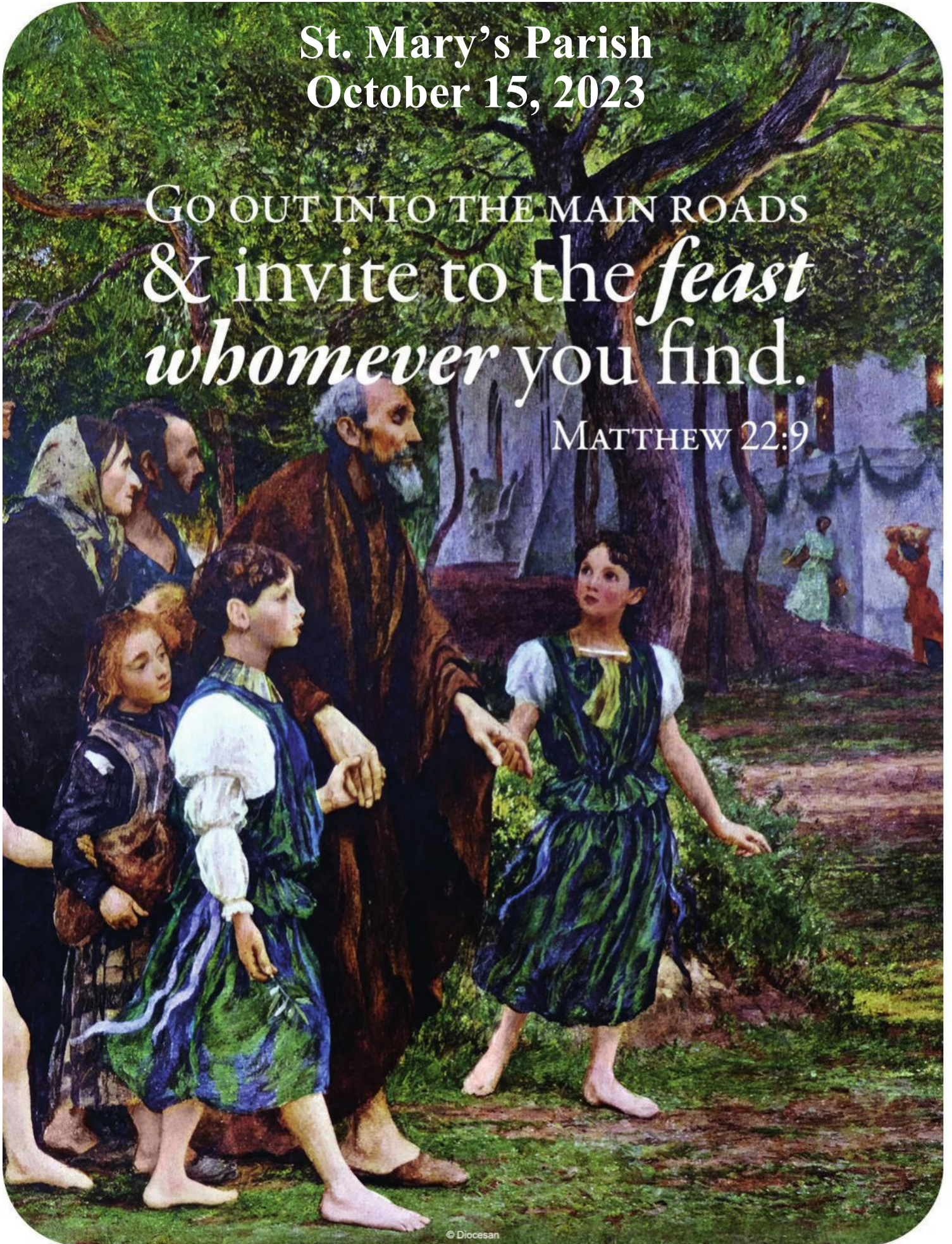


St. Mary's Parish  
October 15, 2023

GO OUT INTO THE MAIN ROADS  
& invite to the *feast*  
*whomever* you find.

