

# St. Mary University Parish

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**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9 am to 5 pm

**Mass Schedule:** Sunday - 10:15 am and 6:00 pm  
Weekday - Tuesday 9:00 pm  
Wednesday 6:00 pm  
Thursday 6:00 pm  
Friday 12:00 pm

**Reconciliation:** Wednesdays 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Sundays 4:30 p. - 5:30 pm

**PASTOR**.....Fr. Patrick M. Jankowiak, [frpmj@stmarycmu.org](mailto:frpmj@stmarycmu.org)  
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**MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST**..... Lucas Felton

**Matrimony:** Please contact Fr. Patrick before setting a wedding date.

**Infant & Child Baptism:** Preparation is required. Contact Fr. Patrick.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Patrick for anointing.

**Interested in Becoming Catholic?** Contact Fr. Patrick for more information.

**NOVEMBER 18TH, 2018 • 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**November 11th, 2018 :**

Total..... \$518.00

We need volunteers to help count the Sunday collections. If you are available to help, please speak to Caleb Brereton or contact the parish office.

*Thank you for your stewardship!*

## **MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Applicants should be active, practicing Catholics, have quality keyboard skills, and be committed to the liturgical vision of the Second Vatican Council. Approximately 19 hours per week. Resumes may be sent to Fr. Patrick or Cory Noeker. Applications can be found in the vestibules of the church.

## **ROOMS AVAILABLE**

If you would like to reserve a room for an activity, please speak to Caleb Brereton at the parish office. He can be reached by phone at (989) 317-4674 or by email at [cbrereton@stmarycmu.org](mailto:cbrereton@stmarycmu.org)

## **WINTER RETREAT**

Your long awaited retreat has been planned for the weekend of January 4th-5th. Join us for a 2 day retreat filled with time to relax, grow in faith, meet new students, and enjoy what Cran-Hill Ranch has to offer. This will be free of charge, but there are only 7 spots remaining. First come first served. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Cory Noeker. He can be reached at (989) 317-4680 or at [cnoeker@stmarycmu.org](mailto:cnoeker@stmarycmu.org)

## **THANK YOU!**

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## **USHERS NEEDED**

We are in need of people to serve as ushers during the 10:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday Masses. Ushers are responsible for greeting people at the doors before Mass, assisting with the collection during Mass, and distributing bulletins as people leave after Mass. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Cory Noeker by phone at (989) 317-4680 or by email at [cnoeker@stmarycmu.org](mailto:cnoeker@stmarycmu.org)

## **GRADUATION MASS**

We are planning a Graduation Mass for the students who are graduating at the end of the 2018 Fall Semester. If you will be graduating in December, please contact Caleb Brereton at the parish office via phone at (989) 773-3931 or by email at [cbrereton@stmarycmu.org](mailto:cbrereton@stmarycmu.org)

## **UPCOMING DATES & ROOM RESERVATIONS**

### **11/19 - Apologetics - Parish Library - 6pm-7:30pm**

- Parish Library Reserved - 7:30pm-10pm
- Conference Room Reserved - 8:30pm-9:30pm

### **11/20 - RCIA Meeting - Conference Room - 6:30pm-8pm**

#### **- Rock Climbing - Finch 112 - 7pm-8:30pm**

- Conference Room Reserved - 8pm-9pm
- Parish Library Reserved - 8pm-9pm
- Daily Mass - 9pm

### **11/21 - Weekly AA Meeting - 12pm**

- Daily Mass - 6pm
- Confession until all are heard - 7pm
- No Adoration today

### **11/22 - Church & Lounge Closed for Thanksgiving**

### **11/23 - Church & Lounge Closed for Thanksgiving**

### **11/24 - Confession until all are heard - 11am**

### **11/25 - Sunday Mass - 10:15am**

- Confession - 4:30pm-5:30pm
- Sunday Mass - 6pm
- No Sunday Supper this week



**Going Slower Into Christmas:**

Priests are aware that every year, more and more Catholics start putting up Christmas trees as soon as Halloween is over. In our country, “the Christmas season” is understood as the time *before* Christmas arrives. And then, on December 26<sup>th</sup>, it’s common to see Christmas trees out by the curb. (I think I know only three Catholic families who keep their Christmas tree up for the Feast of Epiphany.) In the Catholic Church, the Feast of Christmas *begins* the Christmas season. I have a growing feeling that the season of Advent these days really exists just inside Catholic churches but not in people’s homes. My sense is that many Catholics “tolerate” Advent and are eager for it to be over with.



It didn’t used to be this way. Before Vatican II, Catholic churches didn’t have Advent wreaths in them, but people’s homes did. Christmas trees were decorated the day (or night) before Christmas. The idea of Catholics decorating their homes for Christmas on November 1<sup>st</sup> was unthinkable.

In any event, we’re going to hold off on jumping into Christmas at St. Mary’s. People should plan on not putting out Christmas decorations or playing Christmas carols in parish areas until we reach the month of December. When Advent arrives we’ll have a new Advent wreath in church, and our generous use of violet in the sanctuary will leave no doubt that Christmas hasn’t arrived yet.

**Help With Distributing Communion:** As you may have seen, sometimes at Sunday Mass we don’t have enough Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The main reason for this is that when the formation session was held at Sacred Heart, it was scheduled at an hour when college students have class, so our parishioners were unable to attend. The Diocese is aware of this and is planning on coming to St. Mary’s for a formation session here. In the meantime, we go from week to week hoping that enough people are present at each Mass to help with Communion. If you have been certified by the Diocese of Saginaw as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and when we’re singing the “Lamb of God” you notice that fewer than three people are present to help distribute the Eucharist, please feel free to come forward and help. We’re hoping to get the current situation resolved very soon.



**The Week of Thanksgiving:** The daily Mass schedule for the week of Thanksgiving is different due to both the holiday and CMU’s calendar.

- Tuesday: 9 pm Mass
- Wednesday: 6 pm Mass, 7 pm confessions until all are heard.  
(No adoration or night prayer)
- Thursday: No Mass, church & office closed.
- Friday: No Mass, church & office closed.
- Saturday: 11 am confessions until all are heard.
- Sunday: 6 pm Mass (no 10:15 morning Mass)



*Fr. Poth*