



Lenten Newsletter 2023

SERVING OVER 1100 FAMILIES IN OUR 177TH YEAR



FROM YOUR CANON:

Another Lent is upon us. Let us make of it a true turning back to God in penitential fashion. Take advantage of the opportunities to go to **Confession**, including the **Regional Penance Services** the week of March 13-16. Our Penance Service is 7 PM Wednesday, March 15.

During Lent, **Tuesday Mass** is at 7:00 PM to give you another opportunity. **Ash Wednesday Masses** are at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM. **Eucharistic Exposition** will be extended in the Chapel from Thursday after 9:00 AM Mass until closing **Benediction Friday at 7:00 PM**. **Stations of the Cross** immediately follow. Come to the Fish Fry beginning at 5:00 PM and join us in the church after your dinner for Benediction and Stations!

With the return of a **full Fish Fry beginning February 24**, dining in and take-out, spread the word that WE ARE BACK, all you can eat, salad bar, grilled cheese, pasta, and desserts available! We do need our bakers to **bring in desserts** on Friday afternoons for **all six fish fries!** We always need volunteers to help with serving and clean up, on a weekly or even a one time basis. Please call the Office.

Our Lenten second Collections this year, the first **\$3,000** will provide our support for a Catholic home in Ann Arbor through **Habitat for Humanity**. Over and above funds will be sent to the Holy Land as usual. I will be returning there in June, God willing. The need there continues to be great and I appreciate any gifts you can provide and our Knights have traditionally offered the profits from one of the Fish Fries for the Holy Land. They also have **50/50 raffles** each night with the profits also for our Holy Land cause.

During this Lent please pray for those preparing to be received into the Church this Easter as they participate in the RCIA, (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.)

We continue to find opportunities to work in **mission together with St Joseph Parish in Dexter**. Even though we are still separate Parishes with a Pastor at each parish, there are opportunities to discuss the better use of resources between us, and there will be such events that both of us share together and to which both parishes will be invited. The priest shortage that is foreseen in years ahead and proper stewardship demands it. We would be amiss to ignore the demographics or planning for a future that must still provide for our parishioners' needs and education.

Traditional Lenten discipline asks us to be aware of returning full focus on our God through acts of self-sacrifice, especially more prayer, fasting and giving alms to the poor. **Fridays are meatless by tradition**. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are special days of fasting**. **Opportunities for Almsgiving** are found, but not restricted to, our second collections and anything you do personally to give from your own gifts in a spirit of trust and a blessing to those less fortunate. St. Mary Parish has always been most generous in such offerings.

May God bless us all as with devotion we prepare to celebrate Christ's Resurrection!

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Baptisms

Second Sunday of the month, by appointment.

Marriage

Arrangements to be made nine months in advance, please
call the office before setting the date.

Franciscan Sisters

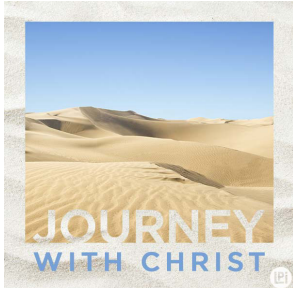
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MUSIC MINISTRY

Lent is a time where we are encouraged to reflect on our thoughts and actions as we look to grow spiritually closer to the model Jesus taught us. While soul searching during this Lent, if you find that you have the desire to become deeper connected to your faith and your church, consider if you may have a talent you can offer for St. Mary. Our music ministry is always welcoming new people that wish to participate in the Mass through making a joyful noise to the Lord. For those who have a passion for singing God's praises, we have the St. Mary Choir that meets every Wednesday at 7pm in the church and is open to anyone of high school age and up. For anyone who has dedicated their time and talent to learning an instrument (guitar, percussion, flute, violin, piano, trumpet, etc.) please contact Austin Endter (austine@stmarychelsea.org) to work out how we can incorporate your talent into our ministry.

