



ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

DECEMBER 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

LIGHT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

JOHN 1:6-7

Este vino como testigo, para dar testimonio de la luz, para que todos creyeran por medio de él. El no era la luz, sino testigo de la luz.

JUAN 1, 6-7

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Pastoral Perspective

IN THE SPIRIT OF GRATITUDE

BY FR. JIM GARTLAND, SJ



We're in the middle of Advent, and Christmas is quickly approaching. There is a lot going on, and so much that is different this year. I began our Day of Service yesterday praying the rosary with 60 parishioners. It was a bilingual rosary, and at the beginning of each decade, five parishioners reflected on the role of Mary in their own prayer life. It was beautiful! Students, resident parishioners, and our Latino community were praying together. I received a few notes afterwards, including this one which I translated from Spanish: *"After our bilingual rosary, I want to send a special thank you to St. Mary's for being a Church that includes all. St. Mary's has been the only Church I have attended in the United States since arriving 8 years ago from Mexico. It has been my little bubble, and today more than ever, I appreciated all the work of our community, the passionate faith for God, and the attitude of serving others. I thank God for all of you. You are an example of the Jesuit motto, to love and to serve in all."*

After the rosary, I stopped by our food drive and saw our volunteers and parishioners gathering food for the hungry. Meanwhile, we continue to feed the unemployed because of your generosity and gather gifts through our Advent Giving Tree for several social agencies who walk with the poor. Things may be different, but some things remain the same. We continue to be Christ-centered and live a faith that does justice.

I love the Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe. Over the years, this has become an important part of Advent. The story of Juan Diego and the Virgin of Guadalupe is a Christmas story. Like Joseph and Mary, Juan Diego was asked to bring Christ into the world by building a Church that would include all, especially marginalized natives who were rejected because of their race. God chose a poor indigenous campesino to be God's instrument of bringing

Christ into the world anew. Like Mary and Joseph, Juan Diego said "yes" and found that with God, all is possible.

These challenging months of COVID have offered me more time for prayer. Like you, I am tired, and I desire to be with you again. I miss you! My desire flows from gratitude. I am so happy to be with you. Your faith, generosity, companionship, and love clearly reveal God's presence. With God, and all of us together, all things are possible.

In the spirit of gratitude, thank you again for your financial support of St. Mary Student Parish. Our collections have dropped some in the past two months, but given the fact that we have not been gathering as before, it's amazing how many of you continue your online financial support or by sending your weekly envelopes. Please keep sending in those envelopes. At the end of the year, I also ask each of you and your family to prayerfully consider a gift to our Annual Appeal. Our goal this year is \$400,000. This appeal supports our Campus Ministry Program. A key part of our mission is forming Catholic leaders for tomorrow. Like Mary, Joseph, and Juan Diego, we too want to continue to say yes to the invitation of bringing Christ into the world. I thank all of you for your support and for the opportunity to walk with you here at St. Mary Student Parish. May we continue to faithfully persevere until we meet again.

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas.

Merry Christmas!



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VIRTUAL ISN POSADAS

DECEMBER 16-24

The tradition of Las Posadas is a reenactment of the eve of the first Christmas, when Joseph and Mary searched for room at the inn, but none was to be found. A group of people travels from house to house singing and seeking shelter until they are welcomed inside to pray, eat, and celebrate.

While many Las Posadas celebrations will be canceled or amended due to the pandemic, the Ignatian Spirituality Network invites you to join in Virtual Posadas from the safety of your home. We will not only honor the traditional celebration of Las Posadas, but also invite you into a daily experience of music, art, prayer, reflection, and action as we virtually journey with the migrants on the U.S-Mexico border in search of shelter and protection, just as the Holy Family did on Christmas Eve.

Join us: <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/virtual-posadas/>
Upon signing up, you will receive a short video each day via text or email, with Posadas song, prayer, and a learning or reflection activity. This is available in both English and Spanish.

VIRTUAL ST. MARY MEETS STATE REPS

THURS, JAN 7 | 7:00 PM

The St. Mary Immigration Team invites you to join us virtually in January with next term's State Representatives Felicia Brabec and Yousef Rabhi.



