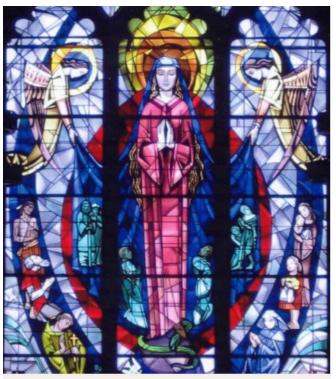


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Liturgy Schedule

Monday, February 26th

8:15 AM †Bernard & Eileen Schafer

Tuesday, February 27th

8:15 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 28th

7:00 PM Living & deceased members of the

Noeker & Pung families

Thursday, February 29th

deceased family members

First Friday, March 1st

6:15 AM †Louis, Romilda & Gary Fink

8:15 AM †Donald & Jeanette Weber, including

living & deceased family members

First Saturday, March 2nd (Interpreted Mass)

4:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, March 3rd • The Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM †Bill & Carolyn Wirth, including living &

deceased family members

10:00 AM Living & deceased members of the

Christian Mothers & Women's Guild



The Sanctuary Lamp for this week is in loving memory of Stella Pung

Upcoming Spiritual Growth Opportunities

February

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

Readings for February 26th (session 16):

Acts 1: 1-11; Acts 2, 3, 4; Acts 5: 12-42; Acts 6: 8-15; Acts 7;

Acts 8: 1-8; Acts 9 & 10

Topic of Discussion: Life of the Early Church **What's the Point(s)?** His work continues.

Come and join us and bring a friend!

Plan A Initiative

The Plan A videos on prayer and growth in the spiritual life will be released weekly between February 11th and March 17th. They will be posted on the parish SMPTV YouTube channel with links provided on the parish Facebook page and website. Notices will also be sent on Flocknote. Sign up by texting "SMPTV" to 84576. Please take time this Lent to engage in this life changing journey of embracing God's plan!

March

March 9th - St. Mary's Women's Conference beginning at 9:00 AM and will be held in St. Mary's School Cafeteria



Continue your spiritual growth this Lent and join us for St. Mary's Women's Conference!

Have a snack and sip on some coffee while you enjoy a reflective morning of talks, prayer and fellowship! No cost but free will donations are welcome. Pre-registration is not required but is appreciated to help us prepare. To register, scan the QR code or call the parish office. More details to come!



We Need Your Help!

For the past several years, we have offered Eucharistic Adoration on almost every Friday. This ministry relies on volunteers. We need at least one person (preferably two) to be present 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 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:

Third Fridays of each month 12-1 PM 1-2 PM

Fourth Fridays of each month

1-2 PM

Please call the parish office at 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 contact the parish office and we will open up the time slot on our "Sign-Up Genius."

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 25th

11:00 AM Confirmation Super Sunday/Hall

Monday, February 26th

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

5:30 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Holy Hour (Until 6:40 PM)

7:00 PM Omega Project-Bible Study/ARK

Tuesday, February 27th

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

Wednesday, February 28th

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

5:30 PM Reconciliation

7:30 PM RCIA/parish office library

Thursday, February 29th

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

2:00 PM Reconciliation
6:30 PM Parish Council
7:00 PM Choir Practice

First Friday, March 1st

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

1:30 PM School: Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

First Saturday, March 2nd

8:15 AM Marian Devotions 3:00 PM Reconciliation



Weekend Ministry Schedule

March 2nd • The Third Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Mass

Rosary Kurt Thelen

Readers Phil Smith, Kurt Thelen

EMC Jamie & Phil Smith, Janice Spitzley

Servers Kate Schafer, Jackson Smith, Brandon Theis

Ushers Kurt Bengel, Lee Klein, Ryan Thelen,

Brock Thelen

March 3rd • The Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Mass

Rosary Neal Miller

Readers Justin Voss, Ann Lehman **EMC** Tim Bengal, Helen Hengesbach,

Mary Lou Kissinger

Servers Avery Fox, Calvin Snitgen, Rachel Voss

Ushers Neil Koenigsknecht, Andy Theis, Dale Schmitt,

Bill Keilen

10:00 AM Mass

Rosary Austin Pline

Readers Ryan Pung, Leanne O'Brien

EMC Leanne O'Brien, Kay Schneider, Luke Thelen
Servers Chase Miller, Brooklyn Thelen, Ava Thelen
Ushers Gene Pline, Brett Thelen, Brett Schrauben,