MATTHEW 22:9







## Liturgy Schedule

### Monday, October 16th

**8:15 AM** †Ed & Rita Bohr, including living & deceased family members

### Tuesday, October 17th • St. Ignatius of Antioch

**8:15 AM** Special Intention

### Wednesday, October 18th • St. Luke, Evangelist

**7:00 PM** †Lisa Spitzley, including living & deceased family members

### Thursday, October 19th • Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogue and Companions

**8:15 AM** †Arnold, Casilda & James Ruhl, including living & deceased family members

### Friday, October 20th

**8:15 AM** †Leo & Laurina Simon, including living & deceased family members

### Saturday, October 21st

**1:00 PM** Wedding Mass *Justin Smith & Taylor Fedewa*

**4:30 PM** People of the Parish

### Sunday, October 22nd • Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 AM** †Phil Kramer, Ed & Marjorie Panwas, including deceased family members

**10:00 AM** †Lewis & Esther Pung, including living & deceased family members

**6:00 PM** †Connie Platte, including living & deceased family members



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week is  
in loving memory of  
*Jon Riley*

## Upcoming Spiritual Growth Opportunities

### October

#### October 15th: Holy Spirit Encounter

Event includes Scripture Meditation, Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship Music by Brian Flynn, Confession and Prayer Teams from **3:30-5:00 PM** in the church.

**October 16th:** The first-class relic of **St. Margaret Mary** will be on display from **4-6 PM** for veneration with our normally scheduled Holy Hour following.

**October 23rd: The Omega Project** – Last year we piloted a bible study called The Omega Project where we discovered how the New Testament is hidden in the Old and how the Old Testament reveals the New. The content was gleaned from the works of Scott Hahn, Edward Sri, and Jeff Cavins to name a few. Together we tackled some of the challenging characters and events leading us all to a greater understanding of the Bible. In this class we made connections and shared SEVERAL “a-ha” moments. This class is designed for not only those who struggle to read the Bible but also aids those who have mastered the beauty of the Bible already. The format is such that you come with an open heart and a willingness to learn. If you relish being a wall flower and learning without pressure, this class is for you. If you love to ask questions and engage in conversation, this class is for you. If you’ve never been able to read the Bible or have read it from cover to cover, this class is for you! Please consider joining us for what is sure to be a blessed time every time you come.

**Classes will begin on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be held upstairs in the ARK every Monday night from 7 – 8:30 PM** so grab a friend and join us. All are Welcome. Please call Vicki at the parish office with any questions at 989-587-4211.

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**Save the date!** The 4th annual Saint Mary’s Parish adult retreat weekend will be **January 12th-14th** at the Bethany House in Dewitt. More details to come!

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#### Save the Date for SATURDAY JANUARY 20, 2024!

St Mary's Marriage Ministry is hosting Holy Happy Hour 2024: The evening begins with Holy Hour in the Church at 6 PM, with your spouse and Jesus. Then we move to the hall for Happy Hour(s), with local brewers and cider/winemakers generously offering free tastings! Drinks and appetizers will also be available. Come for an evening with your spouse and the community. See the St Mary's Marriage Ministry Facebook page for more details!

## Week at a Glance

<b>Sunday, October 15th</b>	
3:00 PM	Holy Spirit Encounter/Church
<b>Monday, October 16th</b>	
5:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)
4:00 PM	St. Margaret Mary Relic (Until 6:00 PM)
5:30 PM	Reconciliation
6:00 PM	Holy Hour with Rosary
7:15 PM	The Well/Parish Hall
<b>Tuesday, October 17th</b>	
7:00 PM	Lost Sheep Holy Hour
7:30 PM	AA (Office Basement)
<b>Wednesday, October 18th</b>	
5:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)
5:30 PM	Reconciliation
7:30 PM	RCIA/office
<b>Thursday, October 19th</b>	
5:45 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM)
<b>Friday, October 20th</b>	
9:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:00 PM)
<b>Saturday, October 21st</b>	
8:15 AM	Marian Devotions
3:00 PM	Reconciliation