"I will proclaim Your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise You." Hebrews 2:12



Our Lenten Journey: Lent is a journey that is measured from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday or to the beginning of the Triduum on Holy Thursday. Just as Advent prepares us to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation – God becoming man; Lent prepares us to celebrate Christ's victory over death and sin as he rises from the dead on Easter Sunday. Jesus shares this victory with us in the sacrament of Baptism and feeds and nourishes that new life in the other sacraments. God wants us to grow in our understanding and experience of this victory he shares with us. Scripture, psalms, prayers, rituals, practices, and penance help us on our Lenten journey. The famous

Advent hymn is Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Two Lenten hymns are: Again, We Keep This Solemn Fast Again we keep this solemn fast/ A gift of faith from ages past/ This Lent which binds us lovingly/ To faith and hope and charity. OR Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days Lord, who throughout these forty days/ For us did fast and pray/ Teach us to overcome our sins/ And close by you to stay. We want to follow in Jesus' footsteps as he went into the desert to pray for 40 days at the beginning of his ministry. (Matt. 4:1-11) His fast of forty days makes this a holy season of self-denial. Jesus was tempted as we are. Temptations are not bad in themselves, but it is what we do with them that can help us turn to God or away from God. Do we see temptations as ways to turn to God rather than rely on our own resources? "The disciplines of Lent come from Matthew's sermon on the Mount, chapter 6, where Jesus gives us these three disciplines as a mark of the Christian life.... The three disciplines act against the Fall—in order to pray, we need to turn to God in trust; in order to fast, we need to put away our desire for pleasure and our distaste for suffering to do the good; in order to give alms, we need to love people and use things. These three disciplines are not just hard, they are literally impossible without God's grace. And with God's grace, they are the signs that we are becoming as we were meant to be.... These three disciplines go under their radar (the world, the flesh and the devil). The world tells us to get, get, get—Jesus tells us to give. The world doesn't understand that. The flesh tells us to seek comfort—Jesus tells us to pick up our crosses daily. Of course our flesh is confused when we don't immediately do its bidding. The devil tells us to worship him, or to worship any of the idols we've set up (money, sex, and power tend to be common ones)—Jesus tells us to worship the one true God, and to open our hearts to Him for Him to work on us. The devil definitely doesn't want us to know that that's an option, and can scarcely understand it himself. When we practice these disciplines, we're practicing secrets that the culture around us doesn't comprehend. We're not obeying the loudest voices; we've quieted our hearts so we can hear the still, small voice of God, and communicating back to Him in the secret code that He has given us." (Joseph Gruber, Parish FOCUS Missionary)



"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 Kathy Samulak at kasamulak11@gmail.com for information and directions.

Families Together Would you be interested in having family activities at St. Mary? Maybe once a quarter? Contact Marita and let me know your thoughts. maritamartindre@gmail.com or 734-216-0522



During Lent, St. Mary has second collections for particular charity and justice purposes. This year some of those collections will go to the St. Mary Charity and Justice

Commission and the Catholic-Build Habitat for Humanity house. Later in the year Charity and Justice will solicit workers for a workday on the Habitat house we are sponsoring. Also, once again, during Lent we will be collecting yarn to be given to prisoners to crochet into children's hats for Faith In Action. There will be a box in the Gathering Space for your yarn donations. Thank you for helping others.

Charity and Justice Commission

(Photo of a recently completed Habitat house, St. Mary Charity and Justice Commission contributed to.)



Would you be interested in having a homeschool group at St. Mary? Are you looking for an alternative to public school education? Is the Catholic school option not what your family needs or not fitting your schedule? Contact Marita and let me know your thoughts. maritamartindre@gmail.com or 734-216-0522



"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 to be added to the list.



Lenten Eucharistic Adoration---A Precious Time to "BE" with the Lord

The Lord wants to approach you in a spiritual audience. We have this precious opportunity to **BE** with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Come join us in the St. Mary Church to **BE** with the Jesus.

Lenten Adoration: (begins February 23)

Thursdays and Fridays every week for **33 hours** will be after the 9 a.m. Mass until Friday evening at 7 p.m. just prior to the Stations of the Cross.

