



Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 20th (St. Mary's) • St. Joseph, Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 AM †Bill Wirth, including living & deceased family

members

†Gordon C. Piggott, Sr, including living &

deceased family members

Tuesday, March 21st (MHT)

8:15 AM †Joe Schueller, including Riley

†Bernadine Martin, 1yr Anniversary

Wednesday, March 22nd (MHT)

7:00 PM †Janet Armbrustmacher, including Ray

Thursday, March 23rd (St. Mary's) 8:15 AM †Crystal Weber

Friday, March 24th (St. Mary's)

8:15 AM †Patricia Pung, including living & deceased

family members

Saturday, March 25th • The Annunciation of the Lord

4:30 PM (St. Mary's) †James Rademacher, including

deceased family members

The People of St. Mary's & Most Holy Trinity Parishes

Sunday, March 26th • The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM (St. Mary's) †Leonard & Wilma Miller, including Tim

8:30 AM (MHT) †Bill Armbrustmacher, including living

& deceased family members

10:00 AM (St. Mary's) †Jerome Smith, including living &

deceased family members

10:30 AM (MHT) †Dave Miller

6:00 PM (MHT) †Gerald & Carol Thelen, including

living & deceased family members

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
No reconciliation on Thursday,
March 23rd 9:30 AM

The Breast Cancer Support Group will meet on Wednesday, March 22nd at 7 PM in the parish office library.

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 19th

Monday Solemnity of Saint Joseph

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 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 Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop

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 & 23;

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;

Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Wedding Reception Coordinator Needed

St. Mary's is looking for someone to assist families on the weekend of their weddings. This role includes meeting couples and their families at the Parish Hall on the morning before the wedding, communicating the expectations regarding Hall usage, answering questions, providing assistance regarding Hall set-up, and helping the family to clean up after the reception has occurred. The position requires availability to the renters during the weekend of the rental. If interested in this position or if you have more questions, please contact the Parish Office.



Cemetery clean-up is scheduled for **Monday**, **April 10**th @ **6:00 PM** with a rain date for Tuesday, April 11th. We appreciate all the help that keeps our cemetery beautiful. We are also looking for some additional volunteers for our

trimming crews. Please call Paul 517-285-3205 or Stan 989-292-2531 with any questions or would like more information on trimming crews.



Weekend Ministry Schedule March 25th• The Fifth Sunday of Lent 4:30 PM Mass

Rosary Tim Hengesbach

Readers Kevin & Michelle Schafer

EMC Kevin & Michelle Schafer, Bernice Thelen

Servers Alex Birchmeier, Ryan Schafer

Ushers Kurt Bengel, Lee Klein, Ryan Thelen, Brock Thelen

March 26th • The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Mass

Rosary Kevin Fox

Readers Kevin Fox, Brian Witgen

EMC Karen Schafer, Jane Schmitt, Cindy Thelen

Servers Gavin Keilen, Mykenna Spitzley

Ushers Neil Koenigsknecht, Andy Theis, Dale Schmitt &

Bill Keilen

10:00 AM Mass

Rosary Rick Droste

Readers Jon Thelen, Ryan Pung

EMC Ryan Pung, Cindy Birchmeier, Joe Fedewa

Servers Luke Nurenberg, Grant Thelen

Ushers Gene Pline, Brett Thelen, Lee Schrauben,

Jason Fox

Burrito Rolling!

Our next burrito rolling session is Wednesday, March 22nd in the parish hall. We need volunteers in preparing the food at 1:00 PM as well as rolling the burritos at 2:00 PM. If you



are able to help us out please call Eunice Arens at 517.526.3617. Many hands make light work! All proceeds from the sale of these burritos go to maintain The ARK!

The sacrament of Reconciliation scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd at Most Holy Trinity has been canceled.

2023/24 CHRISTMAS PARTY RENTALS

Parish Hall & Cafeteria rentals for Christmas 2023 will take place on **Thursday, April 27th in Hall B starting at 1:00 PM.** You will need to pay the **security deposit of \$250.00** at that time with checks payable to: **St. Mary's Parish**. Special Christmas rates apply from Thanksgiving, 2023 through January 7th, 2024. We will continue to use a lottery system. The gym will no longer be available to rent.

Weekly Contribution Totals

March 12, 2023

Total Amount Received: \$22.363.15

Weekend Collection Number of Envelopes	
	4
EFT & MARS	\$2,211.15
Transactions	36
We Share	\$5.053.00
Transactions	52

Weekly Amount Needed: \$23,520.00

Special Parish & Diocesan Dona	tions:
Easter Flowers	\$175.00
Sister Myra Ed Scholarship	\$45.00



DSA: Week 2

Gifts received	101
Amount received to date	\$27,680.00
Parish Goal	\$122,497.00
Percentage of Goal reached 22.6%	

Please make your checks payable to St. Mary Parish/DSA.

Thank you for all your gifts!

Week at a Glance

Monday, March 20th

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

5:30 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Holy Hour with Rosary

7:15 PM Well/Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 21st

7:00 PM Lost Sheep Holy Hour 7:30 PM AA (Office Basement)

Wednesday, March 22nd

5:45 AM
1:00 PM
2:00 PM
Burrito Rolling/Parish Hall
Breast Cancer Support Group/
Parish Library

Thursday, March 23rd

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

6:30 PM Finance/Parish Office

7:00 PM RCIA/office

Friday, March 24th

9:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6 PM)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 25th

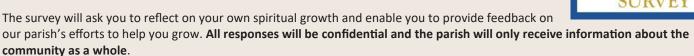
8:15 AM Marian Devotions 3:00 PM Reconciliation

Update on the Disciple Maker Index! Please Read and Help!

