

Saint Mary University Parish

Central Michigan University



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER T.J.

A Reflection by Norman Langenbrunner

"There's something within us that always wants more. Perhaps that's a sign that there is a God. We're never satisfied until we have God, and the absence of God in our lives leads us to fill up the feeling of emptiness with things: money, possessions, accomplishments, relationships, and fame. What the foolish rich man in Jesus' parable failed to realize is that he sought security and peace in all the wrong things. What he really needed was to be rich in what matters to God.

"It's hard for most of us to imagine (let alone embrace) the voluntary poverty recommended by Jesus. We wonder at the sacrifices of a Dorothy Day, her associate Peter Maurin, or St. Mother Teresa. We are very touched by the example of Pope Francis' choosing not to live in the papal palace.

"At the same time, we can become insensitive to the poverty and even destitution around us. The homeless guy standing on the street corner with his sign, the sight of starving children in TV appeals for charities, and those who panhandle outside concert halls can make us uncomfortable, judgmental, or defensive. The faith that saves (of which Paul wrote) is not simply an intellectual assent to God and a creed.

"The faith that Jesus promotes is active among people. That's how we respond to our hunger for more. That's how we get rich in what matters to God."

November 1, 2017: Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Solemnity of All Saints, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, occurs on Wednesday, November 1st. I shall offer Masses at 9 am, noon, and 7 pm that day. Given the Mass schedule for the Holy Day, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration will be cancelled.

"The feast instituted in the west by Pope Boniface IV (d. 615) is celebrated in the Church to honor all the saints, especially those who have not been assigned a day in the Church calendar. It has been celebrated on Nov. 1, since about A. D. 731 when Pope Gregory III consecrated a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica in honor of all saints and set the date of the feast. In the new calendar of the Church introduced with the official Sacramentary in 1974, All Saints Day is classed as a Solemnity, the highest dignity. It is a holy day of obligation in the United States." (from *The Catholic Encyclopedia*)

OCTOBER 29, 2017 • THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER T.J., CONTINUED

November 2, 2017: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

Catholics especially remember and pray for the dead during the month of November. November 2nd is All Souls Day, which begins the process of praying for the dead, particularly those who have died during the past twelve months. We shall place a new candle stand under the statue of Mary for the month. During our 6 pm Mass on Thursday, November 2nd, I shall lead us through a litany of names of those who have died during this past year and will invite members of their families and friends to light a candle in their honor. These candles will burn for the month as we continue praying for them. So if you have a friend or relative that died during the last twelve months, please let me know their name and I shall place them on the list I shall use during this Mass of Remembers on November 2nd.

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).

Thanksgiving Mass

I shall offer a Mass on the vigil of Thanksgiving Day: Wednesday, November 22nd at 7 pm. It will allow those in the area to attend a Thanksgiving Mass for those who have to work or make meal preparations.

2017-2018 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

1. **Co-Chair:** Alanah Rau (senior)
2. **Co-Chair:** Nathan Stempky (junior)
3. **Secretary:** Brin Forlenza (sophomore)
4. **Christian Service Commission Chair:** Drew Bengel (sophomore)
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9. **CMU Staff Representative:** OPEN (CMU employee)
10. **Pastor:** Fr. T.J. Fleming, *ex officio*
11. **Director of Student Outreach:** Scott Opperman, *ex officio*
12. **Director of Admin. and Advancement:** Jennifer Brittain, *ex officio*

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 15, 2017: \$1,338.14

October 22, 2017: \$993.25

WEEKLY MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Monday, October 30

Mass: Noon

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

Tuesday, October 31

Mass: 9:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, November 1

Mass: 9:00 am

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

Thursday, November 2

Mass: 6:00 pm

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

Saturday, November 4

Mass: Noon

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

Sunday, November 5

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

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>

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADVENTURE SEMINARS CLIMBING WALL

Tues., Oct. 31; 7 pm

Finch Fieldhouse 112

Join Cory Noeker and fellow students on CMU's rock climbing wall. Please contact Cory with any questions.

EXPOSITION WITH NIGHT PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Wed., Nov. 1; 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 will be followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction.

CORPUS CHRISTI: SOCIAL & PRESENTATION

Thurs., Nov. 2; 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Parish Center Lounge

Fr. Thomas Helfrich, O.S.F.S., the Uncle and Godfather of one of our students, will present. Fr. Tom has served as a teacher, pastor, camp director, and college campus minister. He is an avid outdoorsman and a dynamic homilist and speaker.

SPORTS

Fri., Nov. 3; 1 pm

Meet in the Parish Center Lounge

NO SUNDAY SUPPER ON NOV. 5 BECAUSE OF KOINONIA RETREAT

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

	SACRISTAN	GREETERS/ USHERS	ALTAR SERVER	LECTORS	EXTRAORDI- NARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
10:15 AM	David Ackuaku	Ethan Hall, Captain	Daniel Smalla	1: Kristine Miller 2: Ed Dwyer	Ethan Hall Daniela Richter Kendal Schrauben
6 PM	Alanah Rau	Nathan Stempky, Captain	Noah Hall	1: Callie Beltowski 2: Drew Schwandt	Jackie Beltowski Isabella Staltari Mary Weeber
9 PM	Scott Opperman	Drew Bengel, Captain	Jacob Pennington	Jeff Wolber	Scott Opperman Vince Lograsso