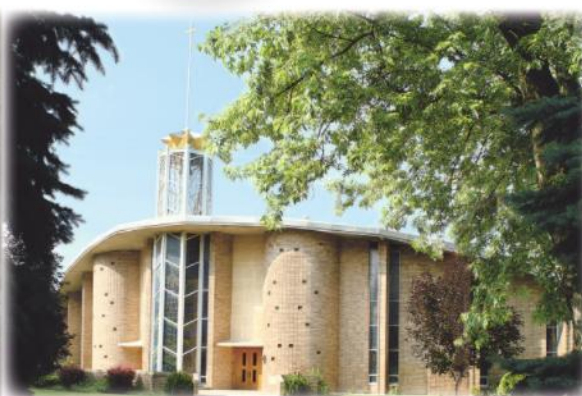




So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them,
was taken up into heaven
and took his seat at the right hand of God.

Mark 16:19

St. Mary CHURCH



Ascension of the Lord

Parish Mission Statement

To enrich and inspire the spiritual growth of our parish community through the Word, worship and service to all God's people.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday – 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Religious Education Classes are Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday of the Month after morning Mass.
Benediction at 1:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
Every Tuesday morning after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Rosary - Thursdays - 7:00 p.m.

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism

Fourth Sunday of the month. Call parish office to make arrangements.

Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.
Call the office for an appointment with Fr. Joseph.

Penance

Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. or by request

Anointing of the Sick

Please inform us of parishioners who are seriously ill at home or in the hospital, in case of emergency or accident, call Fr. Joseph.

Holy Orders and Consecrated Religious Life

Everyone has a vocation. If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, contact Fr. Joseph for assistance.

**Dear Friends in Christ,**

The Ascension of our Lord took place a long time ago but his parting words are still vibrant to us and must be carried out courageously to be his witnesses in the world of today, like the first Apostles. Hence the feast of the Ascension is not to commemorate a departure but the celebration of the living and lasting presence of Jesus in the church. Jesus tells the disciples of the present situation as he gives the command to **“make disciples”** of people everywhere. He now introduces them to his mission as he passes on his own authority to his disciples. Pentecost will be the confirmation of this. They are asked to do what he himself did. They now have the power to reconcile the sinful persons with God and with the community and to decide who are not yet ready for reconciliation and full participation in the community's life. Hence there are four aspects to this mission which Jesus gives in today's Gospel: **to evangelize, that is, to communicate the life and vision of Jesus, to continue the healing mission of Jesus both physical and spiritual, to experience the power of the Holy Spirit, and experience the presence of Jesus.** He will be with us till the end of times. Then Jesus promises us that like him we all will be raised and ascend to the Father. During the coming week, let us remember that Jesus, who has ascended into Heaven, is here with us, is present in our hearts, in his apostolic Church and in a special way present in **the Holy Eucharist**. As we live this Ascension of our Lord, let us look forward to experience him in our lives and be his messengers in the world of today.

Happy Mother's Day.

Sincerely, Fr Joseph.

Readings for the Week of May 13, 2018

Sunday	The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Monday	Saint Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday	Saint Isidore Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Saint John I, Pope and Martyr Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Sunday 8:00 a.m.	May 13—The Ascension of the Lord <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.	†Margie Murphy (Birthday Remembrance) req. family

Monday 8:00 a.m.	Mass Intentions for the Week May 14—St. Matthias †Irene Tarsi req. Roy Meyer families
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	May 15—St. Isidore †Bette Haluch (3rd Anniversary) req. Haluch family
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.	May 16 †John Mailloux req. David & Jackie Marshall
9:00 a.m.	†Pat Killeen req. family
Thursday 7:00 p.m.	May 17 Rosary
Friday 8:00 a.m.	May 18—St. John I †Lisa Stack req. Kathy Argo & Ernie & Jean Markovich

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 19—Vigil: Pentecost Sunday <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	May 20—Pentecost Sunday †Ethel Mannix Bright & Blanche Mannix Journey req. Maggie Husa
11:00 a.m.	†Stanley Przybocki req. Joseph Przybocki

