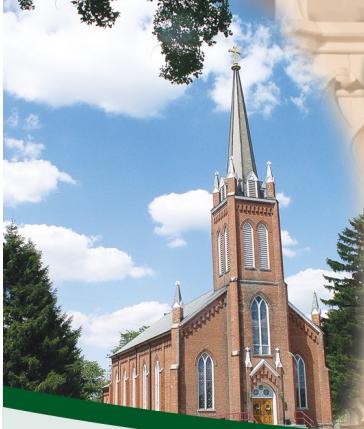


# Old St. Patrick



Guest Writer Carole Breslin— Parishioner

## ***Following Jesus as a Marian Catechist***

I am grateful to have been asked to share with you my story as a Marian Catechist, on this great feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary! I have learned that God cannot be outdone in generosity. “Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.” (*Luke 6:38*) The first catechism lesson is that God made us to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this life in order to be happy with Him in the next. As a Marian Catechist this lesson has become more profound with each passing day, each blessing, each small cross embraced.

Shortly after his conversion, my late husband Mike, read a book about Mother Teresa and began working in the Missionaries of Charity soup kitchen in Detroit where he met Fr. John A. Hardon S.J. The attraction was instantaneous and he began working for Fr. Hardon, taking me along! Following a thirty day retreat with Father Hardon, Mike enrolled in a 36 lesson home study course that Father had written for the Missionaries of Charity and which would later be adapted for his Marian Catechists. Mike eventually convinced me to take the 30 day retreat and the coursework as well —even though we were rais-

ing three children under the age of 7 at the time! I was asked to set aside three hours each day for 30 days of meditations at home, which was only accomplished by the grace of God! Yet, I found the time given to Our Lord granted me better sleep and more efficiency in my daily chores—even our young girls behaved better!

Although I was a career minded woman and had complicated pregnancies and deliveries, one of the blessings from the retreat was a decision to be open to having another child—certainly a marvel if not a miracle. I learned in the courses that a Marian Catechist seeks to imitate Mary, her humility, her chastity, her obedience, her purity and her great love for both God and man. From her first appearance in the Gospels at the Annunciation, Mary demonstrated these virtues. Surely she knew the Messiah would be a suffering servant (*Isaiah 53*). As His mother, she would suffer. Yet she did not trust in her strength. She trusted in God, knowing He was all good, omnipotent, loving and would always do what was ultimately best for her and others.

The Catholic Faith became intensely alive to me; revealing the many resources, treasures, and graces available for those who seek Jesus through Mary. In due course I discerned and agreed to

homeschool our young children, giving up any dreams of a career using my MBA.

Father Hardon taught: if you are not growing in your faith, you are losing it—there is no middle road. My late husband and

I became very involved with the Marian Catechist movement. He taught classes but more importantly, passed on his love and knowledge of the Catholic Faith to our children. I worked with Fr. Hardon doing administrative work for the Marian Catechists, while Mike supported developed the database for the apostolate. We organized retreats, published a Marian Catechist newsletter, and assisted with correspondence.

This work was a sacrifice, but brought joy to our hearts as others learned to love their Faith and live it more deeply. Mike led several groups in taking the courses and eventually I led a few as well. The courses are like the Bible—each time you go through them, you understand the Truth more deeply, taking it to heart and soul. There was no shortage of crosses to bear and one year was



known as my "year from Hell." Fr. Hardon led me through that difficult year and helped me to discover if I was being tested by God or tempted by the devil. Whatever it was, God poured his grace upon us—sometimes painful, but always rewarding.

Over the years, prayerfully reflecting on the life of Mary and seeking to imitate her total trust

and love of God, I learned to seek His will by being open to opportunities to serve in the moment. My life has been so enriched by teaching classes, working with Fr. Hardon, and meeting wonderful people. Small sacrifices have brought meaning and depth to my life. Imagine the rewards that Mary received throughout her life and not just at the end when she

was assumed into heaven!

