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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

### SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:00AM

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, 12:00-1:00 PM

### EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Thursday, 9:00AM - Friday, 9:00AM

Extended to Sat. 9 AM on first Saturday,  
and until 7 PM Friday in Lent

Mass at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Hospital  
Wednesday, 4:00PM

**BAPTISMS:** 2nd Sunday of the month by  
appointment

**MARRIAGE:** arrangements to be made nine  
months in advance, please call the office  
before setting the date.

Franciscan Sisters 475-9005

## From Your Canon:

2020 was one long winter of seclusion . A similar spirit continues into 2021. With the availability of Covid vaccine, there is some hope, but for those with health concerns, there may be doubt as to the future. Lent calls us to repentance for the times we have failed to trust God. We turn from self concerns to the promise of resurrection to come. Ash Wednesday proclaims that we are dust and to dust will return. Let us truly repent and believe the gospel.

**Ash Wednesday Masses** are February 17 at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

**Tuesday Masses** are at 7:00 PM only to give an extra opportunity to attend Mass.

**Thursday Exposition** continues until Friday night Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM.

**Alms given during Lent** will be sent to our Holy Land charities.

Please check for the **Holy Week and Easter Schedules** on the back page.

**Fish Dinners** will be offered as takeaway each Friday from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Please pray for those in the RCIA awaiting to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil.

The parish continues to offer Mass online through YouTube. We hope that this has been some comfort to those unable to come to Mass. Those who have returned have done so safely and we are by no means at our maximum. Consider returning to Mass. We have also purchased new cameras to be able to give a better presentation for the Mass as offered on line.

I encourage you to participate in the spirit of Lent in prayer, fasting and alms-giving. Fasting is an expression of self denial. Those in good health and under 65 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. More would be even better! We abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. The giving of funds to the poor, or even the concern for the poor by acts of charity are critical. I appreciate all those who make sure that I receive funds that are directed to the Holy Land and we keep strict records and receipts from the Holy Land in the Office. I do not know at this time if I will be able to go to the Holy Land this spring, but I am able to send donations to the bank accounts of our parishes and specific projects of the Patriarchate. With the restricted fish dinners to takeout only, there have been less chances for generosity at those type of events.

*May our discipline of Lent lead us to a glorious resurrection!*

## Religious Education

**What should we ask for during Lent?** I asked God: to take away my habit. God said, no it is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up. To grant me patience. God said, no. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned. To give me happiness. God said no, I give you blessings; happiness is up to you. To spare me pain. God said no. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me. For all things that I might enjoy life. God said, no. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things. To help me LOVE others, as much as he loves me. God said...Ahh, finally you have the idea. (anonymous prayer)

## Youth Group & Young Adults

With Chelsea School District currently following their Hybrid, In-Person learning, the youth group will also be socially distant in person learning. We will meet in the hall on Sunday's at 6pm. Please join us.

## Music Ministry

As we enter the season of Lent of fasting, prayer, and penitence, I reflect on the purpose of music in our liturgy.

This is how the National Association of Pastoral Musicians describes this role of music:

*"Music is a language of prayer that has an ability to express more than words. It has the capacity to stir the heart and prayerfully unite believers in mind and body. When gathered for worship, music reveals God's presence to the faithful and opens a pathway for encountering God".*

Just as the season of Advent, we enter a time of waiting in anticipation of Easter and the celebration of our risen Christ. We are also waiting during a time of pandemic where we safely restrict whole-hearted participation in community singing at our Masses. Our Gospel Acclamation from Ash Wednesday, taken from the Gospel of Luke says "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts". Let the music at our liturgies come into your body and wash over and stir your heart as you listen to the texts, melodies, harmonies and rhythms. God's presence in our worship and our lives is awesome. How do we journey to be the presence of an awesome God in all of the lives that surround us?

As I've said before, I joyfully and eagerly wait to hear your voices lifted up in praise at our Masses. That will be a magnificent day!



