

# 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)  
**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT OUTREACH**... Cory Noeker, [cnoeker@stmarycmu.org](mailto:cnoeker@stmarycmu.org)  
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**PARISH BOOKKEEPER**..... Anne Swift  
**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.

**DECEMBER 2ND, 2018 • 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

November 18th, 2018 :

Total..... \$550.25

November 25th, 2018 :

Total..... \$319.68

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)

## GRADUATION MASS

The Graduation Mass for students graduating at the end of the 2018 Fall Semester will be on December 9th at the 6 p.m. Mass. If you will be graduating in December, please contact Caleb Brereton by phone at (989) 773-3931 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)

## CLOTHING DRIVE

Servitio Semper and Central Catholic have partnered to host a clothing drive here at St. Mary University Parish. Bring any clothing items to Caleb Brereton's office at the parish between November 26th and December 10th. If he is not there, the items can be left outside his door. All items will be donated to Clothing, Inc. in Mt. Pleasant.

## UPCOMING DATES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

### 12/03 - Apologetics - Parish Library - 6pm-7:30pm

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

### 12/04 - 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

### 12/05 - Weekly AA Meeting - 12pm

- Daily Mass - 6pm
- Eucharistic Adoration - 6:30pm-9pm
- Confession - 7pm-8:30pm
- Night Prayer & Benediction - 9pm-9:15pm

### 12/06 - Daily Mass - 6pm

- Conference Room Reserved - 6pm-7pm

### 12/07 - Daily Mass - 12pm

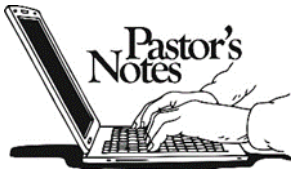
- Student Sports - 1pm-3pm

### 12/08 - Confession - 11am-12pm

- HOLY DAY: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 12:30pm

### 12/09 - Sunday Mass - 10:15am

- Confession - 4:30pm-5:30pm
- Sunday Mass - 6pm
- Sunday Supper - Lounge - 7:15pm-8:30pm



**Advent Begins:** The earliest writings about Advent date to the 400's in what is now France. Since baptisms were often celebrated on Epiphany, Advent was a time of fasting and prayer in preparation for them, beginning in November and lasting for six weeks (just like Lent). More and more areas began celebrating Advent and eventually Rome accepted the practice but shortened it to four weeks.



Advent has two "halves." In the first half of Advent we focus on Christ's *second* coming, the one at the end of time. In the second half we focus on his *first* coming, the one in Bethlehem.

In the United States most Christians do not celebrate Advent. Most American Christians jump from Thanksgiving immediately into Christmas, which is a shame because Advent does some very good things:

*Advent forces us to wait.* It's good to remember that we're waiting for Christ to come again. How often does that thought actually enter people's minds? That's part of what an Advent wreath does. An Advent wreath on your dinner table and holding off on playing Christmas music will change the entire atmosphere in your home. Think of all the things that will be made right when the Lord returns. Things made right in our world. In our country. In your family. And just like that, you've given Advent room to speak.

*Advent forces us to slow down.* We Americans want things right away. Christmas decorations are in stores before Halloween. People put up Christmas trees before Thanksgiving. Even fast food isn't fast enough. But enter a Catholic church in Advent and all feelings of rush and hurry vanish. There aren't any poinsettias in Catholic churches in November. No Nativity scenes until Christmas Eve. Slowing down spiritually is a very healthy thing to do. If you've gotten into the habit of going straight from Halloween to Christmas, give Advent a try. Get an Advent wreath for your home. And the Little Blue Books are excellent for daily prayer in Advent.

**Parish Schedule During CMU Christmas Break:** Central's Christmas break begins on December 14<sup>th</sup>, so our parish schedule will be different during that time. For weekends and Holy Days, our schedule will be:

- December 16: 6 pm Mass
- December 23: 6 pm Mass
- Christmas Eve: 8 pm Mass
- Christmas Day: 9 am Mass
- December 30: 6 pm Mass
- January 1: 9 am Mass
- January 6: 6 pm Mass



Confessions: Saturdays at 11 am *until all are heard.*

**NOTE:** We will not be having the 10:15 Sunday Mass during Christmas break and, after Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>, we will not resume regular daily Mass until the 9 pm Mass on Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Fr. Peth*