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Joyful News

DECEMBER 17, 2017 • 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule FOURTH SUNDAY Of Advent

Saturday, December 23 at 4:30pm
Sunday, December 24 at 10:00am

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
4:30pm (children's choir)
10:00pm (adult choir)

Christmas
10:00am (adult choir)

CHRISTMAS WEEK

Wednesday, Dec. 27: Noon Mass
Thursday, Dec. 28: 8:30am Mass
Friday, Dec. 29: NO Mass

The parish office will be closed:
Monday, December 25 & Friday, December 29
The office will close at 12 noon
on Tue. Dec. 26, Wed, Dec. 27 & Thurs. Dec. 28

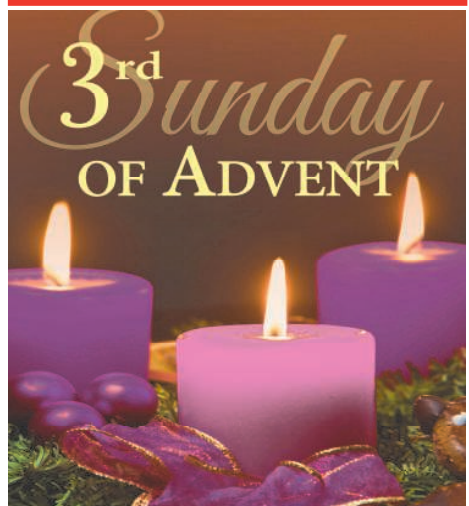
ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake & French Toast Breakfast

THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
8:30am to NOON
Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy
Social Hall

COST: \$3 Adults
\$1.50 Children ages 2 to 10
MENU: Pancakes, French Toast, Ham,
Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Applesauce,
Tea, Coffee, Milk, & Juice

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Special Visitors from the North Pole



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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St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy

Office Hours

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

Friday: 8:00am-Noon

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 by 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, deacon or lay ministers are 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.

Parish Registration

Please call the office at 734-425-4421 to register with our parish. Please notify our parish of any address or phone changes.

Report Sexual Abuse for any child or adult:

Call AOD victim assistance 1-866-343-8055 or
Call the Michigan Department of
Human Services at: 855-444-3911 any time

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Bob Schoenborn Grand Knight

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Jim Bonin	Ray Grochowski	Kim Micallef	Tom Shafer
Boyington Family	John Kaminsky	Joyce Miriani	Dianne Shekell
Randy & Kristy Bracket	Marilyn Kashat	Michael Mize	David Taillard
Bob Cadotte	Gloria Kenzie	Edward Parisien Sr.	Roberta Troher
Tina Ciepley	Bob Kluba	Ruth Parisien	David Wasil
Charlie & Donna Conatser	Rita Kraft	Jerry & Deb Pietszak	Cathy West
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Alisa Gardner	MaryAnn Magon	Grace Rysztak	
Richard Gora	Alice Milliken	Emma Scaramella	

If there are any names that can be removed from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling **734-425-4421**

READINGS for December 24 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:15, 8b-12, 14a, 16 **2nd Reading:** Romans 16:25-27
Resp. Psalm: Forever I will sing the **Gospel:** Luke 1: 26-38
goodness of the Lord.

READINGS for December 24 ~ The Nativity of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6 **2nd Reading:** Titus 2:11-14
Resp. Psalm: Today is born our Savior, **Gospel:** Luke 2:1-14
Christ the Lord.

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CMDR Theron R. Korsak, U.S. Navy; **CPT Joey Saunders**, U.S. Marines;
Joseph David Onadia, U.S. Navy; **SMSGT Terence Zelek**, U.S. Air Force

Hearing devices are available for use during Mass. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 9 am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.



You may have heard recently that the Holy Father has suggested that the words of the Lord's Prayer be changed. Of course he is not trying to change what Jesus taught. Sometimes when prayers, Bible passages and other passages that relate to our faith are translated from the original language to another language, something gets "lost in the translation".

The words that Pope Francis is talking about are the phrase at the end of the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation". OF course, it is not God that leads us into temptation. "It is not He that pushes us into temptation and then sees how I fall. A father does not do this. A father quickly helps those who are provoked into temptation." Perhaps the new wording would be something like, "Do not let us enter into temptation." In Japanese, it is phrased "Do not let us fall into temptation."

I remember when I was in Japan, they changed the entire "Lord's Prayer" to make the words more understandable. The old version had been using ancient Japanese words that most people did not understand. For more than a year, in the church we posted a large banner with the new words in the front of the Church, near the altar, so that everyone could pray together while learning the new words.

All in all, we cannot blame our temptations on God our Father, but rather on ourselves and our sinfulness. God's grace is always there to help us from allowing ourselves to fall into temptation.