## Weekly Contribution Totals

**October 8, 2023**

**Total Amount Received.....\$36,161.15**

Weekend Collection .....	\$12,600.00
Number of Envelopes.....	103
EFT & MARS.....	\$17,084.15
Transactions .....	158
We Share .....	\$6,477.00
Transactions .....	77

**Weekly Amount Needed \$25,000.00**

**Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:**

Sr. Myra Scholarship .....	\$670.00
World Mission Sunday .....	\$110.00



## Weekend Ministry Schedule

**October 21st • The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:30 PM Mass**

<b>Rosary</b>	Tim Hengesbach
<b>Readers</b>	Alice Bengel, Jim Thelen
<b>EMC</b>	Daryl Feldpausch, Ryan Hengesbach, Janice Spitzley
<b>Servers</b>	Alyssa Kramer, Jenna Kramer
<b>Ushers</b>	Tory Schneider, Ryan Schneider, Bruce Spitzley, <b>1 volunteer</b>

**October 22nd • The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM Mass**

<b>Rosary</b>	Brian Smith
<b>Readers</b>	Erin & Brian Smith
<b>EMC</b>	Karen Schafer, Dean & Valerie Thelen
<b>Servers</b>	Jameson Huhn, Gavin Keilen
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Martin, Joe Schueller, Dan Schueller, David M. Smith

**10:00 AM Mass**

<b>Rosary</b>	Austin Pline
<b>Readers</b>	Leanne O'Brien, Laurie Sillman
<b>EMC</b>	Charlene Keilen, Leanne O'Brien, Luke Thelen
<b>Servers</b>	John Kowatch, Hudson Nurenberg
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Kowatch, Brett Thelen, Lee Schrauben, Jason Fox

**6:00 PM Mass**

<b>Rosary</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Laurie Sillman
<b>EMC</b>	Erin Smith (Tom)
<b>Servers</b>	Graham Smith, <b>1 volunteer</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>

**\*\*We still need Rosary leaders, Altar Servers and Ushers for the 6:00 PM Mass. Please contact the parish office to volunteer!**

### Long Term Substitute Teacher Needed

St. Mary School is looking for a long term substitute teacher for third grade beginning in November and ending in January. The preferred candidate will be a certified teacher but will consider individuals with experience working in the educational field. Please send resume to [principal@stmaryschool.us](mailto:principal@stmaryschool.us). If you have questions please call Helen Hengesbach or send to the above email address.

# Prayer Corner

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*



Brooke Badgero	Colleen Heiden	Hunter Meyers	Jim Ricci	Leroy Spitzley
Gladys Bengel	Mary Hengesbach	Viola Meyers	Sharon Rock	Ruth Spitzley
Joe Bengel	Mark Hengesbach	Don Miller	Jess Sanchez	Christian Teachworth
Bill Bengel	Fr. Dennis Howard	Sharon Miller	Adeline Schafer	Dave Thelen
Brad Bierstetel	Kevin Howard	Justin Norton	Aurelius Schafer	Delbert Thelen
Jillian Chapman	Michelle Huhn	Rose Nurenberg	Stanley Schafer	Jason Thelen
Helen Cook	Leone Hufnagel	Brad O'Dell	Steve Schmitz	Luke G. Thelen
Brian Davis	Lisa Koenigs knecht	Gemma Paintner	Hilda Schmitz	Philip Thelen
Bob Droste	Rose Kolp	MaKenzie Patrick	Nancy Schueller	Suzanne Thelen
Sister Joanne Fedewa	Jude Kramer	Bev Platte	Nick Schrauben	Tom Thelen
Elinor Feldpausch	Kendall Kramer	Mark Platte	Jane Scollon	Dane Van Ells
Mabel Feldpausch	Barb Kurkowski	Nancy Platte	Jeffrey Sillman	David Walker
Marie Feldpausch	Mary Lou Lehman	Laura Pline	John Sillman	Ginny Weber
Sue Fox	Dan Martin	Josie Pohl	Rosalie Simon	Sarah Weber
Rachelle Gladding	Ed Martin	Mary Pohl	Jeanne Sleight	Doug Werner
Mary Theresa Gross	Luke Martin	Gerald (Nick) Pung	Brody Smith	Tony Wirth
Lisa Grove	Quincey Martin	Darin Pung	Carolee Smith	David Witgen
Pam Haan	Bill Mattila	Frank Rademacher	Gerry Smith	
Ray Hart	Rachel Mauren	Ofelia Ramereiz	Sandy C. Smith	

