

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." *John 1:29*



Week Liturgy Schedule

Monday, January 16th (St. Mary's)

8:15 AM †Michael Spitzley, including deceased family

members

Tuesday, January 17th (MHT) • St. Anthony, Abbot

8:15 AM †Joseph, William & Herman Schafer, including

living & deceased family members

†Dan & Carol Martin, including Jeff

Wednesday, January 18th (MHT)

7:00 PM †Gilbert & Marie Simon, including living &

deceased family members

†Richard Schneider, 4th anniversary, including

deceased family members

Thursday, January 19th (St. Mary's)

8:15 AM †Daniel R. Spitzley, including living &

deceased family members

†Jim Thelen, 1 year anniversary, including

living & deceased family members

Friday, January 20th (St. Mary's)

8:15 AM †Mark A. Thelen, including deceased family

members

Saturday, January 21st • St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

4:30 PM (St. Mary's) †Robert Thelen

Sunday, January 22nd ● The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM (St. Mary's) The People of St. Mary's &

Most Holy Trinity Parishes

8:30 AM (MHT) †James Thelen, including deceased

members of the Thelen family

10:00 AM (St. Mary's) **†**Stanley Klein

10:30 AM (MHT) †Richard Rodgers, 3 year anniversary,

including living & deceased family members

6:00 PM (MHT) †Richard G. Myers

Upcoming Spiritual Opportunities

January

Faith Seeking Understanding (FSU):

Join us every $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ and $\mathbf{3}^{\text{rd}}$ Monday of every month where we seek answers to help draw us closer to Our Lord. Together we will uncover the beauty of our Catholic Faith and gain confidence to share what we learn with others. On January 16th, please join us upstairs in the Ark from 7 - 8:30 PM for what we hope to be a fun/informative night. All are welcome so bring a friend and let's learn together.

Lost Sheep Holy Hour: Every Tuesday 7-8 PM. Come and join us as we pray for all those who no longer practice their Catholic faith. We will listen to scripture, pray a scriptural rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet and ask the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Monica, St. Augustine, and St. Ambrose.

St. Mary's Marriage Ministry is welcoming back comedian SHAWN REYNOLDS on Saturday, January 21st! You're guaranteed a delicious catered meal and a lot of laughing, as we all remember from his last visit in 2017. Dinner begins at 6 PM with the hilarious show to follow.

The cost of the evening is \$50 per couple. Please sign up online or call the Parish office; please note that you are reserved a spot upon payment (check or cash if signing up via Parish office).

Sign up through the website https://one.bidpal.net/ marriageministry/welcome or scan the QR code; please contact Dana Thelen with any questions danabengal@hotmail.com or 989-640-1647.

Due to the Dinner Raffle, the Mass on February 4th will be at 4:00 PM

Thank you so much to all of you for Thank You all of the many cards, money, gifts, notes, enrollment in Masses and

prayers for the Christmas season! I am deeply grateful (especially for your prayers!) and feel very blessed to be serving as a priest here at St. Mary's. Thank you again so much for your incredible generosity and know of my continued prayers for all of you!

God bless you all!

Fr. Peter

Gift Shop: St. Mary's gift shop is open by appointment. Please call Cindy Miller 989.640.5533 or Cindy Fedewa 989.640.5332.



Weekend Ministry Schedule

January 21st • The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM Mass

Rosary Dan Witgen

Readers Glenn Simon, Carolyn Norton

EMC Ken Schafer, Janice Schafer, Dan Witgen

Servers Jackson Smith, Elijah Thelen

Ushers Luke Pohl, Ryan Hengesbach, 2 Volunteers

January 22nd • The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mass

Rosary Dave Nurenberg

Readers Sue Thelen, Brian Witgen

EMC Andy Manning, Karen Schafer, Cindy Thelen

Servers Gavin Keilen, Will Pung

Ushers Tim Bengal, Joe Bengel, Darrell Hengesbach,

Bill Hengesbach

10:00 AM Mass

Rosary Austin Pline

Readers Jon Thelen, Tim J. Thelen

EMC Chad Hengesbach, Gene Pline, Paul Wohlfert

Servers Benjamin Rehmann, Andrew Rehmann

Ushers Brett Thelen, Lee Schrauben,

Cameron Trierweiler, Jason Fox

Weekly Contribution Totals

January 8, 2023

Total Amount Received: \$28,730.53

Weekend Collection\$8,432.53Number of Envelopes96Solemnity of Mary\$260.00Number of Envelopes5

