

St. Mary University Parish

Central Michigan University



FROM THE DESK OF FR. T. J.

Week of April 29th

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER T.J.

Have a Great Summer!!!!

As you leave this week after your exams are done, I would like to wish all of you a happy and safe summer. May your summer be the best yet. I will see you in the fall when you come back. Be safe and know that God is with you all the way, just follow His lead.

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 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.

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?

The first American born saint was Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton. Elizabeth Bayley was the daughter of a distinguished physician. She devoted a good deal of time to working among the poor, and in 1797 she joined Isabella M. Graham and others in founding the first charitable institution in New York City, the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children. She was canonized in September 1975.

There are 15 American Blessed and Saints. You can see a list of all the Americans here : <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/saints/american-saints-and-blesseds.cfm>

SUNDAY MASS COLLECTION

April 15, 2018: \$292.00

April 22, 2018: \$1,140.75

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

We will pick up again next fall! Don't let those braincells die while on break. Be sure and inform that conscience during the summer!

MEN AND WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Enjoy your summer! We will start back up again this fall. If anyone is interested in a book study during the summer, please contact Cory.

CLOTHING DRIVE

To help support the Isabella County Restoration House of Mt. Pleasant, there will be a Clothing Drive in the St. Mary Lounge from Monday, April 30th until Friday, May 4th at 5pm. We will be accepting any article of clothing that has never been used or has been gently used, i.e., no holes, stains, etc.

