



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

To Jesus Through Mary



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 29, 2024

*“The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.”*

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday | 4:30pm

Sunday | 9:00am | 11:00am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 7:30am

Wednesday | 12:10pm

Reconciliation

Tuesdays | 7:30 - 8:15pm

Friday | 6:30 - 7:30am

Saturday | 3:00 - 4:00pm

By appointment, please call the parish office

Adoration

Tuesday | 7:30 - 8:30pm

Friday | 6:30 - 7:30am

Sacrament Of Baptism

Arrangements must be made by contacting Christine Wagberg. Please refer to our website before scheduling an appointment.

Sacrament Of Marriage

Active parishioners are invited to contact the parish office. Please allow 9-12 months for marriage prep.

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Contact Christine Wagberg to learn more about the process at St. Mary.

New To The Parish?

To become a member of our parish family, contact Mary Jiovani at mjiovani@st-mary.org or call the office at 248.547.1818, ext. 241.

Banns of Marriage

Please pray for our engaged couples who are preparing for marriage

Ellyse Conn and Wesley Boland

Robin Nancarrow and Zane Cross

Jessica Constantini and Michael Wallace

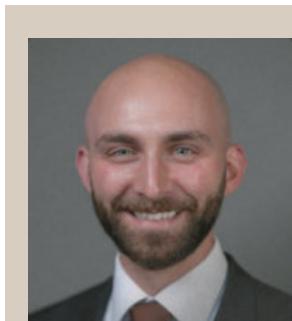


The Catholic Services Appeal is an opportunity for the faithful to respond to Christ's command "to love one another" (John 14:12) by helping to fund services that proclaim the Gospel of Christ throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. Currently we have received generous pledges totaling \$93,734.98! This is a great blessing, however, we still face a shortfall of \$11,684. Every donation helps! They bring us closer to our goal of \$105,419 ensuring that essential programs throughout the Archdiocese continue.



Benjamin Schroder benefit from the CSA as it supports their preparation for the priesthood. Thank you to all who have given to the CSA this year. If you have not yet given, I invite you to prayerfully consider supporting the good work of the CSA in our Archdiocese.

Please visit <https://smro.givecsa.org/> for more information and to make a donation.



Last week, our seminarian Jake celebrated his birthday. Please keep him and all our seminarians in your prayers as they continue to discern God's will for their lives.

Oh God, hear our prayer for the men you have chosen to follow in your Son's footsteps. Teach them humility and fidelity to unselfishly help others. May their devotion to Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Vocations increase, enabling them to do your will. Strengthen their prayer life that they may grow spiritually without worldly distractions. Give them courage and perseverance in their studies. May the Holy Spirit lighten their struggles with their vocations, until they know the joy of being a priest. We ask this through Christ your Son. Amen.



St. Mary School is Hiring!

St. Mary Catholic School is looking for part time assistants for our aftercare shift (3:30pm-6pm). We are looking to fill positions in both our Preschool Latchkey and our K-8 Latchkey. This is a wonderful shift for students, retirees, anyone looking for part time work. Please reach out to pre-school@st-mary.org. Introduce yourself and let us know what days you are hoping to work!

The new mass setting can be found on the sheets in the pews.

Entrance

This is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2. Pow - er rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be people of God. honor, bless- ing, and glo- ry are his. join in the hymn of all crea- tion.

First Reading | Numbers 11:25-29

The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses.

Taking some of the spirit that was on Moses,
the LORD bestowed it on the seventy elders;
and as the spirit came to rest on them, they prophesied.

Now two men, one named Eldad and the other Medad, were not in the gathering but had been left in the camp. They too had been on the list, but had not gone out to the tent:

yet the spirit came to rest on them also, and they prophesied in the camp.

So, when a young man quickly told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," Joshua, son of Nun, who from his youth had been Moses' aide, said,

“Moses, my lord, stop them.”

But Moses answered him,

“Are you jealous for my sake?

Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!
Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them
all!"

Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

R. (9a) *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is
trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart

Though your servant is careful of them,
very diligent in keeping them,
yet who can detect failings?

Cleanse me from my unknown faults!