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 \$16,803.00

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 156

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 48

Weekly Amount Needed: \$23,520.00

Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:

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 \$75.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Mary's Parish

Monday 5:30 PM Saturday 3:00 PM

Thursday before First Friday

2:00 PM

Most Holy Trinity

Wednesday 5:30 PM Thursday 9:30 AM

Part Time Teacher Aide Needed

St. Mary School is seeking a part time teacher aide to assist in the school mission: "St. Mary Catholic School will come to know God, love God and serve God and His people." The teacher aide will assist the teacher in the education of students and provide a variety of services that assist in the daily operation of the classroom.

Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to:

St. Mary School PO Box 270 Westphalia, MI 48894

or email at principal@stmaryschool.us. Job posting closes at the end of the day January 25, 2023 or until the position is filled.

Contact the school principal, Helen Hengesbach, for further information at: principal@stmaryschool.us or the school office at 989-587-3702.

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 16th

5:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)

5:30 PM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Holy Hour
7:15 PM Well/Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 17th

7:00 PM Lost Sheep Holy Hour

7:00 PM 7:30 PMBaptism Class/School library
AA (Office Basement)

Wednesday, January 18th

5:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)

Thursday, January 19th

5:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)

7:00 PM RCIA/office library

Friday, January 20th

9:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:00 PM)

Saturday, January 21st

8:15 AM Marian Devotions 3:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Marriage Ministry Dinner/Shawn Reynolds

Parish Hall

Scripture Readings for the Week of January 15th

Monday Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4;

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbott

Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 & 10c;

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110: 1, 2, 3, 4;

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17;

Mk 3:7-12

Friday Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8 & 10, 11-12, 13-14;

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17: Mt 4:12-23





Baptism Preparations

When you are ready to announce your pregnancy to family and friends, please also include the parish office! We now have Baptism Packets for the expectant parents which explains everything you need to know about planning your child's

Baptism Day. This packet includes guidelines for choosing Godparents, class dates and all forms necessary to fulfill the Baptism requirements. Just contact the parish office (989.587.4201) to begin the process.

As some of these forms are time sensitive, please don't delay in picking up your packet!

Baptism Classes are held every other month. The next class is this Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 PM in the school library. Please call the parish office to register.

We Need Your Help!

For the past several years we have offered Eucharistic Adoration on almost every Friday. This ministry relies on many volunteers. **We need at least one person, preferably two to sit with Jesus each hour.** Once Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, is exposed in the Monstrance, He must not be left unattended. We are asking for one hour a month or in other words 12 hours a year.



These are the time slots that need to be filled for 2023:

First Fridays of each month
Second Fridays of each month
Third Fridays of each month
Fourth Fridays of each month

4 volunteers needed
6 volunteers needed
4 volunteers needed

If you sign up for Adoration and are not able to make your scheduled time you can find your own sub or you can contact the parish office and we will open up the time slot on our sign up genius.

"Could you not watch one hour with Me?" Matthew 26:40

Featured on Formed.org

In this happy presentation, Brother Francis invites us to share in the realities of the Sacrament of Baptism and the union it provides us with God's big family! Filled with instruction and inspiration, "Born into the Kingdom" is a great reminder of God's wonderful grace!

To sign up for Formed.org:

- Go to: https://stmarychurch.formed.org
- Click on Get a parish subscription
- search for St. Mary Westphalia
- type in your name and email address and then submit
- You should be able to access the website at that point or they may send you a link in your email



Lord Hear Our Prayer

For the Sick

This week we pray for the people who are on the list for our prayer network, those listed in our bulletin and those included in The Book of Intentions located near Our Lady of Westphalia.

If you would like your name or a loved one's name added to our bulletin for prayer please call the parish office at 989.587.4201





Prayer Network members will pray for your intentions:

If you or a loved one are in need of prayer please call the prayer network: 587-4132 • 587-6624 • 517-285-3783 or email btrierweiler@gmail.com

Healing Prayer Ministry

The healing prayer team will be available after the 10:00 mass on the following dates:

January 15, February 12, March 12, April 2, May 7, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10.

