

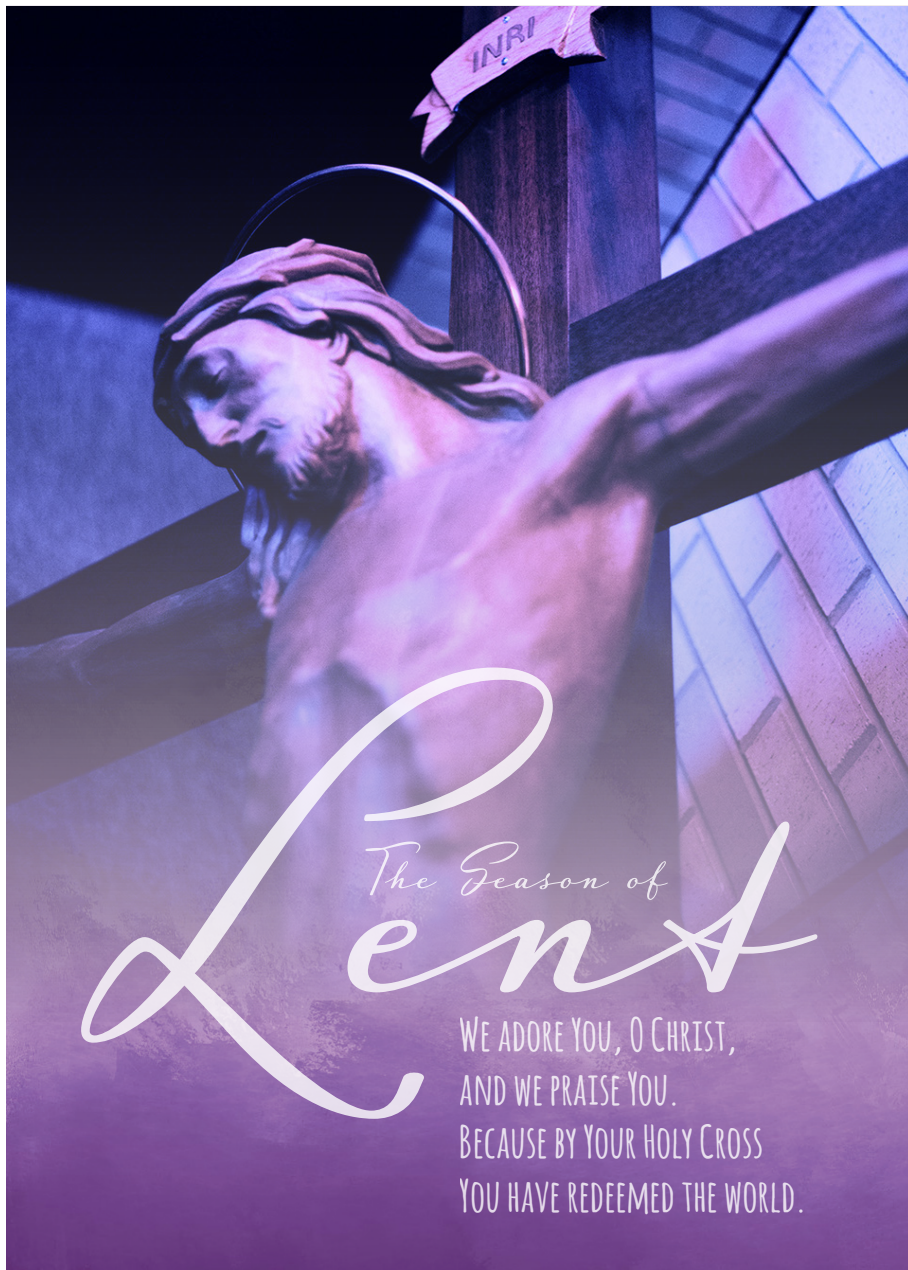


# ST. MARY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Downtown Royal Oak*

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*To Jesus Through Mary*

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

*Saturday* – 4:30 p.m.  
*Sunday* – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday*  
7:30 a.m.  
*Wednesday* – 12:10 p.m.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*Tuesday* – 7:30 p.m. *Friday* – 6:30 a.m.

### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arrangements must be made by contacting Christine Wagberg. Please refer to our website before scheduling an appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Friday* – 6:30-7:15 a.m.  
*Saturday* – 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Also by appointment, please call the Parish Office.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Active parishioners are invited to contact the parish office. Please allow 9-12 months for marriage prep.

### THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Contact Christine Wagberg to learn more about the process at St. Mary.

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

To become a member of our parish family, contact Mary Jiovani at [mjiovani@st-mary.org](mailto:mjiovani@st-mary.org) or call the office at 248.547.1818, ext. 421.



## Jesus loves the little children

A few weeks ago, I was talking with one of our parishioners in the Fellowship Center at coffee and donuts on Sunday after Mass. He and his wife were getting their young children, including their three month old daughter, bundled up and ready to head home. As I commented on the new newest member of the family and her joyful smile, he simply responded that Jesus loves the little children.

Actually he said, “Jesus loves, loves, loves the little children. They are so free; they don’t sin. We are supposed to be like them. Jesus loves, loves, loves the little children.”

One of the great blessings of our parish is having so many little children. We have so many young couples and young families, which means we have so many little children at Mass. It is one of the first comments I often get from visitors to our parish. Many parishes do not have this. At St. Mary on Sunday, you have heard many little voices at Mass. It is so good.

From time to time, someone asks why don’t we have something for children at Mass – a place to go, something that would allow them to hear the Gospel at their level. Many parishes do this and it is often called Children’s Liturgy of the Word. These requests come from parishioners sometimes, and sometimes parents of young children themselves. I know it might be easier for some to concentrate on the Gospel or the homily if we did this. I do think that age appropriate teaching is important. I know Mass can seem very difficult when children get the wiggles, or are having a hard day, or are tired or frustrated. I know these times can make it difficult to pray at Mass. Maybe you sometimes even think that it would have been better to stay at home. I have a conviction, however, that the benefits of us all being at the whole Mass together as a family, and as a big parish family, far outweigh the benefits we could receive from inviting our children out of Mass for the readings and homily. I believe that it is important to pray together and stay together.

I want parents to know that I support you. I support you when worshipping at Mass is a challenge. Before I was a priest, one of my favorite ways to pray at Mass was in my pew, eyes closed, shutting everything else out. Since I was ordained a priest, I have traded this way for something better – being able to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass to God, for you all. But with that “better” I never get to close my eyes and pray from a pew, I very rarely get to hear a homily, and if something doesn’t go as planned at the parish on Sunday, I am responsible for the solution. I am not complaining, this is simply just the reality. I share this because in your beautiful vocation to marriage and family, you may not often get to pray as you wish. Maybe you wish you could just kneel in your pew shutting out the world too. But your vocation as a parent doesn’t allow that. Your “better” might sometimes mean you are holding, helping, or consoling a little one. I believe there is profound grace in that, and not just for you, but for all of us.

That doesn’t mean that we as a parish family aren’t open to ways we can help. The readings are in the bulletin to help parents follow along. We have Mass bags in the vestibule of the church that contain some age appropriate books and religious items to help them at Mass. Children can feel free to pick out their Mass bag when they arrive to church and return it at the end of Mass. There is a nursery through the glass door to the left of the altar for times when a parent and child might need a few minutes alone together. Our “Children’s Gospel Corner” is returning to the Fellowship Center. This is similar to Children’s Liturgy of the Word, but immediately after

Sunday Mass. It is the Gospel and an activity or craft to explain it in an age appropriate way. It is our hope as well that it might allow parents a few minutes to socialize during coffee and donuts. Right now, we will begin offering it once a month, but if we can have enough volunteers we can bring it back more often. Please feel free to email me or Mary Jiovani at the parish ([mjiovani@st-mary.org](mailto:mjiovani@st-mary.org)) if you would like to volunteer or find out more info. If you have other ideas, please feel free to let us know what you think might be helpful.

