

St. Mary University Parish

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St. Mary University Parish is Temporarily Closed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic:

After reviewing the impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on our diocese, the Diocese of Saginaw has decided to temporarily close St. Mary University Parish until the pandemic has ended. The full statement from the parish staff can be found inside.

If you would like to continue donating to St. Mary University Parish so that we will be in a more stable position when we reopen, you can donate online (stmarycmu.org) or you can mail your donation to:

St. Mary University Parish,
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Please refer all needs for Sacramental services, attending of Mass, and any business concerns of St. Mary University Parish to:

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APRIL 5TH, 2020 • PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Goal.....\$770.00
March 1st, 2020.....\$799.53
March 8th, 2020.....\$473.55
March 15, 2020.....\$216.00
March 22nd, 2020.....\$000.00
March 29th, 2020.....\$000.00

YTD Budget.....\$29,999.98
YTD Actual.....\$28,471.81
Overage/(Shortfall).....(\$1,528.17)

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

DAILY READINGS

MON (04/06)

Isaiah 42:1-7;
John 12:1-11

TUE (04/07)

Isaiah 49:1-6
John 13:21-33, 36-38

WED (04/08)

Isaiah 50:4-9A;
Matthew 26:14-25

THUR (04/09)

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
John 13:1-15

FRI (04/10)

Isaiah 52:13-53:12;
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9;
John 18:1-19:42

SAT (04/11)

Visit usccb.org for the Readings &
Gospel for the Easter Vigil Mass.

SUNDAY (04/12)

Acts 10:34A, 37-43;
Colossians 3:1-4 or
1 Corinthians 5:6B-8;
John 20:1-9

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.”

TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING PANDEMIC

After reviewing the impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on our diocese, the Diocese of Saginaw has decided to temporarily close St. Mary University Parish until the pandemic has ended.

We know that this is a difficult time for everyone as Masses and events throughout the Diocese of Saginaw have been suspended. However, we have been inspired by how many of our parishioners have found ways to stay connected, either by joining in on live events on our Facebook page, or by taking the initiative to find other ways to stay connected with friends and family.

We should all continue to look for the opportunities God is giving us to make the most of this time. How can we allow God to use this unusual time to draw us closer to Him? How can this deepen our Lenten experience and our relationship with Him?

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The Diocese of Saginaw has temporarily laid off all employees of St. Mary University Parish while the parish is closed, so any needs for Sacramental services, attending Mass, and any business concerns should be referred to:

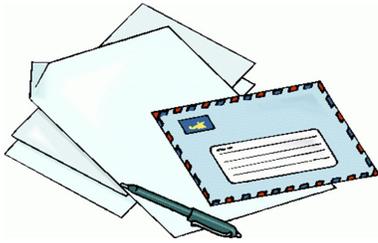
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We ask that you would keep us and your fellow parishioners in your prayers. You will be in ours.

God bless you,

The Parish Staff of St. Mary University Parish

April 5th, 2020



Dear Students, Faculty, and Friends of St. Mary University Parish:

Today is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Holy Week begins today. It is a week unlike all others. It is the week when people began by welcoming Jesus with Palm branches and praising Him as King of the Jews. It is the week of the Last Supper, the gift of the Eucharist to you and to me and all those who came before us. It is the Week of Washing Feet and the call to serve one another. It is the Week of the blessing of Holy Oils used in our churches for Baptisms, Confirmations, Ordinations, and Anointing of the Sick. It is the Week of Good Friday, when Jesus gave His all for you and for me. Good Friday is the one day of the year when Mass is not allowed to be celebrated anywhere in the world. All attention is on the Cross and the sacrifice of Jesus. It is the Week of the Resurrection. Without the Resurrection, you and I have nothing and all of our faith would be in vain. We find joy in the words, "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified...He is not here! He has Risen!" May we celebrate these events in our own homes this year, with our families, as we await the public celebration of our Faith once again. Wherever we are this week, may Holy Week bring us calm, peace, and immense joy for all the Lord has done for us and continues to do for us.

A word from Bishop Gruss to all of us: "We must remain calm and confident that the Lord is guiding our journey through these times, just as the Israelite people were led through their exodus to a land of new hope. We must remain a church with living faith, and not succumb to the darkness of these days which are a part, and solely a part, of our world history. We continue to place this pandemic in the hands of our loving Father and ask our Blessed Mother to enfold us in the mantle of love and mercy."

So much has been and will continue to be, cancelled: sports events, concerts, plays, worship services, graduations, meetings, classes, and so much more. But, remember dear students of CMU...

LOVE has not been cancelled
Mercy and Understanding have not been cancelled
Prayer has not been cancelled
Goodness has not been cancelled
Attentiveness has not been cancelled
Kindness has not been cancelled
Music has not been cancelled
Loving Relationships have not been cancelled
Conversations have not been cancelled
Courage has not been cancelled
Family Life has not been cancelled
Hope has not been cancelled
Faith has not been cancelled



And God's Presence among us, walking with us and guiding us, will never be cancelled.

May all of the above characteristics be found in you and me today!

Dear Students...I miss you! I will continue to pray for you, please pray for me. You have made these past months very enjoyable for me. Thank you to all of you.

— Fr. Tom McNamara

Sacramental Minister