



Liturgy Schedule

Monday, April 17th (St. Mary's)

8:15 AM †Robert Trierweiler

Tuesday, April 18th (MHT)

8:15 AM †Gladys & Dale Armbrustmacher, including

living & deceased family members

Wednesday, April 19th (MHT)

7:00 PM Don & Jane Sisung, 40th wedding anniversary

Thursday, April 20th (St. Mary's)

8:15 AM †Jerome Theis, including living & deceased

family members

Friday, April 21st (St. Mary's)

8:15 AM †Mark Hufnagel, 1 year anniversary

Saturday, April 22nd

1:00 pm Wedding Mass Bryce Thelen L Brenna Wirth

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

deceased family members

Sunday, April 23rd • Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM (St. Mary's) †Annette Bierstetel, including

deceased family members

8:30 AM (MHT) The People of Most Holy Trinity &

St. Mary's Parishes

10:00 AM (St. Mary's) †Leon Keilen, 1 year anniversary

10:30 AM (MHT) Jerome & AnnMarie Pohl,

50th wedding anniversary

6:00 PM (MHT) †Earl & Helen Frechen, including

living & deceased family members

New (Old) Mass and Confession Schedule By Father Eric

With Most Holy Trinity in Fowler receiving a full-time Pastor at the end of June, we will be able to expand our Mass and Confession schedule at St. Mary's. The new weekly schedule will be a familiar one for you.

- The weekend Masses will take place at 4:30 PM on Saturdays and at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Sundays.
- A 6:00 PM Mass will be offered on Sundays from March through November. That Mass seems to have its lightest attendance during the deep winter months, perhaps because of how early it gets dark. Not having the 6:00 PM Mass during those months also spares our maintenance team and key volunteers from having to move snow on Sunday evenings.
- During the week, Mass will be offered on Mondays,
 Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:15 AM. Mass on
 Wednesday nights will be at 7:00 PM. On First Fridays, we will continue to have Mass at 6:15 AM.
- Confessions will be offered at 5:30 PM on Mondays, 5:30 PM on Wednesdays, 2:00 PM on the Thursday before First Fridays, and 3:00 PM on Saturdays.

As you know from the events of the past year, our Diocese is dealing with a shortage of priests. We anticipate being a two-priest parish for the near future. However, the Mass schedule would be adjusted should we became a one-parish priest. Likely the 6:00 PM Mass on Sunday and one of the weekday Masses would be dropped.

Being able to expand the Sacramental Schedule for the Parish provides more opportunities for grace for us as a Parish Family. We thank God for greater convenience and more opportunities regarding the Sacraments. We strive to take advantage of the Sacraments which are God's greatest helps for our spiritual transformation.

Welcome Sunday

You are invited to an Open House, **Sunday, April 23rd after the 8:00 AM Mass** to meet and welcome our new Catholics/parishioners who received their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. The Open House will be held in the cafeteria and there will be donuts, coffee and juice for all to enjoy! Please enter through the North doors across from the playground.

We will be welcoming:

Isabell Helman Hannah Densmore Alexis Jones Anneliese Hummel Julia Irrer Madalynne Lear



Weekend Ministry Schedule

April 22nd • Third Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM Mass

Rosary Dan Witgen

Readers Jim Thelen, Lynette Witgen

EMC Genny Bengel, Ryan Hengesbach, Dan Witgen

Servers Brock Nurenberg, Jackson Smith

Ushers Tory Schneider, Ryan Schneider, Bruce Spitzley,

1 volunteer

April 23rd Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mass

Rosary Brian Smith
Readers Brian & Erin Smith

EMC Julie Bengel, Troy Hagen, Helen Hengesbach

Servers Gavin Keilen, Trent Piggott

Ushers Rick Martin, Joe Schueller, Dan Schueller,

David M. Smith

10:00 AM Mass

Rosary Joe Fedewa

Readers Jon Thelen, Leanne O'Brien

EMC Joe Fedewa, Nolan Feldpausch, Luke Thelen

Servers John Kowatch, Nathan Weber

Ushers Brian Kowatch, Brett Thelen, Lee Schrauben,

Jason Fox

Thank You Very Much

Thank you to all who sent me cards and gifts at Easter. I very much appreciate your kindness and generosity. I am very blessed by God to be your Pastor. May God pour out His graces abundantly upon you and your families.

Father Eric

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.

Weekly Contribution Totals

Contribution Totals for April 2, 2023

Total Amount Received: \$14,313.00

 Weekend Collection
 \$12,908.00

 Number of Envelopes
 104

 EFT & MARS
 \$1,405.00

 Transactions
 29

Weekly Amount Needed: \$23,520.00

Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:

Easter Flowers. \$30.00



DSA totals will be updated in the April 23rd bulletin

DSA Collections Received

Total Gifts received	277
Amount received to date\$	92,723.89
Parish Goal\$1	.22,497.00
Percentage of Goal reached	75.7%

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

Contributions for April 9, 2023 will be published in the April 23rd bulletin.