Fr. Ken

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Articles for the Dec. 31st bulletin are due by Mon., Dec. 18 by 9am.



IN FORMATION

Tomorrow is our last session for 2017. What a different Advent it has been this year. With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday, we need to make careful plans for our Christmas Mass attendance. See the complete schedule elsewhere in this bulletin.

Blessing of the Crèche Whether you live alone or with others, use this prayer to bless our crèche.

*Bless us, Lord, as we come to Bethlehem,
where animals and angels, shepherds and seekers,
together behold your face.*

*Here snow becomes straw
and frost becomes flowers
as winter melts into everlasting spring.*

*In our holy Christmas,
in this festival of Christ,
give us the riches of your poverty
and show us the power of your weakness
as we join the angels in proclaiming your praise:
Glory in heaven and peace on earth,
now and for ever. Amen.*

Sr. Gemma Legel, OSF



BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating our Church for Christmas on **THIS Monday, December 18th at 10:00am**. Everyone is welcome to join us. *Many hands make for less work.*

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism class is **Monday, December 18 at 7pm**
In the Parish Center Building.

Please make sure you register for one of our Baptism Classes by contacting our Parish Office at 734 425 4421.

Forever Young Seniors...

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 8th, 2018. We will be watching a movie "The Shack". If you want, you can bring a chair cushion to watch the movie. Our volunteer chef will be Roberta Piper. Dianne Lazar will be collecting the 2018 annual dues of \$5.00 that should be paid in January.

We also want to thank Marlene & Roman Kotrys for donating the beautiful Christmas trees for our December meeting. Marlene generously made all the trees and they were won by 8 lucky people as door prizes!

Please keep all of our ill members in your prayers.

We have some wonderful bus trips coming up:

Greektown Casino

Wednesday, January 24th, 2018
9:15am – 3:45pm
\$26 due by Jan 10th

Meadowbrook Theatre

"Tenderly" Sunday, Feb 25th
9:30am – 5:30pm
\$97 due by Jan 26th

Solanus Casey Pilgrimage

Wednesday, Mar 28th
8:45am – 5:30pm
\$58 due by Mar 14th

The bus trips are open to everyone. Please call me 734-525-3737 for reservations and more details. Copies of the flyers can also be obtained at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Make checks payable to Bianco and mail to me at
8843 Linville, Livonia, MI 48150.
Maryann Sligay

HOLY NAME FRATERNITY

Today, December 17, Holy Name Fraternity is happy to present for your culinary and parish enjoyment our Pancake and French Toast breakfast from 8:30 am until noon in the social hall. Special guests: Mr. & Mrs. S. Claus!!!. (Sorry, no reindeer.) Tuesday, December 19 at 6 pm in the small hall, Holy Name Fraternity will meet for a brief business meeting, our holiday supper and comments by HNF member Bob Cadotte. (Still, no reindeer.) Please come.

Paul Markus



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

55 Coats for Kids!

Your Parish Knights' coat collection resulted in high quality new winter coats along with hats and gloves being delivered this past week to deserving children via *Holy Cross Children's Services*.

Holy Cross Children's Services is one of the largest private non-profit providers of child services in Michigan. Founded as *Boysville of Michigan* in 1948 by His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, the agency's growth over the past 60 years reflects the incredible commitment and support from the Michigan Knights of Columbus.

On behalf of the Children and the Knights, thank you so much! Please learn more about Holy Cross at holycrossservices.org



As a reminder, we ask that all gifts be returned to the tree THIS WEEKEND Dec. 16th and 17th. Gifts should be in gift bags (but unwrapped) with the original tag from the Giving Tree attached somewhere visible. If you like, you can leave the gift receipt in the bag. If you are returning a gift card you can staple/tape the tag to the outside of the envelope. We will also have tags for gift blankets designated for our home-bound Parishioners.

Eucharistic Exposition

FRIDAYS

9am to Noon in Church

There will be NO
Eucharistic Exposition on
Friday, December 22 & 29

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who kindly prayed for my brother, Richard Jaquish during his recent illness and passing. I am truly grateful.

Geralyn Pawlaczyk

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To begin, go to our website - www.stmarycooj.org - Click on the Menu link. Scroll down and click Our Parish then Online Giving. On the next screen click the big blue DONATE button. When signing up for the first time, click on the top left - First Time? button.

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



Heavenly Father, welcome Home those whom you have called from this world especially

Geraldine Fusco
Larry Kovalesski

and all the souls of our faithful departed.
May they rest in peace. Amen

Oplatki

The traditional Christmas Wafers are available after Mass this weekend and next. They will also be available at our Parish Office. A donation of \$2 is requested for each package. Proceeds go to our Youth Group for their upcoming activities



SAVE THE DATE!

