

St. Mary University Parish

Central Michigan University



FROM THE DESK OF FR. T. J.

Week of April 15th

A special Mass in honor of those graduating:

Those who will be graduating from Central Michigan University in 2018 are invited to come to a special Mass May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary University Parish. I apologize about not having a baccalaureate Mass in the past, but now students can expect this for each graduation. Please come to this special Mass in honor of those who are graduating this spring/summer! Please text me the number who will be attending this Mass so I can plan accordingly. If anyone else would like to attend this Mass to celebrate our graduates, you are more than welcome to attend.

Jennifer Brittain resigns:

Jennifer shared with me and the staff that she will be resigning from her position here at St. Mary University Parish the last day of this semester, May 4, 2018. Jennifer has done a lot for us and will be greatly missed. Jennifer is very energetic and has touched many of our lives. We will plan something for her before she leaves us, stay tuned for further information and plans. If you have any idea please share them with me.

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. **The musician will also be expected to be here for major holidays.** 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

APRIL 15, 2018 • THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER T.J.

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.

St. Mary Mass schedule for the summer:

Weekday Mass Schedule for Summer:

Monday – 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Mass

Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday – 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Mass

Weekend Mass Schedule for Summer:

Sunday – 6:00 p.m. Mass

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) for the Diocese of Saginaw - how does it help us here at St. Mary University Parish?

Your support of the Catholic Services Appeal helps to support the training of lay ministers who serve in parishes throughout the Diocese of Saginaw. Education for this important ministry includes four years of theology and faith formation. Nearly 400 people, including **Cory Noeker** who is in his first year of training to become a lay minister for St. Mary University Parish benefit from the CSA.

We just finished our budget for the fiscal year of 2018-2019, and we cannot deny the fact that without CSA St. Mary University Parish will not be here. A big portion of our income is subsidized by CSA. If you can in any way, I encourage you all to support and give what you can to CSA. Our CSA Commitment weekend will be next Sunday, April 29th.

Rite of Acceptance:

This Sunday, April 22nd, at our 6:00 p.m. Mass I will be leading Steven Keene and Tanner Hecht through a ceremony referred to as **The Rite of Acceptance**. The Rite of Acceptance is the rite that will lead Steven and Tanner from the Inquiry stage of the R.C.I.A. Process into the Catechumenate stage. Both Steven and Tanner are preparing to be received as full members of the Roman Catholic Church on Pentecost, May 20th.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Claudia Murphy has asked me to help her prepare for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have been preparing for this, and I just

received delegation from Bishop Joseph Cistone to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Claudia at our 6:00 p.m. Mass on April 29th. Come celebrate with us!!!!

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 23rd).

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.

LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM

Are you interested in expanding your knowledge of Scripture and Catholic Theology? Wanting to strengthen and deepen your relationship with God? Feeling the desire to fulfill your baptismal call by serving others? The Lay Ministry Program may be just for you! Come and learn about the Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program at one of the upcoming regional information meetings scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Brigid of Kildare Parish, 207 Ashman St., Midland, MI 48640 or Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48603. For more information regarding either of these meetings or general information about the Lay Ministry Program, please contact Kellie Deming, Coordinator of Lay Ministry, at kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org or (989) 797-6609.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each of the clergy's vestment colors play an important role in the Mass. What do they mean?

Green: The color of vestments used during ordinary time. *Ordinary time* is the rest of the year that's not the Christmas or Easter season. However, its far from just being ordinary.

Purple or Violet: Used during Advent and Lent, and along with white and black, these colors may also be used at Funeral Masses.

White and gold: Most appropriate for Christmas and Easter.

Red: For on feasts of the Passion of Jesus and for the Holy Spirit, representing red tongues of fire, in addition to being worn for the feasts of martyred saints, who shed their red blood for Christ.

Rose: On the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the color rose may be worn as a sign of anticipated joy.

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 23rd) 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. Those 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 beginning in the Fall.

SPRING FORMAL APRIL 28TH

The annual Spring Formal will be Saturday, April 28th from 7-11pm.

This a free dance for all students and snacks and games will be provided. Bring some friends and join us for music, dancing, games, snacks, formal wear, and fun!