I love that our church is filled with families at Mass. I also appreciate that we all stay at Mass together. We are a parish that loves life!

This past Sunday, as I celebrated the baptisms of six of our newest parishioners and saw so many little ones at Mass with their amazing parents, I thought of our parishioner’s words, “Jesus loves, loves, loves the little children.” As we journey through Lent, let us pray for one another.

Have a blessed week,

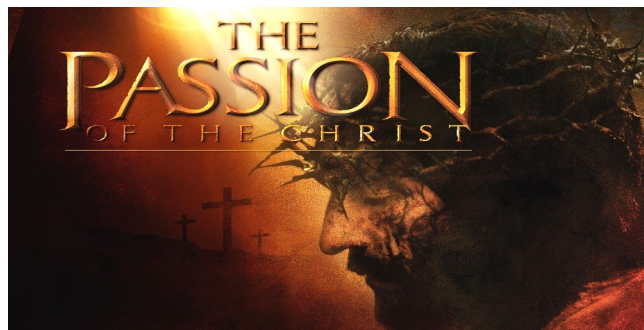
Fr. Paul

## Brainstorm How to Spread the Pro-Life Message

*Families of Parishes are getting together to share ideas.*

**All are welcome!**

St. Mary’s Fellowship Center \*March 29, 7-9 pm\*  
Contact: Laura Dysarz at 248-588-1999 (hm)  
or [40daysforlife@shrinechurch.com](mailto:40daysforlife@shrinechurch.com)



## By His wounds, we are healed

Join us for a Holy Week opportunity to reflect upon the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. This film depicts the final twelve hours in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, on the day of His crucifixion in Jerusalem.

**Be advised, this movie is Rated R for sequences of graphic violence. Children will not be admitted.**

When: April 5, 2023, 6:30 - 9:00 pm  
Where: Fellowship Center  
Contact Mary Jiovani, [mjiovani@st-mary.org](mailto:mjiovani@st-mary.org)

The fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday. Translating to “rejoice,” Laetare Sunday is a moment for us to express hope, joy, and gratitude for Christ’s sacrifice. Its purpose is to encourage the faithful during our Lenten penances. It is fitting then that the music and texts are more joyful and complex. This week we will sing a full opening hymn after the antiphon refrain and have instrumental and/or choral music during communion.

**Introit** - *Rejoice, Jersusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

### Entrance Hymn

Again We Keep this Solemn Fast

1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast,  
 2. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make  
 3. Let us a - void each harm - ful way  
 4. We pray, O bless - ed Three in One,

A gift of faith from a - ges past,  
 The words we speak, the food we take,  
 That lures the care - less mind a - stray;  
 Our God while end - less a - ges run,

This Lent which binds us lov - ing - ly  
 Our sleep, our laugh - ter, ev - 'ry sense;  
 By watch - ful prayer our spir - its free  
 That this, our Lent of for - ty days,

To faith and hope and char - i - ty.  
 Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.  
 From schem - ing of the En - e - my.  
 May bring us growth and give you praise.

I confess to Almighty God and to you,  
 my brothers and sisters,  
 that I have greatly sinned,  
 in my thoughts and in my words,  
 in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
 through my fault, through my fault,  
 through my most grievous fault;  
 therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
 all the Angels and Saints, and you,  
 my brothers and sisters,  
 to pray for me to the Lord, Our God.

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.  
 Lord, have mercy

Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.  
 Christ, have mercy

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.  
 Lord, have mercy



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### First Reading - 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel:

"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him."

But the LORD said to Samuel:

"Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart."

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these."

Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep."

Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here."

Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance.

The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!"

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

**R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side

With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

### Second Reading - Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness

and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for

it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret;

but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that

becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

### Verse before the Gospel - John 8:12

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. King of endless glory.**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. King of endless glory.**

### Gospel Reading - John 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.

His disciples asked him,

"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered,

"Neither he nor his parents sinned;

it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.

