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- :: Carrie Robertson (Birthday Blessings),
by Jim and Nancy Robertson

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:30 AM (FR. TOMY)

- :: Gloria Render, by Her Husband Bernard
- ✠ A Soul in Purgatory in Most Need of a Mass Intention,
By Michael D. Lesniak

5:00 PM (FR. PLACIDO)

- ✠ Al and Anne Kossman, by the Larson Family
- ✠ George and Susan Derbin, by the Derbin Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 AM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Doreen and Stanley Demski, by Beverly Williams
- :: People of St. Mary

10:00 AM (FR. PLACIDO)

- ✠ Mai Thi Chanh, by Pheng Nguyen
- ✠ Maria Madalena, by Phong Nguyen

12:00 PM (FR. TOMY)

- ✠ Frank Zoch (14th Anniversary), by His Loving Family
- ✠ A Soul in Purgatory in Most Need of a Mass Intention,
by Wendy L. Lesniak

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Praise You, Lord Jesus.
You are my Life, my Love, my Strength and Peace,
my Hope, my Shelter and Hiding Place.
YOU ARE ALL THAT I NEED AND ALL THAT I WANT.

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





IN OUR PRAYERS

Kathy Alfen
 Melissa Antos
 Baby Chase
 Cindy Barstow
 Audrey Beningo
 Kathy Boos
 Amy Nowicki Boyers
 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
 Paultette 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
 Kathy Martin
 Andrea 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
 Nina White
 Allen Wielfaert
 Evan Wielfaert
 Zygmunt Zylka

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STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING

April 7, 2024	\$24,082.00
Our Weekly Goal	\$20,365.00

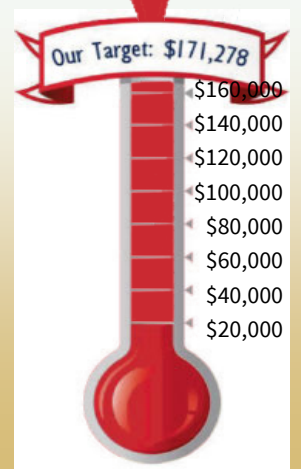


CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2023/24 Target: \$171,278.00
 RECEIVED: 173,751.00
 SHORTFALL: 0.00
 FAMILIES: 495

We have surpassed our 2023 CSA Goal!

Thank you to all of the families who contributed to this campaign!



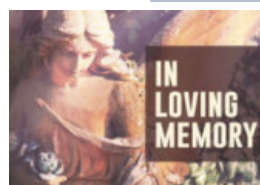
THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER team will be available after all Masses this weekend, April 13-14, in the front pews. Let us pray with you, and know that you are never alone.

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:

LAWRENCE TEAL
Father of Tim Teal

MARTIN BOYLE
Father of the Boyle Children

LINDA MASSA
Wife of Anthony Massa and
Mother of Andrea Massa



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ALL THINGS BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL

ONCE AGAIN, WE have just participated in a MOST BEAUTIFUL EASTER CELEBRATION. In the Resurrection, grief was transformed into Joy, darkness into Light, and despair into Hope. We learned that without death, there could be no Resurrection-----and that Jesus gave HIS ALL for us.

DURING LENT, WE prepared our hearts, each in our own way, to be with Jesus at the foot of His Cross on Good Friday. Many of our Parish Family took part in the Palm Sunday procession, remembering Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We were blessed to have opportunities, with the Stations of the Cross, the Most Beautiful Holy Hour of Adoration during Holy Week, and by participating in the Walk to Calvary. The Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, with Jesus serving His people by the washing of their feet-----and then, most important of all, our participation in and renewal in us the Institution of the Holy Eucharist. The events of Good Friday allowed us to participate in the suffering and death of Our Lord, remembering that He gave HIS ALL for the forgiveness of our sins. The beautiful Easter Vigil with the Pascal candle and all the traditions of our Faith being prayed in words and hymns, and especially the catechumens being brought into our True Faith were like "silent miracles" before us.