I pray that, as Mary stood at the foot of the cross while her beloved son, her God died at the hands of those He came to save, all of us may learn to embrace the cross for love of God. May we persevere in our quest for heaven, through any suffering or sacrifices. How else can we show our Lord how much we love Him?

## OSP Food Pantry

Our food pantry is in need of restocking. This is a great opportunity to serve those in our area who are in need of your charity.

- ♥ Oatmeal (quick)
- ♥ Cereal
- ♥ Canned Soups
- ♥ Canned Meat-Tuna & Chicken
- ♥ Canned Beef Stew



## Memorial Mass for Mary

There will be a memorial Mass for Mary Tummonds a long time very active parishioner of our parish on Saturday, August 28th at 11:00am in the Church. This is a great opportunity to pray for the soul of our sister in Christ. Please join the family for coffee and pastries in the parish hall after Mass.



## Special Needs Mass

There is a Special Needs Mass on August 29 at the St. Francis Retreat Center located at 703 E. Main Street in DeWitt. Mass starts at 2 pm followed by refreshments in the Dining Room. Please RSVP for this Mass to Cathy Blatnik, at [blatsie63@yahoo.com](mailto:blatsie63@yahoo.com) or at 517-381-1410 with the total number of people in your group by **August 22**. Hope to see you there!

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Attention OSP Parishioners, RCIA is starting this September! If you know of anyone who is thinking of converting to the Catholic Faith or simply interested in learning more about the Church, please have them contact the parish office at 734-662-8141.

## MASS INTENTIONS

- TUE 7:00 Margaux Magryta  
WED 8:30 Fr. Francis Faraci +  
THU 8:30 Frank Komisar +  
FRI 8:30 Sr. Maria Gemma, O.P.  
SAT 4:00 Gabriel Anthony Benitez +  
SUN 8:00 Elaine von Berge +  
10:30 Parishioners

## TO PRAY IS TO LOVE

- Please pray for those in need, including:  
Patricia Fuller, John LaRock Sr., Phil Rutledge, Sandra Adams, Pete Siebertz, Jim Stephensen, Mason Rutledge, Ron Fuller, Wayne DeForest, Ann Mary "Nancy" Phillips, Katie Hutton, Betsy & Charlie Rodgers, Pam Witala, Emma Thompson, Bryan Eaton, Phillip Campbell Sr., Paul Massimilla, Magdalene Trabanino, Clara Peterson, Teri Kuzniar, John LaRock Jr., Glenn Klecker, Alice Walsh, Henrik Wayne Sidwell, Ginny Kolander, Carla Pariseau, Yvonne Wardle
- Please pray for those in the military, including:  
Tony Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Mike Nelson, Frank Snaith, Allan Fletcher, Mike Porter, Aerik LaFave
- Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

# ST. PATRICK PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Mass

10:30 Mass

11:30 Parish Picnic

TUESDAY, August 17

5:30 Adoration and Confession

7:00 Mass

WEDNESDAY, August 18

8:30 Mass

THURSDAY, August 19

8:30 Mass

6:30 American Heritage Girls

FRIDAY, August 20

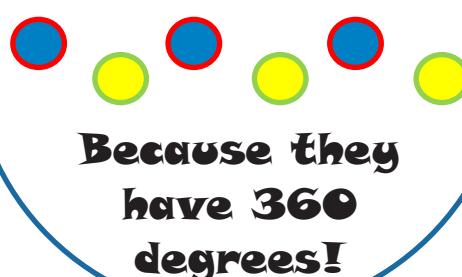
8:30 Mass

SATURDAY, August 21

2:30 Confession

4:00 Mass

Why are  
circles  
so smart?



## ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY 4:00/Aug 21

J.P. Deemer  
Fulton Deemer

SUNDAY 8:00/Aug 22

A. Barrantes  
S. Fil

SUNDAY 10:30/Aug 22

S. Breen  
N. Holody  
J. Holody



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

### Knight of the Month

Our Knight of the Month for August is Phil Rutledge. Phil joined St. Pat's in 1955. He is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight and has been a Knight for 29 years. In fact, he was the first new member of the Knights after the Charter on October 12, 1992. Phil served as Grand Knight of our council for 3 years, 1999 to 2001. He helped build the Parish Hall and the phone service. Phil worked at our Labor Day Festivals for over 20 years. He is now serving on our Cemetery Committee. Thank you, Phil, for your long, dedicated work as a faithful parishioner. God Bless You.