We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day.

Night is coming when no one can work.

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,

"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—.

So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,

"Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him."

He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see."

And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus

had made clay and opened his eyes on a Sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

He said to them,

"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

So some of the Pharisees said,

"This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others said,

"How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among

them. So they said to the blind man again,

"What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight.

They asked them,

"Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?"

His parents answered and said,

"We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know

how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself."

His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews

had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ,

he would be expelled from the synagogue.

For this reason his parents said,

"He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind

and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner."

He replied,

"If he is a sinner, I do not know.

One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

So they said to him,

"What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

He answered them,

"I told you already and you did not listen.

Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?"

They ridiculed him and said,

"You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from."

The man answered and said to them,

"This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from,

yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners,

but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him.

It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind.

If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."

They answered and said to him,

"You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?"

Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,

he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

He answered and said,

"Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

Jesus said to him,

"You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he."

He said,

"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Then Jesus said,

"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this

and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?"

Jesus said to them,

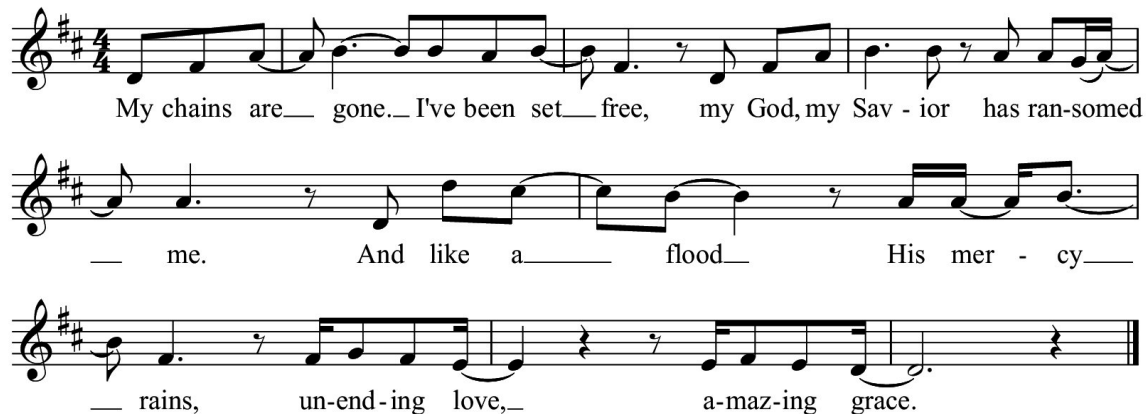
"If you were blind, you would have no sin;

but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

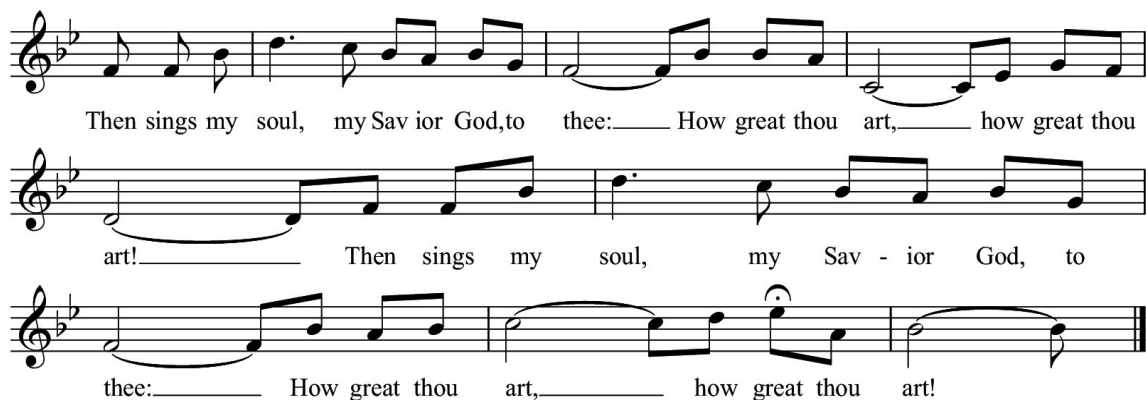


**Offertory****Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)**

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. *(to Verse 2)*
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed. *(to refrain)*
3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. *(to refrain)*