Our undocumented parishioners do not have access to a valid Michigan drivers license, so minor traffic violations often lead to deportation. Therefore, we will meet our state reps to discuss next steps in the campaign for driver's licenses for all, an effort supported by the Michigan Catholic Conference.

More generally, this meeting is an opportunity for our reps to get to know our St Mary community better, so we invite you to join us and bring your ideas and concerns to the table as well.

We will have a preliminary meeting with all interested parishioners on January 7 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Please email Kim Pulka pulkakim@umich.edu or Jack Gagnon rgagniii@umich.edu for more information or to receive the link.

DAYTIME WARMING CENTERS

During the winter months in Ann Arbor, the daytime warming center provides warm spaces for those needing shelter, warmth, and community. It is organized by Mission A2, Washtenaw County, and the collaborative efforts of local faith communities. The warming center will be at the following churches during the winter months:

- December - Journey of Faith (1900 Manchester Rd)
- January - First Baptist (517 East Washington)
- February - Zion Lutheran (1501 West Liberty)
- March - Lord of Light (801 South Forest)

Given this unusual year with Covid we have been asked to participate in the warming center in a different capacity than in previous years. We were invited to help with lunches on Mondays at 11am during the month of January at First Baptist Church this year. We need 4 volunteers to provide lunches!

Please plan on bringing food for 30 guests. There will be someone to greet you in the parking lot at First Baptist Church to receive lunch at 11am. To volunteer, please email Brian Cerabona at bcerabona@smsspnewman.org with the date you can bring lunch and the type of food you will be bringing.

Stay tuned for updates throughout the winter for ways to support and volunteer with the daytime warming center! Thank you for your help and support!

MEN'S ROTATING SHELTER THANK YOU

During the week of November 8th-16th, our parishioners helped support the Men's Rotating Shelter during the day and overnight at Ann Arbor Christian Reformed Church. They were able to meet some of the men, watched movies with them, stayed overnight, helped bring in food and served meals, and provided a welcoming presence to everyone.

The following parishioners and students were able to help this year. Thank you!

<i>Tom McDonough</i>	<i>Colleen Dowd Kollman</i>
<i>Madelyn Brunvand</i>	<i>Linnea Brunvand</i>
<i>Cecilia Rivet</i>	<i>Araba Gyan</i>
<i>Kevin Tracy</i>	<i>Patrick Bertoni</i>
<i>Scott Hirsch</i>	<i>Travis Dantzer</i>
<i>Patrick Sherry</i>	<i>Michael Petterson</i>
<i>Kathleen Hughes</i>	<i>David Shatz</i>
<i>David Kotre</i>	<i>Ryan Armbrustmacher</i>
<i>Kyle Allen</i>	<i>Nicholas Wawrykow</i>
<i>Tom O'Connel</i>	<i>Jim Gartland</i>
<i>Cole Tobola</i>	<i>John Osterholzer</i>
<i>Lisa Hirsch</i>	<i>Karin Romero</i>
<i>Jean M Vargas</i>	<i>Patrick West</i>
<i>Brian Cerabona</i>	<i>Sophia Newton</i>
<i>Michele Minari</i>	<i>Thomas Hearty</i>
<i>Kathy Ann Moilanen</i>	<i>Ed Vuylsteke</i>
	<i>David Shatz</i>

Advent Giving Tree Project

In the season of Advent we share our gifts and our prayers with those in need locally and globally. This year our Advent Giving Tree will be done differently. In order to keep everyone safe we are only asking for monetary donations this year. The money we receive will be split between the agencies. The agencies we are supporting are listed below along with a description of their work and the needs they have that your money will help to support. To make your donation on our website click "GIVE" the click "Parish Soft Giving" and the under "Fund" select Advent Giving Tree. Please contact Lanette at lmele@smspnewman.org if you have any questions.

VISTA MARIA <https://www.vistamaria.org/>

Vista Maria provides residential and community-based treatment and therapy for children, young women and their families and ensures that children and families within our communities have access to critical services and care. They foster restorative relationships and deliver innovative care, treatment, and education so that vulnerable youth and families believe in their worth, heal and build the skills for success. They have programs and provide abused and neglected youth with emotional, education, psychological and spiritual guidance to facilitate their transition to adulthood as productive, contributing members of society.

