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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

**Daily Mass:** 9:00 A.M.

**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

**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.

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**From Your Canon:**

Another summer comes to an end. It comes faster every year! We have seen the action of God in the coming and going of the seasons and in our participation of yearly events. This fall I draw to your attention: **The Parish Picnic** will take place after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, September 12; **The Semi-Annual Mass of Anointing** will take place at the 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday, Oct. 2; **The Annual Blessing of Pets:** is at 11:30am on Sat. Oct. 2nd & **Chicken Broil** 11:00 AM

For those who have yet to return to church since the outbreak of the Pandemic, I encourage you to return to our safe environment. If you wish to wear a mask, you are free to do so. We have consistently followed direction from civil and church authorities to keep safe everyone who attends our church. The washing of hands with sanitizer has been our policy for years and we have for years provided sanitizer to you at the doors. Please return. We all need the power of reception of the Eucharist. We also need Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Servers, Ushers, and Greeters at the Door to come back. We hope that others may step forward to serve in these ministries as well.

The new Medical Office Facility is under construction west of our Convent and is scheduled to open next year. With it comes the long waited hope of another exit from the parking lot, which will assist you in leaving and entering the property before and after Masses, avoiding the congestion of E. Old US Highway 12. I will be announcing when the road is open for use. It will allow us to enter and depart the parking lot in front of the storage facility and empty out onto Silver Maples Drive, where sixteen new Silver Maples residences have been built

The Parish Team has been happy to provide parishioners with their good service throughout the months of the Pandemic. Their jobs and ministry have been possible by the constant support of parishioners, who did not end their parish donations during the time when we could not open the church for Masses in 2020. Since Pentecost of 2020 and the return of Mass, generosity has abounded.

Our Diocese has been seriously planning for the future in the area of resources and personnel, so that all our people may have the benefits of ministry through the collaborative work of our priests and staffs. Our part in this will be made clearer in the next few years as we join in a "family parish" with St. Joseph, Dexter and perhaps even St Mary, Pinckney. More to come as this plan develops.



**Where are they going!!!!** We have a wonderful children's program during the 10 am Mass for children in 2nd - 5th grade. This is the Children's Liturgy of the Word. After the opening prayers Fr. Bill dismisses the children to the hall to hear and discuss the Sunday readings on their level. The children return in time for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. We will begin September 26.



Parents are the primary example of faith to their children. We are here to help our families pass on the faith. We know everyone is thinking about their fall schedules and where and when their children need to be places. Our program schedule is: preschool, kindergarten, and 1st grade meet during 10 am Mass beginning September 26th. Our 2nd through 5th graders will be continuing with family catechesis which we began last year. Parents and children will meet once a month. Children going to their classrooms and parents meeting with Marita for an adult faith topic. The time choices will be Sunday 4 pm, Tuesday 6 pm, or Saturday morning 9:30 am. Dates to be determined by school and church calendars. Look for emails from Marita. Our 6th through 8th graders meet approximately twice a month after 10 am Mass beginning Sept. 19. Sept. 19 is a parent/child meeting with food included to kick off our program for the year. Middle school classes are confirmation preparation. Your child needs these classes to be prepared for confirmation. If your child has been in our program we have placed them in classes for this year. If you are new to St. Mary and need to register your child please call the religious education office 734-475-8164 and talk with Jenny or Marita. We are looking forward to another great year with your children and our catechists growing in their faith together. You may also email Marita [maritamartindre@gmail.com](mailto:maritamartindre@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.

**Catch-up Sacramental Preparation:** If your child is in 3rd grade or older and has not received their First Reconciliation or First Communion, or if your child is in 10th grade or older and has not been confirmed please call the religious education and youth ministry office so we can help you prepare them for these sacraments. Marita 734-475-8164 [maritamartindre@gmail.com](mailto:maritamartindre@gmail.com) or Ryan at 734-475-3250; [ryanhoule@stmarychelsea.org](mailto:ryanhoule@stmarychelsea.org).