**Communion****How Great Thou Art***Music Notation: Hymnal #578*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed!
2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin!
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"



**Communion Meditation 11am Mass**

Amazing Grace (Biery)

**Communion Meditation 4:30 & 9am Mass**

Heart of Jesus

*May the heart of Jesus, in this Holy Sacrament,  
Be praised, adored, and loved, through all the Earth. (repeat)*

*I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you (repeat as needed)*

**Recessional**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy Like the wide-ness  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas-ures  
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter Like a crowd of

of the sea; There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice  
of our mind, And the heart of the E-ter-nal  
fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der

Which is more than lib-er-ty. There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion  
Is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more sim-ple  
From a love so true and deep? There is wel-come for the sin-ner

In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for  
We should take him at his word, And our lives would  
And more grac-es for the good; There is mer-cy

all the mem-bers In the sor-rows of the Head.  
be thanks - giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.  
with the Sav-ior, There is heal-ing in his blood.

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## St. Mary Catholic School Open Enrollment

2023-2024 Academic Year

If you are interested in enrolling your child in St. Mary Catholic School for the 2023-24 school year, visit our website to request more information or to schedule a tour!

[stmaryroyaloak.org](http://stmaryroyaloak.org)



### Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
**Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
**Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



## New Parishioners to St. Mary in February 2023

Brian & Rachel Gallagher,  
Bernard & Marta Sudul,  
Peter Partyka, Andrew

Olejniczak, Amanda Gutowski, Alexander &  
Paulina Zyskowski, Skya Sylvestre,  
Jacob & Martha Wawrzyniak, Bradley Wenzlick

Welcome to our Parish!



## St. Mary Religious Formation

Don't forget : Our next Session will be April 2, 2023 and our last session for the 2022/2023 Religious Formation year is May 7. They will be held at St. Mary from 10:30 to noon. Sessions for the students are held in the school and parents meet in the Fellowship Center. Attendance is important, so please be sure to mark your calendars!



Thank you,  
Donna and Tanya  
St. Mary Religious Formation Office



# 2023

Each year, the Catholic Services Appeal gives us the opportunity to support valuable ministries, programs, and services that benefit many across the Archdiocese of Detroit and beyond, including members of our own parish. This year's theme is *"Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord"*.

St. Mary will begin the Catholic Services Appeal early this year as we consider our Lenten Almsgiving. You will receive information about the CSA in the mail as well as a request from Fr. Paul for all parishioners to make a pledge to the 2023 effort.

Please review the CSA information and prayerfully consider a generous gift as a steward of Christ. When we all do our part, the sacrifice for each of us is not so large.



Friday, March 31

5:00 - 7:00pm | St. Mary Fellowship Center

### 3 Piece Fish Dinner - \$14

3 pieces of cod (gluten free option available), coleslaw, roll, 1 side

### 2 Piece Fish Dinner - \$10

2 pieces of cod (gluten free option available), coleslaw, roll, 1 side

### A La Carte Options

Pierogies  
Cod (gluten free option available)  
Veggie Chowder  
Dinner roll  
Coleslaw  
Mac & Cheese  
Fries  
Mixed Vegetables

Lemonade, Fruit Punch, and Water are included





## Volunteer Spotlight John Wright

Describing himself as a “has been,” John *has been* a parishioner for over four decades in service to St. Mary Parish. He never says no when invited to share his time and talent. “I never thought I would be so involved in the Church, but I’ve enjoyed every minute of it.” After making the move from Flint to work for Hudson’s Furniture, he met his lovely wife Pamela. Together they built their lives in the community of St.