Donations will be used to purchase clothing, hygiene products, and craft supplies.

EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE (EJI) <https://eji.org/>

EJI is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the US, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society. EJI documents and challenges abusive conditions of confinement in state jails and prisons. EJI also continues to fight against the prosecution of children in adult court and to obtain new sentences for children who have been condemned to die in prison.

Donated money goes towards legal services for the poor and incarcerated and to protect basic human rights.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES/ NURTURING FAMILIES WASHTENAW <https://tinyurl.com/yxfbbk5q>

Nurturing Families Washtenaw is a program of Catholic Charities that provides expanded and specialized services for young parents.

The donated money will be used for adoption and pregnancy counseling, toiletries and food items.

WICIR <http://wicir.org/>

Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR) is an organization that aims to walk with our immigrant brothers and sisters, especially in moments of crisis, and defend immigrant rights. WICIR is motivated to action by the God-given rights of all people to live in a safe and just society regardless of documentation. The agency provides legal aid and counseling in rapid responses to raid victims.

The donated money they receive will be used for legal fees for undocumented in our community, groceries and necessities for families.

HOPE CLINIC <https://thehopeclinic.org/>

Hope Clinic provides compassionate and practical help to those in need. They offer medical care and dental care to the uninsured, plus a variety of social services to minister to the whole person.

They will support 250 families with Christmas gift cards, Christmas dinner items for food pantry.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN) @ALPHA HOUSE www.alphahouse-ihn.org

Alpha House is an emergency shelter for children and their families experiencing homelessness. The impact of their programs is simple – families gain housing and remain together as a family. With ongoing support and advocacy as needed, families remain securely housed, better able to cope with ongoing challenges and more connected to community resources.

They will use the donated money for pantry items for daily meals, welcome baskets and meals for those in transition.

ST. LUKE'S N.E.W. LIFE CENTER-FLINT stlukeneutralifecenter.com

St. Luke's North End Women's (N.E.W.) Life Center is situated in North Flint and provides a 3-year program of life change for women who are parenting alone, as well as afterschool and summer programs for children, and basic needs assistance for

local families. They also provide GED and literacy classes for men and women as well as computer training.

They will use the donated money for fleece for blankets, sport balls and coats for children.

ARBORWOMAN <https://arborwoman.com/>

ArborWoman supports women in the greater Ann Arbor area who are facing unexpected pregnancies. We provide a trust-based environment in which our programs, including pregnancy testing, limited obstetrical ultrasound, counseling and a wide array of material and spiritual support services, are offered confidentially and free of charge by well-trained personnel.

They will use the donated money for pre-birth resources, newborn gift layettes and postpartum Counseling.

SHELTER OF FLINT shelterofflnt.org

Shelter of Flint owns and manages hundreds of properties in Flint, Michigan and offers a full range of programs that support families in need of emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing as well as first time buyer assistance and senior affordable housing.

The donated money they receive will be used to purchase household items and gift cards.

WARMING CENTER

During the winter months we will work with other churches in the area to help provide a welcoming, safe, and warm environment where people experiencing homelessness can find companionship, food, and rest.

The donated money will be used to purchase coffee, cream, sugar, hot chocolate, cups and other needed supplies.

DELONIS SHELTER www.annarborshelter.org

The Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC) offers those experiencing homelessness in our county an array of

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services in one central location, all year long. Serving nearly 1500 adults experiencing homelessness each year the SAWC partners with more than 30 community agencies to make services available. Clients are offered temporary shelter and supportive services in a safe, caring environment in three program areas: Residential Program, Non-residential Program and Winter Warming Program.

They currently serve currently serve 170 people nightly and will use the donated money for operational expenses, and warm clothes for those in need.

MISSION/MERCY HOUSE

www.missiona2.org

Mercy House is a St. Mary parishioner's home that has opened its doors to the homeless. The home is a refuge during the day for Washtenaw County residents who need shelter from the winter weather, as well as companionship, warm meals and use of amenities. This residency seeks to bless others by providing shower facilities, washer and dryer, and emergency housing.

