

# St. Mary University Parish

## Central Michigan University



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

*Week of February 25<sup>th</sup>*

#### **"The Spirit of the Liturgy" by Pope Benedict XVI:**

Pope Benedict XVI in writing: "The Spirit of the Liturgy", shows us that our Liturgy / Mass is something greater than ourselves. Our Mass is the true work of our God, and we should not try to change the Liturgy / Mass to make it more appealing to us or interject some type human control. If and when we do this, the Liturgy / Mass loses its divine essence and is lowered to religious entertainment. I would like to quote Pope Benedict XVI: "Unspontaneity is of their essence. In these rites I discover that something is approaching me here that I did not produce myself, that I am entering into something greater than myself, which ultimately derives from divine revelation. This is why the Christian East calls the liturgy the "Divine Liturgy", expressing thereby the liturgy's independence from human control."

"Wherever applause breaks out in the liturgy because of some human achievement, it is a sure sign that the essence of liturgy has totally disappeared and been replaced by a kind of religious entertainment. Such attraction fades quickly – it cannot compete in the market of leisure pursuits, incorporating as it increasingly does various forms of religious titillation."

"The real "action" in the liturgy in which we are all supposed to participate is the action of God himself. This is what is new and distinctive about the Christian liturgy: God himself acts and does what is essential."

Let us take Pope Benedict XVI words to heart!!!

#### **St. Mary University Parish Mass Schedule for Spring Break:**

Central Michigan University begins its Spring Break Week after classes on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. As a result, our Mass schedule will be as follows: Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Mass; Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Mass.

**FEBRUARY 25TH, 2018 • SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER T.J.

### A Week of Vacation:

As pastor, I am given four weeks of vacation every year. I will be taking one of my weeks of vacation during spring break. I will be leaving after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and will be back the following Saturday morning, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Saginaw Catholic Men's Mini-Conference:

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Saginaw will be hosting a Mini-Men's Conference at St. Hyacinth Church, 1515 Cass Ave., Bay City, Mi 48708, on Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Their keynote speaker is Sean Forrest. Lunch will be provided. I am planning on attending this, and if there are any men from the parish that would like to attend please contact me. The cost of admission is \$30. For any male student of St. Mary University Parish there will be no cost.

### Seder Meal:

I will be hosting a Seder Meal on the evening of Holy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Mary University Parish Lounge. A Seder Meal is not quite a Passover Meal, but it is similar to a Passover Meal. It gives us an idea of what the Passover Meal was like. There are some speculations that the Seder Meal was how Jesus...

Celebrated his Last Supper with his disciples. If you are interested in attending this Seder Meal, please give me a call and I will put your name on the list. The Seder Meal will take approximately 30-40 minutes, and then we will have a Pot-Luck Meal following. St. Mary University Parish will provide chicken as our meat and you can bring a dish to pass. This meal will lead us right into the Mass of The Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. Please consider attending and RSVP by calling me – 989-284-7269.

### Stations of the Cross:

During Holy Week I will be offering the Stations of the Cross twice. On Monday of Holy Week, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m. I will be offering the stations of the cross entitled "Mary's Way of the Cross". This will be the traditional Stations, but we will go through them from the viewpoint of Mary. I find these Stations very powerful. Please join me on Monday evening in the church.

The second stations of the cross I am offering, will be on Good Friday at 12:00 p.m. These will be based on the Stations written by a priest who serves the street and homeless people in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. I also find these very powerful. The Stations will lead us right into our Good Friday Service which will begin at 1:00 p.m. on March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are free, please come and join us.

Our thanks goes to IHOP  
for providing the ingredients for  
our Breakfast Club events.



Want to join **The Breakfast Club?**

We are looking for volunteers to help make and serve our Breakfast Club events once a month after the 10:15 a.m. Mass. Our first Breakfast Club event will be on February 25<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please reach out to Callie Beltowski at [belto1cm@cmich.edu](mailto:belto1cm@cmich.edu).

### **Upcoming Events:**

February 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. Household Meeting

February 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. Rock climbing at Finch Fieldhouse.

February 28<sup>th</sup> – All day EUCHARISTIC ADORATION with the Divine Office

## **MEN AND WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

We have started our men's book club this semester. We are meeting once a month for dinner, a discussion on the previous month's reading, and ending with Vespers. Our next book we will be reading is East Earthquake. To get your copy, see Cory in the lounge. We will meet Mondays at 7 p.m. (Next meeting is March 19th).

Alysha Daley will be having a women's book club in the lounge this Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Cory Noeker for more details.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Roman Catholic doctrine of papal infallibility allows the pope to declare dogmas that all Catholics are required to believe. There have only been two such statements made by the pope in the modern history of the Church.

Both of these doctrines concerned Mary: her Immaculate Conception (declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854 and her bodily Assumption into heaven (declared by Pope Pius XII in 1950).

## **YOU CAN CRUSH HUNGER FOOD DRIVE!**

LAST WEEK TO DONATE FOOD! (EXTENSION)

We are hosting a food drive to help the local soup kitchen in their outreach to those in need. Every dollar donated will count as one pound of food. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please contact Kelsey Brower at [browe1kf@cmich.edu](mailto:browe1kf@cmich.edu).

## **SUNDAY MASS COLLECTION**

February 18, 2018: \$1,423.30 - Ash Wednesday : \$211.83

Thank you for your generosity!

## **CENTRAL CATHOLIC**

**NAME CHANGE.** Reach Out has officially changed it's name to Central Catholic.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Sunday supper in the lounge  
Sunday after 6pm mass

Corpus Christi every Thursday at 7:00 in the lounge

Sports at the SAC - Fridays at 2:00

## **THE BIG RAFFLE!**

If you are interested in helping us sell raffle tickets after any of our Masses, selling them individually, or purchasing some yourself, please contact Jennifer for details. You must be 18 years of age. All tickets (sold and unsold) must be turned in by February 28th [jbrittain@stmarycmu.org](mailto:jbrittain@stmarycmu.org)

## **CROSS & LIGHT**

St. Mary has purchased 25 tickets to the Cross & Light musical surrounding Christ's Passion, Resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Sacred Heart will be hosting the event. If you are interested in attending one of the performances, please contact Cory Noeker. The tickets will be provided free of charge first come first serve.

## **PARKING**

Due to the limited parking for staff and Fr.'s guests, we would like to remind you that the parking next to the rectory is reserved for those who hold St. Mary parking permits only. If any vehicle doesn't have a permit, they will be towed at the owner's expense. This policy will be enforced 7 days a week.