

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."



Week Liturgy Schedule

Monday, February 6th (St. Mary's) • St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:15 AM †Zoah Bengel, including Ann Hodge

Tuesday, February 7th (MHT)

deceased family members

Wednesday, February 8th (MHT)

7:00 PM †Robert Bierstetel, including Steven & Brian

and living & deceased family members

Thursday, February 9th (St. Mary's)

8:15 AM †Leland Trierweiler Sr., including living &

deceased family members

†Alban Arens, 1 year anniversary

Friday, February 10th (St. Mary's) • St. Scholastica

8:15 AM †Roman, Anna & Larry Fedewa, including

living & deceased family members

Saturday, February 11th

1:00 PM Wedding Mass

Peter Nurenberg & Debora Hengesbach

4:30 PM (St. Mary's) †Bill Smith, including living &

deceased family members

Sunday, February 12th • The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM (St. Mary's) †Donald, Ruth, Clair & Clarence

Spitzley, including living & deceased family members

8:30 AM (MHT) †Jerome Weber, including living &

deceased family members

10:00 AM (St. Mary's) Living & deceased members of the

Knights of Columbus

10:30 AM (MHT) †The people of Most Holy Trinity &

St. Mary's Parishes

6:00 PM (MHT) In thanksgiving & for the intentions

of all who remembered Mandy
Thelen-Werner and her family during

her illness

Upcoming Spiritual Opportunities

February

Are you "Under Her Mantle?"

Want *peace* in the *world*? Is that possible? Mary said so at Fatima by making the **Five First Saturdays Devotion**. How? Join us on the *First Saturdays* from **February-June** as we heed Our Lady's request together, making our way through all of the mysteries of the Rosary!

Want *peace* in your *life*? Many saints agree; **pray the Rosary and cling to Mary**. How? Join us *every Saturday* morning, where we honor Our Mother and ask for her intercession in specific ways each week.

Join us in person or streamed live **every Saturday at 8:15 AM** or watch the playback anytime! **Our Lady is asking, will you say yes?** https://www.facebook.com/stmarywestphalia - Click on the "videos" tab.

St. Mary's Woman's Conference: Save the Date!

Join us for the Women's Conference, **Saturday, February 18**th from **9 AM to noon in Hall A**. Door's open at 8:30. Local Speakers include Sheri Wohlfert with special guest speaker, Kelly Sites. Please check back next week for more details and registration information.

Holy Spirit Encounter:

Please join us **Sunday, February 26th from 6:30 – 8 PM** in the church for a Holy Spirit Encounter evening. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and Praise and Worship with music provided by Andrea Gleason. The Healing prayer team will also be available for anyone who feels called for some individual prayer. This event's focus is to deepen your relationship with our Lord, hear His voice, and to allow Him to heal you in whatever way you need. All are welcome!

Knights of Columbus Vocations Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus is inviting everyone to our Annual Vocations Breakfast on Sunday, February 12th from 8:00 AM to noon at St. Mary's Parish Hall. We are serving eggs, sausage patties, pancakes, hash browns, fruit, and breakfast drinks. The cost is \$10 for 13 years and up, \$5 for 6-12 years, and 5 years and under are free. 100% of these proceeds goes to benefit seminarians in our diocese. Please stop by and help support our future priests! We do have a need for helpers. Please contact either Brent Pohl at 616-240-5129 or Mike Prince at 517-526-0762 if you can assist or if you are a student in need of some community service hours, Thank you!

**Contribution statements are available for pick up and are located in the main entrance of the Church.



Weekend Ministry Schedule

February 11th • The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:30 PM Mass

Rosary **Kurt Thelen**

Readers Gail Spitzley, Kurt Thelen

EMC Daryl Feldpausch, Ryan Hengesbach, Roger Luna

Servers Jenna Kramer, Alyssa Kramer Ushers Larry Hanses, Darron Birchmeier, Tory Schneider, Ryan Schneider

February 12th • The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM Mass

Rosarv Kevin Fox

Brian Witgen, Kevin Fox Readers

EMC Wanda Martin, Karen Schafer, Jane Schmitt

Servers Trent Piggott, John Schafer

Ushers Jeremy Hanses, Ted Platte, Stan Kolp, 1 volunteer

10:00 AM Mass

Rosary **Austin Fox**

Readers Leanne O'Brien, Ryan Pung

EMC Cindy Birchmeier, Leanne O'Brien, Paul Wohlfert

Servers John Kowatch, Luke Nurenberg

Ushers David Thelen, Don English, Joe Heckman,

1 volunteer



St. Mary's will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute!

The survey will be accessed through an online link and will ask you to

reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Eric and Fr. Peter and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/ summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you don't use a computer there will be copies of the survey in the back of Church. All completed surveys should be returned to the parish office and we will mail them to the institute.

Please keep watching the bulletin for updates!

Weekly Contribution Totals

January 29, 2023

Total Amount Received: \$11,332.15

Weekend Collection\$7,171.00 Number of Envelopes 87

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Weekly Amount Needed: \$23,520.00

Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:

Worldwide Evangelization	\$95.00
Building Maintenance	\$25.00
Sr. Myra Beltz Edu. Scholar	\$25.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$50.00

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

Week at a Glance

Monday, February 6th

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

5:30 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Holy Hour with Rosary Well/Parish Hall 7:15 PM

Tuesday, February 7th

7:00 PM **Lost Sheep Holy Hour** 7:00 PM Knights/Clubroom 7:30 PM AA (Office Basement)

Wednesday, February 8th

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

Thursday, February 9th

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

7:00 PM RCIA/office library

Friday, February 10th

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

Saturday, February 11th

Marian Devotions 8:15 AM 3:00 PM Reconciliation

Sunday, February 12th

8:00 AM Vocation Breakfast-Hall (Until 12 PM)

Scripture Readings for the Week of February 5th

Monday Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions

Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c;

Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday Gn 1:20 —2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30;

Mk 7:14-23

Thursday Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;

Mk 7:24-30

Friday Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7;

Mk 7:31-37

Saturday Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13;

Mk 8:1-10

Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;

1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37



Baptism Preparations

When you are ready to announce your pregnancy to family and friends, please also include the parish office! We 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 Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 PM in the school library. Please call the parish office to register.