The donations will cover "to go" meals, material needs for those outside of shelter, covid and everyday hygiene supplies, and support of the house which provides longer term and emergency shelter, free laundry facilities, free store of clothes, and free to go food (meals or snacks where possible).

DR. SISTER PRISCILLA AND HOLY FAMILY VIRIKA CATHOLIC HOSPITAL IN UGANDA

Doctor Sister Priscilla Busingye, friend of St. Mary's, is one of the few obstetricians working in rural western Uganda. She is the Medical Director of Holy Family Virika Catholic Hospital in Fort Portal, where there is about one doctor for every 19,000 people. Born and raised in a nearby village, Sr. Priscilla is committed to improving the health and welfare of the Ugandan people, particularly that of women and children.

The donated money they receive will be used for procuring protective Covid gear, ultrasound machine and oxygen concentrator.

PRAYING THROUGH ADVENT

Praying through Advent – and Christmas

"For nothing will be impossible for God." (Luke 1: 37)

On the final Sunday of Advent we see the faithful example of our Blessed Mother – the young girl who says yes to God's surprising plan for saving the world. Mary shows us what complete trust in God looks like, and the angel sends us an important message, too: God always gives us what we need to accomplish great things.

For further reflection:

You can access the full scripture and more reflections created for our Small Church Communities. Visit our parish website at:

<https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/parish-life/scc/>

Prayer

Holy Mary, Mother of God, I thank you for showing me how to respond fully to God's plan for me, and for the world. I ask you to intercede for me today, to point me on the path that leads to a deeper relationship with your Son.

I ask God to grant me the freedom and openness to say yes to God's surprising ways. I pray that my fears and doubts will never get in the way of a generous response to God.

Mary, gentle and loving, pray for us. Amen

Advent Meditation Materials

This season, we hope you'll take some time to light a weekly Advent candle, remembering with gratitude and hope that Christ is always our light, even in these times of confusion and darkness. To help with deeper prayer and meditation, we've created weekly Advent materials for our Small Church Communities, and made them available for everyone to access.

You'll find reflections and prayers for the Sunday readings on our parish website. <https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/parish-life/scc/>

Other Resources:

Loyola Press offers prayer, information, and family activities:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/advent/about-advent/>

Ignatian Spirituality: <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/>

Busted Halo: <https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-advent-two-minutes>

DAILY ADVENT PRAYER BOOKS

Each year SMSP provides parishioners with an Advent prayer book that contains daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons. This year, we have mailed the prayer book to registered parishioners along with our Christmas card and year-end appeal. The materials were delivered to the printer in mid-November, but due to covid-19, the mailing has been significantly delayed. Registered parish members should have received the books by now. Extra copies of the prayer books are available in the atrium for those who haven't received one.

Please check our office hours and limit one per household so we have enough for all households. Thank you for your understanding!

St. Mary Student Parish

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE & RESERVATIONS

The 2020 Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve (12/24)

4:00 PM - Household/Family Seating*

6:00 PM - Household/Family Seating*

8:00 PM - Individual Chairs

11:30 PM - Midnight Mass - Live-Streamed,
No Reservations

Christmas Day (12/25)

10:00 AM - Individual Chairs

12:00 NOON - Spanish - Individual Chairs

Midnight Mass will be live-streamed on our website on Christmas Eve, with lessons and carols beginning at 11:30 PM. All are welcome to join this mass live on our website or you may watch a recording of it anytime after the mass has ended: <https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/category/live-mass/>

***Household/Family Seating**

For the 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM masses ONLY on Christmas Eve, we will arrange the chairs in the church according to the number of people in your reservation. Because chairs will be grouped together, we will offer 65 total seats and may be able to offer additional seating depending on the size of reservations received.

To make a reservation for Christmas Mass, please visit our mass reservation link:

<https://bit.ly/smfp-public-mass-reservation>

and click the Christmas Mass tab on the top of the page.

Masks and social distancing are required for all Christmas masses.