**Catechists:** We are blessed to have so many dedicated men, women, and youth who are willing to be catechists for our children. This ministry requires a commitment of time and talent. Our catechists take classes to help them become better teachers year by year and to grow in their own faith. If you are interested in becoming more involved with Religious Education, please call Marita. I will happily help you prepare to work with us in the fall. I do not remember any one religion class I had in my 12 years of Catholic education but I do know all of them combined, created a knowledge and experience of our Catholic faith and community. Marita Martin, DRE



## Youth Group & Young Adults

**Confirmation Orientation Meeting:** Confirmation will return this year for all 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students and older who have yet to be confirmed. We will hold a confirmation meeting in the church following the 10 O' Clock Mass on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Call, E-mail or text Ryan if you have any questions about confirmation prep (734-660-1846 or [ryanhoule@stmarychelsea.org](mailto:ryanhoule@stmarychelsea.org)). **Saint Mary Youth Community parent meeting:** We will hold a SMYC parent zoom meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. This meeting will cover how we will be moving ahead with Youth Group and talk about some of our returning events as we move out of the pandemic. **SMYC Night** returns on Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM. Come and join us for a tie dye party with Faith, food, fun, friends... and bouncy houses!

## Music Ministry

We are moving through the remaining months of Ordinary Time, transitioning family life into our routines of fall, and

I look forward to new developments in music ministry at St. Mary Chelsea. Father Bill has recently appointed me to a new position for our parish, realigning and defining the responsibilities of our work together. As the Director of Music Ministry and Liturgy, I will facilitate the worship life of the parish, providing quality liturgical and musical experiences which celebrate and strengthen the community's transformative journey of faith. By coordinating with our Pastor, the Pastoral Team and Staff, we will be able to more fully share the gospel message, and challenge the assembly to live it more fully, leading parishioners to a full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy.

During this past year of many challenges, it was a joy to watch our church come back to worship life. In music, we met our goal to build a team of 17 cantors. Over the course of the year, they joined me along with a group of instrumentalists on guitar, violin, trumpet and organ to bring music back to life in our church, and I appreciate all that they brought to this ministry!

I am so grateful for the 46 different people that came out and were a part of our new Summer Music Jams. Our time together in praise and worship through song was a powerful experience of prayer for all of us. It makes me truly excited for what lies ahead for our music ministry program, as we meet our goals of infusing music into the life of our parish and enhancing the active participation of community prayer in our liturgies.

The Summer Music Jams lead to a wonderful Picnic and Concert on the lawn, as we joined the Knights of Columbus, the children and their families from Vacation Bible School, and many parishioners and friends for a delightful and beautiful evening under the tent on the west end of our campus. Congratulations to our music team that were a part of the many evenings of preparation for this new event: Jennifer Berry, Kelly Bertoni, Kim Manchester, Steve Manchester, Thomas Manchester, Juli Mallie, Bill Harris - bass, Craig Houle - violin, Patrice Marner - guitar, Dan O'Dale - guitar, and Paul Samulak - drums.

Our goals for the upcoming fall include restarting the St. Mary Choir. This group of singers and instrumentalists will rehearse on Wednesday Nights at 7 pm in the church and lead music at our 10 am Mass each Sunday. As they are able, these members will also create a new Resurrection Choir to join me in ministering to our families during their time of need at funerals.

I also intend to launch a new Children's Choir later this fall with the goal of leading music at Masses starting in the seasons of Advent and Christmas. More information to come as this unfolds.

We invite all of you to consider participating in our music ministry. All levels of experience and ability are most welcome.

