

April 23, 2023



Liturgy Schedule

Monday, April 24th (MHT)

8:15 AM Special Intention

Tuesday , April 25th (MHT) • St. Mark, Evangelist

8:15 AM †Dick Rehmann, including living & deceased

family members

Wednesday, April 26th (MHT)

7:00 PM †Delbert & Lucille Bohr

†Charlie Hengesbach, including living &

deceased family members

Thursday, April 27th (St. Mary's) 8:15 AM †John Simon

Friday, April 28th (St. Mary's)

8:15 AM †Jeff Pline, including living & deceased

family members

Saturday, April 29th • St. Catherine of Siena

4:30 PM (St. Mary's) †Ronald & JoAnn Prince, including

living & deceased family members

Sunday, April 30th • Fourth Sunday in Easter

8:00 AM (St. Mary's) †Donald Theis, including Arnold,

Florence & Albert

8:30 AM (MHT) †Joe Hafner, including Toni, Neil &

Joanne

10:00 AM (St. Mary's) †Richard & Tom Hengesbach

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

St. Mary's Parishes

6:00 PM (MHT) †Leon Schafer, 15 year anniversary

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

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.

***If you would like to volunteer for any of the ministries for the 6:00 PM Mass, please call the parish office.

Welcome Sunday

You are invited to an Open House, this 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 29th • Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:30 PM Mass

Rosary Kurt Thelen

Readers Gail Spitzley, Kurt Thelen

EMC Geri Hengesbach, Janice Spitzley, Bernice Thelen

Servers Alex Birchmeier, Ryan Schafer

Ushers Tory Schneider, Ryan Schneider, Bruce Spitzley,

1 volunteer

April 30th • Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mass

Rosary Neal Miller

Readers Justin Voss, Brian Witgen

EMC Eunice Arens, Shirley Manning, Jane Schmitt

Servers Will Pung, Hayden Smith

Ushers Rick Martin, Joe Schueller, Dan Schueller,

David M. Smith

10:00 AM Mass

Rosary Gene Pline

Readers Doug Huhn, Laurie Sillman

EMC Dennis Fox, Gene & Shelly Pline

Servers Luke Nurenberg & Hudson Nurenberg

Ushers Brian Kowatch, Brett Thelen, Lee Schrauben,

Jason Fox

Spiritual Direction Training Course

This upcoming week I will be away to participate in the seventh module of a nine-part course on Spiritual Direction. As you may recall this program is split into one-week segments which take place over three years. The course is offered through the Institute for Priestly Formation and takes place on the campus of Mundelein Seminary – just north of Chicago. Please keep me in your prayers this week that the time away may bear fruit and know of my prayer for you. Father Eric

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.

St. Mary School News: Job Posting

St. Mary Catholic School is seeking a full time elementary teacher for the 2023-2024 school year to assist in meeting our school Mission: *St. Mary Catholic school will come to know God, to love God, and to serve God and His people*. The ideal candidate will possess a bachelor's degree and a valid state of Michigan teaching certificate.

Interested candidates should send 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 May 7th, or until the position is filled.

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

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 paid position or if you have more questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 23rd

9:00 AM Welcome Sunday/ School Cafeteria

(Until 10:30 AM)

Monday, April 24th

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

5:30 PM Reconciliation

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

Tuesday, April 25th

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

Wednesday, April 26th

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

Thursday, April 27th

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

7:00 PM RCIA/Office

Friday, April 28th

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

Saturday, April 29th

8:15 AM Marian Devotions 3:00 PM Reconciliation

Weekly Contribution Totals

Contribution Totals for April 9, 2023

Total Amount	Received:	\$38,840.25
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Weekend Collection Number of Envelopes	
EFT & MARS	
We Share	

Weekly Amount Needed: \$23,520.00

Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:

Building Maintenance Fund	\$40.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$100.00
Sr. Myra Scholarship Fund	\$252.00
Cemetery	\$190.00

Contribution Totals for April 16, 2023

Total Amount Received: \$24,003.00

Weekend Collection Number of Envelopes	
EFT & MARS	
We Share	
Transactions	110

Weekly Amount Needed: \$23,520.00

Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:

Sr. Myra Scholarship Fund	\$315.00
Cemetery	\$75.00



DSA Collections Received to Date

Total Gifts received	325
Amount received to date	\$106,517.89
Parish Goal	.\$122,497.00
Percentage of Goal reache	d87%

As you can see we are almost at our goal! If you would still like to contribute to this worthy cause, please make your checks payable to St. Mary Parish/DSA.

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Mary's Church through your Sunday contributions and the DSA!

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

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.

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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.

Did you know the Christian Mothers & Women's Guild is on Facebook? Go to St. Mary Parish CMWG or scan the QR code and Like our page for upcoming events and information.



Help Needed Displaying Flags

Anyone interested in honoring the patriotism of our veterans by helping display flags at St Mary cemetery on upcoming holidays, please contact Andy Beech @ 517-202-6983 or abeech@live.com

Memorial Day
 Flag Day
 Independence Day
 Monday, May 29th
 Wednesday, June 14th
 Tuesday, July 4th

Veterans Day Saturday, November 11th



Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, May 8th New Donation Time Period: 11:30am to 5:15pm

St. Mary Parish Hall

To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code with your phone's camera, visit

redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: Westphalia) or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Walk-in donors are also welcome if there are open slots.

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



Stanley Schafer Steve Schmitz Hilda Schmitz Nancy Schueller Nick Schrauben Jeffrey Sillman John Sillman Rosalie Simon Jeanne Sleight **Brody Smith** Carolee Smith **Gerry Smith** Sandy C. Smith Leroy Spitzley **Ruth Spitzley** Christian Teachworth Bernadette Thelen Dave Thelen Jason Thelen Luke G. Thelen Mike Thelen



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 Leon Keilen

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.

Philip Thelen

Tom Thelen

Dane Van Ells Michelle Walsh

Sarah Weber

David Witgen

Tony Wirth

Suzanne Thelen

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.

Catholic Church

Office Hours

Westphalia, MI 48894

PO Box 267

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

Rev. Fr. Eric Weber, Pastor father@stmarychurch.net

St. Mary's

Father Peter Lawrence, Associate Pastor (RCIA) pjlawrence@stmarychurch.net

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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.

Scripture Readings for the Week of April 23rd Monday Memorial of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 26-27, 29-30;

Tuesday Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Jn 6:22-29

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday Memorial of St. Peter Chanel & St Louis Mary de Montfort

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;

1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

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*

Annie Platte and Jalen Thelen are doing a community project for school. They are collecting donations for the residents at the Portland Assisted Living Center. There are approximately 26 residents. Items they need or would like are:

Variety of puzzles

- Sock with grips

• Toiletries (toothbrushes, deodorant, toothpaste, and hand soap)

Body Wash for men or women

- cologne or perfume

All donations must be dropped off by 5pm on Friday, April 28th. Items can be dropped off at 410 Rosemont Dr, Westphalia. There will be a box on the front porch to put donations. Thank you in advance for your donations and helping us with our community project!

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

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-Pewamo is seeking qualified applicants to fill an open position as a Faith Formation Coordinator. Please visit stjosephparishpewamo.org to learn more about this position.

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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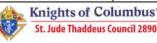
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