VIRTUAL INTO THE LIGHT

SAT, DEC 19 | 9:00-10:30 AM

Into the Light is a fellowship group that has been meeting on Saturday mornings during Advent and Lent since the 1970's.

Ours is a "Road to Emmaus" style of gathering -- a communion service using the Sunday's readings and distributed Host, we then break fast with a potluck, and round-the-table we each share brief reflections of what stood out in the readings. We share our spiritual and life journeys towards the celebration of Christmas through prayer, the Eucharist, and companionship. All are welcome. We will be adapting to zoom and not meeting in person this Advent season.

Contact Rainey rلمay@umich.edu for the link.

2021 CALENDARS

Our 2021 calendars are here! Join us in looking forward to a new year and pick up your copy in the atrium. Please check our office hours and take just one per household. Thank you!

VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, DEC 20 | 6:30 PM

All area high school students are invited to join our virtual youth group gatherings. Led by a team of young adult and college students, the group explores ways to stay centered on Christ and on your faith in the middle of your busy lives.

Please email Rita Zyber for the link: rzyber@smfpnewman.org

THE REALIGN RESOURCES PARISH

MEETING SURVEY

On November 24, the Diocese of Lansing's Realign Resources for Mission Committee hosted a meeting with SMSP to gather feedback on Bishop Boyea's vision for the renewal of parish life in the diocese.

The committee needs to hear from you. Everyone is invited to complete the online survey by **December 15**:
<https://tinyurl.com/y3ptfbu7>

All comments will be read and recorded. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 13-19

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 AM	Mass for	Helen Hart
2:00 PM	Mass for	+Stewart White
5:00 PM	Mass for	+Tery DeGoicoechea
8:00 PM	Mass for	People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

5:10 PM	Mass for
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 AM	Mass for	+Mary Vielharber
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:10 PM	Mass for
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00 PM	Mass for	Merrie Thompson
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St. Mary Student Parish

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

- SUNDAY: 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM
- MONDAY: CLOSED
- TUESDAY: 11:00 AM–6:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY: 11:00 AM–6:00 PM
- THURSDAY: 11:00 AM–6:00 PM
- FRIDAY: 11:00 AM–2:00 PM
- SATURDAY: CLOSED

During our office hours, the office will be staffed to assist with scheduling, questions, donations, etc. You may also enter the church for individual prayer. Please enter through the main doors on Thompson Street.

Masks and social distancing are required.

IN-PERSON CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAYS | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

No reservation is required. Please enter through the main doors on Thompson Street and follow the signs.

Confessions will be offered both in the church and outside in the courtyard, weather permitting, or in Donnelly Hall.

Masks and social distancing are required.

IN-PERSON COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SUNDAYS | 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Communion will be distributed on Sundays from 11:30 AM-12:00 PM. If you arrive early, please wait in your car. The parish will remain locked until 11:30 AM. Enter through the William Street doors unless you require handicap accessibility through the Thompson side.

Masks and social distancing are required.

IN-PERSON ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAYS | 6:00 PM

Everyone is invited to Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday after daily Mass until 8:00 pm. The third Tuesday of every month adoration will include the **Divine Chaplet**. Come spend as much time as you wish. All are welcome. Please allow mass-goers to leave the church before entering.

Masks and social distancing are required.

VIRTUAL LIVE-STREAMED MASS

We continue to live-stream masses as follows:

SUNDAYS:

- 9:00 AM (English)
- 10:10 AM (Spanish)

THURSDAYS:

- 5:10 PM Student-Led Ig.nite Mass

Masses can be watched live on our website:

<https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/>. You may also watch a recording of mass anytime after the mass has finished.

IN-PERSON

PUBLIC MASS RESERVATIONS

WEEKEND MASS: DAILY MASS:

SAT: 5:00 PM Vigil	TUE: 5:10 PM
SUN: 2:00 PM (Spanish)	FRI: 12:10 PM
5:00 PM	
8:00 PM	

St. Mary is open to the public for mass per the schedule above. **Our capacity is limited to 50 seats**. Reservations are required. Click here to reserve your seat:

<https://bit.ly/smfp-public-mass-reservation>

Please note, there are tabs at the top of the webpage for Sunday mass and daily mass.