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God." - Colossians 3:16*

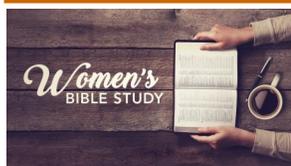
**St. Mary Welcoming Visitors** Please consider when you are at St. Mary to extend a friendly hello and witness to the warmth of our family to those who join us for Mass. Remember: "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some unknowingly entertained angels." Hebrews 13:1

In July, Lucianne was here in Chelsea for almost 10 days because her husband, Ed, was at St. Joe Chelsea for help with horrible headaches. He had the headaches for 15 years. They travelled everywhere across the country with no answers. Finally, they felt called to come to the Pain Management Clinic at St. Joe's. They flew in from South Carolina. Ed was admitted to the hospital to try to solve his ailment. She stayed at the Chelsea Comfort Inn. Lucianne discovered St. Mary. She joined us for 9am Mass on a Wednesday and stayed for the rosary. She asked for prayers for a successful outcome for Ed. The community welcomed her. She was immediately wrapped with the kindness of many. Lucianne came daily to Mass and rosary, joined the Scripture Study on Monday, watched the "Chosen," and prayed the evening rosary on Wednesday. She always was secure in knowing many were praying for Ed. Fr. Bill gave Ed the Sacrament of the Sick. The doctors (with the help of God) did discover what Ed needed. He literally went from a 10 in pain to 1. Lucianne was ever so very thankful for all the prayers and support. She sent a note saying, "I have been talking about the St. Mary family to everyone for their kindness and prayerful support. Ed and I can't thank you all for making us feel at home. God bless each of you for your being angels to us."



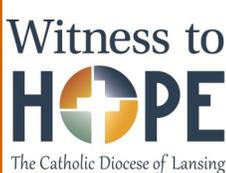
**St. Mary will be offering a Trunk or Treat!** Join us Friday, October 29th, 2021 from 6-8pm in the side parking lot. We are currently looking for volunteers who would like to decorate their trunks and pass

out candy. If you're interested in helping St. Mary provide a safe and fun Trunk or Treat for our community, please call Beth Wenzel in the office; 734-475-7561 or email: [bwenzel@stmarychelsea.org](mailto:bwenzel@stmarychelsea.org)



**The Women's Bible Study group will begin a study of the Gospel and Epistles of John** On September 15. This is a 15-

week study that will run through early 2022. The commentary and study guide will be available by early September. Discussion sessions are on Wednesday afternoons from 12:15 until 2:15. **PREVIOUS ACQUAINTANCE** with the study of Scripture is **NOT NECESSARY**: the only requirement is an interest in learning Scripture; typically about two hours of study per lesson is expected, and guidelines for study are included in the materials provided. Cost for study materials is about \$20. These studies carry an imprimatur and are published by Liturgical Press. For more information contact Mary Ann Zettelmaier at 475-7421. To Register, please email Marita Martin at [maritamartindre@gmail.com](mailto:maritamartindre@gmail.com).



In 2016 the Diocese of Lansing embarked on it's first ever diocesan wide capital campaign. The Witness to Hope Campaign sought to raise 65 million dollars to support the many ministries of the larger Church. St. Mary's goal was \$573,160.00, of which \$200,606.00 would remain in our parish to fund our projects. We have been able to replace the roof on the church and parish center. We were able to purchase a baby grand piano, and we also refurbished the rectory stairway and concrete on the campus. Religious Ed. & Youth Ministry has updated their programs. We have added an automatic handicap accessible door. The last item to be completed will be to renovate the bathrooms in the gathering space and in the parish center. Thank you for your continued support and contribution that has allowed us to complete these projects.



"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](mailto:hines.jenna@gmail.com)) for information and directions.



"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.



"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above. Thank the Lord for all his love." The Lord wants to "gift" us with a spiritual audience. We can return the gift by gifting the Lord with our time. We

have a precious opportunity to be with Jesus in the gift of Eucharistic Adoration. **Adoration occurs after the 9 a.m. Mass on Thursdays, and continues for 24 hours until Friday morning at 9 a.m. On the First Friday of every month Eucharistic Adoration continues until Saturday at 9 am for 48 Hours.**

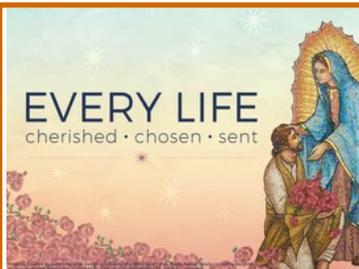
We want to make sure that this gift of Adoration is continuous and contagious. To do this we are seeking "Companions of the Lord." Please consider making this commitment for an hour that is convenient for you or being a substitute whenever necessary. Those who cannot commit to a specific "hour of power" to pray and reflect in the Presence of Jesus, are always welcome. Whatever amount of time you have, please share it with Jesus. Any questions, contact [greenstudents@hotmail.com](mailto:greenstudents@hotmail.com)

