

# Saint Mary University Parish

## Central Michigan University



### FROM THE DESK OF FATHER T.J.

#### Thank you and Blessings to our Departing FOCUS Missionaries

Given our limited parish budget, a very difficult decision was made to discontinue our relationship with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Over the past three years, the several missionaries who were sent here served many students well and they formed long-lasting Christ-centered relationships. We wish Carrie, Dan, Andy, and Megan well as they establish themselves at other campuses in the FOCUS network. Please keep them and all affected by their departure in your prayer.

#### Corpus Christi—New Day and Time

Beginning this week, Corpus Christi will move to Thursdays. Hence, after the 6 pm Mass on Thurs., Oct. 12, there will be snacks and a social from 6:30-7 pm, followed by a presentation. Fr. John Grace, Director of Campus Minister and Chaplain at Siena Heights University, will speak about the potential and hallmarks of a dynamic campus ministry. Fr. John has much experience, including at Virginia Tech.

#### Departing Mass after Communion

We celebrate Mass together as the Church and as a worshipping assembly united to Christ—it is not simply something we do as individual Catholics. After Communion, our collective thanksgiving happens during the closing prayer, to which we respond, “Amen.” The final blessing and dismissal send us forth to transmit what we have received to our brothers and sisters. If we depart directly after Communion, then we lose this important component of our spiritual life.

#### 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](mailto:fr.tjfleming@stmarycmu.org).

#### Interested in becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that welcomes and forms prospective members in the faith of the Catholic Church. Its stages and rites culminate at the Easter Vigil with the celebration of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in the church of St. Mary University Parish. We began the pre-Catechumenate with five inquirers this past week; however, it is not too late to join! Weekly meetings include community-building, faith formation (or catechesis), pastoral conversations, and prayer to help participants better understand and integrate Catholic beliefs and practices that concretely express the faith. Those who are interested, please contact Fr. T. J. ([fr.tjfleming@stmarycmu.org](mailto:fr.tjfleming@stmarycmu.org)).

**OCTOBER 8, 2017 • TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## SAVE THE DATE, MEN: PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE TOURNAMENT CASK ROOM OF HUNTER'S ALE HOUSE

### St. Mary University Parish Progressive Euchre Tournament for Men

- Saturday, October 21, 2017
- 7 - 10 pm
- Hunter's Ale House, Cask Room (4855 E. Blue Grass Rd.)
- Free food and soft drinks; Cash bar for those 21 and over



## REGISTER FOR THE KOINONIA RETREAT



The student-led Koinonia Retreat is a weekend experience of living in Christian community based on the Paschal Mystery of Christ Jesus: His life, death, and Resurrection. The retreat will be held in our parish center and church from 4 pm on Friday, November 3 to 4:30 pm on Sunday, November 5. Though this retreat is offered from a Catholic perspective, non-Catholics are most welcome!

There is a \$35 retreat fee that helps the parish to pay for retreatants' accommodation, all meals, and retreat materials. If you would like to participate in the retreat but the fee is a financial burden, please contact Scott Opperman, Director of Student Outreach (sopperman@stmarycmu.org) for assistance or a scholarship.

For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/koinonia-retreat-registration-38205958049>

## CHURCH & PARISH CENTER OPEN HOURS

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

The parish center includes a lounge, a library, a kitchen, two conference rooms, a work room for student groups, and staff offices. **Students, faculty, and staff are invited to use the facilities to reflect, pray, relax, study, eat, socialize, and more.**

## SUNDAY MASS COLLECTION

October 1, 2017:  
\$1,002.37

Thank you for your generosity.

## WEEKLY MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

### Monday, October 9

Mass: Noon

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

### Tuesday, October 10

Mass: 9:00 p.m.

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

### Wednesday, October 11

Mass: 9:00 am

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

### Thursday, October 12

Mass: 6:00 pm

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

### Saturday, October 14

Mass: Noon

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

### Sunday, October 15

Masses: 10:15 am, 6:00 pm, and 9:00 pm

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

### Monday

**Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest**

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

### Tuesday

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

### Wednesday

**Saint John XXIII, Pope**

Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6; 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

### Thursday

Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13

### Friday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

### Saturday

**Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr**

Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

### Sunday Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;

Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CORPUS CHRISTI: SOCIAL & PRESENTATION

Thurs., Oct. 12; 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Parish Center Lounge

Fr. John Grace, Director of Campus Minister and Chaplain at Siena Heights University, will speak about the potential and hallmarks of a dynamic campus ministry. Fr. John has much experience, including at Virginia Tech.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, NIGHT PRAYER, & BENEDICTION

Wed., Oct. 11; 9:30 am - 9:20 pm

Church

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration beginning after the 9 am Mass until 9 pm., which be followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction

### SPORTS

Fri., Oct. 13; 1 pm

Parish Center Lounge

Meet other students and have fun playing a sport with other students.

### SUNDAY SUPPER

Sun., Oct. 15; 7:00 p.m.

Parish Center Lounge

All are welcome for a free supper to catch-up with old friends and to make new ones.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15—LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

|                 | SACRISTAN       | GREETERS/<br>USHERS           | ALTAR<br>SERVER | LECTORS                               | EXTRAORD.<br>MINISTERS<br>OF HOLY<br>COMMUNION    |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>10:15 AM</b> | Daniela Richter | Dustin Smith,<br>Captain      | Daniel Smalla   | 1: Dan Harazin<br>2: Kristine Miller  | Allison Abram<br>Gabby Horak<br>Alanah Rah        |
| <b>6 PM</b>     | Brin Forlenza   | Thomas McWilliams,<br>Captain | Tony Zielinski  | 1: Nate Stempky<br>2: Lauren Kenny    | Jackie Beltowski<br>Juliann Parker<br>Mary Weeber |
| <b>9 PM</b>     | David Ackuaku   | Thomas Jury,<br>Captain       | Ethan Hall      | 1: Jeff Wolber<br>2: Jessica Kempisty | Kelsey Brower<br>Bridget Parker                   |