Mary. John served as an Usher at the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass for many years. He found joy in decorating the church for Christmas and picking out the drapery behind the Altar as a gift from the Men’s Club, of which he was a member. As part of the Men’s Club, he helped with the annual Chili Cook-off, festivals and concerts. Serving the homeless in our Warming Shelter overnight every winter for approximately 10 years, gave John the opportunity to love like Jesus. In addition to serving the parish, he joined a group from St. Mary in 2017 in pilgrimage to Italy to increase his prayer life. These experiences have made a huge impact on his life. John has also witnessed many changes to St. Mary over the years, including the construction of our current Fellowship Center. This is where he spends every Saturday morning, with other men of the parish, as they reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings. He invites all men of St. Mary to join them, Saturdays from 7:00-8:30 AM, in the Fellowship Center, to enjoy coffee and bagels and to build friendship with each other and a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Thank you John for your many years  
of service to St. Mary Parish!***

To learn more about how **YOU** can become involved in service to the Church, contact Mary Jiovani, Engagement Support, [mjiovani@st-mary.org](mailto:mjiovani@st-mary.org) 248-547-1818 ext. 241



## WOMEN’S CLUB MEETING

**March 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Parish Office Conference Room**

All women of the parish are welcome to attend and participate in this meeting.



St. Mary Catholic School

## AVAILABLE PRESCHOOL CLASSES

- Tots (must be 2.5 by September)
- 2 classes to pick from:
  - Wed and Fri 8:00 – 10:00am
  - Wed and Fri 10:15am – 12:15pm
- PM 3’s
  - Mon, Tues, Thurs 12:15 – 3:15pm
- PM 4’s
  - Mon – Thurs 12:15 – 3:15pm
- Full Day 3’s care available:
  - Mon-Fri 7:30am – 6:00pm

Contact the preschool for more information:  
[pre-school@st-mary.org](mailto:pre-school@st-mary.org)

## Easter Flower Donation in Memory of a Loved One

As we did at Christmas, we are again taking donations to assist with the purchasing of the lilies and other flowers that will decorate the altar and sanctuary as we celebrate the Lord’s resurrection. You may make this donation in memory of a loved one. Please mark the envelope as a flower donation. As we did before, these names will be listed in our parish bulletin during the Easter season. Thank you and God bless you.

Fr. Paul



## Mass Intentions

- Saturday March 18**  
4:30 p.m. Gloria Perkins (11th Anniversary) by daughter, Pat
- Sunday March 19**  
9:00 a.m. Thomas Richards by John and Mary Panfil  
11:00 a.m. the St. Mary parish family
- Monday March 20**  
7:30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Palazzolo
- Tuesday March 21**  
7:30 a.m. Edward Perzyk by Robert & Joy Paesano
- Wednesday March 22**  
12:10 p.m. John Bobiney by Mark and Susan Hartley
- Thursday March 23**  
7:30 a.m. the St. Mary parish family
- Friday March 24**  
7:30 a.m. Rosemary Blake by the Leahy family
- Saturday March 25**  
4:30 p.m. David Gonzales (29th Anniversary) and Celia Gonzales (1st Anniversary) by parents and children
- Sunday March 26**  
9:00 a.m. the St. Mary parish family  
11:00 a.m. Don Huhn by sister, Doris

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## COUPLES HAPPY HOUR

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### Traveling Crib Initiative – Help us Walk with Moms in Need! March 4 – 19,

St. Mary parishioners are invited to fill the display crib that's located in the Fellowship Center Atrium with new items for moms, babies, and families as part of the Walking with Moms in Need Traveling Crib Initiative. Donations from this initiative will support the moms, babies, and families served through Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan's (CCSEM) programs, including Project Hope, Child Welfare, and Women's Specialty Services, located in Detroit, Monroe, Pontiac, Romeo, and Southfield. Any remaining donations will be routed to local baby pantries and families within the six counties served by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

#### Items Most Needed include:

- **Diapers and Wipes**— sizes 2-6 and pull-ups trainers
- **Reusable Tarp Tote Bags** (similar to the ones sold at TJ Maxx, Marshalls, JOANN Fabrics, etc.)
- **Plain Tissue Paper** (for packaging items in tarp tote bags for moms)
- **Girl & Boy Outfits** (newborn through 24 months new / unused only)

Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Center for other items needed. *For more information about Walking with Moms in Need, please visit [ccsem.org/mom](http://ccsem.org/mom)*

### LENTEN GIVING TREE & FAMILY MEALS:

This Lent, we have programs available to help you put faith into action.

