

# St. Mary University Parish

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**Church Open:** Monday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm  
**(Winter Break)**

**Mass Schedule:** December 23: 6 pm Mass  
**(Winter Break)** 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

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 11:00 am until all are heard  
**(Winter Break)**

**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.

**DECEMBER 16TH, 2018 • 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 2nd, 2018:

Total..... \$744.91

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 3 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)

## UPCOMING DATES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

**Please pay close attention to the calendar as we are transitioning into a different schedule for Winter Break.**

**SAT (12/22)** - Confession - 11am until all are heard

**SUN (12/23)** - Sunday Mass - 6pm

**MON (12/24)** - Decorating the Church for Christmas - 9am  
- Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass at 8pm

**TUE (12/25)** - **HOLY DAY: Christmas Day - Mass at 9am**

**WED (12/26)** - **Church/Lounge Closed**

**SAT (12/29)** - No Confession Today

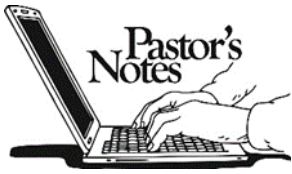
**SUN (12/30)** - Sunday Mass - 6pm

**TUE (01/01)** - **HOLY DAY: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Mass at 9am**

**FRI (01/04)** - **Winter Retreat at Cran-Hill Ranch**

**SAT (01/05)** - **Winter Retreat at Cran-Hill Ranch**  
- No Confession Today

**SUN (01/06)** - Confession - 4:30pm until all are heard  
- Sunday Mass - 6pm



Sunday December 16th, 2018

**The Rose Candle:** On the Third Sunday of Advent the rose candle is always lit. Centuries ago Advent felt very much like Lent, with great fasting and repentance for sins. That is, Advent felt like a “heavy” season. Advent was also longer than it is now, lasting for six weeks. Eventually, the decision was made to shorten Advent to four weeks and insert some joy into it by using the color rose. At that time, the Mass did not have a gathering song. Instead, each Mass began with an “entrance antiphon” spoken by the priest as he entered the sanctuary, which set the tone for that Mass. A Lenten antiphon would be sorrowful, an Easter antiphon would be joyful, etc. The entrance antiphon for the Third Sunday of Advent is *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice, for the Lord is near*. The color rose calls us to rejoice, for the Lord is near indeed. These days the entrance antiphon is no longer the first line spoken by the priest at Mass. Father’s first words are those of the gathering song, sung with the entire assembly.



**Christmas Season Mass Schedule:**

- 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



During this period, there will be no 10:15 Sunday Mass and no daily Masses.

Confessions: Saturdays at 11 am until all are heard.

**When Daily Masses Resume on January 8...** the schedule will not have Mass on Fridays. All semester long we’ve been watching attendance at daily Mass, and the noon Mass on Friday last semester consistently stood out. Unlike Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, we constantly had only 2 or 3 people at Mass on Friday. But we still kept watching to see if things would change. In the end, it became clear that, at a college parish, Fridays were days filled with other things. If you would like to attend daily Mass on Fridays, Sacred Heart Parish has Mass at 8 am.



**Come Help Decorate for Christmas:** We’ll start decorating the church for Christmas on Monday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. It shouldn’t take long, but we do have a couple large trees to set up in the sanctuary, as well as arranging the Nativity Scene.

**If You Are Certified...** as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in the Diocese of Saginaw, and you see during the Lamb of God that there are fewer than three people to help distribute the Eucharist, please know that you are welcome to come forward and help. We’re hoping to get this situation resolved once the second semester begins.

*Fr. Poth*