Jason Fox

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY, March 13th

Donation Time Period: 11:30 AM to 5:15 PM

St. Mary Parish Hall

Please note that beginning in March, the bi monthly blood drives are moving to Wednesdays. 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.



Scripture Readings for the Week of February 25, 2024

Monday Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16;

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;

Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;

Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

St. Mary School will pray the Stations of the Cross together on the following Fridays beginning at 1:30 PM in the church:

March 1st, and March 15th. Please join us!

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Opportunity

Westphalia Knights of Columbus is offering a total of three \$700 scholarships for its members and members' 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.

Completed applications must be postmarked by March 10th.

Weekly Contribution Totals

February 18, 2024

Total Amount Received.....\$24,814.15

Weekend Collection	. \$18,806.00
Number of Envelopes	119
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We Share	\$3,184.00
Transactions	34

Weekly Amount Needed \$25,000.00

Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:

Sister Myra Scholarship	\$285.00
Home Missions	\$496.00
Easter Flowers	\$50.00
Building Maintenance	\$400.00

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, 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!

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



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:

> 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.

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

> For the Recently Married: Ryan Smith & Kennedy Pohl

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For those baptized in January

Remy Joshua Fedewa James Joseph Simon

Leah Ann Marie Rehmann Daughter of Jeff & Cheryl Rehmann Son of Joshua & Kelly Fedewa Luke Michael Hengesbach Son of Jerod & Mallory Hengesbach Son of Scott & Holly Simon

Maraot Rose Droste Lewis Paul Heckman Heidi Elizabeth Hurren Daughter of Tanner & Jessica Droste Son of Peyton & Grace Heckman Daughter of Nicholas & Beth Hurren

We CARE Ministry Lenten Initiative

The three pillars of Lent are Prayer (talking to God), Fasting (dying to self), and Almsgiving (giving of one's time, talent, or treasure) all done with the ultimate goal of growing closer to God. During the six weeks of Lent, we are in need of volunteers to reach out to local parishioners with a phone call or a visit to see how they are doing. During your contact we hope to identify if they are currently in need of anything or if there is anything they could use prayers for. We would appreciate both men and women volunteers as it provides different opportunities and perspectives to those receiving the call or visit. Also, if you have someone in mind who would benefit from a phone call or visit, please let us know. If this opportunity is something that interests you as a personal Lenten project, please call Pat Simon at 989.640.7115 or Mary Lou Thelen at 989.587.6600 and they will assist you in this very worthwhile opportunity. With your help we hope to provide conversation and companionship to those who otherwise might go without.

Thank you for considering serving our community in this way. "Stay where you are. Find your own Calcutta". St. Mother Teresa

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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

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Please send your bulletin article as an attachment to:

office@stmarychurch.net by Monday morning - 9:00 AM.

