

# St. Mary University Parish

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**Office Hours:** Mon - Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Mass Schedule:** Sunday 10:15 am & 6:00 pm  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
1st Thursday of the Month 6:00 p.m.

**Confession:** Sunday 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm  
Weekdays 45 minutes before Mass

**Open Hours:** Sunday 9:00 am - Midnight  
Mon-Thur 8:00 am - Midnight  
Friday 8:00 am - 10:30 pm  
Saturday 9:00 am - 10:30 pm

**DIRECTOR OF PARISH LIFE**.....Cory Noeker, [cnoeker@stmarycmu.org](mailto:cnoeker@stmarycmu.org)  
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**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.

**DECEMBER 1ST, 2019 • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

November 17th, 2019.....\$781.00

YTD Budget.....\$15,384.61

YTD Actual.....\$17,529.98

**Overage/(Shortfall).....\$2145.37**

*Thank you for your stewardship!*

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Consider all the past as nothing, and say, like David: Now I begin to love my God.”

- 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](mailto:cbrereton@stmarycmu.org)

## DAILY READINGS

### MON (12/02)

Isaiah 4:2-6;  
Matthew 8:5-11

### TUE (12/03)

Isaiah 11:1-10;  
Luke 10:21-24

### WED (12/04)

Isaiah 25:6-10A;  
Matthew 15:29-37

### THUR (12/05)

Isaiah 26:1-6;  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

### FRI (12/06)

Isaiah 29:17-24;  
Matthew 9:27-31

### SAT (12/07)

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26;  
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

### SUNDAY (12/08)

Isaiah 11:1-10;  
Romans 15:4-9;  
Matthew 3:1-12

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Because December 8th falls on a Sunday this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been transferred to December 9th. Although the obligation to attend Mass on the feast day has been lifted, we invite all of you to join us for Mass on Dec. 9th at 6pm to celebrate this important feast day.



## ADORATION BEFORE FINAL EXAMS

In addition to having Adoration this Tuesday, we will also have Adoration all day on Sunday, December 8th between the two Masses. We need to have two people with Our Lord at all times. Please sign up for a 30 minute “prayer shift” on the sign-up sheets in the vestibules or the parish lounge.



## GRADUATION MASS

The Graduation Mass for students graduating at the end of the Fall 2019 semester will be on December 8th. Graduates should email Caleb Brereton by December 5th to let him know that they are graduating and whether they would prefer the 10:15 am Mass or the 6:00 pm Mass.



## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

**MON (12/02)** - Parish Library Reserved - 6pm-7pm  
- **Central Catholic Meeting - Parish Library - 9pm-10pm**

**TUE (12/03)** - Parish Library Reserved - 5:30pm-6:30pm  
- *Confession - 5:45pm-6:15pm*  
- *Daily Mass - 6:30pm*

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament- 7pm-8pm**  
- **Praise & Worship in the Church - 8pm-8:45pm**  
**WED (12/04)** - **Weekly AA Meeting - Conference Room - 12pm-1pm**  
- *Confession - 5:15pm-5:45pm*

- *Daily Mass - 6pm*  
- **Apologetics - Parish Library - 6:30pm-8pm**

**THU (12/05)** - *Confession - 5:15pm-5:45pm*  
- Conference Room Reserved - 6pm-7pm  
- *Daily Mass - 6pm*

- **Corpus Christi Talk & Social: Faith & Science - 7pm-8:30pm**

**FRI (12/06)** - **Student Sports - 1pm-3pm**

**SAT (12/07)** - No Activities Scheduled

**SUN (12/08)** - *Sunday Mass - 10:15am*  
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 11:30am-5:30pm**  
- *Confession - 4:30pm-5:30pm*  
- *Sunday Mass - 6pm*  
- **Sunday Supper - Parish Lounge - 7pm-8:30pm**

December 1st, 2019



**Dear Students and Friends of St. Mary University Parish,**

The holy season of Advent begins today. The word “advent” comes from the word “adventus” and means “a coming.” We are preparing for the celebration of Christ’s birth and we will be advised by our Advent readings to “stay awake” and “watch!” John the Baptist will call out, “Prepare the way of the Lord!” Advent is a time of introspection and a time to reflect on Christ’s birth and its joyful message to you and to me. His Advent (His coming) changed the world.

On this First Sunday of Advent, we will light one candle on our Advent wreath. Each week another candle will be lit. The message for us is that if we prepare well for Christmas - praying, reflecting, etc. the Light of Christ will burn brighter in our lives as Christmas approaches.



With the start of Advent a new Church Year begins today in our Catholic Church. Our readings each Sunday are based on a three-year cycle. Cycle C ended last week with the Feast of Christ the King. Cycle A begins today and will continue for a year - until Advent of 2020. In other words, our Sunday readings are repeated every three years.

This time of year finds many of our CMU students feeling stressed and worried about exams, about papers and reports, due dates, etc. We all need the Lord to calm our fears and to give us strength. To help all of us in this regard, a special blessing will be given to all CMU students at both of the Masses on December 8th. In addition, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered as well. This beautiful tradition is growing in our Church as many people enjoy a quiet time to talk to the Lord. Adoration on December 8th will begin after the 10:15 a.m. Mass and will end before the 6:00 p.m. evening Mass.



This coming Thursday, December 5th, our monthly Corpus Christi Talk & Social will take place after the 6pm Mass. This month, Dr. Dan Osborn of the Diocese of Saginaw will be our presenter. All members of the parish, both students and community members, are welcome to come to Dr. Osborn’s presentation on “Faith & Science.”

Our students will be going home for Winter Break on December 13th and will return on Monday, January 13th. As the majority of our congregation will be gone at Christmas time, there will be no Masses here on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. For the few who may be here during the break, we urge you to celebrate Christmas at Sacred Heart here in town, or at St. Joseph the Worker in Beal City. Because the 6pm Mass on Sundays serves so many people from the area, it will be celebrated every Sunday during the break. The 10:15 a.m. Sunday Mass, however, will not take place after December 8th until the students return. Again, the 6pm Sunday Mass WILL take place each week!



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

— Fr. Tom McNamara

**Sacramental Minister**