33 Hours of Adoration: February 23/24, March 9/10, March 16/17, March 23/24, and March 30/31.

48 Hours of Adoration: March 2,3 & 4 will be after the 9 a.m. Mass on Thursday until Saturday before the 9 a.m. Mass.

Consider making this commitment for an hour during this Lent. There are 168 hours in a week. Can you find 1 hour to sit and "BE" with the Lord.

"Could you not watch one hour?" Mark 14:37 Contact Anne Green 734-562-2667 or the office, for more information.

Hello St. Mary parishioners, please join the Respect Life Commission in these life affirming events and projects:

Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign starts Ash Wednesday, February 22 through Palm Sunday, April 2.

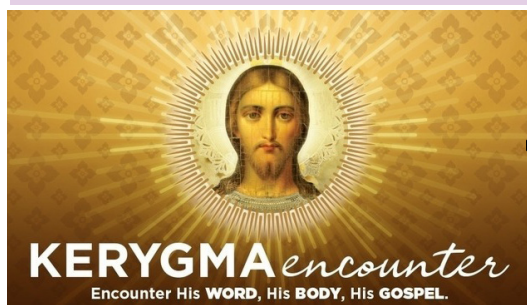
- Kickoff Rally with Shari Boley, Executive Director of the Pregnancy Help Clinic in Brighton on Sunday, February 19 at 2pm followed by a 1-mile Jericho March.
 - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month, St. Mary & St. Joseph partner to cover the Ann Arbor Planned Parenthood in prayer from 8am - 2pm. You can gather outside 3100 Professional Dr. If you are interested in signing up to pray peacefully outside Planned Parenthood, the vigil hours during the campaign are from 7am to 7pm daily.
 - If you are interested in helping cover for an hour or more on these days or during the Spring 40 Days for Life campaign, please contact Eileen Augustine at 734-475-5803 or eileenaugustine@gmail.com.
 - Baby Bottle Boomerang starts in Lent. All donations go directly to Family Life Services of Washtenaw County. Family Life Services is a donation and volunteer-based pregnancy resource center that has served the greater Washtenaw County area for 38 years. They accept no federal or state funding. FLS empowers women to make life-affirming choices by providing free: pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, material assistance, options counseling, abortion recovery, referrals for community services, prenatal vitamins, parenting education classes, miscarriage support, and a scripture-based peer sharing group.
 - The Mother's Day Rose Sale will be on Mother's Day weekend, May 13-14. All proceeds will go toward Life affirming charities and events.
 - RLC is continuing the work of the Miscarriage Ministry for the parish with a subcommittee mission statement: To investigate, provide direction and recommendation to the St. Mary parish for providing means and simple processes for proper and affordable Christian burial of the preborn/stillborn of our community.
1. Purchase plot space at Mt. Olivet Cemetery large enough to locate a columbarium for babies lost preborn or in stillbirth.
 2. Purchase and install a columbarium above ground vault with chambers for multiple small remains.
 3. Finalize the memorial with paver bricks, bench, statuary and/or plaques with ongoing maintenance.
- There is a beautiful example of this endeavor at the Holy Spirit Cemetery in Brighton. It is the Angelus Memorial. <https://holyspiritparishbrighton.org/our-cemetery>

We ask that you please join us in prayer for the success of these events and for the conversion of hearts so that all human beings are cherished. May God bless you and your families.

The St. Mary Respect Life Commission

SAVE THE DATES!

UPCOMING EVENTS
PARISH MISSION TRIVIA NIGHT



*Exploring the Kerygma:
A Personal Encounter with Jesus*

*Sunday, March 5th
Monday, March 6th
Tuesday, March 7th*

Presented by Tim Carpenter & Monica Pope.

*Kerygma is Greek for "The Gospel" or
"Good News."*

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES

FAMILY FUN

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, February 25

6PM | **FAMILIES COUPLES INDIVIDUALS** *All Are Welcome!*

Pizza & Soft Drinks
St. Joseph Parish Center

REGISTRATION COMING IN FEBRUARY



Is it true that the host already contains the blood and the body of Christ? If so, during Holy Communion at Mass, why do we have to receive both the body and blood? Can we just receive the body and suffice?

