

# Saint Mary University Parish @

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Office Hours: Mondays - Fridays, 9 am - 5 pm

## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER T.J.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

On Saturday, September 30 from 1:30-3:30 pm, St. Mary University Parish shall host a diocesan training session in the parish center lounge for those interested in serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

The term “extraordinary” is used because those who are ordained—bishops, priests, and deacons—are the Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. When there are not enough Ordinary Ministers at Mass, Extraordinary Ministers may assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. Our parish needs more persons trained as Extraordinary Ministers, so please pray and discern about serving and let me know if you would like to attend the training (fr.tjfleming@stmarycmu.org). If you cannot attend this training, do not panic! The Diocese of Saginaw offers further sessions elsewhere about which I can let you know.

### New Mass and Confession Schedule

This year, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated for the same duration for both Sunday and weekday Masses: Confessions will start 45 minutes before Mass and be heard for 30 minutes. If you are like me, I am an image-type of person. In order to understand things, I need to see the exact times; so here they are:

Sundays	Confessions:	9:30-10 am 5:15-5:45 pm 8:15-8:45 pm	Masses:	10:15 am 6 pm 9 pm
Mondays	Confessions:	11:15-11:45 am	Masses:	Noon
Tuesdays		8:15-8:45 pm		9 pm
Wednesdays		8:15-8:45 am		9 am
Thursdays		5:15-5:45 am		6 pm
Saturdays		11:15-11:45 am		Noon

### Stewardship

Over the next several weeks, I'll offer a reflection each week on stewardship.

Stewardship: A biblically-based concept which implores Christians to use what they have—money, time, talent, and service—in such a way that it honors God as the Creator of all things visible and invisible and contributes in a conscious way to the building of God's kingdom on earth. (From: *Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic Encyclopedia*)

Stewardship is not just a program that we follow but a true way of life that we chose to live—a way of life that originates with God. It is not just about tithing our money; it also includes our talents and time that we have received. Stewardship calls us offer up to God 10% of our talents, time, and treasure. To help illustrate this, I shall use the portion of our stewardship we call treasure. The 10% means that we take 10% of our income and, for instance, give 5% of it to our parish, 4% to other worthy charities, and 1% to the diocese's annual CSA (Catholic Services Appeal). Then we live on the 90% of our income. Our talents and time should be divided in a similar manner. Let us all become God's stewards!

### Blessing Apartments and Dorm Rooms

If you would like your apartment or dorm room blessed for this academic year, please contact me via email with your address, directions to your residence, and possible days and times that work for you: fr.tjfleming@stmarycmu.org.

#### COLLECTION

August 20, 2017: \$1,067.65  
Thank you for your generosity.

#### CHURCH & PARISH CENTER OPEN HOURS

Sundays - Thursdays: 8 am - 9:30 pm  
Fridays and Saturdays: 9 am - 5 pm

August 27, 2017 • Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mass readings: *Journeysongs* #1011

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## WEEKLY MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, September 5

Mass: 9 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 8:15 - 8:45 pm

### Wednesday, September 6

Mass: 9 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 8:15 - 8:45 am

### Thursday, September 7

Mass: 6 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5:15 - 5:45 pm

### Saturday, September 9

Mass: Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15 - 11:45 am

### Sunday, September 11

Masses: 10:15 am, 6 pm, and 9 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 9:30 - 10:00 am, 5:15 - 5:45 pm, 7:15 - 7:45 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Friday, September 8; 1 pm

#### ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Meet in the parish center lounge to play ultimate frisbee with other students.

### Friday, September 8; 6 - 8 pm

#### MISSIONS FIESTA

Come and hear about opportunities for spring break and summer mission trips, as well as student testimonies about their experience on them. Enjoy tacos, refreshments, music, and a piñata. There will be a scholarship raffle at 7 pm!

### Sunday, September 11; 7 pm

#### SUNDAY SUPPER

Come to the parish center lounge after the 6 pm Mass for a free supper to catch-up with old friends and to make new ones.

## STUDENT OUTREACH—AND FACULTY & STAFF, TOO!

My name is Scott Opperman, and I now serve the parish as Director of Student Outreach. I am elated to be back in Michigan and on the campus of CMU. I look forward to meeting students, whether in groups or individually. Please drop by or call me in the office (989-317-4680), send me an email (sopperman@stmarycmu.org), or call or text me on my cell phone (734-735-7133) to set-up a time to meet. We can get together at St. Mary or elsewhere for coffee/other beverage or a meal. The offer is the same for CMU employees. I welcome the opportunity to meet faculty and staff, regardless if they are parishioners at St. Mary.

## FELLOWSHIP OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Please connect with one of our FOCUS missionaries—Carrie, Andy, Dan, or Megan—if you would like more information on how to join a bible study; participating in Alpha on Thursday evenings; going on a mission trip over spring break or next summer; how you can join us in Chicago in in January for a leadership conference; or if you'd just like to grab a drink or coffee and get to know us better. If you have questions, contact Carrie at [carrie.schmidt@focus.org](mailto:carrie.schmidt@focus.org) or 651-323-0902