**3rd & final Chicken Broil: Saturday, Oct. 2 at 11:00 AM.**



The Knights will have a Chicken Broil October 2nd (meals to be served starting at 11 AM). The meal cost has increased to \$11.00 and will include 1/2 a Chicken, Cole Slaw, Roll, Cookies, Baked Potato and a choice of Water, Mountain Dew, Pepsi, 7-UP, or Diet Pepsi.

The Knights are reviewing our scholarship program. We are considering a transition to a program that will support the students of our parish and Council 3092 that attend grades K-12 at local Catholic schools. As a result of this possible change we are asking for a count of the number of students that attend local Catholic schools, their grade levels, and the school attended. Please complete this information prior to September 30th, place it in an envelope addressed to Vince Elie, GK 3092 and put it in the Knights' mailbox located in the St. Mary Parish office. Please do not supply any identifying information; just the number of children enrolled in Catholic school, the grade levels of the children involved, and the name of school attended.



***The Respect Life Commission is united to protect and pray for the sanctity and dignity of every human person from fertilization to natural death. You are invited to join our meetings at any time on the 3rd Sunday of every month during the school year following the 8:00 mass. We always welcome new members and new ideas!***

Dear St. Mary Parishioners,

Standing up for life has never been more important than today. Please continue to pray for the conversion of hearts and minds; for life to be protected, respected and considered sacred at every stage. We especially pray for the defenseless preborn who have no voice of their own.

There are three upcoming events that will allow an opportunity for you to support the gift of life. To celebrate the birthday of Mary our Blessed Mother, the RLC is providing the annual ArborWoman Baby Shower that starts on Sept. 4 and runs through Sept. 12. Donations of very gently used or new clothing and baby items will be accepted in the Gathering Space during this time. Please refer to the bulletin for the wish list items most in need. ArborWoman is an organization that supports women in the greater Ann Arbor area who are facing unexpected pregnancies. They provide a trust based environment in which their programs include: pregnancy testing, limited obstetrical ultrasound, counseling and a wide array of material goods, educational and spiritual support services. All services are offered confidentially, respectfully and free of charge by licensed professionals and well-trained personnel. ArborWoman promotes the inestimable and irreplaceable value of each and every human person. Your generosity is most appreciated! The second opportunity is the 40 Days for Life Ann Arbor 2021 Fall Campaign. The Prayer Vigil begins on Wednesday, September 22nd and will conclude on Sunday, October 31st, here in Ann Arbor and in hundreds of CITIES around the world. Come to pray from 7 AM until 7 PM outside of Planned Parenthood, 3100 Professional Dr. To sign up for an hour or more during the daily prayer vigil, please go to: [www.40daysforlife.com/annarbor](http://www.40daysforlife.com/annarbor). If you are unable to commit to a regular prayer time slot, please consider stopping by anytime during those hours to pray. Peaceful prayer warriors are always welcome. Part of the campaign includes a Seven Sunday Interfaith Jericho March in Ann Arbor that will begin on Sunday, September 19th with the Kickoff Rally and end on Sunday, October 31st with the Closing Rally both starting at 2:00 p.m. Please feel free to pray for the success of the Campaign from home as well. Let's end the scourge of abortion through prayer and fasting. The third opportunity is the Life Chain in Ann Arbor. Join your pro-life friends on Sunday, October 3rd from 2pm to 3:30pm at the intersection of Washtenaw and Huron Parkway.

We invite you to be a witness to God's truth of life!

If you have questions, please contact Eileen Augustine at 734-475-5803 or [eileenaugustine@gmail.com](mailto:eileenaugustine@gmail.com).

Thank you and May God bless you and your families.

*The St. Mary Respect Life Commission*

