

# Catholic Schools Week



## St. Mary's Catholic Church The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2024

### St. Mary's School



**We will come to Know God, to love God,**



**and to serve God and His People**





## Liturgy Schedule

**Monday, January 29th**

**8:15 AM** †Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, January 30th**

**8:15 AM** †Pauline Goerge

**Wednesday, January 31st • St. John Bosco**

**7:00 PM** Ashley, Maddie, Samantha, Savannah, and Logan

**Thursday, February 1st**

**8:15 AM** †Carol Platte, 5th anniversary, including Jim & Tonya

**First Friday, February 2nd • The Presentation of the Lord**

**6:15 AM** †Louis, Romilda & Gary Fink

**8:15 AM** †Carl & Laurene Thelen, including living & deceased family members

**First Saturday, February 3rd**

**4:00 PM** People of the Parish

**Sunday, February 4th • The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** †Donald, Ruth, Clarence & Clare Spitzley, including Dave Keilen

**10:00 AM** †Jim Pung, including living & deceased members of the Pung & Droste families



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week is  
in loving memory of  
*Carli Smith*

### **Mass Time Change on February 3rd**

Due to the St. Mary School Dinner Raffle, the Mass on **February 3rd** is changed to **4:00 PM**.

## Upcoming Spiritual Growth Opportunities

### January

**The Omega Project-Bible Study** is held upstairs in the ARK every Monday night from 7 – 8:30 PM.

### **No Class on January 29th**

**Readings for February 5 (session 13):**

Jeremiah 29:1-14

Ezra 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 & 10

Nehemiah 2, 4, 5:1-13 & 9:32-10:29

**Topic of Discussion:** The Return

**What's the Point(s)?** A God who keeps His promises.

**Come and join us and bring a friend!**

### **Kim Zember this Monday & Tuesday-January 29th & 30th! 7:00 PM each evening**

Kim Zember shares her personal testimony of a continued journey of surrendering her same-sex desires to Jesus in pursuit of the greater love she has found in Him. Through her personal testimony she helps give others insight into how to love those around them who identify within the LGBTQ community and also gives hope and direction to those who may have same-sex attraction or struggle with their identity.

She loves sharing God The Father's heart with everyone and strives to be totally transparent, to help others know they are safe to do the same, not only with God but with one another.

When Kim is not at home in Atlanta, Georgia, she is most likely found serving and playing with her 500 + children at her 'home-away-from-home' in Ethiopia through her ministry Unforgotten Faces.

Kim has appeared on countless programs such as Pints with Aquinas, The Lila Rose Show, Conversations with Jackie & Bobby, Ascension Presents, Encounter Ministries, EWTN, TBN, CBN, Catholic Answers, 700 Club and much more.

### **Kindergarten Registration for the 2024/2025 School Year**

We have started the registration process for the next school year for kindergarten.

Students five years of age on or before September 1, 2024, are eligible for kindergarten enrollment. Students who will turn 5 in September, may be considered depending on enrollment numbers.

Kindergarten registration for parish families with a child who will turn 5 on or before September 1, 2024 opened Friday, December 1st.

Please call the school office, 587-3702, to register a student.

If you are undecided about the school your child will be attending, we invite you to call and learn about all the great things St. Mary School has to offer.



### ***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 be 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. *"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart!" -St. Therese of Lisieux*



These are the time slots that need to be filled:

#### **First Fridays of each month**

1-2 PM                      4-5 PM

#### **Third Fridays of each month**

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

#### **Fourth Fridays of each month**

1-2 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

## **Week at a Glance**

**Sunday, January 28th**

11:00 AM                      Confirmation Super Sunday/Hall

**Monday, January 29th**

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

5:30 PM                      NO Reconciliation

6:00 PM                      NO Holy Hour

7:00 PM                      NO Omega Project-Bible Study/ARK

7:00 PM                      Kim Zember/Church

**Tuesday, January 30th**

7:00 PM                      NO Lost Sheep Holy Hour

7:00 PM                      Kim Zember/Church

7:30 PM                      AA (Office Basement)

**Wednesday, January 31st**

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

5:30 PM                      Reconciliation

7:30 PM                      RCIA/parish office library

**Thursday, February 1st**

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

2:00 PM                      Reconciliation

7:00 PM                      Choir Practice

**First Friday, February 2nd**

9:00 AM                      Eucharistic Adoration (Until 10:00 PM)