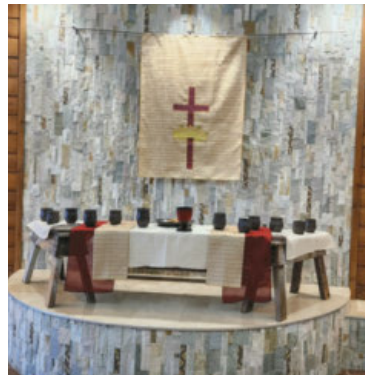
THE SANCTUARY WAS like a vision of heaven; the streams from the crucifix were like the Light of Jesus, His Blessings, Graces, and Mercy descending upon us. The beautiful flowers, a symbol of new birth and rebirth. The singing of the choir was like the Angels of Heaven praising God. The amazing Image of Jesus in the narthex, seemed to depict the "moment" that He arose from the tomb-----awesome to behold. THANK YOU TO Fr. Tomy, Fr. Placido, Deacon Tim, and all the participants in the many events that took place during Lent and Holy Week. We cannot forget the K of C and their delicious Fish Fries, also the Easter egg hunt. Thanks to All of our Staff, the Workers behind all scenes and also the Maintenance People.

ON DIVINE MERCY Sunday, we acknowledged the Unlimited Mercy of God; and were given the opportunity, with receiving confession and Holy Communion, "to obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (699-message to St. Faustina), on that day. The Divine Mercy Chaplet was prayed followed by a beautiful and holy hour of Adoration.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, Love and Prayers,

Arlene Loehr

**P.S. SMILE! JESUS LIVES WITH US AND IN US!
JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!**



THANK YOU, DECORATING COMMITTEE!

A HEARTFELT THANK you to the members of the decorating committee who decorated the sanctuary, narthex, courtyard lobby, and social hall (2nd location for the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday) for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter:

Christine Mack
Jackie Bagley
Jeanette Gravelle
Lorraine Gedeon,
Mary Ann Linnan
Michele Woodcock
Silvana Randolfo
Sue Ladomer

WE ARE SO grateful for your time, commitment, and talent. You truly added visual beauty to our church to celebrate our Risen Lord.

Catechism Corner

ANGELS

DO WE BECOME ANGELS WHEN WE DIE?

AS HUMAN BEINGS, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

AS THE RESULT of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time. ©LPi

Easter Flower Dedications

We remember and honor our loved ones during this Easter Season.

In Honor Of

Martin Guibord

In Memory Of

Chester Kowalewski

Delores Kowalewski

Ronald A. Graves

Robert Saukko

Helen Griggs

Bill Griggs

Janet Schauer

D'Abate Family

Terriaco Family

Sandy Brown

Bob & Helen Peitz

Michele & Patrick Ryder

René & Mary Saeng

Tina Brighton

Joe Saeng

Anne & Theodore Letek

Carl & Ann Lirick

Cina Wozniak

Toni Marin

Richard Kovanda

Mary Joan Kovanda

Cynthia Ann Patridge

Ellsworth Gauntt

Florence Gauntt

Eleanor Anne Gauntt

R. Eric Gauntt

Stanley Sorek

Angeline Sorek

Casimer Sorek

Cynthia Sheen

Gregory Allan Mack

Edward and Jean Mack

Tony and Elvira Verdura

Edward Konopitski

Edward Lentz

Gmc/Gpa Konopitski

Gma/Gpa Gusa

Gma/Gpa DeWitte

Juan Colon

Chuck Hunter Sr.

Andrew Serocki

Pete Wozinak

Donna Finch

Duane Hartmann

Kurt & Jean Hartmann

Anna Hartmann

Gloria Anderson

Harry Anderson Sr.

Harry Anderson Jr.

Bob Anderson

Edward S. Janeczko

Dolores S. Janeczko

Walter & Lottie Majtyka

George & Helen Janeczko

Leo Janeczko

Marcella Loewengruber

Milo & Velma Miller

Peter & Laura Marek

Nicholas Joseph Thornton

Diana Thornton

Delor and Mary Markel

M/M Edward Easlinger

M/M Stan Jagielski

Frank & Rosella Fadool

Steve Loehr

Jeff Loehr

Henry & Irene Van Hove

Frank & Freda Billner

Barbara Van Hove

Ray Mazur

Frank Jr. & Joan Billner

Sharon Stern

Nelson DeFord

Lee & Isabel Horsley

Barbara Hasseldal

Al Hughes

Charlene Hamelton

Dennis Bagley

Joseph Ratajczak

Mora Ratajczak

Nora Warwick

James Markham Sr.