Here is the link for the survey: https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/g2t40g

It will be live until March 27th. This survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete.

There are also paper copies in the main entrance of the church for those without computer access.



We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Eric, 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.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

Proper Antiphons At Mass

As you may recall, over the last couple of years we have gradually reintroduced the Proper Antiphons at Mass. When we first began formally using them, we would announce the page number of the Entrance and Communion Antiphons as well as the hymn numbers. Now that we have been using them for a while we no longer plan to announce the page number for the antiphons, but will continue to announce the hymn numbers. Keeping in mind that these antiphons are a scriptural part of Mass, we encourage you to pray along with them as they best help you to enter into the Mass. If you prefer to sing along simply have the page number for the Mass of the day ready and then join in with the cantors prior to the hymns. If you would rather pray along quietly as they are sung, that is acceptable as well.

Upcoming Spiritual Opportunities

Disciple Maker Index

FSU/The Omega Project – held upstairs in the ARK **every Monday night from 7 – 8 PM.** Readings for this week Exodus 1-14, 16, 17, 19, 20:1-20, 24, & 32. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

Contribution Envelopes

Due to a paper shortage, the envelope company will not be sending contribution envelopes for February, March, April. They will start back up in May. Please put your contribution in a plain envelope marked with your name and envelope number if you know it. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

What are the Scrutinies?

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, the newly named "Elect" participate in three successive rites called "the Scrutinies." These rites, with roots dating back to the early Church, take place during the Sunday Mass, each thematically linked to the Gospel reading for that Mass. Each proclamation emphasizes repentance and conversion as the Light of Christ comes to pierce the darkness of sin and to bring life where there is death.

The "Elect" along with their sponsors, kneel before the celebrant and the assembly, who pray for them silently with a series of intercessions. It culminates in a prayer of cleansing and protection (exorcism) with the laying-on-of-hands. Each Scrutiny is a step in preparing the Elect for the celebration and initiation soon to come.

The Scrutinies are God's way of taking a close, loving look at the Elect. God does not scrutinize the Catechumens in order to find what's wrong with them but to celebrate all that's beautiful, good, and true in them. Jesus "scrutinizes" us with Divine Light, revealing all that is valuable within each of us. He also reveals to us the ways in which we are hurting, or sick, or sinful. This is not to reject us, but to call us to new life and to healing.

May these Scrutinies call both our Elect and us into the living waters of baptism, to the light of holiness, to a new life in Christ, through His Resurrection.

If you would like to send a note of encouragement to our catechumens or candidates, please drop them off at the parish office.

<u>Catechumens:</u> Isabell Helman Alexis Jones Candidates:
Julia Irrer
Hannah Densmore
Anneliese Hummel
Madalynne Lear

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



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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:

April 2nd, 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 587.4211



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week is in for the sanctity of marriage and all married couples at St. Mary & Most Holy Trinity parishes.

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.

Shadow Stations

The sixth grade students have been working on their Shadow Stations of the Cross. The students will perform this meditation on Wednesday evening, April 5th, at 6:30 PM, and Thursday afternoon, April 6th, at 1:30 PM. Both of these performances will be in the GYM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Ice Cream in the Spring

Attention COF Youth Ages 0-21: You are invited to visit the Ark on the weekends of March 17th-19th or March 24th-26th for an ice cream treat of your choosing. The Ark hours are Friday and Saturday 6-12 PM and Sunday 4-9 PM. Please contact Carolyn Norton at 517-490-9150 with any questions.



Mark your calendar for the next senior citizen luncheon at Platte's Pizzeria on Tuesday, April 4th, at 12:00 PM, \$8.00 per WE C.A.R.E. 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 March 18th or call 989-640-2213 to sign up (or if you need to cancel). The deadline to sign up is March 28th. 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!

Pewamo Protect Life Team

Please join us for the Stations of the Cross presented by Pewamo Protect Life Team this Sunday, March 19th at 6pm at the Pewamo Westphalia High School auditorium. Cast members include students from Fowler, Westphalia, Portland, and Pewamo. No charge to attend. We hope to see you there! For more information, please see our website www.servantempowerment.com

Knights of Columbus Shoe Drive

Westphalia K of C will be collecting men, women, & children's shoes for "Footprints of Michigan" before all Masses on Palm Sunday weekend, **April 1st & 2nd.** Types of shoes accepted include work, dress, sandals, flip-flops, athletic shoes & cleats. Any questions contact Mike Fink at 989 587-3114.

Please Save the Date for St. Joseph, Pewamo Parish Picnic Sunday, June 11th! A Parade at 11:30 AM will kick off the event followed by games, great food, and more!

Westphalia Wildcats 4-H Club Registration

Go to 4honline.com to sign up. Westphalia Wildcats is a Trap Shooting Club for Clinton County and surrounding areas. Meetings take place at the Oak Hill Club located at 1900 South Pline Rd. Students must be 12 years old by January 1, 2023 to join. Members are expected to attend 8 weeks of practice. For more information call or text Terry Smith at (517) 242-3259, or call Mike Schmitz at (989) 587-6682.

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Office Hours

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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.

Please pray for them this week



Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for your grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Dcn. Corey Bilodeau, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lansing Diocese of Lansing Seminarian

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Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful women to become Brides of Christ and serve your people. Lord we pray that your grace and love be enough for this woman in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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