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant;
let it not rule over me.

Then shall I be blameless and innocent of serious sin.

Second Reading | James 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and wail over your impending miseries. Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like a fire. You have stored up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of slaughter. You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous one; he offers you no resistance.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.

Gospel | Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he

does not follow us."

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him.

There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin,

it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire.

And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off.

It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna.

And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out.

Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye

than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'

Offertory**Great Are You Lord****Verse**

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness. You give hope. You restore every heart that is broken. And great are You, Lord.



It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.



It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You on - ly.

Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, "Great, are You, Lord! "

Communion**I am the Bread of Life**

1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever.

3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.

4. I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live for ever.

5. Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, Who has come into the world.

4:30pm & 11am Communion Reflection**I Shall Be Healed**

1. Oh, precious Father, tell me what good have I done? This gift You offer, that of Your precious Son, and yet, before His real presence now I feel I am not worthy, I am bruised and I am bent, I am so worldly and You are so heaven sent, sent from the Father, from the Son and sent to me.

For I am not worthy to receive You, Lord. No, I am not worthy of Your body and Your blood. Only say the word and Your mercy is revealed.

Say the word and I shall be healed. Say the word and I shall be healed.

2. Oh, blessed Mother, will you please pray for me? Is there another so pure and so holy except for He, except for He, except for He? I can't believe it, that You would shed Your blood and I receive it, I who was once a broken cup, but now I'm healed, but now I'm healed, but now I'm healed.

Bridge

Oh, my Lord, if you are willing I can be. You are willing... I can see the face of God; it's looking lovingly on me, and I am healed. How I love you, Lord, how I love you, Lord, how I love you, my precious Lord.

9am Communion Reflection

Fairest Lord Jesus

Recessional

Go Make of All Disciples

"Go make of all dis - ci - ples." We hear the call, O Lord, That
 "Go make of all dis - ci - ples," Bap - tiz - ing in the name Of
 "Go make of all dis - ci - ples." We wel - come your com - mand. "Lo,
 comes from you, our Fa - ther, In your e - ter - nal Word. In - spire our ways of
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 I am with you al - ways. "We take your guid - ing hand. The task looms large be -
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 let our dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal you ev - 'ry - where.
 deem - ing soul and bod - y By wa - ter and the Word.
 heav'n and earth your pow - er Shall bring God's king - dom here.

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Sacred Heart Major Seminary Halloween Candy Donations

It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and their hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of candy, please bring them to the Parish Office or the Church vestibule.

Upcoming Events

Oct.
5

Pet Blessing | Saturday, October 5, 12:00pm

Bring your furry friends to the St. Mary parking lot for a pet blessing in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi!

Oct.
9

Young Adult Mass | Wednesday, October 9, 7:30pm

Join us for our monthly Young Adult Mass and for fellowship following Mass at Royal Oak Taphouse! For more information, visit the St. Mary Young Adult Group Facebook.

Oct.
11

Moms and Tots | Friday, October 11, 9:30 - 11:30am

Moms and tots are invited to join us for their bimonthly meeting held in the Fellowship Center. There will free play, snacks, and coffee for the moms!

Oct.
13

Children's Gospel Corner | Sunday, October 13, 12:00pm

This is an opportunity for the younger children (1st through 4th grade) to revisit the scripture stories they heard at Mass and do a hands on project to reinforce the lesson of the daily readings. We will be gathering in the atrium of the Fellowship Center immediately following the 11:00am Mass for about 15 minutes. Parents can drop children off as they enter the Fellowship Center and then go enjoy some coffee and donuts while they wait for their children to return to them.

Oct.
19

Mercy in Action Day | Saturday, October 19, 8:30 - 11:0am

Make a difference in your community as part of the St. Mary 2024 Mercy In Action Day. Whether you wish to feed the hungry, clothe the destitute, shelter the homeless, bring smiles to the elderly or nurture the infants, we have opportunities for you. All events/collections will occur on Saturday, October 19. Visit stmaryroyaloak.com/mia to sign up.

