

St. Mary University Parish

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Mass Schedule: Bishop Gruss has suspended all public Masses in the Diocese of Saginaw until April 13th, 2020 due to the coronavirus spreading to Michigan.

Office Hours: In cooperation with Gov. Whitmer's "Stay at Home" order, all parish offices in the Diocese of Saginaw have been instructed to close. 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 13th, 2020

Open Hours: St. Mary University Parish will remain closed until April 13th, 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 29TH, 2020 • FIFTH 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

“He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire.”

- St. Ignatius of Antioch

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 (03/30)

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
or 13:41C-62;

John 8:1-11

TUE (03/31)

Numbers 21:4-9

John 8:21-30

WED (04/01)

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95;

John 8:31-42

THUR (04/02)

Genesis 17:3-9;

John 8:51-59

FRI (04/03)

Jeremiah 20:10-13;

John 10:31-42

SAT (04/04)

Ezekiel 37:21-28;

John 11:45-56

SUNDAY (04/05)

Matthew 21:1-11;

Isaiah 50:4-7;

Philippians 2:6-11;

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

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.

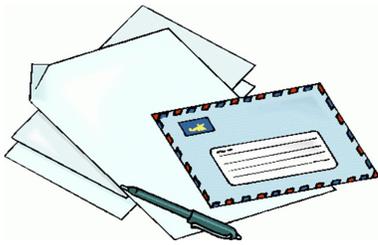
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.”

PLANS WHILE WE ARE CLOSED

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 hosting livestream events, such as Rosaries and Bible readings, as well as sharing pre-recorded prayers and online resources to help our community stay connected and active in the Faith.
- 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.

March 29th, 2020



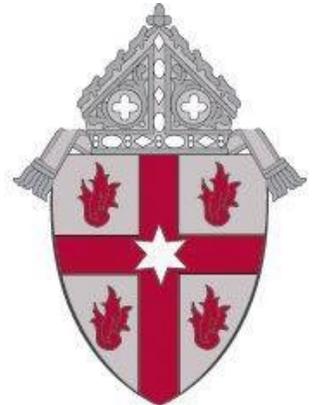
Stay Involved, Holy Week, and Prayer With Pope Francis:

I would like to thank everyone who has been joining us for our livestreams on our parish's Facebook page.



So far we have hosted two live events, one to pray a Rosary, and another to pray and reflect on the Readings and Gospel for the Solemnity of the Annunciation. In addition to these live events, we have also been posting pre-recorded messages and prayers, as well as sharing helpful resources for fostering our Faith at home. If you have not taken advantage of these opportunities to stay involved with the parish online, I would encourage you to do so. Now is not the time for us to allow despair and the challenges of the times to weaken our commitment to God, our Faith, and to each other.

Bishop Gruss announced on March 25th, that the suspension of public Masses in the Diocese of Saginaw has been extended through April 13th. This means, unfortunately, that there will be no Holy Week or Easter Sunday Masses offered publicly in the Diocese of Saginaw this year. While this is sad to hear, we must make the most that we can of this time. The Diocese will continue livestreaming Masses through April 13th and I would encourage you to take part in as many of these livestreams as possible. You can read the bishop's full statement, along with his recommendations on how to make the most of Holy Week, on the diocesan website.



Pope Francis announced last Sunday (March 22nd) that he "will preside over a moment of prayer outside St. Peter's Basilica" that will be broadcast live at 1:00 pm Eastern Time. The prayer service will include listening to the Word of God, Eucharistic Adoration, and a special Urbi et Orbi blessing. Those who participate in the prayer service through live media will have the opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence. The Diocese of Saginaw's website explains:



"The Vatican's Apostolic Penitentiary has granted a plenary indulgence for people who pray for an end to the pandemic, healing for the sick, and the eternal repose of the dead. Plenary indulgences, which remit all temporal punishment due to sin, must be accompanied by full detachment from sin.

In this case, the person must also fulfill the ordinary conditions of an indulgence, which are sacramental confession, reception of the Eucharist, and prayer for the intentions of the pope, by having the will to satisfy the conditions as soon as possible for them.

To receive the indulgence, a person may offer at least a half hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament or a half hour of prayer with scripture, or the recitation of the rosary or chaplet of divine mercy 'to implore from the Almighty God an end to the epidemic, relief for those who are suffering, and eternal salvation of those whom the Lord has called to himself.'

Pope Francis asked people to pray for the lonely, the elderly, doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, government authorities and the police. The pope also stressed the importance of praying for the dead during his Sunday morning Mass livestreamed from his residence in Vatican City."

God bless you,

— Caleb Brereton

Office Administrator