Fr. Francis answers:

When the host and the chalice are consecrated at Mass, each part of the host, and each drop of the chalice, is transformed into the totality of the glorified Christ,

that is, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Traditionally, when we refer to the consecrated host as “Body of Christ” and the consecrated chalice as “Blood of Christ”, that was merely for ease of reference, but not technically accurate in reality. The consecrated host is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, and the chalice is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. Receiving one or the other is receiving the whole Christ. Indeed, technically, there is no need to receive both.

In fact, because of the greater danger to spillage and abuse, for many centuries, the Church has withheld the chalice from the faithful, reasoning that it is sufficient to receive the host alone, for it is the whole Christ.

The chalice was re-introduced into the eucharistic liturgy at Vatican II, not because the host is insufficient, but rather has a way to enrich the symbolism and the overabundance of God’s grace. By allowing the faithful to have access to both the host and the chalice at certain special times of the year, they are invited into appreciating more the fullness of what they are receiving, by allowing more of the visible symbol to arouse in us the reality and fullness of Christ’s Real Presence.

It was the intention of Vatican II that Communion under both species to be given for only certain special occasions, like Holy Thursday, Corpus Christi, First Communion, etc., but some places have gone ahead to introduce a new practice of providing Communion under both species all the time. This has created new catechetical and pastoral challenges.

Whereas in the past people may be taught to assume receiving the host is sufficient, now they are disposed to assume they need both to receive the whole Christ. With the lack of catechetical instruction today, many used to this new practice would feel slighted by pastors who do not give out the chalice.

Pastorally, as well, how people receive the chalice and how sacristans cleanse the chalice have produced not a few problems. As I have already written about this here, one of these abuses is self-intinction, which is when a faithful take the host and dips it into the chalice himself before putting it into his mouth. This practice was explicitly forbidden by Rome but is still practiced in certain places in the world. And I have seen sacristans, without proper instruction, cleanse the chalice before proper purification, which may still have traces of the Precious Blood, over a sink, washing out Jesus into the sewage.

I am not writing this to discredit giving Communion under both species, or even doing that daily. I myself am all for giving the faithful a richer symbol to the mystery of the Eucharist, though probably not every day. I am writing this to show that there is a lot more catechetical and pastoral work that needs to be provided in giving out the chalice. Doing that only for special occasions allows the parish to take those occasions to properly educate the faithful and renew our fervor for the Eucharistic Lord. Doing it daily without training and general understanding among the faithful opens up to abuses and devaluation of the sacrament.

And of course, it is absolutely possible, and I have seen it beautifully done, that when an entire community of believers have a great respect for the Eucharist, how receiving it in both species on a regular basis can elevate the whole celebration. (taken from ask www.frfrancis.org)



St. Mary will host the 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt this year on Saturday, April 1st. Starting at 11am, rain or shine. All are welcome. This year, St. Mary will be providing bags to hunt with, so no need to bring anything but your egg hunting excitement with you.



The Women's Bible Study will continue the Study of the Psalms (begun Jan. 11) through the end of May. For further information please contact Mary Ann Zettelmaier at 734-475-7421 or by email at Johnmaryzett@yahoo.com

REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICES

All services begin at 7pm.

Monday, March 13th St. Andrew in Saline

Tuesday, March 14th St. Josphe in Dexter

Wednesday, March 15th St. Mary in Chelsea

Thursday, March 16th St. Mary in Manchester

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Join us every Friday!

DINE IN
& CARRY OUT



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Dine-In and Take-Out!

Final prices are to be determined, but we are looking at \$15.00 for the all you can eat Dine-In option and \$14.00 for the Take-Out option.

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 24TH!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 2-9, 2023

Palm Sunday - Masses as usual

Monday of Holy Week - Confessions

7:00-9:00pm

Holy Thursday - 7:00pm Mass

(No 9am Daily Mass)

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday - 12:30pm Outdoor

Stations of the Cross,
weather permitting

Service 1:00pm

On Holy Saturday -

12:00pm Blessing of the Baskets

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday -

8:00am & 10:00am Mass

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