St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.



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Monday to Thursday: 8:00am-4:00pm

8:00am-Noon Friday:

Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI 8:30 am **WED** 12:00 Noon SAT 4:30 pm **SUN** 8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 Noon

Confession

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instructions and preparation.

Anointing of Sick and Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor is available to visit upon request.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Hearing Devices are available. Please see our music director in the choir area.

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Emma Scaramella

READINGS for the week of April 27

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:123-24.26-27.29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1A/Ps 31:3CD-4, 6 and 7B and 8A, 17 and 21AB/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1B-8/Ps 66:1-3A, 4-5,6-7A/Jn 6:35-40 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17,20/Jn 6:44-51 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1BC,2/Jn 6:52-59

READINGS for May 3

1st Reading: Acts 2:14A, 36-41 2nd Reading: 1 PT 2:20B-25 Resp. Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; Gospel: JN 10:1-10

there is nothing I shall want.

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

I think we all can agree that it has been a crazy few weeks. There's a lot up in the air, and we're not sure when we'll start gathering at the church again — but that doesn't mean youth nights have to stop...

For the last 4 weeks, Thousands of teenagers from across the country have been gathering on Sunday nights for the BIGGEST YOUTH NIGHT EVER. It's called ProjectYM Live and each week it'll feature some of the biggest speakers and worship leaders in the Catholic youth ministry world - last week they had OVER TEN students THOUSAND This kind of participate. collaboration is something we would only see if the youth group was attending a National Catholic Youth Conference or locally our Archdiocese of Detroit CYO Youth Conference.

Our parish is signed up to participate – all your teenager has to do is head to <u>PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH</u> this Sunday at 8:00 p.m. Eastern. The fast paced event is only 1 hour!

Two quick note:

- 1. The broadcast starts at 8pm EST, but plan to log on early to make sure they're on when it starts
- You can access the event on any device with a web browser-but the faster the connection the better
- P.S. Though this event is geared at teenagers, parents are invited to watch along with them!
- P.S.S. Invite a friend to attend or your junior high sibling to attend with you. Hope you can attend Sunday evening by yourself or along with your family.

P.S.S.S. Our St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy High School Youth Group teens are also meeting on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. via a private zoom meeting to keep us all connected. We pray and talk together. Would you like to join us? Let me know. Communications are sent out via flocknote weekly with a new link to our meeting.

Any question, you can reach out to me! Carol Nelius St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy Coordinator of Youth Ministry 734.765.5525

FROM THE PASTOR -

Dear Parishioners,

As the COVID pandemic continues to bring our country to a standstill, along with the extension of the stay-at-home executive order, it is with great sadness that I am writing you. Since St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy has had to temporary suspense the celebration of the Mass, it has caused a dramatic reduction in offertory resources. This reduction is being felt in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit.

At this time, St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy is no longer able to maintain our current operations. Therefore, like parishes around the Archdiocese of Detroit, St. Mary will begin implementing temporarily layoffs, and reduction in hours for our staff. This is a very difficult decision, and was made after a lot of prayer, and time spent trying to balance the needs of our staff with the needs of being good stewards of our Parish's resources. Our staff will be eligible for many of the government assistance programs, that are helping workers throughout our nation

It is my prayer that the measures taken today will see the parish through this crisis and to a time when we are able to explore how we can resume normal operations. Please join with me and the Archbishop as we turn to Our Lady of Lourdes to intercede for the healing of all impacted by this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Fr. Shafique Masih Pastor

NOTES FROM PAUL

This weekend's Gospel, about the road to Emmaus, is amongst my favorites. I even have a painting representing it in my office. This year, I feel it has a special meaning for me, and maybe for many of us. At a time when we are not able to go to Mass, I keep thinking, "Wow, how could I take being in the physically, and miraculously presence of Jesus at each Mass for granted?" Cleopas, and the other disciple, must have felt the same after Jesus left them. My guess is that they must have felt a little ashamed, and silly. I too feel ashamed, and a little silly that I took going to Mass granted for so many years. I hope that when we can finally come together again and worship, that I never overlook the miracle of the true presence of Christ, and his sacrifice again.

I pray that while we can not be together, that each of you moves closer in your relationship to the Lord.

God Bless you, Paul Zbytowski

Pastoral Associate/Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

Holy Name Fraternity is praying for all parishioners during this time of pandemic shutdown. We look forward to praying and worshipping all together again. In the meantime, please remember your financial support of our parish, either on line or by U.S. mail. Keep up with parish happenings by checking parish website (stmarycooj.org) or receive notifications on flocknote. Stay well!

Paul Markus

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT						
<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Env</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>		
04/19/20	\$	5,424	\$ 10,960 \$	(5,536)		
04/12/20	\$	2,062	\$ 10,960 \$	(8,899)		
04/05/20	\$	5,619	\$ 10,960 \$	(5,341)		
03/29/20	\$	3,912	\$ 10,960 \$	(7,049)		
YEAR TO DATE						
FV 2040 20		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>		
FY 2019-20)	\$ 382,204	\$ 460,320	\$ (78,116)		



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FlockNote Novena Group

If you are already on FlockNote, you might want to join our Novena Group. Each morning at 8 am you will be emailed a novena prayer to pray with our parish family. the next four novenas should be:

St Joseph the Worker - April 23 - May 1 St Damien of Molokai - May 2 - May 10 A Novena to Mary - May 12 - May 20 A Novena to the Holy Spirit - May 22 - May 31 (which is the Feast of Pentecost)

Let Us Live in the Joy of Salvation

Now that we're in the Easter season, we can fully rejoice in the hope of the Resurrection. When you read any Scripture passage during these days, listen especially for how God is speaking directly to you about the grace he offers in this time. He wants to speak to your heart, to offer his wisdom about what this crisis means, his guidance about how to respond and his assurance that "all things work for good for those who love [him]." (Rm 8:28) He is close; listen for him.



