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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

PARISH LIFE DIRECTOR..... Cory Noeker, cnoeker@stmarycmu.org
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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.

AUGUST 11TH, 2019 • NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

August 4th, 2019.....\$833.13

YTD Budget.....\$3846.15

YTD Actual.....\$4370.62

Overage/(Shortfall).....\$524.47

Thank you for your stewardship!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them.”

- St. Francis de Sales

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 (08/12)

Deuteronomy 10:12-22;

Matthew 17:22-27

TUE (08/13)

Deuteronomy 31:1-8;

Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WED (08/14)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12;

Matthew 18:15-20

THUR (08/15)

Revelation 11:19A, 12:1-6A, 10AB;

1 Corinthians 15:20-27;

Luke 1:39-56

FRI (08/16)

Joshua 24:1-13;

Matthew 19:3-12

SAT (08/17)

Joshua 24:14-29;

Matthew 19:13-15

SUNDAY (08/18)

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10;

Hebrews 12:1-4;

Luke 12:49-53

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Feast of the Assumption (August 15th) is one of the six Holy Days of Obligation observed in the United States. On November 1st, 1950 Pope Pius XII infallibly defined the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary stating, “The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory”. Mass for the Holy Day will be held at the parish on Thursday, August 15th at 5:15 p.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Leadership Safari Mass

On August 18th we will have a special Mass at 10:15 a.m. followed by a meet and greet in the parish lounge. This is an opportunity to introduce ourselves to the new and returning students and we encourage all members of the parish to attend. We will have coffee and snacks for all to enjoy!



Mainstage

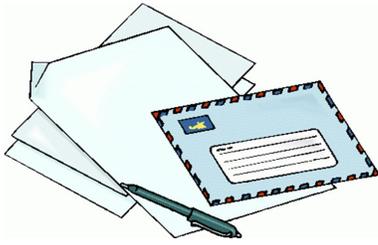
This is an event that is held for incoming and returning students to get introduced to all that Mount Pleasant and CMU has to offer. This year, it will take place on August 22nd in Finch Fieldhouse. St. Mary will have a table and will be giving out blessed Rosaries and other Catholic items. Come by and say hello and learn more about what we are planning for the Fall and Spring semester.



Welcome Back Pizza Party

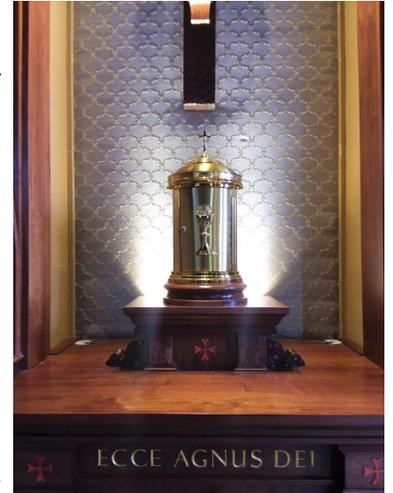
Our annual Welcome Back Pizza Party is scheduled for August 26th, on the evening of the first day of classes at CMU. Unfortunately, our previous baker is unable to cater the event as he is in the process of moving into a new location in Midland. We are searching for an artisan pizza baker who would be willing to come out and cater the event, so please pass on any details if you know of anyone.





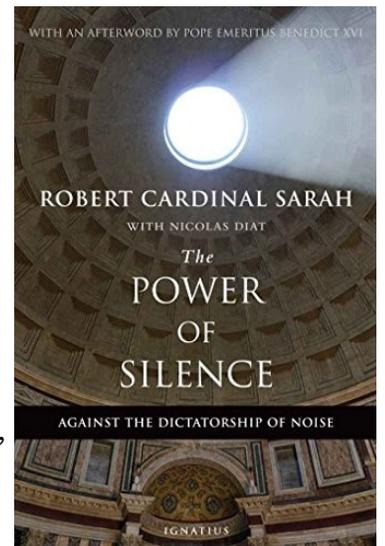
Etiquette in the Church and Use of the Sanctuary:

The word sanctuary stems from the Latin word “sanctus,” which translates to “holy.” Our dictionary has this definition: “the inmost recess or holiest part of a temple or church.” Today, many people are accustomed to walking through the sanctuary to reach the sacristy. I have seen people use it for meeting spaces or assemblies, prayer time, and even casual conversation. Let us not forget that it is Jesus himself, in the Blessed Sacrament, veiled behind the tabernacle doors, who dwells in the sanctuary. I want to ask all of us to refrain from using the sanctuary as a hallway. If someone needs to access the sacristy, please use the side door going through the parish library. In establishing this norm, I believe we will build a better sense of awareness of our actions during Mass and when entering the church. My hope is to keep this area as it was created to be, holy.



On a similar note, this helps us better understand some of the norms and laws established for the Mass. Take genuflecting for example: in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (#274) we read, “If, however, the tabernacle with the Most Blessed Sacrament is present in the sanctuary, the priest, the deacon, and the other ministers genuflect when they approach the altar and when they depart from it, but not during the celebration of Mass itself. Otherwise all who pass before the Most Blessed Sacrament genuflect, unless they are moving in procession.”

Another important thing I would like for us to practice during Mass and in the church in general, is our use of silence. There is a fantastic book by the famous Cardinal Sarah. It is called “The Power of Silence.” In this book we can find quotes and bold statements like this: “God or nothing, silence or noise” and the warning that “in killing silence, man assassinates God.” In fact, St. John of the Cross stated that “The language [God] best hears is silent love.”



Cardinal Sarah says that too often the Mass becomes filled with “noisy familiarity” even asking the question, “what would [the saint] say today about our processions? How many priests walk toward the altar of sacrifice while chattering, discussing, or greeting the people... Why so much frivolousness and worldliness at the moment of the Holy Sacrifice?” He writes in contrast of the reverence found in the “gestures of the heavenly liturgy” where “all the angels stood round the throne...and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God.” (Rev. 7:11)

All of these are very humbling thoughts. Let us remember why we attend Mass. Let us never forget who dwells in complete silence in the sanctuary of every Catholic church. When we enter the church, we should check all noise at the door. Of course, we don’t want to eliminate a great part of our community gatherings by forbidding conversation; however, all we ask is that these conversations take place in our lounge or outside the church. In doing so we can properly respect the inner sanctuary of the Bridegroom.

Cory Mosker