Bernice Markham

Karen Pype

Dr. Thomas J. Petz

Doris Thome

Richard lowisz

Andrew Lowisz

Kaye Kros

Veronica Mervar

Mary Braidech

Ben & Nancy Evola

Mary Giamaine

Harris Bunker

Don & Marge Iseler

James Iseler

Dennis Jaeger

Ambrose Kwapis

Marie Kwapis

Samantha Susick

Brian Refalo

Clarence DeLong

Carol DeLong

Janet Hardigan

William Hardigan

Joseph & Stella Tumidanski

Casmer & Sophie Dryjer

Gary E. Bellaver

Joanne Fry

Kathy Jones

Helene E. Burns

Evelyn Bellaver

Gerry Madsen

Nicole Ross

James St. Aubin

Claire St. Aubin

Phil St. Aubin

Merl Naumowicz

Krajniak Family

Robert, Robb, & Amy Bonish

Bonish Families

Deschamps Families

Ascencio Families

James & Stephanie Friedl

Andrew & Stella Strojny

Ervin & Cecile Friedl

Jan Candace Vernier

Nate Coric

Donald Dula

Angelo DiMango

Mary Margaret Donahue

Edward T. Donahue

Ron Kowalski

Maria Jaklic

Virginia Beaupré

Frederico Vitali

Italo & Elia Vitali

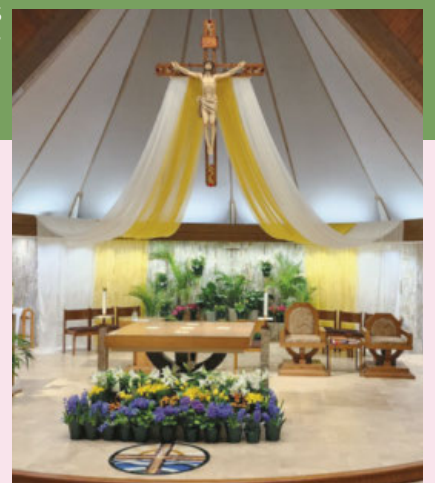
John & Adelaide Cristiano

Sandra Jean Cristiano Hodges

Gus & Doris Farrugia



The beauty of our sanctuary during Easter was made possible by your generosity and love for the Lord. Thank you to all who contributed to the flower dedications.



Upcoming Events

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Pilgrimage
to the
National Eucharistic Congress

INDIANAPOLIS
JULY 17 - 21, 2024

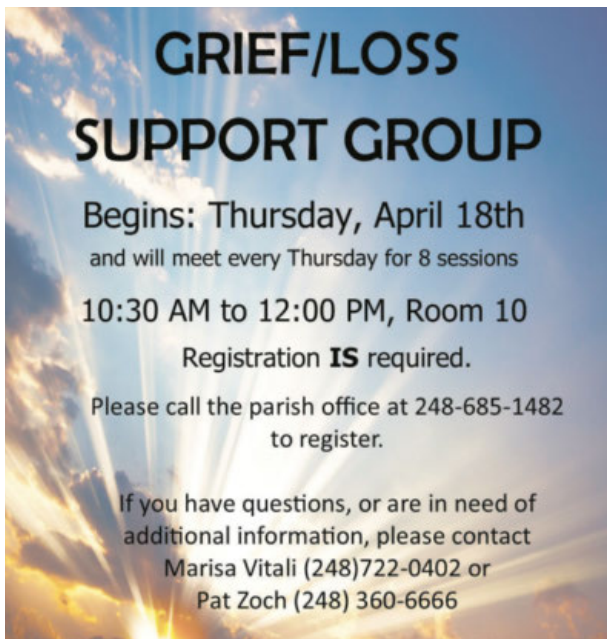
with Archbishop Vigneron
and Archdiocese of Detroit



Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code or click Book Now to attend this historic event.



BOOK NOW!



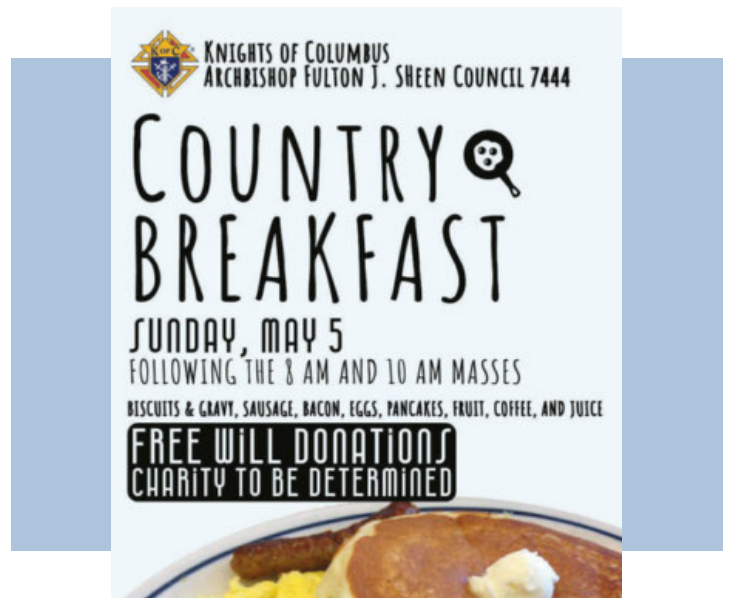
GRIEF/LOSS
SUPPORT GROUP


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




 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN COUNCIL 7444

COUNTRY 
BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 5
FOLLOWING THE 8 AM AND 10 AM MASSES
BISCUITS & GRAVY, SAUSAGE, BACON, EGGS, PANCAKES, FRUIT, COFFEE, AND JUICE

