

St. Mary University Parish

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Office Hourse: Monday - Friday 9 am - 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

Reconciliation: Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturday 11 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

PASTOR.....Fr. Patrick M. Jankowiak, frpmj@stmarycmu.org
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT OUTREACH... Cory Noeker, cnoeker@stmarycmu.org
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR..... Caleb Brereton, cbrereton@stmarycmu.org
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.

JANUARY 6TH, 2019 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 9th, 2018:

Total..... \$923.58

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

SPRING SEMESTER ACTIVITIES

We are planning a wide variety of activities for the Spring 2019 semester. These activities include: Rock Climbing, Apologetics, Book Study Clubs, Alternative Spring Break, Service Projects, and more! We will be looking into what times will work the best for the most people for each of these events. If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact Cory Noeker by email at cnoeker@stmarycmu.org.

UPCOMING DATES & ROOM RESERVATIONS

MON (01/07) - RETURN TO REGULAR SCHEDULE

TUE (01/08) - RCIA Meeting - Conference Rm - 6:30-8pm

- Daily Mass - 9pm

WED (01/09) - Weekly AA Meeting - Conference Rm - 12pm

- Daily Mass - 6pm

- Confession - 7pm-8:30pm

THU (01/10) - Daily Mass - 6pm

FRI (01/11) - No Scheduled Activities

SAT (01/12) - Confession - 11am-12pm

SUN (01/13) - Sunday Mass - 10:15am

- Confession - 4:30pm-5:30pm

- Sunday Mass - 6pm

DID YOU KNOW

St. Justin Martyr described the early Mass to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius around the year 155 A.D. His description is very similar to the Mass we have today:

On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place. The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits. When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things. Then we all rise together and offer prayers for ourselves . . .and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to obtain eternal salvation. When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss. Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren. He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks (in Greek: eucharistian) that we have been judged worthy of these gifts. When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying: 'Amen.' When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the "eucharisted" bread, wine and water and take them to those who are absent.



Sunday January 6th, 2019

Epiphany is a Different Feast: Have you ever noticed that lots of people put out the figures of the three Wise Men along with the shepherds? You see it all the time: on people's lawns, in people's homes, and even outside churches: the three Wise Men at the manger for the feast of Christmas.

But Epiphany is a *different* feast from Christmas. It's also an *older* feast than Christmas. Christians were celebrating Epiphany centuries before they started celebrating Christmas. Epiphany is actually the third oldest feast in Christianity, after Easter and Pentecost. It was celebrated as early as the year 194. On Christmas, the Messiah is revealed to Israel (symbolized by the shepherds). On Epiphany, he's revealed to the whole world (symbolized by the Wise Men). In fact, in most parts of the Christian world, people give presents on Epiphany, not Christmas.

Think of it like this: When the feast of Pentecost arrives, Catholics in many parishes wear red when coming to Mass. But they would never think of wearing red to Mass on Easter. They're different feasts. Epiphany is a *different* feast from Christmas. I always encourage people to hold off on putting out the figures of the three Wise Men until the feast of Epiphany actually arrives. Don't end the Christmas season too early. Give the great feast of Epiphany its own place, just as you would do for Pentecost.



Wear White Next Weekend: The last feast of the Christmas season is the Baptism of the Lord, which we'll celebrate next weekend. In the Catholic Church, white is the outward symbol that someone has been baptized. Just as people often wear red on Pentecost, I encourage everyone to wear white to church next weekend: white shirts, white sweaters, white ties, white vests, white dresses, etc.) to highlight the fact that we are a baptized people. It could have a tremendous impact on the liturgies, not just to remind us that we're baptized, but also to help us remember what being baptized means. So dig through your closets and bring out your white next weekend.



No Daily Mass on Fridays: Last semester we closely watched attendance at daily Mass, and the noon Mass on Friday consistently stood out. Unlike Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, we regularly had only 2 or 3 people at Mass on Fridays. But we still watched to see if things would change. Alas, it became clear that, at a college parish, Fridays simply were days filled with other things. If you would like to attend daily Mass on Fridays, Sacred Heart Parish has Mass at 8 am.

Conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation: Our Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Walter Hurley, is delegating all Regional Vicars the faculty to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on children in their respective Vicariates. Consequently, I will be traveling to parishes in our Vicariate for this purpose. The liturgies are scheduled for weekday evenings, and I'll be posting the entire schedule in next week's bulletin. However, on those days there won't be Mass here at St. Mary's. We'll make sure to give everyone enough advanced notice, and I'll also provide information next week about why we Confirm second-graders.



Fr. Poth