Join our Knights Council 10963 [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) today. Get one year free online membership with promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

### Family of the Month



Our Family of the Month for August is the Mark Holody Family. Mark and Jennifer have four children – Michael Stephen, Nicholas, and Joseph. Mark oversees our altar servers as they are being trained. Nicholas is the altar server trainer and serves Mass with Joseph. Jennifer is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Sacristan, Altar Server Scheduler, Religious Education Teacher, and member of the Ladies of St. Brigid. In the past the whole family helped at our Labor Day Festivals. Thank you, Holody Family, for your dedicated work for Old St. Pat's. May Our Lord Bless Your Family.

## OLD ST. PATRICK PARISH DIRECTORY

### Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:40PM  
Saturday 2:30PM or by appointment; Don't hesitate to call for an appointment!

### Weekend Schedule for Holy Mass

Saturday 4:00PM  
Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

### EF/TLM Latin Mass

2nd Sunday of Month 12:30pm

### Weekday Schedule for Holy Mass

Tuesday 7:00PM  
Wed. & Fri. 8:15AM School Year, 8:30AM Summer  
Thur. 8:30AM  
First Saturdays 9:00AM

### Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord

Tuesday 5:30PM – 6:45PM  
First Friday 7:00PM – Saturday 8:45AM

### Baptisms

Contact Dcn. Frank-Joseph Papp, 734-426-1070 or email [fjpapp@umich.edu](mailto:fjpapp@umich.edu) to arrange a preparation class and Baptism date.

### Marriages

Arrangements are to be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

### Funerals

Funeral arrangements are made by contacting the parish office.

### Parish Registration

Contact the office for a registration form.

### Office hours

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

**Office:** 734-662-8141

**Emergency:** 734-663-1851

**Address:** 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd,  
Ann Arbor, 48105

**Website:** [www.stpatricka2.org](http://www.stpatricka2.org)

**E-mail:** [info@stpatricka2.org](mailto:info@stpatricka2.org)

### Pastor

Fr. Thomas Wasilewski (#24)  
[twasilewski@stpatricka2.org](mailto:twasilewski@stpatricka2.org)

### Deacon

Dcn. Frank-Joseph Papp, [fjpapp@umich.edu](mailto:fjpapp@umich.edu)

### Parish Secretary

Debbie Welch (#21) [debbie@stpatricka2.org](mailto:debbie@stpatricka2.org)

### RCIA

Contact Father Tom  
[twasilewski@stpatricka2.org](mailto:twasilewski@stpatricka2.org)

### Coordinator of Religious Education

Contact Parish Office

### Youth Minister

Annika Van Camp  
[youth@stpatricka2.org](mailto:youth@stpatricka2.org)

**Organist:** Jun Bernier, [info@stpatricka2.org](mailto:info@stpatricka2.org)

### Choir Director:

Ernesto Alvarez-Ramirez,  
[ernestodetroit@gmail.com](mailto:ernestodetroit@gmail.com)

### Facilities and Maintenance Manager

Ron Fuller, [rfuller@stpatricka2.org](mailto:rfuller@stpatricka2.org)

### Dog In Residence:

Chesterton AKA "Chester"

### Knights of Columbus Council 10963

Paul Malocha , GK10963@mikofc.org

### Ladies of St. Brigid of Ireland

Nancy Keough, [nkeough@mac.com](mailto:nkeough@mac.com)

### Altar Server Coordinator

Jennifer Holody, [ospaltarservers@gmail.com](mailto:ospaltarservers@gmail.com)

### Prayer Requests

[ospintentions@gmail.com](mailto:ospintentions@gmail.com)

Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing to [bulletin@stpatricka2.org](mailto:bulletin@stpatricka2.org) by Monday at noon and will be edited at the discretion of the editor and/or pastor.