If you would like to make an appointment please call Vicki Noeker at 587.4201



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week is in loving memory of Fred Martin

SENIOR CITIZENS 70+

Ministrry Mark your calendar for the next senior citizen luncheon at Platte's Pizzeria on **Tuesday, February 7th 12:00 PM**, **\$8.00 per person, to be collected at Platte's Pizzeria**. A card tournament will be held after the luncheon for

\$1.00 per person. Sign-up sheets will be located in all church entrances starting January 21st or call 989-640-2213 to sign up (or if you need to cancel). The deadline to sign up is February 1st. Also valet parking will be available, please park in front of Platte's Pizzeria and a staff person will park your car for you. We hope to see you there. Invite a friend to sign up too!

Thank you.

WE C.A.R.E. MINISTRY

Westphalia Knights of Columbus is offering a total of three \$700 scholarships for its members and member's children of Westphalia Council 2890, planning on attending or who are attending an accredited college, university, technical or trade school for the year 2022-23. Further eligibility requirements can be found on the application form. Applications can be obtained at P-W Counselor's Office or by emailing: kofc2890scholarships@gmail.com.

Completed applications must be postmarked by: March 10, 2023.

Birthday card shower

Aggie Pline turns 90 on January 28th. Please help her celebrate by sending a card to: 5206 S. Grange Rd Westphalia, Mi. 48894

Happy birthday Aggie!



St. Joseph's Parish of Pewamo is hosting a setback tournament at the St. Joseph's School hall on Sunday, February 5th, beginning at 1:00 PM. The tournament will be a six card, six player, two on four format, and it will consist of five games of dealing twice around the table. Teams will maintain the same partner throughout the tournament but will play different teams each game, and each player must pay one dollar into a kitty for each set their team has. Entry fee is \$50 per team and cash prizes will be determined for this St. Joseph School fundraising event based on the number of participants. Participants are welcome to bring their beverage of choice and the tournament committee will provide light snacks and coffee during the tournament as well as a meal following the event. Contact Dave Wirth at 616-902-3151 or Ron Simon at 517-256-1098 to register. Registration will be limited to the first 51 teams.

Thank You The family of Julianne Lenneman would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, kind words, gifts, flowers, and food

donations. Your support over the past several years and during this difficult time has been a huge support to the family. A special thank you to Fr. Eric Weber, Brian Flynn and Lehman Funeral Homes for the beautiful funeral Mass; Alice Bengel, Chris Smith and their help for the funeral meal; and Masonic Pathways in Alma, The Willows at East Lansing, ProMedica for Hospice, and Sparrow Hospital for their care of mom.

I would like to say thank you for all the Christmas cards I received. And a special thank you to all who organized this for the parish. You are all very appreciated. Fred Hengesbach

I am most grateful for all the birthday cards I received. Some came from Oregon, California, Texas, Arizona, Florida and Michigan. What a time I had reading them all. Thank you for all the Christmas cards too. They were great! Viola Meyers

Thank you for all the Christmas cards I received. I sure had a nice time reading them! Jayne Meyers

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a lifechanging REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt (10 miles north of Lansing), on Feb 24th-26th. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail

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Bulletin article information:

Please send your bulletin article as an attachment to:

office@stmarychurch.net by Monday morning - 9:00 AM.

reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

To the Moon and Back Ministry February Meeting

To the Moon and Back Ministry will be holding the next pregnancy and infant loss support group meeting on **Wednesday, February 1st** at **7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the parish office basement. The meeting room entrance door is located in the back of the parish office.

To the Moon and Back Ministry offers compassionate, Christ-centered support in both group and individual settings for anyone who has experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death, infertility, failed adoption, or being childless not by choice. This ministry hopes to reach those grieving from a loss that is often not seen, recognized, or even known to others. We encourage couples to honor their dreams for children including children gone but never forgotten. Compassion begets compassion, and our goal is to ensure nobody feels alone in their grief for a loss so common yet so unspoken. The meetings are open to anyone from our community and the surrounding areas. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Trina Anderson or Dawn Cook at MoonAndBackMinistry@gmail.com. Also, please email us if you are interested in reaching out to us via Zoom or phone call, and we can schedule a time to talk. Visit the ministry's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ToTheMoonAndBackMinistry.

We hold quarterly group meetings. The following are the rest of the meeting dates for 2023: **May 3rd**, August 2nd, and November 1st. Individual meetings can be scheduled upon request.



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