**First Saturday, February 3rd**

8:15 AM                      Marian Devotions

3:00 PM                      Reconciliation



## **Weekend Ministry Schedule**

### ***February 3rd • The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

#### **4:30 PM Mass**

**Rosary**                      Kyle Hengesbach

**Readers**                      Kyle Hengesbach, Amy Bearss

**EMC**                      Genny Bengel, Kyle Hengesbach,  
Ryan Hengesbach

**Servers**                      Ethan Pohl, Ryan Schafer, Brandon Theis

**Ushers**                      Larry Hanses, Darron Birchmeier,  
Tory Schneider, Ryan Schneider

### ***February 4th • The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

#### **8:00 AM Mass**

**Rosary**                      Dave Nurenberg

**Readers**                      Ann Lehman, Russ Snitgen

**EMC**                      Tim Bengal, Bernie Lehman, Andy Manning

**Servers**                      Damon Huhn, Tyler Huhn, Landon Keilen

**Ushers**                      Jeremy Hanses, Ted Platte, Stan Kolp,  
1 Volunteer

#### **10:00 AM Mass**

**Rosary**                      Austin Pline

**Readers**                      Laurie Sillman, Leanne O'Brien

**EMC**                      Dennis Fox, Leanne O'Brien, Luke Thelen

**Servers**                      Cambria Brown, Elijah Pung, Ilah Smith

**Ushers**                      Don English, Joe Heckman, 2 Volunteers

### ***2023 Contribution Statements***

In years past, I have often written notes on your end of the year contribution statements. This year, I simply signed them individually. It is your financial giving that makes so much of the Church's life and activity possible. Going through the contribution statements is very inspiring to me as it is a reminder of your deep commitment to St. Mary's, and of the sacrifices that you are willing to make for your beloved parish. Thank you so very much for your dedication and generosity!

Father Eric

### ***St. Mary's Dinner and Raffle Sneak Peek***

This QR code will allow you to see the sneak peek for the Silent Auction Items for the 2024 St. Mary's Dinner and Raffle. Anyone can bid on these items through One Cause when the bidding opens.





<b>Monday</b>	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20	Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43	Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest</b> 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6	Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7;
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b> Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;	Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop, and Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr</b> 1Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34	Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14;
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;	Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 1:29-39



***Knights of Columbus Vocations Breakfast***  
***February 11th-Parish Hall***  
***8:00-11:30 AM***

Come support St. Mary's and Vocations in our Diocese. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking great food and also selling sausage from Ox Meats.

***Knights of Columbus Scholarship Opportunity***

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 2024-25. 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](mailto:kofc2890scholarships@gmail.com).

**Completed applications must be postmarked by March 10th.**

## Sacramental Preparation

### ***Marriage Preparation for Engaged Couples***

Before scheduling a wedding date, the engaged couple must first take their Marriage Inventory. This is scheduled through Beth at the parish office (989.587.4201). Once the Inventory has been taken, either Fr. Eric or Fr. Peter will contact the couple to set up a meeting where the wedding date will be scheduled.



**No information regarding open dates can be given by the parish office staff.**

### ***Baptism Preparation***



**Next Baptism Class:**  
**Tuesday, March 19th**  
**at 7:00 PM in the school library.**  
**Call the parish office to register**  
**989.587.4201.**

Please pick up your Baptism Packet at the Parish Office! The packet includes guidelines for choosing Godparents along with schedules and forms for the day of Baptism. Do not delay as some of these forms are time sensitive!

## Weekly Contribution Totals

### ***January 21, 2024***

**Total Amount Received.....\$19,590.00**

**Weekend Collection ..... \$12,618.00**

**Number of Envelopes..... 100**

**Holy Days ..... \$30.00**

**EFT & MARS ..... \$2,573.00**

**Transactions ..... 49**

**We Share..... \$4,369.00**

**Transactions ..... 50**

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

### ***Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:***

**Building Maintenance Fund ..... \$206.00**

**Worldwide Evangelization..... \$115.00**

## 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*



### In Remembrance Janet Thelen Lucas Spitzley

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

### Healing Prayer Ministry

The healing prayer team will be available after the 10:00 AM Mass on Sundays and after the 7:00 PM Mass on Wednesdays on the following dates:

**February 11 & 21,  
March 10 & 20,  
April 14 & 24,  
May 5 & 22  
June 9 & 19  
July 14 & 24**

If you would like to make an appointment, please call Vicki Noeker at 989.587.4211.

Brooke Badgero  
Gladys Bengel  
Joe Bengel  
Bill Bengel  
Brad Bierstetel  
Jillian Chapman  
Helen Cook  
Brian Davis  
Brent Drake  
Bob Droste  
Millie Droste  
Sister Joanne Fedewa  
Elinor Feldpausch  
Mabel Feldpausch  
Marie Feldpausch  
Sue Fox  
Mary Theresa Gross  
Lisa Grove  
Pam Haan  
Ray Hart  
Mary Hengesbach  
Mark Hengesbach  
Fr. Dennis Howard  
Kevin Howard  
Michelle Huhn  
Leone Hufnagel  
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Justin Norton  
Rose Nurenberg  
Brad O'Dell  
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Mark Platte  
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Mary Pohl  
Darin Pung  
Frank Rademacher  
Ofelia Ramereiz  
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Carolee Smith  
Gerry Smith  
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Ruth Spitzley  
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Dave Thelen  
Delbert Thelen  
Jason Thelen  
Luke G. Thelen  
Philip Thelen  
Suzanne Thelen  
Tom Thelen  
Dane Van Ells  
David Walker  
Sarah Weber  
Doug Werner  
Tony Wirth  
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:  
989.587.4132 • 989.587.6624 • 517.285.3783 or email [btrierweiler@gmail.com](mailto:btrierweiler@gmail.com)