READERS & EMHC—MAY 19/20		
4:30 P.M.	8:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
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EMHC	EMHC	EMHC
N. Garcia	P. Arbanas	L. Marshall
R. Garcia	D. Fry	C. Thomas
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L. Ehinger	J. Podkol	F. Wallace
W. Hitchcock	S. Starbuck	E. Huver
T. Janczewski	M. Walker	M. Middlebrooks
R. Grzebyk	J. Butler	F. Ross
ALTAR SERVERS—MAY 19/20		
D. Kasson	S. DeYoung	A. Pantoja
K. Muir	A. Goscenski	L. McCorry
Volunteer	F. Wunderlich	W. McCorry

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Bruemmer.
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Parish Support—May 6, 2018

Envelopes (195)	\$ 6,596
Loose	\$ 884
Total	\$7,480
Weekly Target	\$7,700
Amount over (under) Target	(\$ 220)
Envelopes issued	381
Registered households	727
Collection Year-to-Date	\$341,717
Budgeted Year-to-Date	\$346,500
Amount over (under) Year-to-Date	(\$ 4,783)

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Prayer Requests

2nd Week of May—David Brusach, James Biagi, Bert Renaud, Mike Thomas, Mike Johnston, Dale Kemp, Lauren Markel, Fr. David Otto, Todd Sikkema, Sr. Melanie, Special Intention, William Rios, Virginia Stimac, Mary Nash, David Koppers, Bill & Jeanne Grevelding, Tammy Hawes, Ellie D., Nicole Middaugh, Chris Nash, Ron Sons, Florence Hunt, Theron Mosey
Pray for those residing at Bronson Commons and White Oaks. Please call the office if you are in special need of prayer help.

In the Works: St. Mary's is planning a **Catholic Vacation Bible School from June 25th – June 27th**. Sign-up sheets are available on the table at the back of the Church for those who are interested in having their children attend and for those wanting to be a VBS team member (teens welcome).

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give to the CRSC, and help **Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Calling all Bakers---Bake for Life!!!!!! Van Buren County Right to Life is holding our **annual bake sale on May 19th** at the Hardings in Bangor from 8-1. If you can provide items for our sale please drop them off on the morning of the sale or contact Judy Maring at 269.720.4106.

DIOCESAN 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—A special Mass for couples of the Diocese of Kalamazoo who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 will be held on October 14, 2018, 3:00 pm at St. Augustine Cathedral. Couples celebrating their 50th Anniversary *any time* in 2018 are asked to contact their parish office rectory (657-4459) so that their names can be submitted for a personal invitation to participate in this celebration.

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Parish Goal: \$64,501

Pledges: \$19,280

Needed: \$45,221

% of Goal Pledged: 29.9% - # of Donors: 62

Thank you to the families who made pledges to the Bishop's Annual Appeal last weekend. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so and respond this weekend. Your support of our diocesan educational, pastoral and religious programs will make a real difference in the lives of parishioners and communities throughout Southwest Michigan and beyond. You may place your Bishop's Annual Appeal pledge card in the collection basket.

KDCCW Summer Event—The Kalamazoo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold a **summer retreat titled "Where Charity and Love Prevail" on Wednesday, June 20 at St. Mary Parish in Paw Paw**. Check in and refreshments begin at 8:15 a.m. and the day concludes at 3 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Grants are available. Register by June 14 by email at: carolynmorrison@hotmail.com or at 517.617.5682.

Saint Mary School is NOW ENROLLING for the 2018-2019 school year! To learn more about our school or to schedule a visit, go to our website at www.saintmarypawpaw.org or call the school at 269-657-3750.



The next baptism class will be held on May 16th at 7:00PM in the school. **Baptisms will be on May 27th** after the 11:00AM Mass. Please call the office to register.

Dear Parishioners:

Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Westfall on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

Humanae Vitae Talking Circuit: In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's last encyclical, Humanae Vitae, this talking circuit aims to revisit this important catechesis dealing with the Church's teaching on the transmission of human life by looking at the philosophical, theological, scientific, and medical proofs evident within and discuss why this is so relevant in today's culture. Led by Mr. Jamin Herold (Executive Director, Parish Life & Lay Leadership for the Diocese of Kalamazoo) and Dcn. Don Bouchard, DO (President and Medical Director for Holy Family Healthcare), time will be provided at the end for a question and answer session.

Southern Deanery: St. Anthony Parish, Buchanan - ---
Wednesday, June 27th, 2018 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Western Deanery: Rose Center at St. Joseph, St. Joseph---
Tuesday, July 10th, 2018 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Closing Mass with Bishop Bradley: St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo---Wednesday, July 25th at 6 pm

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