**This Lent let's improve our aim.** "Sin" means to miss the mark. What we are aiming for as Christians is to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. God gives us a powerful gift to improve our aim. Confession is a time to examine our lives. We can look and see where we are being loving and where we are failing. Come to confession during Lent. "The Prodigal Son illustrates the full picture of conversion and repentance. God is always running toward us with a heart full of mercy, which enables our conversion and makes confession a joy. That is what the gift of this sacrament means. Real conversion is a grace from God. It is God who pulls our hearts away from sin and draws us longingly to him." (OSV pamphlet, How to Make a Good Confession.) Our sins can weigh us down with discouragement. St. Ignatius of Loyola tells us that discouragement is never from God because it clouds faith and hope. God's love does not deal in punishment as human vengeance does. God's love disciplines us in order to free and purify us - sometimes a painful process - so that we may not die but live in Christ. (Magnificat January 2019)





**Women's Prayer Group**

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together..." Hebrews 10: 24-25 The St. Mary prayer group is open to all women (18+) in the parish. We meet the first Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30pm to study the Bible, discuss vocations, pray for one another's intentions, and enjoy fellowship. Email Jenna Hines (hines.jenna@gmail.com) for information and directions.



**Meals Ministry**

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it." Proverbs 3:27 The St. Mary Meal Ministry brings a month's worth of meals to families with new babies. Join dozens of other parishioners by signing up for the meal ministry email list. You will receive a notification each time we have a new family to support, and at that point, you can discern if you are able to sign up for a slot. If you cannot at that time, then simply wait for the next notification. Being open to the possibility of service is such a blessing to our parish's growing families. Please email [hines.jenna@gmail.com](mailto:hines.jenna@gmail.com) to be added to the list.



The Wednesday Women's Bible Study will continue with online Zoom meetings and will begin a fifteen-lesson study, "The Gospel of John and the Johanne Letters." in mid to late February. Details or revisions will be announced as they develop, based primarily on public health guidelines for the Covid19 pandemic.



**FRIDAY FISH FRY**

The Knights of Columbus, Council 3092, Lenten Fish Fry begins February 19th. It is a take-out event. The menu will be fried fish (approx.,8 ounces), french fries (approx.,4 ounces), and tartar sauce (approx., 2 ounces). I chose not to serve coleslaw at this time, but if things continue to improve on the COVID-19 front, the coleslaw may return. Also, be aware if the COVID-19 situation declines the fish fry schedule and procedures may be altered or canceled. The fish will be fried using the wet batter as the overwhelming feedback for the dry dressing was strongly negative. The event opens at 5 PM and closes at 7 PM; there may be some flexibility to extend the time of closing. There is an online ordering format thru the following link: [kofc3092.com](http://kofc3092.com) The cost of a meal is unchanged at 10 dollars.



**Lenten Eucharistic Adoration--A Precious Time to "BE" with the Lord**

The Lord wants to approach you in a spiritual audience. We have this precious opportunity to BE with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Come join us in the St. Mary Church to BE with Jesus. Lenten Adoration: (begins February 18) Thursdays and Fridays every week for 33 hours, after the 9 a.m. Mass until Friday evening at 7 p.m. just prior to the Stations of the Cross. 33 Hours of Adoration: February 18/19, February 25/26, March 11/12, March 18/19, and March 25/26. 48 Hours of Adoration: March 4/5/6 will be after the 9 a.m. Mass on Thursday until Saturday before the 9 a.m. Mass. Consider making this commitment for an hour during this Lent. There are 168 hours in a week. Can you find 1 hour to sit and "BE" with the Lord. "Could you not watch one hour?" Mark 14:37 Contact Anne Green 734-562-2667 for more information of office.