- ♦ **Lenten Easter Tree**—Gift tags & associated gifts are due in the parish office no later than Tuesday, March 21. The gift items will be used to fill children's Easter baskets distributed by the Oakland County Jail & Outreach Ministry.
- ♦ **Provide-a-Family Meal**—Family meals and Easter baskets should be dropped off at the parish office during the week of March 27; but no later than March 30. Label each with the code name provided.
- ♦ Please call George in the parish office 248-547-1818 x205 if you have any questions about either project.

### St. Al's Street BBQ, Saturday, April 15, 7am to 11am

Once again, we are forming a team of 10–12 volunteers to cook and serve hamburgers, hot dogs, and sandwiches to the poor and the homeless in front of St. Aloysius Church in downtown Detroit. We need donations of 200 frozen 1/4 lb. hamburger patties & buns, 200 all beef hot dogs & buns, chips, water, 100 oranges and 200 meat sandwiches and 100 PB&J. Drop off food items at the parish office April 3 & 4. If you are interested in donating any of the food items or interested in volunteering to help on Saturday morning April 15, please email George in the parish office: [gkrinke@st-mary.org](mailto:gkrinke@st-mary.org). George will provide additional details.

### SAINT MARY FOOD PANTRY

Food needed most at this time is listed below. Food may be brought to the weekend Masses and left in the box under the last pew in the back of church.

- Hearty soups with meat and pull-top lids
- Canned pasta with meat (e.g., Ravioli, Beefaroni)
- Canned meats: Tuna, Spam, Chicken, Beef, etc.
- Canned vegetables (peas, carrots, potatoes & mixed)
- Snacks: Peanut butter or cheese crackers, Nutri-grain bars, chips, Chewy bars, fruit cups, chips, crackers
- Canned fruits (pears, peaches, cocktail, apple sauce)

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### St. Mary Sunday Collection Report

March 11/12, 2023

Collection: \$26,232.00

Budget: \$14,905.00

Variance: \$11,327.00

Actual: \$600,336.00

Budget: \$551,485.00

Variance: \$48,851.00

### Please Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Nancy Barnett, Julie Beeman, Nancy Bolyea, Mike Brodeur, Tammy Clark, Jennifer Moy Drinkard, Muna Erickson, Christopher Fulton & family, Janette Gaskin, Mary Gaskin, Zaronda Gaskin, Gary Gerstenberger, Allison Halfyard, Evelyn Hanna, Scott Hargrove, Lisa Harshman, Marti Holmes, Carissa Jaye, Rose Jedrick, Amy Klezek, Jan Kosko, Barbara Maier, Dan Marsh, Jim McMullen, Dylan Nocerini, Lawrence Parish, Cheri Patterson, Hilda Patterson, Claudia Petras, Edie Peoples, Eric R., John Robinson, Terry Romine, Christina S., Gayle Schaeff, James Schafer, Donna Spaniola, Nancy Spigliano, Jennifer Sweet, Anne Tighe, Erinn Treuter, Javona Weatherspoon, Jermaine Weatherspoon, Bill Webb.

***Please contact the parish office via phone or email to***

***add or remove a name from the list. Thank you.***

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### God's House Keepers

#### Group I: Mar 20-24

Meghan Leahy  
Shannon Wolf

#### Group II: Mar 27-31

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Tiffany Flaherty

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protect these active military as they  
discharge their duties. Protect them  
with the shield of your strength and  
keep them safe from all evil and  
harm. Amen.**

### 2023 DESERT MEAL

A potluck dinner to support our seminarians on their pilgrimage to the Holy Land - Sunday, March 26, 2023 3:00-6:00 pm  
**National Shrine of the Little Flower Grade School Gym**  
12 Mile Road at Woodward Ave, Royal Oak

We ask that you bring dishes for the potluck according to the first initial of your last name.