Oct.
20

Souper Sunday | Sunday, October 20, 3:30 - 4:30pm

Each month we provide soup, and a hearty entrée along with a couple of sandwiches, chips, granola bar and fruit to whomever could use a meal. Volunteers and donations needed! A complete list of needed items, along with the sign-up sheet, is available at stmaryroyaloak.com/souper.





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Women's Evening of Reflection

October 4 | 5:00PM - 9:00PM
\$15 per person | Dinner provided

We go through many stages in our lives as women. Some are joy-filled and uplifting, while others bring trials that challenge who we know ourselves to be. As sisters in Christ, we look to our faith and community to strengthen us. Join us as we celebrate the gift of being women called to be witnesses of God's love to the world.



Speaker Judy Maten will be leading our evening of reflection! Judy has been in ministry for over thirty years. In 2013, Judy co-founded Via Maria Consulting, LLC working with individuals and parishes to form disciples prepared for mission.

Judy earned her Master's in Pastoral Studies from Sacred Heart Major Seminary. She completed the Ignatian Spirituality and Listening Ministry internship through Manresa Jesuit Retreat Center and is a commissioned spiritual director. She is also trained to lead the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises and is a spiritual director. Judy and her husband John are members of the National Shrine of the Little Flower. They have four children and eight grandchildren, with one on the way.

Held at St. Mary Catholic Church
730 S. Lafayette Ave, Royal Oak

Register at stmaryroyaloak.com/womens-reflection,
by scanning the QR code, or calling the Parish Office at 248-547-1818.



CYO Winter Sports

CYO BASKETBALL (Cost = \$200)

Varsity (7th /8th) Boys and Girls
Junior Varsity (5th / 6th) Boys and Girls
Practices start: Week of 11/10
Games start: Week of 11/28

Instructional Basketball (Cost \$150)

3rd/4th grade boys & 3rd/4th grade girls
Practices start: Week of 11/27
Games Start: After the New year

Instructional Basketball is a modified version of CYO basketball. We will play other CYO teams, but the rules are modified to help students learn the game of basketball.

CYO COED BOWLING (\$165)

7th & 8 grade Coed
5th & 6th grade Coed

Practices start: Week of 12/2
Matches start: Week of 1/6

Sign up at <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/452298>



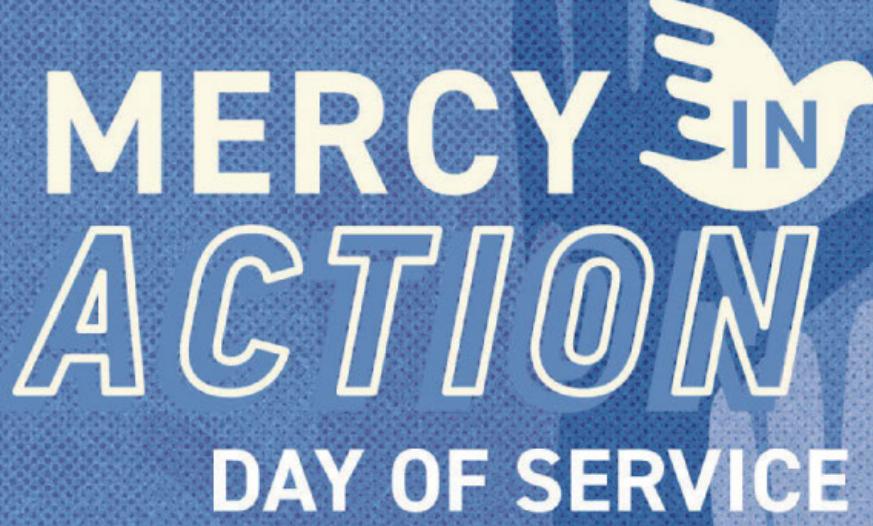
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MERCY IN ACTION

DAY OF SERVICE



Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me. (Matthew 25:40)

Greetings from the folks of Evangelical Charity! Mercy in Action Day is upon us! St. Mary will celebrate the annual Day of Mercy on Saturday, October 19. Whether you wish to feed the hungry, clothe the destitute, shelter the homeless, bring smiles to the elderly or nurture the infants, we have opportunities for you. You may volunteer by shopping for needed items and bringing them to the Fellowship Center between 8:00 and 11:30 the morning of October 19 or by taking a more active role and signing up for one of the volunteer positions (sandwich making, writing letters to seniors, cemetery clean up, or yard clean up). Items for infants, the homeless, the hungry and the lonely will be listed. We ask that you choose a few items and bring them to the Fellowship Center on October 19 where they will then be distributed to those in need. In addition to the list below, we will be collecting fresh meats and produce that will be distributed to needy families within a couple of days. These items should be brought to the fellowship center on October 19.