## 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](mailto:btrierweiler@gmail.com)



## In Remembrance Linda Anderson

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

## Healing Prayer Ministry

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

**October 15th-Holy Spirit Encounter**, October 25th, November 12th, November 15th, December 10th and December 20th. If you would like to make an appointment, please call Vicki Noeker at 587-4211.

## Michigan March for Life

The **Michigan March for Life** will be held on **Wednesday, November 8th at 11 AM** at the State Capitol building at 100 N Capitol Ave, Lansing to mark the first anniversary of the devastating passage of the pro-abortion Proposal 3. Come join us as we peacefully advocate for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. Go to <https://rtl.org/> for more information



### ATTENTION ALL VETERANS

St. Mary school students would like to pray for and honor you at **Mass on Friday, November 10th.** The 5th grade students will serve coffee and treats in the school cafeteria after that Mass. Please call the school or email Mrs. Hurren at [emhurren@stmaryschool.us](mailto:emhurren@stmaryschool.us) with names of Veterans. We will include their names in an outdoor display and pray for them in appreciation for their service to our country.

### Pictorial Directory Update: Last Chance for Pictures!

We have added the final following dates to get your pictures taken: **November 14th-16th.**

To schedule your photography appointment:

- go to the Universal website, [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on the scheduling login box to the right of the page,
- enter **mi1764** in the **Church Code** field, enter **photos** in the **Church password** field,
- follow the prompts to schedule your family's appt. time,
- **if you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots,**
- **if you would like the parish office to assist you please call or visit during business hours: 989-587-4201, Monday –Thursday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM; Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.**

### 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:

#### First Fridays of each month

12-1 PM                      1-2 PM  
3-4 PM                      4-5 PM and 7-8 PM

#### Second Fridays of each month

3-4 PM                      5-6 PM

#### Third Fridays of each month

12-1 PM                      1-2 PM  
3-4 PM                      4-5 PM

#### Fourth Fridays of each month

12-1 PM                      1-2 PM  
4-5 PM                      5-6 PM

Please call the parish office (989)587-4201 to volunteer! 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.



### Scripture Readings for the Week of October 15th

Monday	Memorial of St. Hedwig, Religious, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday	Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, Priest Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

## Baptism Preparations



Pick up your Baptism Packet  
at the Parish Office.  
Do not delay as some of these forms  
are time sensitive!

**Next Baptism Class: November 21st  
at 7:00 PM in the school library.  
Call the parish office to register  
989-587-4201.**

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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## Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM—4:00 PM  
Friday: 9:00 AM—3:00 PM  
Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:00 PM

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## Bulletin Article Submissions:

Please send your bulletin article as  
an attachment to:

[office@stmarychurch.net](mailto:office@stmarychurch.net)  
by Monday morning - 9:00 AM.

## St. Mary's Church Gift Shop

Open by appointment. Please call  
Cindy Miller 989.640.5533 or  
Cindy Fedewa 989.640.5332



## SENIOR CITIZENS 70+

Mark your calendar for the next senior citizen luncheon at Platte's Pizzeria on **Tuesday, November 7, 12:00 PM**, \$9.00 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 October 21st or call 989-640-2213 to sign up (or if you need to cancel). **The deadline to sign up is November 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

Thank you for the cards, prayers, calls, visits, and meals during my hospital stay and return home. Your thoughtfulness and acts of kindness have meant so much to me. I am blessed to live in such a caring and supportive community. *Aggie Pline*

## WESTPHALIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS:

WHS wishes to thank many people for this year's Cemetery Walk. First God and Mother Pauline for keeping the rain drops away and actually providing some peaks of the sun. Second the E.J. Werner VFW Post 3733 soldiers for taking time away from their families and friends to honor our revered veterans with a gun salute, following the echo call of Taps. What a solemn tribute! Next our five actors: Gary Gross, Paul Bierstetel, Becky Miller Kramer, Judith Pohl and our own Glenn Fink, what a moving tribute to our ancestors. You were all informative and kept it personal. To our docents Joe Kolp, Phil Hanses, Walt Thelen, Dale Simon and Leo Pohl who guided us through the cemetery. To our musicians Eugenia Arens, Ruth Schuller and Gary Langdon. Albin Hengesbach Carpentry for printing "Meet the Cast" poster and Deb Nurenberg for putting together the brochure. To Phil, William and Claire Hengesbach for organizing the parking. Lee Pohl, Walt Thelen, Joe Kolp and Dale Simon, Bobby Strum, Sam Simon & William Hengesbach for the heavy work, collecting chairs, tables, setting up and tearing down. Paul Smith, Stan Bauer and the entire Cemetery lawn crew who keep our cemetery looking sharp. All the golf cart drivers who were our escorts for those who wished to ride. Nancy Bengel for passing out brochures. To all the bakers who baked those delicious cookies. And above all, those people who came out for this event. We hope you learned something new about all our ancestors!

Finally the committee Glenn Fink, Evelyn Weiland, Karen Spitzley, Carol Simon and Margie Wirth. We all did something, but we need to thank Glenn Fink for 90% of the work, including research and writing one of the stories, painting signs, building structures, signs and wreaths, meeting with all 5 actors and videoing their stories.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### THERE WILL BE A LIGHT PARADE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND.

With the holidays soon approaching, what better way to get into the spirit of Christmas, than being a part of the annual Westphalia Light Parade! Join family and friends to make a float. We always love a variety of entries, including decorated golf carts, side by sides, or Radio Flyers, and would like the PW band and all PW sports athletes to be in our parade. Everyone is welcome to participate! Please contact Kyan Thelen to enter via call/txt at 989-640-9515 or email [kyan.thelen1@gmail.com](mailto:kyan.thelen1@gmail.com). WHS also has a raffle! Prizes include a beautiful quilt made by the Peace by Piece quilt group as well as a toy barn and toy house made by the residents of the Bellamy Reformatory in Ionia. See any member to secure a \$1 raffle ticket or call Margie Wirth at 989-587-6984 or 989-640-4437.

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The Sports Exhibit will be open for only 2 more dates: **Wednesday October 18th 5-8 PM** and **Sunday November 5th 1-4 PM**. The exhibit will then be gone.





**Thank You**

The family of Marilyn Fandel would like to thank all who supported our Mom throughout the last year with visits, cards, care and prayer. We also want to thank everyone for the kind words, love and support since her passing. Your kindness will not be forgotten. We are truly blessed to have many great people in our parish and community.

Special thank you to Fr. Eric, Deacon Chuck and Brian Flynn for the beautiful funeral Mass and to the children at St. Mary's who prayed the rosary prior to Mass. In lieu of thank you cards, a donation will be made to St. Mary's School.

*Jim & Cathy Fedewa, Bruce & Sandy Fandel, Tim & Jamie Fandel, Scott and Lisa Smith*

**The Pewamo Knights of Columbus will be holding a Sausage and Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 29th from 8:30 AM to noon at St. Joseph's Activity Center in Pewamo.**

The proceeds will be used to fund Coats for Kids and other various local charities. **The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-12, and free for children five & under.** We hope to see you there!

**Vocations and Pro-Life Breakfast Buffet in Fowler- Everyone is Welcome!**

The Fowler Knights of Columbus will be serving a delicious all-you-can-eat benefit breakfast buffet, sausage, ham, eggs, pancakes and more on **Sunday, October 15th from 8:30 AM to Noon at the Most Holy Trinity Activity Center.** Proceeds will support vocations and pro-life activities. Bring your family and friends! Price: At-Will Donations accepted



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