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St. Mary's Church Gift Shop

Open by appointment. Please call Cindy Miller 989.640.5533 or Cindy Fedewa 989.640.5332

Lansing Diocese Men's Conference: Accept the Challenge

When: Saturday, March 16th 9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Located at: George Gervin GameAbove Center Eastern Michigan University

Gather in fellowship with hundreds of other men to hear from dynamic speakers about who God has called you to be and how to live as a faithful Catholic in our post-Christian world. This conference is not meant to simply revitalize your Faith for a day, but to invite men across the diocese to build strong Christian communities in their homes, parishes, and workplaces that glorify the Lord. You will have the chance to connect with other Catholic men from around the state, hear from nationally renowned speakers, engage with different Catholic ministries, and celebrate Mass with Bishop Boyea! For more information and to register for the conference visit acceptthechallenge.org

**The Dewitt Knights of Columbus have rented a Dean trailways charter bus to drive down to the Lansing men's conference. Seats on the bus are \$25 per person. Please contact Andrew Rademacher 517.819.8692 for details on how to pay for a seat on the bus. Please arrive by 7:15 AM to the Catholic Community of St Jude in DeWitt in the northwest parking lot.

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. The Historical Society will scan your photos and the originals will return home with you. Scanning will take place at the Museum on the following dates:

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

Any questions, call Margie Wirth at 989.640.4437 or 989.587.6984.

Westphalia Antique Roadshow will again be in town in our building on Tuesday, March 12th, from 6-8 PM. We will have Dennis Beard, Appraiser with almost 50 years experience with antiques. Please limit your items to 2. He will do appraisals on items such as furniture, dishes, artwork, knickknacks, glassware. However, he does not appraise guns, coins, stamps or fine jewelry. In case of inclement weather, the snow date is Wednesday, March 20th, 6-8 PM.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and all the birthday cards I received! Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. May God bless you all!

Rose Kolp

The family of Colleen Heiden extends our heartfelt gratitude to the parish community for their prayers, cards, food, kind expressions of sympathy and sharing with us special memories of Colleen. A special thank you to Father Eric for administering the Anointing of the Sick and to Father Peter for the beautiful Mass. Thank you also to Brian Flynn for providing the music. Thank you to Chris Smith and her helpers for providing the delicious funeral dinner. With gratitude we thank Sparrow Hospice. In lieu of thank you cards, the family will give a donation to a local charity.

Where do we begin to thank you when our gratitude is beyond words? God has shown His light through you in so many ways and left us speechless with the outpouring of love and support. Joe's nine-year cancer journey was challenging. Through his surgeries, treatments, and passing, God gave us what we needed through your prayers, thoughts, food, visits, cards, texts, gift cards, etc. It was amazing! Thank you for living your Faith! Many thanks to Fr. Eric, Fr. Peter, Fr. Jegar, and Dcn. Chuck for the beautiful Funeral Mass; Brian Flynn for the beautiful music; Alice Bengel and Chris Smith for the delicious luncheon; the wonderful people who brought food, helped during, and cleaned up after the luncheon; and the St. Mary's School students who prayed the rosary before the Mass. We are blessed to have you all in our lives.

In lieu of thank you cards, a donation was made to St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

May God bless you abundantly!
Kelly Bengel, Alyssa and Kaleb
Lenneman, Hannah and Ryan
Koenigsknecht, Drew and Leah Bengel,
and Dominic Bengel

SENIOR CITIZENS 70+

Mark your calendar for the next senior citizen luncheon at Platte's Pizzeria on Tuesday, March 5th, 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 or call 517.614.1215 to sign up (or if you need to cancel). The deadline to sign up is February 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! Thank you.

Christian Mother and Women's Guild

CMWG mothers and sons are welcome to join on March 3rd at 11:00 AM in Hall A for Bingo. This event will be in place of our traditional banquet meal this year. It is free but donations will be accepted at the door. We do ask that you please RSVP to Jen Cook at 989.640.9320 or cmandwg@gmail.com by February 25th with the number of adults and children attending. We will provide muffins, donuts, bagels, coffee, juice, and water as well as bingo prizes. We hope you can join us!

-CMWG Committee

Pre-Cana Retreat: St. Joseph Pewamo -**Saturday March 2nd from 8:30 AM-5:30 PM** in the Activity Center. Cost is \$40 per couple and will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Please call or text Celena Thelen to register at 517-749-3844.



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