Sign up at stmaryroyaloak.com/mia

Needed items:

Frozen Vegetables
Butter
Lunchmeat
Sliced Cheese
Dry Beans
Rice
Cereal
Sugar
Flour
Canned Meats
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Pasta
Milk

Eggs
Dry Soup Mix
Fruit Cups
Drink Boxes
Packaged Desserts
Granola Bars
Single Serve Snacks (Chips, pretzels, popcorn, etc.)
Canned Meats
Tuna packets
Tuna meals
Milk (1/2 gallons)
“Jiffy” mixes
Bottled water
Kroger Gift Cards
Meijer Gift Cards
Infant Formula
Baby Food

Sharing Our Gifts

Stewardship Thoughts from the Archdiocese of Detroit

Department of Development–Mission Advancement

In today's Second Reading, St. James reprimands the rich for unjustly withholding earnings from their workers, selfishly storing up treasures, and living in excessive luxury on earth. Wealth itself is not bad. But as faithful stewards who profess Christ, we must always be mindful that all gifts come from the Lord; we are to nourish and use them in a spirit of gratitude to build His Kingdom. In his Gospel, the evangelist St. Mark describes how providing someone a drink of water is witness to discipleship in Christ. In that spirit of stewardship, we are inspired to return a generous portion of our God-given resources back to the Lord through service to our parish and those in need. We can give back our monetary gifts to the Lord through our generosity to the weekly parish offertory, the Catholic Services Appeal, and other worthy causes. If you struggle with family finances, read Phil Lenahan's *7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free* for guidance on reducing debt and increasing giving.

St. Mary Food Pantry

Food needed most at this time is listed below. Food may be brought to the weekend Masses and left in the box under the last pew in the back of church.

- McDonalds gift cards (5 dollar each)
- Bus tickets
- Deodorant
- Mini shampoo
- Mini bath soap

St. Mary Clothes Closet

All larger sizes are welcome. The following is needed most:
MEN:

- Large and X-Large
- Jackets
- Shoes size 9 to 12 (mens)
- Pants (Jeans,Sweatpants) prefer large and x-large
- XL Men's Briefs

WOMEN:

- Large
- Jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Packages of Women's Socks (6-12)

August Stewardship Report

MTD Collection:	\$78,099.46
MTD Budget:	\$72,917.00
Variance:	\$5,182.46

To make a one-time online donation to the collection, please scan the QR code:



End of Fiscal Year

YTD Actual:	\$146,198.96
YTD Budget:	\$145,834.00
Variance:	\$364.96

To help with our donation processing, please refrain from contributing Canadian or any other foreign currencies. Please do not use tape to secure your envelope. Thank you.

CSA 2024 Report

Goal: \$105,419.00
Pledged: \$93,734.98
Remaining needed: \$11,684.02
Number of Pledges: 201 of 1120 Households

This Week at St. Mary

Parish Calendar

Monday, September 30

7:30am Mass-Ch
7:00pm Engaged Couples event-FC

Tuesday, October 1

7:30am Mass-Ch
7:00pm Rosary-Mary's Garden
7:30pm Confessions-Ch
7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration-Ch

Wednesday, October 2

12:10pm Mass-Ch
Thursday, October 3
7:30am Mass-Ch
6:30pm Choir Rehearsals-Ch
7:30 pm Young Adult Sports Night-FC
Friday, October 4
6:30am Confessions-Ch
6:30am Eucharistic Adoration-Ch
7:30am Mass-Ch
5:00pm Women's Retreat Event-Ch & FC