**Lenten Parish Mission
at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
with**

Steve Angrisano

**Sunday, March 11, Monday, March 12
& Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30pm**

Everyone welcome: Free event

More information to come!

THE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

BEGINNING JANUARY 9

7:00-9:00pm

**Room 106-107 in the Parish
Center Building at**

**St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy
Facilitator: Frank Briggs**

**Questions? Call the office at
734-425-4421**

**No registration required and
no fee for classes**

Your Donations Are Needed

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been dedicated to the corporal works of mercy in the Archdiocese of Detroit for **over 130 years**. Your donations of **furniture, household goods and clothing** can be dropped off at the SVDP Thrift Store located at **Wayne and Hunter**. **Drop off is at the FRONT of the Store**. The SVDP Thrift Store phone number is **734 629-8250** and they are **open 7 days a week**.

Lifespan Christmas Cards & Entertainment Books

A beautiful variety of Right to Life-LIFESPAN Christmas cards and the 2018 Entertainment Books will be available for purchase in the Parish Office during business hours. Thank you for your support. For information call the office at 734-425-4421.

Will You be Heading South for the Winter?

If you will be heading out of Michigan for the cold winter months, please call our parish office to arrange to have your church envelopes stopped while you are gone. If we know when you are leaving and when you will return, it saves us time and postage in the long run or consider signing up for **Electronic On-Line Giving**.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

As you prepare for this Christmas season, please don't forget to add the parish to your gift list. You have a few options available for you to give:

- Dropping your Christmas envelope in the collection basket at Mass
- On-line at www.stmarycooj.org
- By mail or by dropping your monetary gift off at the parish office.

Donations postmarked or received after **December 31, 2017** will be recorded for the 2018 tax year. Your offertory package contains your Christmas envelope. These envelopes are ideal to use. Should you forget your envelope, you can write "for Christmas" on your check or on the outside of any envelope and your gift will be counted in the Christmas Collection. You have until **January 14, 2018** to get your Christmas gift in.

During the Christmas season, any offertory you make that is marked "for Christmas" does not get assessed tax from the Archdiocese.

Another option available to you is to make a stock donation. Visit the AOD website <http://www.aod.org/being-catholic/ways-to-give/share-your-treasure/stock-gifts/> for more details OR phone Carol, our bookkeeper at 313-977-6223.

Your Christmas gifts will be used for the operation of the parish. Our gas and electric bills are going to increase during the winter months and these Christmas funds will be of great help during those months. The parish is also responsible to pay any CSA shortfall.

You have shown such great generosity towards St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, your home parish, through your prayers and your monetary gifts. Thank you and may the good Lord continue to bless you and your family.

The Best Christmas Gift Ever!!

Presents under the Christmas tree are truly wonderful, but they can't heal a hurting marriage. Transforming your marriage into a mutually satisfying relationship is the "gift that keeps on giving." With the help of Retrouvaille, it can be done. Retrouvaille is a Christian peer ministry designed to help heal troubled marriages. This quite possibly could be the best Christmas gift you could ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family and your friends!! **Please pass this information on to anyone who you suspect might be a hurting couple** The next Retrouvaille program begins Friday, January 19, in Romulus, Michigan. For confidential information or to register call 800-470-2230 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: HelpOurMarriage.com



LIFESPAN'S - LIGHTS FOR LIFE TREE

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES! In keeping with the Christmas spirit of giving, caring and sharing, LIFESPAN invites you to help illuminate our 14 ft. "Lights for Life" Tree. The holidays are the perfect time to remember those you love! Donate a "light" in honor of or in memory of your loved ones. Contributions are used to benefit projects like Wee Care, a LIFESPAN outreach program for moms and their babies. All names sent in for "Lights for Life" will be printed in the January and February LIFESPAN Newsletters. Our "Lights for Life" Tree will be lit throughout the Christmas season on the grounds of Weingartz, 39050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills.

For more info: LIFESPAN 734.422.6230
www.milLIFESPAN.org

MASS INTENTIONS		
Mon. Dec. 18	8:30am	Camille Newell by Florence Bozek Sue Weaver by husband, Tom Prayers for Jude Smith on her birthday by Barile family Mr. Wygant by John & Judy Barile Prayers for Judy Barile on her birthday by family
Wed. Dec. 20	12 Noon	Theresa Cable by her daughter, Jan Lauster Bob Stremich by wife, Lou Brian Kennedy by Carmen & Bill Kennedy George & Mildred Kennedy by Barmen & Bill Kennedy
Thurs. Dec. 21	8:30am	Deloris O'Hagan by her husband, Don Josephine Czaja by Florence Bozek Sam & Jon Calleja by their parents
Fri Dec. 22	8:30am	Mary Swaney by family Candelania Medinz by family
Sat. Dec. 23	4:30pm	Raymond LeMaster by Yvonne & Tony Collins Remy Borromeo (1st anniv.) by family Ruth Cadotte by her husband, Bob Cadotte Jim Godvin by wife, Pat Sam Scianna by wife, Amelia & family Prayers for Alannah Bar on her birthday by grandma Emily