To protect the health and safety of everyone at the mass, please note the following:

- Reservations will be limited to registered parishioners and students.
- Since we do not have pews, seating will be 50 individual chairs.
- If you make a reservation for more than one seat, you will be sitting alone and you may not be sitting near anybody else on your reservation.
- The moving of chairs will not be permitted.
- We strongly discourage those with compromised immune systems or families with small children from attending mass.

Masks and social distancing are required.

EXTENDING THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

The Diocese of Lansing has extended dispensation from Sunday Mass obligation and Holy Days
UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH.

Grads & Young Professionals and Undergrads

GRADS/YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

VIRTUAL NIGHT PRAYER (COMPLINE)

THURSDAYS AT 10:00 PM

Take a break and end your week with a brief time of prayer shared with other young adults. We host a virtual Night Prayer every Thursday at 10:00 PM on Zoom, praying Compline from the Liturgy of the Hours. The prayer lasts about 15 minutes, and no prior knowledge of this form of prayer is needed. The Zoom link for Night Prayer can be found in the Grad/YP Newsletter*.

*If you are a grad student or young professional, but are not receiving our Grad/YP Newsletter, please contact us at smsp.grads.lead@umich.edu.

UNDERGRAD STUDENTS

VIRTUAL UNDERGRAD MINI-RETREAT

SAT, JAN 9 | 10:00 AM

Undergraduates, please join us as we explore the trust and faith the Holy Family had as they traveled to a foreign land, with foreign customs. We will be looking at how, like the Holy Family, we too can trust in our generous, merciful, and trustworthy God to lead us into 2021.

The retreat will be from 10am -noon, giving us time to hear from a member of the parish and reconnect with other students in small groups.

Email Felicia Hinojosa at fehinoj@umich.edu if you are interested in participating for the zoom link and additional information.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

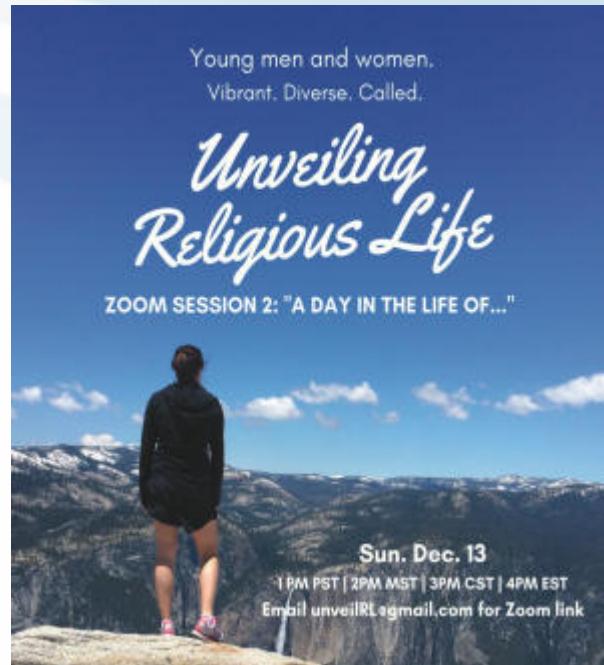
Although the university is not offering a Spring Break this year, we will be holding trips the week of May 2-9, 2021.

ASB is an excellent opportunity to deepen your faith and go beyond your comfort zone with service and immersion. There is further information about ASB on our parish website and we are taking all possible precautions with COVID-19 to ensure the safety of our participants and the communities we visit. With this year looking so different from previous years, we will be tailoring our trips based on demonstrated interest, so if you are at all interested in participating in ASB this year, please consider applying!

APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT ON DEC 21ST

Application link: <https://tinyurl.com/yyflhw7r>

Application fee is \$25.00 (pay online on our website or via Venmo @SMSPUmich) Please email our Alternative Spring Break Intern Will willover@umich.edu with any questions.



VIRTUAL THE FOUNDATION MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP

Any adult man over the age of 18 from the Diocese of Lansing who has graduated from high school and desires to join a group of men who are not afraid to talk about priesthood and be open to God's call - whatever it is.