Week at a Glance

Monday, April 17th

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

5:30 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Holy Hour with Rosary 7:00 PMFSU/Omega Project/ARK

Tuesday, April 18th

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

Wednesday, April 19th

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

Thursday, April 20th

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

7:00 PM RCIA/Office

Friday, April 21st

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

Saturday, April 22nd

8:15 AM Marian Devotions 3:00 PM Reconciliation

Sunday, April 23rd

9:00 AM Welcome Sunday/ School Cafeteria

(Until 10:30 AM)



School News

Grandparent/Special Person Day: This Wednesday, April 19th. Students and grandparents/ special persons will start with a 1:00 PM Mass. After Mass, everyone is invited back to school to visit in the classrooms. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

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.

We are in need of food containers for funeral luncheons. Ice cream pails are preferred. Containers can be dropped off at the parish office or on Chris Smith's porch. Thank you!

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.

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, May 16th at 7:00 PM in the school library. Please call the parish office (989-587-4201) to register.

Diocese of Lansing Presents: Eucharistic Miracles- Signs From God Miracles and Their Meaning with speaker Tim Francis

Renowned Catholic speaker, Tim Francis, will be visiting the Diocese of Lansing this month with his powerful presentation exploring the meaning of Eucharistic miracles throughout history.

- Monday, April 17: Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing;
- Tuesday, April 18: Saint Joseph Church, Howell, Holy Mass, 6pm. Presentation, 6:45pm;
- Wednesday, April 19: Lumen Christi Catholic High School, Jackson;
- Thursday, April 20: Father Gabriel Richard Catholic High School, Ann Arbor;
- Friday, April 21: Powers Catholic High School, Flint.

Entitled Signs from God: Miracles and Their Meaning, each presentation is free and open to all. Unless otherwise stated, doors open at 5 PM and the experience concludes at 8:30 PM.

Bishop Boyea states: "Tim's 90 minute presentation on Eucharistic miracles as signs from God has brought many to a greater belief in, and love for, Our Lord truly present in the Holy Eucharist. His work is as fascinating as it is inspiring. Therefore, it is my prayer that you too, along with many others, will be similarly inspired by Tim's presentation of these science defying miracles such that every soul in our diocese will one day echo the words of St. Ignatius of Antioch: 'I hunger for the bread of God, the flesh of Jesus Christ; I long to drink of his blood, the gift of unending love'."

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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David Witgen



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

**Welcome to the new Prayer Network members! A big "thank you" to all our participants: past, present, and new. May God bless you all! Elaine & Brenda

Healing Prayer Ministry

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

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 loving memory of Louis Pline

To the Moon and Back Ministry May Meeting: To the Moon and Back Ministry will be holding the next pregnancy and infant loss support group meeting on **Wednesday, May 3rd 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. 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 remaining meeting dates for 2023: May 3rd, August 2nd, and November 1st. Individual meetings can be scheduled upon request.

Scripture Readings for the Week of April 16th Monday Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8 Tuesday Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn: 3:7b-15 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21 Thursday Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36 **Friday** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15 Saturday Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21 Sunday Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

SENIOR CITIZENS 70+

Mark your calendar for the next senior citizen luncheon at Platte's Pizzeria on **Tuesday**, **May 2nd**, **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 April 15th or call 989-640-2213 to sign up (or if you need to cancel). The deadline to sign up is April 26th. 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

Job Openings

The following positions are open or will be open soon at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in East Lansing:

Youth Minister; Part or full-time. Youth minister will plan and supervise weekly high-school youth group meetings and middle-school youth group meetings every-other week. Please feel free to reach out to Fr. Peter Ludwig with any questions about this position or interest in applying: frpeter@elcatholics.org or 517-351-7215 ext. 327.

Director of Campus Ministry; Full-time. For full job description and list of qualifications, or to submit a resume, please follow the link below or visit the Diocese of Lansing website.

https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers

Lost a Husquarvna chain saw somewhere on Main Street between St. Mary Cemetery and the dentist office. If found, please call (517) 526-1071.

The Catholic Order of Foresters (Fowler) are sponsoring a Matching Funds Benefit on Saturday, April 29th at the Most Holy Trinity Activity Center starting at 4:00 PM to help Steve Rademacher in his fight against cancer There will be a hog roast dinner, silent auction, bake sale and cash bar.

St. Joseph Parish in Pewamo is seeking qualified applicants to fill our open Facility Manager position. Please visit stjosephpewamo.org for a complete job description and means to apply.

Please email:

parishoffice@stjosephpewamo.org with any questions.

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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.

Teaching Position Open: Most Holy Trinity School in Fowler is looking for a full-time teacher for a combined third/fourth grade classroom starting in the fall of 2023. This teacher will be responsible for teaching all subject areas in a self-contained classroom of third and fourth grade students. All applicants must hold a current elementary teaching certificate from the State of Michigan, preferably with emphasis on reading and language arts. The successful candidate must be dynamic, energetic, and willing to work collaboratively in a team environment. Applicants should be practicing Catholics who are enthusiastic about incorporating the Catholic faith in their teaching. The ideal applicant will be a teacher who has a genuine passion for teaching in a Catholic school, a high comfort level in managing a classroom of fully engaged learners, a commitment to joyful collegiality, an ability to communicate effectively with parents, and a strong foundation in subject matter awareness. Applications can be sent to Mrs. Anne Hufnagel via email (principal@mhtparish.com), dropped off at the school, or sent to the following address: Most Holy Trinity School, 545 N. Maple St., Fowler, MI, 48835.



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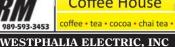


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