

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
MUSIC DIRECTOR..... Megan Conner
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.

FEBRUARY 24TH, 2019 • 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

February 17th, 2019:

Total..... \$791.16

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!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless."

- Pope St. John Paul II

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 (02/25)

Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29

TUE (02/26)

Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37

WED (02/27)

Sirach 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40

THUR (02/28)

Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50

FRI (03/01)

Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-12

SAT (03/02)

Sirach 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16

SUNDAY (03/03)

Sirach 27:4-7;

1 Corinthians 15:54-58;

Luke 6:39-45

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

We have a big project planned for our Alternative Spring Break this year. A family from our local community is in desperate need of having their home repaired. From March 4th to March 9th we will be using our time and talent to help them. This is one of many ways to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy in our modern day lives. The more hands we have the easier this project will be. You do not need to have previous construction experience in order to help with this project, all skill levels are welcome. However, if you do have any previous experience repairing homes, please let us know. If you are unable to donate your time, financial donations to help cover the cost will also be appreciated. If you have any questions, or would like to sign up, please contact Cory Noeker at cnoeker@stmarycmu.org.



LIFE CHOICES FUNDRAISER

Life Choices of Central Michigan provides the Mt. Pleasant area with completely free and confidential services such as pregnancy confirmation, STI testing and education, parenting programs, post-abortive support, and more. Please take a bottle home and fill it with your spare change and return it to the parish office by 04/07/19. Money collected through the baby bottle fundraiser will help support Life Choices mission to provide our community with excellent care in a time of need.



THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

MON (02/25) - Apologetics - Parish Library - 6:30pm-8pm

- Conference Room Reserved - 7pm-8pm

- Rock Climbing - Finch 112 - 8pm-9pm

TUE (02/26) - Lector Training in the Church - 6pm-7:30pm

- No RCIA This Week

- Parish Library Reserved - 7pm-9pm

- Praise and Worship in the Church - 8pm-8:45pm

- Daily Mass - 9pm

WED (02/27) - Weekly AA Meeting - Conference Room - 12pm-1pm

- Parish Library Reserved - 5pm-6pm

- Daily Mass - 6pm

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:30pm-9pm

- Confession - 7pm-8:30pm

- Night Prayer/Benediction - 9pm-9:30pm

- Conference Room Reserved - 9pm-10pm

THU (02/28) - Parish Library Reserved - 5pm-6pm

- Daily Mass - 6pm

- Corpus Christi Talk & Social: Saints Gallery Walk
7pm-9:30pm

FRI (03/01) - No Sports This Week

SAT (03/02) - Confession - 11am-12pm

SUN (03/03) - Confession - 4:30pm-5:30pm

- Sunday Mass - 6pm

- No Sunday Supper This Week



Sunday February 24th, 2019

Our New Music Director... is Megan Conner! Megan has been playing regularly here at St. Mary's, but she's now the official Music Director of the parish, and we're delighted to have her in this position. She is very gifted with a number of instruments, has a lot of experience with Catholic worship, and she and I are both excited about her new role. She'll have her own desk and computer at the parish office, and she'll be planning music, scheduling rehearsals, and working with me regarding special liturgies. Music is the lungs of the Mass. The U.S. Bishops put it very well when they wrote, "The quality of our participation in sung praise comes less from our vocal ability and more from the desire of our hearts to sing together of our love for God." (*Sing to the Lord, Music in Divine Worship* #13)



Bring Back Your Old Palms... Ash Wednesday is only 17 days away! There is a box in both vestibules, as well as in the parish office for your old palms. The palms will be burned and the ashes used to mark our foreheads. This year Ash Wednesday falls in the middle of spring break, so we will have Mass on Ash Wednesday only at 6 pm.

Lector Training... has been rescheduled for this Tuesday evening at 6 pm in church.

Personal Health Stuff: If you're wondering why you haven't been seeing me around as much lately, it's because I've been dealing with some health issues. Some of it (nerve pain) I've had for 10 years, but other things developed last October. These newer issues are heart-related and I've been doing follow-up with my physician and keeping the Diocese informed. (I had to wear a heart monitor for 48 hours last month.) I was encouraged to scale back how much I do at the parish, and to perform a series of special exercises every day designed to keep certain nerves from being so tight. Perhaps it was unwise of me not to inform you of these developments, but I do concede that some other health issues I've had for decades are a source of embarrassment, so I kept it all to myself. But I see now that people also need to pray for their priests. So please don't think that I don't enjoy being around you. It's just that certain health things are calling for some extra attention.



Town Hall Meeting? Without a functioning Parish Council, Finance Council, and Worship Committee, I end up bringing a lot of topics to weekly staff meetings. But I'd be happy to have a "town hall" style meeting some evening if people would find that helpful. There are certainly a number of administrative, financial, and structural things still needing to be addressed, not to mention issues of security and repair. I'm still hoping to find a sufficient number of people so our parish can have the councils and committees we need, but if people would like a time when I can address the issues before us, and then open up the floor for questions, please contact me or one of the staff.



Spring Break... for CMU is the week of March 3rd. Consequently, on Sunday March 3rd and Sunday March 10th we will have Mass only at 6 pm. During the week, we will have daily Mass only on Ash Wednesday (March 6th) at 6 pm.

Fr. Pat