## Married Couples Night

Treat yourselves to a fun night with other married couples as we strive to enrich our marriage vocation! We'll meet once a month to fellowship as couples and learn how to grow in intimacy as Catholic spouses! We'll be using the "Epic Intimacy" series to hear from great Catholic couples how to: "Reignite the Fire, Increase Satisfaction, Avoid Drift, and

Divorce-Proof Your Marriage Our kick off night is: Friday, September 10th 5:45-8:45pm at Old St. Patrick Parish Hall

We will begin in church with a Holy (Half) Hour for the children, followed by a pot-luck dinner hall. Babysitting will be provided (with a \$5 donation requested). For more details and to RSVP contact Meredith Tyler at [meredithdunlevy@gmail.com](mailto:meredithdunlevy@gmail.com)

## Be a Member (officially!)

**Welcome!** If you regularly attend Old St. Patrick, please consider filling out a parish registration form, if you haven't already. Registration forms are available on our parish website. If you are already a member, please make sure we have your current email address so that you will receive Fr. Tom's weekly emails.



2021 BISHOP'S  
*Priesthood*  
DISCERNMENT DINNER  
**AUGUST 22, 2021**  
3:00pm • Bethany House at the  
St Francis Retreat Center • Dewitt, MI

[www.dioceseoflansing.org/bishops-priesthood-discernment-dinner](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/bishops-priesthood-discernment-dinner)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2021

# NUN RUN

SAVE THE DATE

Visitation of convents of various Religious Orders.  
Mass and meals included.

[www.dioceseoflansing.org/event/nun-run](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/event/nun-run)

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

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16  
9AM-5PM  
LANSING CENTER

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Friday,  
August 27  
– Sunday  
August 29

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*Festival*  
AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Family Movie Night, Big Tent Entertainment, Classic Car Show, Concert, Art & Crafts, and a Chicken Dinner!

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## Welcome Analisa! Coordinator of Religious Education

My name is Analisa Redmond, and I am the new Coordinator of Religious Education at Old St. Patrick's. It is so wonderful to be a part of this parish and to serve you in this capacity! Let me tell you a little about myself: I was home-schooled through high school before attending Wyoming Catholic College. I taught at Founders' Classical Academy in Schertz, Texas, for three years and am a tutor at St. Augustine's Homeschool Enrichment Program based here at Old St. Patrick. Most recently, I felt called to be more involved at our parish; after praying for further guidance, I was asked to consider the CRE position. Well, it seemed like God had a plan!

I love working with students and sharing the Gospel through beautiful art and clear texts--which is why I love that we use the Faith and Life Series from Ignatius Press. Every chapter has its own classic masterpiece to illustrate the lesson which is given in age-appropriate language and guided by a faithful Catholic catechist. It is such an opportunity for wisdom and devotion!



## Religious Education begins Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>!

Registration has begun! Our religious education program incorporates classroom learning, beautiful textbooks, and materials for further study at home to help educate our young people in the faith. The program encourages parents to embrace their role as the primary educators of their children. Class times are Sunday, 9:15 – 10:15 am beginning Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$35 per student, maximum \$105 per family. The three-page registration form can be found on our website ([stpatricka2.org/religious-education](http://stpatricka2.org/religious-education)) or stop by the parish office and register in person. I hope to see you there!

## Old St. Patrick Youth

### Youth Ministry Kick Off BBQ/Bonfire

September 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 12th, and come enjoy some food and fellowship as the kickoff of this year's youth ministry! Bring any outside games or instruments if you feel so inclined, this event will be in the green space behind the parish hall. My husband and I are looking forward to meeting you and to a year of growing in Faith together. Please notify me if there are any dietary restrictions or just preferences for games by emailing [youth@stpatricka2.org](mailto:youth@stpatricka2.org)

God Bless,  
Annika Van Camp



New  
Youth Minister:  
Annika Van Camp