FREE WILL DONATIONS
CHARITY TO BE DETERMINED





ST. MARY
Prayer Quilt Ministry
presents
A CHURCH WIDE
SATURDAY SEW

Saturday, May 4
from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
benefitting **RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE**

If you know how to "paper or foundation piece" or if you would like to learn this skill, please join us! Foundation and precut fabrics are provided.

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO RSVP, CONTACT THE PQM COORDINATOR RACHELLE VICK AT RAVICK72162@AOL.COM

Lunch and snacks provided ... and chocolate!



KIDS AGAINST HUNGER—FUN FAMILY EVENT!

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER is a non-profit that seeks to provide fully nutritious food to impoverished children around the world and around the corner. Food packages are a rice-soy pilaf filled with a protein and nutrient-rich formula that reverses the starvation process at a cost of \$0.35/serving!

OUR GOAL IS to pack 10,000 meals which will cost \$3,500. We are collecting coins/dollars in the Whirl a Wish in the garden lobby, checks payable to St. Mary or through Online Giving by scanning the QR Code to the right. We have currently collected \$947.04.

PLAN TO ATTEND our pack on April 20 at 6:00 pm. It truly is incredible to see an empty parish hall transformed into packing stations, 10,000 meals packed and sealed, loaded, floors swept and the hall is empty again in 120 minutes! **Bring your family!**



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



Youth Ministry

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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: After your parents take the oath for your baptism, what happens if you miss your First Communion or Confirmation?

Answer: The consequences of parents not bringing their baptismal promises to fulfillment are that a child would miss out on two of the greatest gifts of God, and the child would not be fully initiated into the faith. (CCC 1275) The sacraments of initiation are Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist. These sacraments, united together, bring one into the faith.

WHAT ARE THE effects of these sacraments? Baptism, is for the forgiveness of all sins. A person is made an adopted son/daughter of God, brought into the church, and made a member of the body of Christ. It connects you to all baptized Christians, and it leaves you with an indelible mark that consecrates you to Christ. (CCC 1262-1274)

THE SACRAMENT OF Confirmation gives us access to the Holy Spirit, "perfects baptismal grace," and leaves one with a spiritual mark on one's soul once again consecrating us to God like baptism does.

THE EUCHARIST IS a gift of union with Jesus. In this sacrament, we consume Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity (CCC 1374) into our body. If one were trying to gain muscle, one would eat a lot of food in order to build muscle, energy, and strength. This is the effect of this sacrament. One's soul and faith is nourished and strengthened by consuming the Eucharist. (CCC 1391-1397) If one is baptized and has not made the sacrament of holy communion or confirmation but it is desired, talk with a parent or guardian about completing The Sacraments of Initiation. If you are an adult who has not completed The Sacraments of Initiation and are interested in the faith, please contact the church about OCIA (formerly RCIA) and they will be happy to guide you home to The Catholic Church.

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FAITH FORMATION

EDGE: Last Class—End of Year Fiesta
Monday, April 15 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm

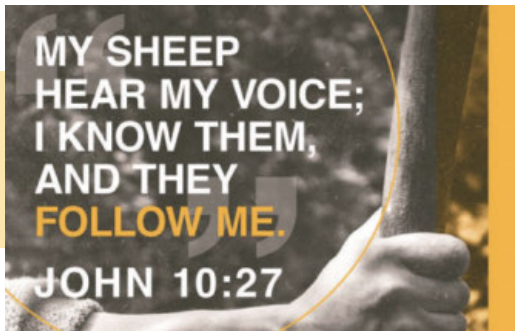
K-5: Last Class
Wednesday, April 17

Session I: 4:45 - 6:00 pm
Session II: 6:30 - 7:45 pm

LIFE TEEN: Last Class (End of Year Party on 5/3)
Friday, April 19 at 4:30 PM

FAMILY: Kids Against Hunger Packaging Meals
Saturday, April 20 from 6:00—8:00 PM

See the complete Faith Formation schedule on the St. Mary website: www.stmarymilfordmi.org



THE FLOCK



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“He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.”

