

# St. Mary University Parish

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**Summer Open Hours:** Sunday - Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Summer Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Summer Mass Schedule:** Sunday - 6:00 pm

**Summer Reconciliation:** Saturday 11:00 am until all are heard  
Sunday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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**SACRAMENTAL MINISTER**..... Fr. Tom McNamara  
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**PARISH BOOKKEEPER**..... Anne Swift

**Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office before setting a wedding date.  
**Infant & Child Baptism:** Preparation is required, please contact the Parish Office.  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office for anointing.  
**Interested in Becoming Catholic?** Contact Cory Noeker for more information.

**JULY 14TH, 2019 • FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

June 30th, 2019:

Total..... \$584.50

Fiscal Year Total..... \$29,140.63

New Fiscal Year Begins:

July 1st, 2019 to June 30th, 2020

Goal for Year: \$40,000

*Thank you for your stewardship!*

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

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- St. Francis of Assisi

## 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)

## DAILY READINGS

### MON (07/15)

Exodus 1:8-14, 22;  
Matthew 10:34-11:1

### TUE (07/16)

Exodus 2:1-15A;  
Matthew 11:20-24

### WED (07/17)

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12;  
Matthew 11:25-27

### THUR (07/18)

Exodus 3:13-20;  
Matthew 11:28-30

### FRI (07/19)

Exodus 11:10-12:14;  
Matthew 12:1-8

### SAT (07/20)

Exodus 12:37-42;  
Matthew 12:14-21

### SUNDAY (07/21)

Genesis 18:1-10A;  
Colossians 1:24-28;  
Luke 10:38-42

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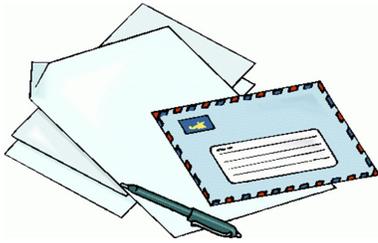
## THE HAIL MARY

Did you know that the entire Hail Mary prayer has its roots in Sacred Scripture?

The first half of the prayer is almost a word for word quote of two verses in the Bible. "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee" is the greeting used by the Archangel Gabriel when he greets Mary in Luke 1:28. "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb" is the greeting that Elizabeth uses when Mary comes to visit her in Luke 1:42 after Elizabeth was "filled with the Holy Spirit" in verse 41.

The second half of the prayer also has its basis in Scripture. "Holy Mary, Mother of God," we know that Mary is holy because a) Gabriel refers to her as "full of grace"; and b) because she is now in Heaven and, therefore, a holy person. We also know that she is the Mother of God because Elizabeth in Luke 1:43 asks, "And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" and to the Jews, Lord was a title used for God. Finally, "Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." There are several verses in the Bible that direct us to pray for each other. Jesus tells us to pray for our persecutors (Matthew 5:44), James says that we should pray for each other and that the prayers of holy men are powerful (James 5:16), and the early Church is shown praying for St. Peter when he was arrested (Acts 12:5).

In light of how Scripture portrays Our Lady and the importance of praying for each other, it is no wonder that the Church encourages us to ask Mary, the Mother of God, to pray for us.



**Updates for Our Parish:** Over the past few weeks, the parish staff and I have been working toward our budget for the coming year. We have had to make a few difficult decisions in order to keep the parish in a stable financial position. One of them was the decision not to hire a maintenance manager this year. Ideally, I would like to take on this role myself and then have additional help from the community. I have already had some parishioners express interest in helping maintain the grounds, and my hope is that we will have more offers to assist throughout the year.

Another item we have dealt with in the past is the lack of incoming funds. As you may already know, most of our funding for this parish comes from our subsidy from the Diocese of Saginaw. Unfortunately, we have less money today than we have had in the past, so now is a time to call for better use of our resources. I have been fortunate in having excellent training by my family and mentors in this area, and I hope we can work toward keeping this parish a thriving and successful community – by our efforts and by God’s grace. That being clear, we will be updating you weekly with more detailed information about our Sunday and Holy Day collections. You can follow our budgetary needs by looking inside the bulletin or viewing them on our website. The current budgeted amount of \$40,000, which we need in order to continue running the parish, is significantly less than we have budgeted for in the past. Even so, I hope we can build our community here at St. Mary with the passing of time.

There are several areas which the staff and I would like to improve for our ministry to the students and to the rest of the Mt. Pleasant community. At this time, due to the budget issue, we are just working toward those goals for the future. I am confident that we will be able to progress toward fulfilling them as a community. If anyone has ideas to submit regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss them. I will do my best to respond to incoming emails and voicemails as promptly as possible so that we can continue in the right direction. The importance of doing what is right was instilled in me at an early age, and I would like to pass that on, especially regarding our parish finances.

Now at this time we are pondering options regarding the use of the former rectory. Nothing so far seems viable. My hope is to have this resolved by the start of the new school year. Please make sure to note future fundraisers mentioned in the bulletin. I know we had many successful ones when I was a student attending CMU. If you have any recommendations for this, please do not hesitate to tell me.

A last note. We need a formal Parish Council and a Finance Council for this coming year. If you are in any way interested in helping us, please contact Caleb Brereton or me. Ideally, we would hope to see these posts taken by both students and non-students.



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