Peer support and prayer are the main focus of the group, along with diving into topics surrounding priestly discernment and Catholic identity.

All meetings are centered around a discussion about the chapter of the day from the book *To Save a Thousand Souls*. Books will be mailed to you.

The Group meets virtually Saturdays from 11:00 am-12 noon on the following dates: January 9, Februart 6, March 6, and April 3.

Contact Fr. Whitlock jwhitlock@dioceseoflansing.org.

Around the Diocese

ADVENT CONFESSIONS AT OLD ST. PAT'S

DEC 14-DEC 17 from 5:30 PM-7PM

Because Communal Penance Services are difficult to hold safely this Advent, Old St. Pat's is providing an extended time of Confessions the week of Dec 14-17: Mon through Thu Confessions will be heard each night from 5:30pm until 7pm, in the Parish Hall, with social distancing. Old St. Pat's is located at 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, we encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every diocese in the United States now has a victim assistance coordinator who is available to obtain support, to help make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, if you desire.

The victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Lansing is: Cheryl Williams-Hecksel – 1-(888) 308-6252 or cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org. In addition, you may also report through the law enforcement toll-free hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by email, aginvestigations@michigan.gov

BISHOP BOYEÀ'S YEAR OF THE BIBLE

You are invited to join Bishop Boyea in reading through the Holy Bible starting this Advent and continuing through the next 12 months. Each day, the Bishop will text or email a chapter of Sacred Scripture. Together with the Bishop – and all those taking part – you will then read it and meditate upon it. Over the weeks, Bishop Boyea will also text you invitations to events; share video reflections with you; and let you know about other Year of the Bible updates. To sign up, simply text BYOB, which stands for Bishop's Year of the Bible to 84576.

Or, visit <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/byob>

Since St. Mary Student Parish is a Jesuit-run parish, we are also including information provided by the province:

If you believe that you, or someone you know, has been abused by a Jesuit or a province employee, you are urged to advise the Midwest Jesuits by calling or emailing **Marjorie O'Dea**, director, Office of Safe Environment at 773-975-6363, or in writing to Marjorie O'Dea at 2050 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL, 60614.

You are also advised to contact the appropriate law enforcement agency. In Michigan, contact the Michigan State Police, <https://www.michigan.gov/msp>

Financial Update

Fiscal Year 2020/2021

Year-to-Date Sunday Offering Report as of 12/6/2020



Sunday Offerings Budget Goal

\$969,000

Year-to-Date (YTD) Goal

\$423,750

Amount Collected YTD

\$411,362

Above (Below) YTD Goal

(\$12,388)

Sunday Offering Report as of 12/6/2020

December Sunday Offerings Weekly Budget Goal

\$28,750

Sunday 12/6/2020 (Week 23)

\$34,117

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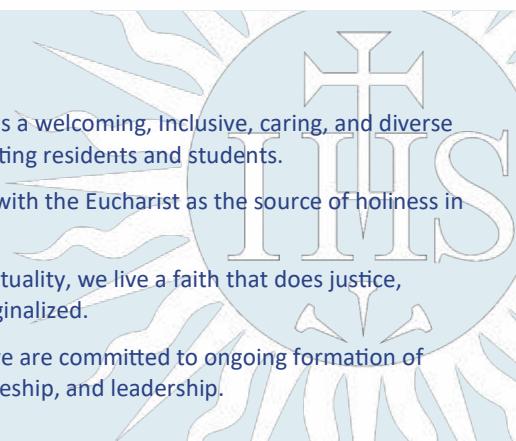
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Sunday Readings

DECEMBER 13, 2020

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading I	Isa	61:1-2a, 10-11
Psalm	Luke	1:46-50, 53-54
Reading II	1 Thes	5:16-24
Gospel	John	1:6-8, 19-2

I rejoice heartily in the Lord. May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

DECEMBER 20, 2020

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading I	2 Sam	7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalm	Ps	89:2-5, 27, 29
Reading II	Rom	16:25-27
Gospel	Luke	1:26-38

The kingdom of David shall endure for ever before the Lord. The mystery kept secret for long ages has now been manifested. Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

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