UPCOMING EVENTS Dec. 18—Dec. 24		
MON. Dec. 18	8:30am	Mass
	10:00am	Decorate Church
	10:30am	Westland Convalescent
	6-7:15pm	Faith Formation
	7:00pm	Baptism Class
	7-9:00pm	High School Youth Group
	7:15-8pm	Children's choir rehearsal room 107
TUE. Dec. 19	6:00pm	Holy Name Fraternity
	7-9:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
WED. Dec. 20	10:30am	Doors open for cards & coffee
	11:00am	Cards & Coffee in social hall
	12 Noon	Mass
	7:00pm	Rosary
THURS. Dec. 21		Winter begins
	8:30am	Mass
	9:15am	Forever Young Seniors Board Mtg.
	7-9:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
FRI. Dec. 22	8:30am	Mass
	9:00am	Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions & Rosary NO Eucharistic Exposition
SAT. Dec. 23	3:30pm	Reconciliation
	4:30pm	Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
SUN. Dec. 24	10:00am	Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
	4:30pm	Mass (Christmas Eve)
	10:00pm	Mass (Christmas Eve)
Mon. Dec. 25	10:00am	Christmas Day Mass

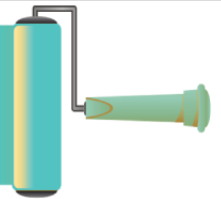
SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION REPORT				
Sunday	No.	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
Offertory	Env	Actual	Budget	Variance
12/10/17	365	\$ 12,636	\$ 10,971	\$ 1,666
12/3/17	380	\$ 9,827	\$ 10,971	\$ (1,144)
11/26/17	363	\$ 11,867	\$ 10,971	\$ 896
11/19/17	326	\$ 9,123	\$ 10,971	\$ (1,848)
weekly actual includes online giving of \$1,435 and Immaculate Conception Masses total \$2,249 Religious Retirement total \$1,587				
		YTD	YTD	YTD
FY 2017-18		Actual	Budget	Variance
		\$ 278,114	\$ 263,298	\$ 14,816

December Yellow Envelope

Your donations in our **Yellow** Offertory Envelope for December is designated for the **Retired Religious Fund**. There is an envelope designated for your donation for **Christmas Flowers**. The money will also be used this year to purchase Christmas decorations for the interior and exterior of our Church

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE December 23/24								
	SATURDAY 4:30pm 4th Sunday of Advent		SUNDAY 10:00am 4th Sunday of Advent		SUNDAY 4:30pm Christmas Eve		SUNDAY 10:00pm Christmas Eve	
Celebrant	Fr. Ken		Fr. Joe		Fr. Ken		Fr. Ken	
Lector Comm.	Kevin Headrick Rose Rodriguez		Katie Bohr Phil Macunovich		Katie Bohr Maryann Sligay		Jennifer Schaefer Suzanne Price	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Deacon John Maryann Sligay Gloria Townsend Loretta Wood	Lou Stremich Ralph Costyn Mary McKelvey	Deacon John Katie Bohr Theresa O'Bey Fran Read	Ron Read Cathi Macko Nicole Macko	Carol Janowski Larry Janowski Maryann Sligay Janet Carrier	Evelyn Bledsoe Flo Bozek Katie Bohr	Nicole Macko Cathi Macko Kathy Birchfield Jennifer Schaefer	Darlene LaFave Needed Needed
Altar Server	Jason Alava		Angel Kimfon	Jason Cullen	Needed Needed		Needed Needed	
Sacristan	Fran Gleason		Alice André		Needed		Needed	
Ushers	Tony Collins Peter Kowalski Paul Markus Tony Micallef Don Niemiec	Steve Noonan Frank Pelton Emery Price Jean Schmuck Jack Rourke	Mark Goszinski Kathy Sherry Ron Sherry Yonnie Underwood		Needed Please sign up On-line or call the office.		Needed Please sign up On-Line on call the office	
Greeters	John & Connie Flynn	Keith Kudron Eunice Austin	Marie DiDomizio Doug Cyr Don & Kathy Yokley		Needed		Doug Cyr Darlene LaFave	
Homebound			Ron & Fran Read Theresa O'Bey					
Altar Care	January 5 Ann Findysz		Nancy Smith					

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