

St. Mary University Parish

Central Michigan University



FROM THE DESK OF FR. T. J.

Week of April 1st

Happy Easter!!!!

On Easter we celebrate the feast of the resurrection of Christ. This festival is the high point of the Christian year. It celebrates the central mystery of Christ in His triumph over death on the cross in His resurrection, which in the Synoptic Gospels is associated with the Jewish Passover. In celebrating the Pasch (Passover), the early Christians no longer focused on the exodus from Egypt but on the new exodus from the slavery of sin into new life in the Risen Lord wrought by Christ.

Easter is a moveable feast, falling on a different Sunday in about a twelve-year cycle. The formula to determine which Sunday Easter will be is this: Easter is the first Sunday after the first Full-Moon after the beginning of Spring.

Easter Duty:

Prior to the Promulgation of the revised Code of Cannon Law, the faithful, by ecclesiastical precept, were obliged to confess their sins and receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the period between Easter and Trinity Sunday. This was known as the Easter Duty. The paschal precept still binds the faithful to the reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season (ct. Canon 920).

Easter Water:

The holy water blessed during the celebration of the Easter Vigil is used for Christian Initiation , for the renewal of baptismal promises at the Masses of Easter Day, and for Baptism throughout the Easter Season. By popular custom among many ethnic groups, and worthy of revival or introduction throughout the Church,

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is the practice of taking the Easter Water home from the Vigil celebration to be used for personal prayer and devotion in the setting of “the domestic church” of the household.

Easter Season:

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast, or better as one ‘great Sunday’ (St. Athanasius). These 50 days are known as the Easter Season.

The singing of the “Alleluia” is a characteristic of these days. The Sundays of this season are counted as the Sundays of Easter. Following the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are called the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Sundays of Easter or of the Easter season. The period of fifty days ends on Pentecost Sunday.

The first eight days of the Easter season form the octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord.

The Ascension is celebrated on the fortieth day after Easter. In places where it is not a holyday of obligation, it is assigned to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Happy Easter and may this whole season be a blessing to all of you!!!!

St. Mary Opening - MUSICIAN:

We are in need of a contracted musician. The position will be 8 hours a week, in which the person plans the songs for the weekend Masses, practices with the cantors an hour before each Mass, and plays all three Masses for each weekend. We ask that if you are interested in applying that you come and pick-up one of our Diocesan Applications and submit a cover letter and resume with your application. I will be accepting applications thru Monday, April 23rd. Cory Noeker and I will be doing interviews later that week, and we will be making an announcement the last week of classes who will become our new Musician here at St. Mary University Parish. Please send your application, cover letter and resume to Fr. T. J. Fleming and Search Committee, 1405 S. Washington Street, Mount Pleasant MI, 48858-4280.

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 The Screwtape Letters. To get your copy, see Cory in the lounge. We will meet Mondays at 7 p.m. (Next meeting is April 9th).

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.

WOMEN'S SPA NIGHT APRIL 11TH!

Be sure and enter to win a free manicure and facial for the Women's Spa Night happening April 11th! St. Mary and Thilykos Household is sponsoring everything! Details and giveaway entries can be found in the lounge. If you have any questions please contact Callie Beltowski at belto1cm@cmich.edu or (248) 840-3594.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE ISABELLA COUNTY RESTORATION HOUSE

We are gathering a group of volunteers to help at the day shelter (located at the old Victory Church building off of High St). We have set up two dates, April 5th and April 21st. Please contact Cory to register.

APRIL 12TH BLOOD DRIVE

Every registered donors earns St. Mary \$10! Please come support our drive on April 12th.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our first Mass here at St. Mary was celebrated at 9:00 AM by Rev. Father John McDuffee on September 18, 1960. If you would like to see the newspaper article commemorating this event, please see Fr. T.J. in his office!

Quote of the Day: "It is funny how mortals always picture us as putting things into their minds; in reality our best work is done by keeping things out." (C.S. Lewis from The Screwtape Letters)

SUNDAY MASS COLLECTION

March 25, 2018: \$928.98

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 after 6pm Mass

Corpus Christi every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the lounge

Sports at the SAC - Fridays at 2:00

APOLOGETICS

Continuing this week (April 2nd) we will be having a dialogue/ apologetics class. This is an opportunity to grow in your faith as well as sharpen your ability to defend what we believe as Catholics. Students who are interested or believe they are skilled at engaging in open dialogues with both Catholics and non-Catholics are encouraged to attend. This will be to prepare for the event called CREDO, put on by the Leadership Institute which begins in the Fall.

THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to the following people who have donated towards our Easter flowers.

Jack and Karen Williamson