We appreciate everyone's patience and support during these challenging times, and when information can change at a moments notice. Amid all of the concerns that surround this current global situation, and in light of the Archbishop suspending all public Masses, just like many individuals our expenses will continue during this difficult time, and now more than ever we will need your support.

Therefore, please consider registering for Online Giving to make your contributions to St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy. Online Giving makes use of current technology and security standards, and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions. It also enables us to be more efficient and reduce overhead expenses. We also welcome your contributions by dropping off at the parish mailbox or mailing. Thank you for your continued support!

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If you have any questions or need assistance with set up, please come in or contact the parish office at 734-425-4421.

Parish Updates

ALL PARISH AND EVENTS INCLUDING PUBLIC MASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Please check stmarycooj.org for the most current information and/or sign up to receive important messages, at Flocknote. See how to sign up below.

Mass: Livestreamed through the Archdiocese at: https://www.aod.org/livemasses

Parish and Church Office Hours:

• The office is closed at this time during the "stay at home" order from our governor. We are checking messages daily and will return calls as necessary.

Resources during these challenging times:

- Daily meditations from The Word Among Us: https://wau.org/meditations.
- Magnificat has offered free access to their online version: https://us.magnificat.net/free.
- Unleashthegospel.org/2020
- Visit <u>52Sundays.com</u> simple and insightful ways for your family to spend time together each Sunday learning more about the Catholic faith
- Spiritualcloseness.org
- Visit www.formed.org and click "sign up"
- 1. Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
- 2. Type "Faith at Home Detroit" in the box under Create New Account. (You'll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click "Next."
- 3. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.

Now you're registered! You can also download the app on your Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at www.help.formed.org or toll-free at 844-367-6331.

MASS INTENTIONS *All intentions will be prayed for during private Mass time every day.					
Mon. April 27	For our parish family				
Wed. April 29	For our parish family	For our parish family			
Thurs. April 30	For our parish family				
Fri. May 1	For Vocations Ann Musto-Decesare by husband				
Sat. May 2	Lee Borycz by family Leonard Janus by family Richard Kwiecanski by wife, Irene				
Sun. May 3	For our parish family John & Jane Drewniak				

Nobody Grieves Alone: A Virtual Support Group for Covid-19 Loss Every Friday, 2:00p.m. - 3:30p.m.

In her April 1st article, Sandee LaMotte of CNN noted that, "In the midst of heartbreak, we are alone, unable to reach out and comfort those who mourn, standing a careful six feet from each other." But in today's connected world, we do not have to be truly alone. **Join Angela Hospice's Bereavement team for Nobody Grieves Alone.** This group is for those who have lost a loved one due to COVID-19, or those with a loved one who is currently battling COVID-19.

Please join this group from your computer, tablet or smartphone. $\underline{\text{https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/617003141}}$



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You can sign up for **Flocknote**by going to:
https://app.flocknote.com/
StMaryCauseofOurJoy or by text
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MEMORARE

Remember,
O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to
thy protection,
implored thy help
or sought thy intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,
we fly unto thee
O Virgin of virgins, our Mother.
To thee do we come.
Before thee we stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not our petitions,
but in your mercy hear and answer
us. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

MEAN WHAT YOU SAY

Missouri is known as the "Show Me" state. There seem to be differing points of view as to how this motto came into existence, but today it is said to speak of a people who operate with common sense and are not easily fooled by slick-talking or show. We would be prudent to adopt such a disposition ourselves. To be this way is not really like St. Thomas in the Gospel when he doubts what he clearly sees right in front of him. It is more about holding ourselves to a standard explained in another motto: "Say what you mean and mean what you say."

If we claim to be Christians, disciples of the risen Jesus, then those around us should be able to tell by our actions. Can someone

truly be a disciple of Jesus and not be a good steward of all he has given? Jesus makes himself known to us continually in the Holy Eucharist. When we come together to break bread at Mass, Jesus shows us his love by becoming truly present to us. He is willing to show us. What are we in turn willing to show him?

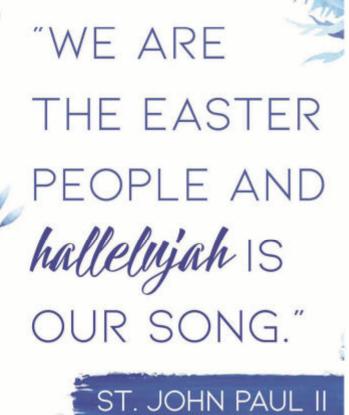
Every day, Jesus calls us to respond in some way. Our response shows whether we are who we claim: his disciples. I am pretty sure Jesus is not from Missouri, but I know he is not fooled by our half-truths and misguided intentions. He also means what he says and says what he means. Shouldn't his disciples do the same?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

AS THE GODFATHER FOR MY NIECE, WHAT MUST I DO AS SHE GROWS UP? ARE THERE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES I HAVE?

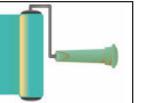
The biggest responsibility you have as a godparent is to set a good example of practicing faith. Receiving the sacraments and taking an active part in your parish teaches by deed and shows your godchild how to live a life of faith. Next to the child's parents, your role can be one of great influence in her religious formation and education.

What else can you do? A special remembrance on the day the child was baptized can highlight its importance. As the child grows older, discussions about God, Jesus, matters of faith, and the parish provide opportunities to share your own beliefs and practices. Celebrate first Penance, first Communion, and Confirmation as key moments in your godchild's faith journey. Parents and godparents share in this responsibility in a unique and special way. Your obligations do not end with the ceremony of Baptism, but are just the beginning.





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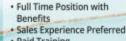








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