

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 11th

8:15 AM †Marcella Trierweiler, including living &

deceased family members

Tuesday, March 12th

8:15 AM †Gen & Clarence Simon

Wednesday, March 13th

7:00 PM †Clair & Geneva Markel, including living

& deceased family members

Thursday, March 14th

8:15 AM †Gwen Thelen, including living &

deceased family members

Friday, March 15th

8:15 AM †Annette Blaschka, including living &

deceased family members

Saturday, March 16th

4:30 PM †Joann Lehman, including living &

deceased family members

Sunday, March 17th • The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM †Jerome J. Schafer, 10th anniversary,

including living & deceased family members



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

Upcoming Spiritual Growth Opportunities

March

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

Readings for March 11th (session 18):

Exodus 12:1-27, Exodus 13:3-10, Exodus 24: 1-11, John 6:1-69, Matthew26:26-30, John 18 & 19

Topic of Discussion: Eucharist Part 1: Passover & manna, Sermon on

the Mount & Bread of Life

What's the Point(s)? The true Passover, then and now.

Come and join us and bring a friend!

Plan A Initiative

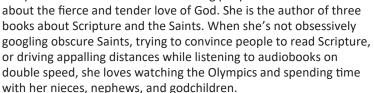
The Plan A videos on prayer and growth in the spiritual life will be released weekly until March 17th. They will be posted on the parish SMPTV YouTube channel with links provided on the parish Facebook page and website. Notices will also be sent on Flocknote. Sign up by texting "SMPTV" to 84576. Please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

St. Mary's Women's Conference- God Revealed

This Saturday, March 9th: 9 AM-Noon

Doors open at 8:30 AM.
Speaker: Meg Hunter-Kilmer

Meg Hunter-Kilmer is an itinerant missionary and storyteller who travels the world telling people



There is no cost but freewill 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.

School Boiler Update

Thanks to all who have donated in recent weeks to help the school secure a second boiler. This project was first introduced at the School Dinner and Raffle in February. Because of your generosity, we anticipate installing the boiler this summer. Until recent years, the school had a two-boiler system. This new second boiler will provide backup if the first one fails, should extend the life of the first boiler (whose current estimated replacement date is 2033), will be used on the milder spring and fall days when the first boiler typically overheats the school, and will be more energy-efficient than the first boiler. Your generosity toward St. Mary's once again is truly inspiring!

Father Eric

Easter Mass Times

Easter Vigil: March 30th 9:00 PM

Easter Sunday: March 31st 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM



Weekend Ministry Schedule

March 16th • The Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30 PM Mass

Rosary Tim Hengesbach

Readers Gail Spitzley, Amy Bearss

EMC Genny Bengel, Daryl Feldpausch, Scott Thelen **Servers** Alyssa Kramer, Daniel Kramer, Jenna Kramer

Ushers Kurt Bengel, Lee Klein, Ryan Thelen,

Brock Thelen

March 17th • The Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Mass

Rosary Brian Smith **Readers** Brian & Erin Smith

EMC Eunice Arens, Tim Bengal, Andy Manning
Servers Jameson Huhn, Logan Huhn, Landon Keilen
Ushers Neil Koenigsknecht, Andy Theis, Dale Schmitt,

Bill Keilen

10:00 AM Mass

Rosary Gary Schafer

Readers Gary Schafer, Ryan Pung

EMC Ron Arens, Dennis Fox, Ryan Pung

Servers Cole Nurenberg, Bennett Thelen, Grant Thelen
Ushers Gene Pline, Brett Thelen, Brett Schrauben,

Jason Fox



Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 10th

8:00 AM Fireman's breakfast/hall (Until 12:00 PM)

6:00 PM Family Encounter/Gym

Monday, March 11th

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

5:30 PM No Reconciliation 6:00 PM No Holy Hour

6:30 PM Lenten Penance Service
7:00 PM Omega Project-Bible Study/ARK

7:15 PM The Well/Hall

Tuesday, March 12th

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

Wednesday, March 13th

5:45 AM Eucharistic Adoration (Until 6:45 AM) 11:30 AM Blood Drive/Parish Hall (until 5:15 PM)

5:30 PM Reconciliation

7:30 PM RCIA/parish office library

Thursday, March 14th

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

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, March 15th

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

1:30 PM School: Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16th

8:15 AM Marian Devotions 3:00 PM Reconciliation

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

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."