Saturday, October 5

7:00am Men's Fellowship-FC atrium
9:00am Needleworks-Jennifer's office
3:00pm Confessions-Ch
4:30pm Mass with Mission Co-op Appeal-Ch
Sunday, October 6
9:00am Mass with Mission Co-op Appeal-Ch
9:30am On campus Religious Formation session-FC & school
No Coffee and Donuts Fellowship
10:25am OCIA-CR
11:00am Mass with Mission Co-op Appeal-Ch
3:00pm Souper Sunday-FC & Kitchen

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 28

4:30pm Jim Strelcki by wife, Pat

Sunday, September 29

9:00am the St. Mary parish family
11:00am Larry Zimmerman (21st Anniversary)
by wife, Cathy, and family

Monday, September 30

8:30am Kari Lynn Cox

Tuesday, October 1

7:30am John Charles Taylor (1st Anniversary)
by Janet Millard

Wednesday, October 2

12:10pm Pamela Cittan

Thursday, October 3

7:30am Janis Taylor

Friday, October 4

7:30am Special intention for Mark Mead
by Dora Ann Mead

Saturday, October 5

4:30pm Pamela Cittan (3rd Anniversary)
by the Samoray family

Sunday, October 6

9:00am Richard Pasko by brother, Robert
11:00am the St. Mary parish family

God's House Keepers

Sept 30 – Oct 4 Group I:
Meghan Leahy and Shannon Wolf

Oct 7-11 Group II:
Patrick Flaherty and Tiffany Flaherty

Date	Ministry	4:30pm	9:00am	11:00am
October 5/6	LECTOR	Bridget Molnar Teresa Walczyk	Mikayla Grajek Margaret Blount	Scott Scharl Chris Santoro
	SACRISTAN	Dan Irwin	Dale Brasseur	Gemma Goodrid

Please pray for our sick and suffering

Nancy Barnett, Marjory Basile, Dave Bertrand, Randy Bertrand, Rachel Catherine, Judi and Shawn Cavanaugh, Jessica Chapman, Nolan Crockett, Christopher Crowe, Jennifer Moy Drinkard, Virginia Louise E., Muna Erickson, Christopher Fulton & family, Susan Gamble, Evelio Garza, Janette Gaskin, Mary Gaskin, Zaronda Gaskin, Cheryl Kline, Scott Hargrove, Lisa Harshman, Susan Hartley, Rose Jedrick, Jalanea John, Kim Kassab, Nancy King, Amy Klezek, Lamya Kory, Jan Kosko, Noah Langan, Dorothy Lukas, Dan Marsh, Beckett Michel, Lawrence Parish, Cheri Patterson, Hilda Patterson, Jann Patterson, Claudia Petras, Keith and Valerie Preston, Barmen Qasguargis, Eric R., Terry Romine, Christina S., Mark Seibert, Marcie Skiba, Nancy Spigliano, James Stanley, Cathy Starzyk, Jennifer Sweet, Jean Thomas and family, Anne Tighe, Erin Treuter, Linda Twigg, Javona Weatherspoon, Bill Webb.

Please contact the parish office via phone or email to add or remove a name from the list. 248-547-1818 or parishoffice@st-mary.org

Please pray for all our men and women serving in the Military, especially:

Edward Gonzales, Lt. Colonel, U.S.M.C.

Daniel Bleaken, Specialist, U.S. Army

Henry C. Clauncherty, Petty Officer, 1st Class U.S. Navy

John Dolbee, Captain, U.S. Air Force

Heather Lillystone, 1st Lt., U.S. Air Force

Patrick Murphy, Staff Sgt. MI Army National Guard

Miles Filippis, 1st Lt., U.S. Army

Almighty and eternal God, protect these active military as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. Amen.

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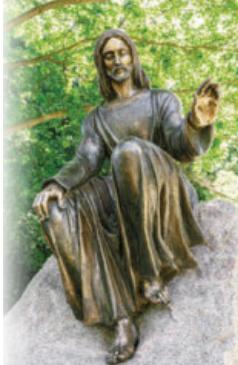
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