Sheepish Question:

Have I considered that maybe God's ALREADY done something for me?

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 scan the QR Code above to visit the website to see which position is the right fit for you!

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!

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Sign up in Courtyard lobby or Social Hall after Masses on:
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: ronlfeffert@comcast.net.

THEME BASKETS APRIL COLLECTION

SPRING IS IN the Air!

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 hoppecandf@gmail.com or MaryLynn Ferda at marylynn.ferda@stmarymilfordmi.org with any questions or for suggestions.

DONATIONS CAN BE dropped in the church office.

THANK YOU AND God Bless!





HAVEN MINISTRY OF ST. MARY

The HAVEN Ministry of Saint Mary was formed to help survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence who often flee with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

They come to HAVEN needing very basic items of comfort while in the shelter. One way to assist HAVEN and those they protect is to provide "Fresh Start" bags.

The HAVEN Ministry of Saint Mary, with your generous help, intends to provide those "Fresh Start" bags.

*"And we can do a lot for the good of the less fortunate, for those who are weak and suffering, to promote justice, to promote reconciliation, to build peace."
— Pope Francis*



We are asking for donations of the following full size toiletry items.

- Deodorant / Shampoo / Conditioner / Lotion / Combs and hair brushes / Pocket mirrors / Towels and washcloths / Lip balm / Soap or body wash / Toothbrush / Toothpaste

DONATIONS will be collected April 8th -28th

AN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR HEALTH MINISTRY

WE ARE LOOKING for individuals who have a medical background and would like to join us to inform our Parish Family of current physical, mental health, and social issues that are affecting people of all ages in our Country. We need your help and ideas to plan whatever sounds most important and beneficial in these times. Any form of education: doctors, nurses, psychologists, physical therapists, social workers, dieticians, or other related fields would be most welcome. Currently, we are also looking into a session related to drug problems affecting people of all ages, especially our children-----and the use of Narcan, to overcome the effects of drug overdoses. During Lent, we promote the Walk to Calvary: aiming to reach the Cross of Jesus at Calvary (6740 miles from Milford by Good Friday).

WE MEET MONTHLY and invite you to **PLEASE COME AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ABOUT.** You may have ideas that could greatly benefit our Parish in educating them about illnesses, end of life issues, Wills and Trusts, etc. We offer Blood Pressure checks and could use a few extra people in that area.

OUR NEXT MEETING is on **Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm in room 6.** Please contact Donna Binns- Gordan at 248-933-0941 with questions or if you are planning to attend.

GOD BLESS YOU-----and Stay Well.

JV, Christian Service Coordinator

Christian Service

10 | St. Mary, Our Lady of the Snows

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Dear Brother Knights,

WHY HAVEN'T WE seen all of you at one of our business meetings lately? We have so many things going on with our Council that it is just impossible to keep up with all our events using email correspondence. Fish Fries, Concerts in the Park, Country Breakfast, MI Drives, Christmas tree sales, State Bowling event, highway road clean up. I could go on forever. But we are not all work, we do have fun events. Social get togethers happen throughout the year. But we would like to see more of you there if you can make it. Come on back and meet some old friends and make new friends. It will be worth your while.

FROM FULTON J. SHEEN: "Let those souls who think their work has no value recognize that by fulfilling their insignificant tasks out of a love of God, those tasks assume a supernatural worth. The aged who bear the taunts of the young, the sick crucified to their beds, the ignorant immigrant in the steel mill, the street cleaner and the garbage collector, the wardrobe mistress in the theater and the chorus girl who never had a line, the unemployed carpenter and the ash collector – all these will be enthroned above dictators, presidents, kings and cardinals if a greater love of God inspires their humbler tasks than inspires those who play nobler roles with less love"



ENJOY SUNDAY WITH your family.

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NEXT GATHERING:

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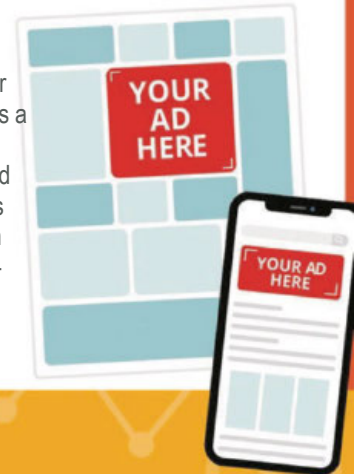
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IN THIS SUNDAY'S Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples when we offer and receive forgiveness, our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

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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