

St. Mary University Parish

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Mass Schedule: Bishop Gruss has suspended all public Masses in the Diocese of Saginaw until April 6th, 2020 due to the coronavirus spreading to Michigan.

Office Hours: The parish staff will not have regular office hours during this time. The best way to contact a member of the staff is to send an email (see below), or leave a message on the phone (see above). We will return messages as soon as possible.

Confession: Canceled until April 6th, 2020

Open Hours: St. Mary University Parish will remain closed until April 6th, 2020

DIRECTOR OF PARISH LIFE.....Cory Noeker, cnoeker@stmarycmu.org
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PARISH BOOKKEEPER.....Anne Swift, aswift@stmarycmu.org

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 22ND, 2020 • FOURTH 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

“Pray, hope, and do not worry.
Worry is useless. God is merciful
and will hear your prayer.”

- St. Padre Pio

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 (03/23)

Isaiah 65:17-21;
John 4:43-54

TUE (03/24)

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12;
John 5:1-16

WED (03/25)

Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10;
Hebrews 10:4-10;
Luke 1:26-38

THUR (03/26)

Exodus 32:7-14;
John 5:31-47

FRI (03/27)

Wisdom 2:1A, 12-22;
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SAT (03/28)

Jeremiah 11:18-20;
John 7:40-53

SUNDAY (03/29)

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11;
John 11:1-45 or
John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

PRAYER TO OUR LADY

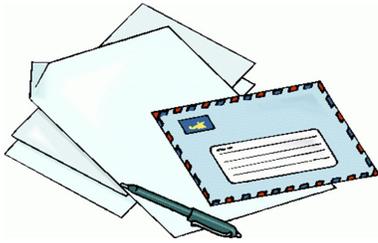
“O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith. You, Our Lady of the Assumption, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.”

PLANS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

After meeting as a parish staff, we have determined that St. Mary University Parish will remain closed until Monday, April 6th. We know that this is a difficult time for everyone as Masses and events throughout the Diocese of Saginaw have been canceled. We remain, however, committed to our goal of fostering the Catholic Faith and community of those in and around Central Michigan University. Moving forward, we ask you to join us in the following:

- 1) The Diocese of Saginaw will be livestreaming both Daily and Sunday Masses on their website. They can be viewed at: www.saginaw.org/cathedral-live.
- 2) Cory and Caleb will be active on the parish Facebook page during the next few weeks while we are closed. We are working on several ideas such as livestreaming Rosaries, Apologetics, and other activities that our parishioners can join us in online.
- 3) Consider how this time can deepen your Lenten experience. None of us expected to be giving up this much during Lent this year. How can we allow God to transform this experience and use it to draw us closer to Him?
- 4) Call, text, or video chat with your family, your friends, and your roommates! Staying connected with the people we care about, and who care about us, will make this time much more fruitful.
- 5) We all need prayer in our lives, especially now that we aren’t able to attend Mass for the next few weeks. Take time to pray to God about everything you’re going through, including how this has thrown a wrench in your plans for this year. Also, take a moment to pray for everyone throughout the world who has been impacted by the coronavirus. Bishop Gruss has written a beautiful prayer to Our Lady for us (see above).
- 6) Read the bulletins! We’ll continue to publish the bulletin each week on our Facebook page and on the parish website: stmarycmu.org. This is just one more way for you to stay connected with your parish family.



A Small Reflection Among the Chaos:

If you have been following us on our Facebook page and our website, you may have learned that we are going to do our best to do what we can to foster our Faith this Lenten season given our very limited choices and many restrictions regarding the sacraments. Now is not a time to panic, as St. Peter did when walking on the water. It is a time to turn towards the bride groom, Jesus Christ, and ask for his courage, his guidance, and his wisdom to be able to think as he thinks and act as he would act. Even if we find we are not able to refrain from panicking, like St. Peter, let us then remember to cry out “Lord, save me!”



What are we to do? I think we can turn to C.S. Lewis for some sound advice. These were his words when many in the world began to ask how life was to continue after the invention of the atomic bomb:

“In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. ‘How are we to live in an atomic age?’ I am tempted to reply: ‘Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents.’



In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors—anesthetics; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.

This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.”

— “On Living in an Atomic Age” (1948) in *Present Concerns*

Cory Mosker