Vegetable: A,B,C,D Green salad: E,F,G Appetizer: H,I,J,K  
Fruit Salad: L,M,N,O Potatoes: P,Q,R,S Dessert: T thru Z

**Please RSVP by March 21: Call Marte Bewick at 248-761-2175**

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The Desert Formation Experience Sacred Heart Seminary,  
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## This Week at St. Mary

### Saturday March 18

7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship-FC atrium  
 9:00 a.m. Needleworks- George's office  
 3:00 p.m. Confessions in Church  
 4:30 p.m. Mass in Church

### Sunday March 19

9:00 a.m. Mass in Church  
 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts Fellowship-FC  
 10:00 a.m. Scholastic Book Fair-FC  
 11:00 a.m. 2nd Scrutiny-Ch  
 11:00 a.m. Mass in Church  
 11:30 a.m. RCIA-CR  
 3:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwich-FCA

### Monday March 20

7:30 a.m. Mass in Church  
 8:00 a.m. Scholastic Book Fair-FC

### Tuesday March 21

Bulletin articles due for the April 2 bulletin (Palm Sunday edition)  
 7:30 a.m. Mass in Church  
 8:00 a.m. Scholastic Book Fair-FC  
 7:00 p.m. Rosary-Ch  
 7:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study-FC  
 7:00p.m. Women's Club meeting-Parish Office  
 7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration/Lent Confessions-Ch

### Wednesday March 22

8:00 a.m. Scholastic Book Fair-FC  
 12:10 p.m. Mass in Church  
 6:00 p.m. 7th Grade Faith Formation class-FC  
 7:35 p.m. 8th Grade Faith Formation class-FC

### Thursday March 23

7:30 a.m. Mass in Church  
 8:00 a.m. Scholastic Book Fair-FC  
 9:00 a.m. School Stations of the Cross-Ch  
 2:00 p.m. Church cleaning/Church closed  
 6:00 p.m. Babysitting for the Married Couples Happy Hour-FC  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal-Ch  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Ch  
 NO Young Adult Sports Night-FC

### Friday March 24

6:30 a.m. Confession in Church  
 6:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration in Church  
 7:30 a.m. Mass in Church  
 8:00 a.m. Scholastic Book Fair-FC  
 6:15 p.m. RCIA-CR  
 2:00 p.m. Church cleaning/Church closed  
 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross-Ch

### Saturday March 25

7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship-FC atrium  
 9:00 a.m. Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby-FC  
 3:00 p.m. Confessions in Church  
 4:30 p.m. Mass in Church

### Sunday March 26

9:00 a.m. Mass in Church  
 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts Fellowship-FC  
 11:00 a.m. 3rd Scrutiny-Ch  
 11:00 a.m. Mass in Church  
 11:30 a.m. RCIA-CR  
 3:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwich hospitably-FCA



### Men's Fellowship Group

The St. Mary Men's Fellowship group meets from 7:00 am to 8:30 am in the Fellowship Center atrium every Saturday morning. Men of faith are welcome as we discuss Sunday's readings and commentaries, their meanings

and their effect in our daily lives. Sharing, listening and silent reflection are welcome as we share each other's company and enjoy some coffee and bagels together.

**Men, come and join us!**

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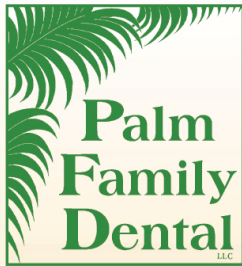


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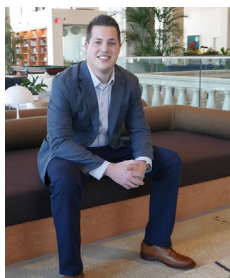
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