Alternative Spring Break 2024

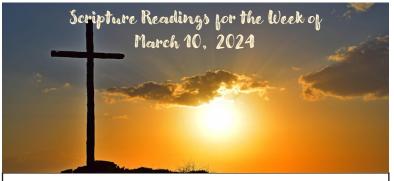


BRINGING CHRIST'S LOVE TO A BACKYARD NEAR YOU March 26-28

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." - Colossians 3:23-24

During P-W's spring break this year, we will be offering an "Alternative Spring Break" option for the high schoolers, rounding up a group of students and assisting older folks in the area who could use some help with outdoor work.

What we'd love to hear from you on is WHO to help. If you know of any elderly folks in the area who would love assistance with outdoor work (raking, shoveling, carrying heavy objects, etc. — basically any physical labor that a high schooler would be capable of) for a few hours on either March 26th, 27th or 28th, please contact Austin Fox at afox@stmarychurch.net, and we'll get something set up.



Monday Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b;

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Is 49:8-15;

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday 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 and

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

Saturday Jer 11:18-20: Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-

12;

23;

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

> Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15;

Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Weekly Contribution Totals

March 3, 2024

Total Amount Received.....\$36,048.00

Weekend Collection Number of Envelopes	
EFT & MARS	. ,
We Share	. ,

Weekly Amount Needed \$25,000.00

Special Parish & Diocesan Donations:

Catholic Relief Services	\$70.00
Home Missions	\$2500
Building Maintenance	\$100.00
Faster Flowers	\$570.00

DSA Totals

Total Gifts received	74
Amount received to date	\$27,042.00
Parish Goal	.\$125,540.00
Percentage of goal	21.5%

Please make your checks payable to St. Mary Parish/DSA. Thank you for your generosity!

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 7 (Holy Spirit Encounter) & 24,
May 5 & 22
June 9 & 19
July 14 & 24
August 11th & 21st

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



In Remembrance
Hilda Schmitz
Eternal rest grant unto her
O Lord and let perpetual
light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.

Brooke Badgero Gladys Bengel Bill Bengel Brad Bierstetel Jillian Chapman Helen Cook Brian Davis Brent Drake Bob Droste Millie Droste 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** Carol Huhn Michelle Huhn Leone Hufnagel Lisa Koenigsknecht Rose Kolp Jude Kramer Kendall Kramer Barb Kurkowski Mary Lou Lehman

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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: 989.587.4132 • 989.587.6624 • 517.285.3783 or email btrierweiler@gmail.com

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

Lost Sheep Holy Hour Every Tuesday 7-8 PM

Come and join us as we pray for all those who have fallen away from the Catholic faith, that they may return to the Church with a renewed understanding of the love and mercy of God.

"The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. The prayer most daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."

Jesus to St. Faustina

pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know My

St. Mary School News

The sixth grade students have been working on their Shadow Stations of the Cross. The students will perform this meditation on Tuesday March 19th, at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM. Both of these performances will be in the GYM. Everyone is invited to attend.

Fire Department's Annual Breakfast

This Sunday, March 10th St. Mary Parish Hall 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Serving Pancakes, pork sausage, fried potatoes, cinnamon rolls & scrambled eggs.

Breast Cancer Support Group

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 20th after the 7:00 PM Mass. The meeting will be held in the Parish office.

Knights of Columbus Shoe Drive

Westphalia Knights of Columbus will be collecting men, women, and children's shoes for Footprints of Michigan before all Masses on Palm Sunday weekend, March 23rd & 24th. Types of shoes include work, dress, sandals, flip-flops, athletic shoes and cleats will be accepted. Any questions contact Mike Fink at 989.640.0103.

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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 father@stmarychurch.net

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Bulletin Article Submissions:

Please send your bulletin article as an attachment to:

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

We Care Ministry

Ruth Schueller 989.640.2451 Lisa Nurenberg 989.292.0182

St. Mary's Church Gift Shop

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

Substitute Teachers

Join the St. Mary School Staff as a substitute teacher! As a substitute you will follow the teacher's lesson plans, aid students in understanding subject matter, and ensure that regular classroom routines are followed. You will join the students in their faith journey by attending Mass, Adoration, and learning more about Jesus through the Religion lessons. If you are interested in this position or have more questions, please contact Helen Hengesbach at principal@stmaryschool.us or call (989) 587-3702.

St. Mary School will pray the Stations of the Cross together on the following Fridays beginning at 1:30 PM in the church: March 15th. Please join us!

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.

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.



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