SENIOR CITIZENS 70+

REMINDER: The next senior citizen luncheon at Platte's Pizzeria is this **Tuesday**, **February 7th**



at 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. If you need to cancel, please call 989-640-2213. 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 look forward to seeing you on February 7th.

Thank you,
WE C.A.R.E. MINISTRY

Christian Mothers and Women's Guild Mother Daughter Banquet.

The Christian Mothers and Women's Guild Mother Daughter Banquet is scheduled for **Sunday, March 5th following the 10:00 AM Mass.**

Cost is \$5 for children ages 5-15 and \$10 for ages 16 and older.

Please RSVP, by phone, text or email, to Katie Pohl at ckpohlfam@gmail.com or 517-449-3018. **Deadline to register is February 20th.**

Volunteers Needed

The Church Art Committee is looking for additional members. Our mission is to enhance the beauty of the church. Please consider joining our team! Call or text Lynne at 517.526.2214 with questions or to join.

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
4 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

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



Nancy Schueller Nick Schrauben **Brittany Schwend & Twins** Jeffrey Sillman Prayer Network members will pray John Sillman

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:

February 12, March 12, April 2, May 7, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, & 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 Ted Bauman

Informational Meetings on P-W Bond Referendum

The P-W Board of Education called for the election for the bond referendum for up to \$17.6 million dollars on May 2nd.

Please visit www.pwschools.org for additional information. There will be three informational meetings on the following dates:

Rosalie Simon

Jeanne Sleight

Brody Smith

Gerry Smith

Carolee Smith

Sandy C. Smith

Leroy Spitzley

Ruth Spitzley

Dave Thelen

Jason Thelen

Mike Thelen

Philip Thelen

Tom Thelen

Dane Van Ells

Sarah Weber Tony Wirth

David Witgen

Michelle Walsh

Suzanne Thelen

Luke G. Thelen

Christian Teachworth

Bernadette Thelen

Thursday, February 9th at 7 PM in the Middle/High School Library

Monday, March 20th at 5:30 PM in the Middle/High School Library

Wednesday, April 26th at 6 PM in the Elementary School Gymnasium

We hope you can attend to become informed, ask questions and tour the schools.

This year's Daddy Daughter Dance is being held at the St. Mary School Cafeteria on Saturday, February 11th from 6:30 – 9:00 PM. The theme is "Boots and Beauties" (Country Cowgirl). All girls in grades K-6 are invited and are welcome to bring their Dad or a Special Guest to this event. The cost is \$12 per family. Forms were sent to families with the student newsletter and can also be obtained at the school office. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Pohl at 989-587-3440.

PW Junior Pirate Football Program Annual Fish Sale is Back!

All proceeds go towards safety equipment for the players. Information and order forms can be found in the back of church. Sale information is also available on the team website: https://pwjuniorfootball.com Order fish now and it will be here before Lent (February 17th).

Fish Dinners Most Holy Trinity Fowler February 24th and March 10th.

Fish dinners will be served from 4-6:30 PM at the Activity Center 11159 W. Kent St. Fowler. Meals will be served as dine-in and Drive-Thru takeout. Prices are: Adults - \$13.00; Children ages 6-10 - \$5.00; Children 5 and under - Free. Takeout meals are available for \$13.00 each. Dinner includes baked and deep fried fish, scalloped or baked potatoes, macaroni and cheese, corn, cole slaw, dinner rolls, and desert. This fundraiser dinner is sponsored by the Christian Mothers and Knights of Columbus.

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.

The Pewamo Knights of Columbus Pie Sale

The Knights are once again hosting an annual Pie Sale to raise money for our Catholic school, community, and council. The sale will take place over the weekend of March 18th and 19th. Orders will need to be in by Sunday March 6th. We will be offering Apple, Blueberry, and Cherry pies at a cost of \$11 each or **3 for \$30**. Please contact a Pewamo Knights of Columbus member for ordering details or feel free to reach out directly to the pie sale committee members: Andrew Frechen 989-383-0070 or Aaron Frechen 989-383-0099.

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

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt on **February 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 reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

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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.

Food Pantry Supplies Needed in Ionia

Due to a recent fire, Zion food pantry in Ionia needs assistance in restocking their shelves to help aid people in the area. Our **Pewamo Protect Life Team** focuses on supporting life at all levels as we develop servant leaders who inspire others with their work ethic and enthusiasm to serve as God's Hands and Feet on earth.

We will be filling a truck at 137 East Street, Pewamo on Saturday February 11th from 4-6 PM and Sunday, February 12th from 7:30 AM-noon.

Specific items they are requesting are listed below. If you have any questions, feel free to call or text Jill Thelen 989-640-1025 or see our website for more information on our team at servantempowerment.com.

Laundry soap Dish soap Shampoo Conditioner

Body wash Toothpaste Deodorant Tampons/sanitary pads
Peanut butter Spaghetti sauce Ramen noodles Macaroni & cheese

Canned pastasFruitSoupVegetablesHamburger helperCanned meatTunaSpamJuice or other drinksPackaged rice itemsDry spaghettiSnacks

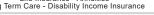




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