**The Call of Lent.** Lent is the commemoration of the Passion of Christ, a book of great beauty for those who take time to read it. Lent is a song of love, with the Mass of the day its theme. Slowly, it unfolds its music, its pages filled with Christ's love for us. To be so loved calls for loving back. If only we began that "loving back," our lives and those of our families, our nations, and all the world would be changed and become Christ-centered instead of self-centered. The essence of it all can be found so easily, in any parish church, morning, noon, or night at Mass. A few minutes in a quiet church, following and participating in the Mass, preparing with the priest to offer the Perfect Sacrifice, and with it, our lives, our loves, our problems, our business, we plunge into the fire of the Mass - God - and come out ourselves a fire, a light, a flame, warming our cold world, lighting its path home. Lent brings with it Calvary. Let us, then, arise and walk every step of these Lenten days until, standing with Mary under Christ's cross, we begin to love him back as he should be loved, and by that very loving, restore his kingdom to him. Our walking through the slow, beautiful days of Lent must begin with the Mass, the fruit of Calvary, the fruit of the cross. (Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty)

Marriage Cases: If you or someone you know is in need of a Declaration of Invalidity (an annulment), please call the Parish Office for an appointment. Even in retirement, MaryLou is still working on cases. Deacon Wayne is available as well.



## Baby Bottle Boomerang

Hello St. Mary parishioners, Please consider supporting the upcoming life affirming events:

In the past our parish has supported the **Baby Bottle Boomerang**. The donations from this fundraiser go directly to Family Life Services of Washtenaw County. The baby bottles will be available to our parish family the weekend of February 20-21. Please take a baby bottle home; fill it with your coins, bills, or check and return it to the church by the weekend of March 20-21. Family Life Services is a donation and volunteer-based pregnancy resource center that has served the greater Washtenaw County area for 36 years. They accept no federal or state funding. Donations given through this fundraiser are a significant support for their programs. FLS empowers women to make life-affirming choices by providing free: pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, material assistance, options counseling, abortion recovery, referrals for community services, prenatal vitamins, parenting education classes, miscarriage support, and a scripture-based peer sharing group. The **40 Days for Life Campaign** will start on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and run through Palm Sunday, March 28 with a Kickoff Rally on Sunday, February 14 at 2:00 p.m. Please check the bulletin for details as we get closer to the start of the campaign. We ask you to pray for the success of the campaign in changing hearts, minds and saving lives. If you are interested in signing up to pray peacefully outside Planned Parenthood, please contact Eileen Augustine at [eilenaugustine@gmail.com](mailto:eilenaugustine@gmail.com) or 734-475-5803. Since the inception of Roe vs. Wade 48 years ago, we have lost over 60 million unborn children to abortion. That number is larger than the combined population of 81 of the largest American cities- from New York City to Chandler, Arizona. Imagine 81 cities ceasing to exist tomorrow. May you all have a Lenten season filled with God's blessings and be drawn closer in relationship to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The St. Mary Respect Life Commission



There will be a box in the Gathering Space to collect needed items for the homeless around Ann Arbor.

Requested items in need:

- Socks - adult
- Hats - adult
- Hand warmers

Flip-top canned goods

Peanut butter - creamy

Jams - anything but grape

Tuna

Mayonnaise

Pastas

Everything else we purchase fresh thanks to our gracious donors.



**YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**  
December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted His only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT ST. MARY

Please join us all Fridays in Lent | 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 19 | FEBRUARY 26

MARCH 5 | MARCH 12

MARCH 19 | MARCH 26

Pray as a Family Mon-Fri 9:30am-5pm



BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FRONT OFFICE

*Easter  
Changes Everything*

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
 Palm Sunday | Masses as Usual  
 Monday Confessions | 7-9 PM  
 Holy Thursday | 7 PM Mass  
 \*Adoration until Midnight  
 Good Friday | Outdoor Stations 12:30PM  
 Service 1 PM  
 Holy Saturday | Blessing of the Food 12 PM  
 Easter Vigil 8 PM  
 Easter Sunday | 8 and 10 AM Masses

*Penance*

**REGIONAL LENTEN PENANCE  
SERVICE SCHEDULE**

All Services are at 7PM  
 Monday, March 22nd: St. Andrew, Saline  
 Tuesday March 23rd: St. Joseph, Dexter  
 Wednesday, March 24th: St. Mary, Chelsea  
 Thursday, March 25th: St. Mary, Manchester  
 Last Chance Confessions:  
 Monday, March 29th 7-9PM

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