

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
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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 13TH, 2019 • THE BAPTISM 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

DAILY READINGS

MON (01/14)

Hebrews 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20

TUE (01/15)

Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28

WED (01/16)

Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39

THUR (01/17)

Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45

FRI (01/18)

Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12

SAT (01/19)

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17

SUNDAY (01/20)

Isaiah 62:1-5;

1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

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 & EVENTS

- The Formation Session for those who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) will be on February 6th from 6pm to 7:30pm. The Training Session will be held the following week on the 13th from 6pm to 8pm. Extraordinary Ministers will need to attend both sessions. If you have questions, or would like to sign up, please contact the parish office at (989) 773-3931 or office@stmarycmu.org.
- Spring Break begins on Saturday, March 2nd. Classes resume on Monday, March 11th.
- Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th. Mass times for Ash Wednesday will be announced in February.
- The 17th student led Koinonia Retreat will be held at the parish on March 22nd through the 24th.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

MON (01/14) - No activities scheduled

TUE (01/15) - **Weekly RCIA Meeting - Conference Rm - 6:30-8pm**

- Parish Library Reserved - 7pm-9pm

- *Daily Mass - 9pm*

WED (01/16) - **Weekly AA Meeting - Conference Rm - 12pm**

- Parish Library Reserved - 5pm-6pm

- *Daily Mass - 6pm*

- *Confession - 7pm-8:30pm*

- Conference Rm Reserved - 9pm-10pm

THU (01/17) - Parish Library Reserved - Conference Rm - 1pm-2:30pm

- *Daily Mass - 6pm*

- **Corpus Christi Talk & Social: Town Hall Open Discussion 7pm-9:30pm**

FRI (01/18) - No Scheduled Activities

SAT (01/19) - *Confession - 11am-12pm*

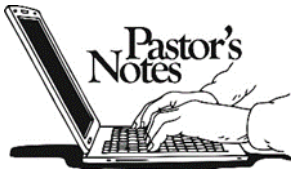
- **Church/Lounge closes for Retreat - 5pm**

SUN (01/20) - *Sunday Mass - 10:15am*

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

- *Sunday Mass - 6pm*

- **Sunday Supper - Lounge - 7:15pm-8:30pm**



Sunday January 13th, 2019

Formation Session is Scheduled:

The Director of the Office of Liturgy of the Diocese of Saginaw will be here on February 6th at 6 pm to conduct a formation session for all those wishing to help distribute the Eucharist during Mass. In the past, we called such volunteers “Eucharistic Ministers.” But the actual term is “Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.” The session will last roughly an hour and a half. Anyone wanting to be part of this ministry must attend this session and must be a “fully-initiated” Catholic. That is, they must have received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. One week later, on Feb. 13th, I will meet in church at 6 pm to go over all the specific details of how to perform this ministry at our parish. Consequently, there will not be Mass or adoration on either Feb. 6th or the 13th.



Confirming 2nd-Graders: Last week I wrote how this year the regional Vicars will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on children in their Vicariates who are preparing for First Communion. That means, as Vicar, I'll be travelling to parishes in our Vicariate. But people sometimes ask me why children are receiving Confirmation so young. Some background may help.

In the early Church, whenever people became Christian they were baptized at the Easter Vigil by the Bishop. It was the Bishop who anointed the newly-baptized with Chrism to “seal” in the Holy Spirit given to them at Baptism. As the Church continued to grow, so did the number of Easter Vigil liturgies, and the Bishop could not be present at all of them. And infants began being baptized as well. In the East, it was decided that that whoever administered Baptism could also confirm. But in the West, the decision was made to reserve the anointing of Confirmation to the Bishop. As a result, Catholics were confirmed whenever the Bishop was able to reach their parish, sometimes a year later, and sometimes several years later. Because Confirmation was delayed, First Communion was delayed, sometimes for a dozen years or more.



In 1910 the Pope decided that Catholics shouldn't be waiting so long to receive the Eucharist, so he lowered the age for First Communion to about 7 or 8 years old. With that decision, the original order of the Sacraments was changed. Baptism still came first, then came First Reconciliation, then First Communion, then Confirmation. With that change came an unfortunate change in how Confirmation was understood. It was no longer seen as a Sacrament that sealed in the Spirit given at Baptism, but as a “you're-now-a-full-member-of-the-Church” Sacrament. But that is not our doctrine. Receiving Confirmation does not show that someone is a full member of the Church. Receiving the *Eucharist* shows that someone is a full member of the Church.

Some bishops have instructed parishes to put Confirmation back in its original location: after Baptism but before First Communion. In 1990 the parishes of the Diocese of Saginaw were given ten years to do this. But it varies by diocese. I'll be posting all the Confirmation dates soon, because there won't be daily Mass on those days.

Daily Mass Change: Remember that there is no longer daily Mass on Fridays.

Fr. Poth