### **Job Opportunity at the Diocese of Lansing**

The Catholic Foundation is seeking candidates for temporary employment. Responsibilities will include data entry and charitable gift processing; paid training will be provided. Training will begin the week of February 19th and scheduled hours may continue through June 2024. Shifts of 4 to 8 hours, Monday - Friday may be scheduled and part-time or full-time options will be considered subject to availability of qualified candidates. Candidates with availability beginning after February 19th may also be considered. If you know of anyone who would be interested in data entry work who has availability 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Friday, please contact Julie Gill, Donor Services Manager of the Catholic Foundation, at 517.253.8792 or [donorservices@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:donorservices@dioceseoflansing.org)

In addition, resumes are now being accepted for a Donor Services Specialist, Facilities Manager, and Administrative Assistant for Marriage and Family Life Ministries. To learn more about these positions and to apply, please visit our careers page:

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



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## Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:  
9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Wednesday & Friday:  
9:00 AM—3:00 PM

**Closed for lunch: 12:30-1:00 PM**

**Rev. Fr. Eric Weber, Pastor**  
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## Bulletin Article Submissions:

Please send your bulletin article as  
an attachment to:

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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

## St. Mary School Daddy Daughter Dance

This year's Daddy Daughter Dance is  
being held in the St. Mary Parish Hall A on  
**Saturday, February 10th from 6:30-8:30  
PM.** The theme is "Valentine's Day." All  
girls in grades K-6 are welcome to bring  
their Dad or a special guest to this event.  
**The cost is \$15 per family. Forms were  
sent electronically to families in the  
December 14th newsletter and payment  
is due by January 26th.** Please contact  
Katie Smith 517.526.2213 or Caitlin  
Hengesbach 517.930.2485 with any  
questions.

## Thank You

I would like to thank the people of the  
parish for their thoughtfulness and  
kindness by remembering me this  
Christmas season with cards. I would also  
like to thank the students of St. Mary's  
School for their cute drawings, especially  
the student who wished me a "Merry  
New Year" and a "Happy Christmas". May  
God Bless you all for your kindness.

*Bob Droste*

Thank you for the many cards, cookies  
and visits this Christmas. I truly  
appreciate everyone's kindness and  
baking skills.

*Elvan Pohl*

Adeline Schafer would like to thank all of  
you who sent her a card this Christmas  
season. It gives us such great joy to know  
she is being remembered. It is truly a  
blessing to have such a kind and  
thoughtful community. GOD BLESS you  
all.

## SENIOR CITIZENS 70+

Mark your calendar for the next senior  
citizen luncheon at Platte's Pizzeria on  
**Tuesday, February 6th, at 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 January**  
**20th or call 989.640.2213 to sign up (or if**  
**you need to cancel).** The deadline to  
sign up is **January 31st.** 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!



Gentlemen of the parish are invited to  
attend the **Diocese of Lansing Catholic**  
**Men's Conference** taking place on  
**Saturday, March 16th from 9:00 AM**  
**until 5:00 PM at Eastern Michigan**  
**University in Ypsilanti.** Visit  
[acceptthechallenge.org](http://acceptthechallenge.org) for more  
information.

## Westphalia Historical Society News

For this summer's exhibit relating to  
farming, we are seeking photos of barns,  
barn raisings, miscellaneous farm  
buildings, aerial photos, and centennial  
farms. WHS will scan your photos and the  
originals will return home with  
you. **Scanning will take place at the WHS**  
**Museum on the following dates:**

**Saturday, February 3rd, 10 AM - 1 PM**  
**Sunday, February 18th, 1-3 PM**  
**Saturday, March 9th, 10 AM - 1 PM**  
**Tuesday, March 19th, 6 - 8 PM**  
**Sunday, April 14th, 1 - 3 PM**

We are looking forward to seeing your  
contributions. While you are there, we  
will also pick your brains about other  
ideas for the farming series.

Any questions you can call Margie Wirth  
989.640.4437 or 989.587.6984.



The Lansing Deanery Presents

*A Three Night Mission*  
with Dr. Mary Healy

6:30pm | Sun, Mon, Tue | March 3, 4, 5  
St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing, MI

*The Holy Spirit:*  
The Presence,  
the Power,  
the Promise



[elcatholics.org/holy-spirit-mission](http://elcatholics.org/holy-spirit-mission)



## St. Mary School Dinner & Raffle News

Many hands make light work! The St. Mary School Dinner & Raffle event takes place Saturday February 3rd. Last year, a handful of generous parishioners answered the call and came to the gym the morning after the event, to help get the gym back in order for school the next day. This was a tremendous help so we are asking anyone to **please consider coming to the gym on Sunday February 4th after the 8am or 10am Mass to offer a helping hand. 10 minutes or 1 hour, anything helps.** Thank you in advance.

### 2024 Committee Members

<b>Bill &amp; Sara Badgero</b>	<b>Gregg &amp; Kristin Trierweiler</b>
<b>Dean &amp; Andrea Weber</b>	<b>Ben &amp; Kelly Sedlecky</b>
<b>Keith &amp; Nicole Thelen</b>	<b>Kyle &amp; Katie Pung</b>
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