

St. Mary University Parish

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Office Hours: No Office Hours during Spring Break
(Spring Break)

Mass Schedule: Sunday, March 8th: 6 pm
(Spring Break) Sunday, March 15th: 6 pm

Confession: Sunday, March 8th: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
(Spring Break) Sunday, March 15th: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Open Hours: Sunday, March 8th: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
(Spring Break) Sunday, March 15th: 4:00 pm - Midnight

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

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MUSIC DIRECTOR.....Megan Conner, mconner@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.

MARCH 8TH, 2020 • SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Goal.....\$770.00

February 23rd, 2020.....\$841.00

YTD Budget.....\$26,153.83

YTD Actual.....\$26,982.73

Overage/(Shortfall).....\$828.90

Thank you for your stewardship!

Visit stmarycmu.org to give online.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If you do not behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave.”

- Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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 (03/09)

Deuteronomy 9:4B-10;

Luke 6:36-38

TUE (03/10)

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20;

Matthew 23:1-12

WED (03/11)

Jeremiah 18:18-20;

Matthew 20:17-28

THUR (03/12)

Jeremiah 17:5-10;

Luke 16:19-31

FRI (03/13)

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A;

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

SAT (03/14)

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

SUNDAY (03/15)

Exodus 17:3-7;

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;

John 4:5-42 or

John 4:5-15, 19B-26, 39A, 40-42

CATHOLIC PRINCESS RETREAT

The Sisters of Mercy in Alma will be hosting a Catholic Princess Retreat on March 21st for Pre-K to 8th grade girls. They are in need of some young adult volunteers to help with the retreat. The day-long retreat will include Mass, Adoration, Crafts, Games, a Service Project, and more! To sign up to help, or if you have any questions, please email Sr. Mary Andrea at srmaryandrea@gmail.com. She needs to hear from you before March 18th. The Sisters can help you record the time you spend volunteering as Service Hours if you would like.



FIAT STUDENT RETREAT

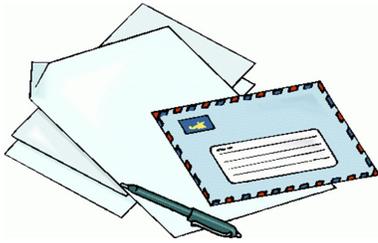
“Fiat” means “let it be done” in Latin, and it is the answer Mary gave when asked to bear the Son of God. This retreat is about giving your own “fiat” to the Lord, and saying YES to Him in every way He asks of you, particularly within the university and young adult setting. The retreat consists of talks, discussions, reflections, prayer, community-building, and celebrations of the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist. The retreat will be held on March 21st from 9am to 10pm. If you are would like to sign up, or if you have questions, please contact Bridget Bevins at bevin1bk@cmich.edu.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

The next World Youth Day will be taking place in Portugal in 2022. Join us on Thursday, March 19th for a special Corpus Christi Talk & Social where Mark Graveline from the Diocese of Saginaw will be presenting on World Youth Day and how you can begin preparing to take the trip to Portugal in 2022! As usual, we will have Mass at 6pm, followed by Mark’s presentation at 7pm and a delicious dinner!





Lenten Reflection, Parish Council, Spring Break:

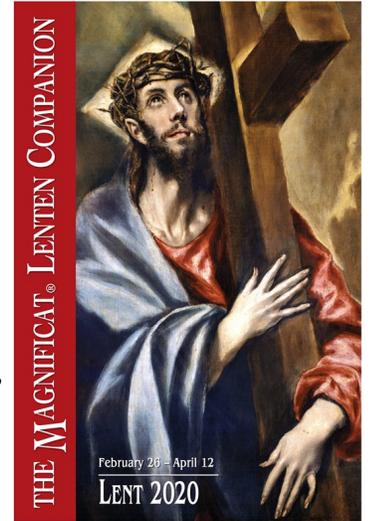
As we cruise into spring break, I thought a Lenten reflection from the Magnificat would be quite fitting to share. I recently had a conversation that involved questions surrounding the “Old Testament God versus the New Testament God.” How could God do this, or allow that? Why does it matter that we follow the rules of bringing up someone in the Faith, if others can find the Catholic Church later in life without studying the Catechism, etc.? Here is what the Magnificat had to say:

“A Change of Perspective”: “On hot summer days, sometimes we see shiny wet spots on the pavement. When we approach the mirage, however, it disappears. Straws appear to be bent when placed in a glass of water, but if we pull them out, they’re actually straight. Optical illusions are distortions of reality, and we often can resolve them just by changing our perspective. In the spiritual life, too, our eyes might deceive us. We look around and see so much suffering, including the crosses in our own lives. Because of these sufferings, we might judge God to be stingy, at best, and cruel, at worst. But that would be to look at suffering with faulty vision... What might look to our eyes to be like a cruel punishment from God might, in fact, be a gift from the loving Father to draw us close to him. All we need is a change of perspective – a deep trust in the Father’s unfailing love – to see that.”

Speaking of change, we just had a very productive Parish Council meeting this past week that brought up some great ideas. It was thought that we could increase the number of people who spend time at the parish by highlighting more of what St. Mary has to offer. In order to do so, we are considering advertising the lounge as the St. Mary Student Center. This may help people realize that it is a place that can be used for reading, cooking a meal, studying, group activities, and more! To be clear, this does not change the fact that non-students are more than welcome to utilize what our parish has to offer.

Spring Break Reminder: If you are sticking around the area for break and would like to do something with a little less commitment than a week-long trip, we are planning to take a few days to travel and visit different religious orders in Michigan. This will be a great opportunity to learn what it is like to enter a religious community or be a religious sister doing work out in the world. We would also like to take a group to see different seminaries in the state. If you are interested in learning more about these ways of life, please let us know by email and we will set up a small day trip to surrounding communities

We are still working on establishing the monthly Adult Formation session with the surrounding parishes. We have been trying to coordinate with the Diocesan staff to find the best day for them to come out to St. Mary for a presentation. I am planning on having the first class be on **Discipleship, Evangelization, and Mary, Mother of the Church**. This will be a lively look at Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Participants will engage with art, Scripture, Church teaching, and popular devotions as we consider how Our Lady continues to be the model of discipleship and evangelization.



Cory Mosker