

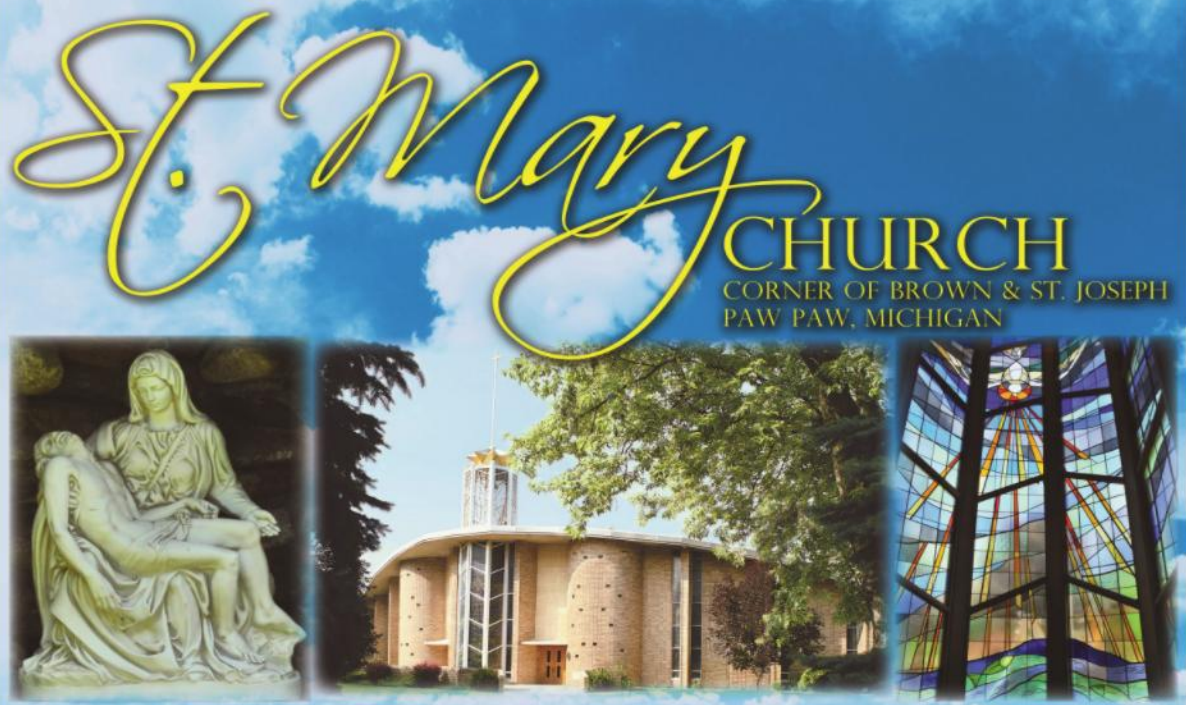


V: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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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 - Tuesday through Friday..8:00 a.m.

Confessions

1st and 3rd Sundays of the of the Month after the 11AM Mass or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Friday of the Month after morning Mass.

Pastoral Staff

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Hours

Monday8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Thursday.....8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
(Closed for lunch.....12:00 to 1:00 p.m.)

Religious Education Classes

Sunday.....9:30 a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Every Tuesday morning after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Rosary

Thursday.....7:00 p.m.

Parish Staff

Bookkeeper.....Lisa Gardner
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Sacramental Life

Baptism

Call parish office to make arrangements.

Matrimony

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

Please inform us of parishioners who are seriously ill at home or in the hospital.

Holy Orders and Consecrated Religious Life

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

Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings**Saturday December 18 • Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

4:30 p.m. †Ted Felcyn req. Wife & Family

Sunday December 19 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

8:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*11:00 a.m. †Guy, Donna, Paul, Steve & Ron Jach &
Genevieve Wesaw
req. Glenna Jach**Monday December 20**

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday December 21 • St. Peter Canisius

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

8:00 a.m. †Ted Felcyn

req. Connie Ashcraft

Wednesday December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

8:00 a.m. †Joe Forajter

req. Frank & Virginia Wunderlich

**Please note the parish office is closed
December 20th through January 2nd.****Thursday December 23 • St. John of Kanty**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

8:00 a.m. †Dick Pfister

req. Jeannette Williams

7:00 p.m. Rosary

Friday December 24 • Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

4:00 p.m. †John Menzor

req. Lonna & Family

9:00 p.m. †Ron Budzyn & Aloysius & Jean Malinowski

req. Theresa & Cory

Saturday December 25 • The Nativity of the Lord

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

10:00 a.m. *Pro Populo***Sunday December 26 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

8:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

11:00 a.m. †Luc Schincariol

req. Mary Beth Melby

Lectors**December 24/25**

4:00 p.m. Tom Stanek

9:00 p.m. Linda Vokoun

10:00 a.m. Mary Beth Sons

December 26

8:00 a.m. TBD

11:00 a.m. Matthew Vokoun

Jubilee Year of the Holy Spirit—Prayer of the Month

Heavenly Father, in this month of December, as we anticipate and prepare for the advent of your Son, we ask your Holy Spirit to especially increase within us the gift of knowledge and the fruit of kindness, that we may especially come to know the heart of Jesus Christ which burns for each of us personally. Grant that this knowledge helps us to “put on the mind of Christ” and moves us to works of mercy and acts of kindness in our daily encounters with others. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus, Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and your Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

**SNOW
DAY!**

Please Note: In the event of snow days at Paw Paw Public Schools this winter, the daily Mass will also be canceled and the Mass intention will be re-scheduled. All evening events that day will also be canceled.

Prayer Requests

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Cade S.

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Jerry & Jane

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Mark Kovach

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Dr. Greg

Dennis & Grace

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Janet Hamay

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David Koppers

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Ellie D.

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Chris Nash

Theron Mosey

The residents of
Bronson Commons
and White Oaks.

Call the parish
office if you are in
need of prayer
help.

Help Prepare Our Church for Christmas

Church Decorating: On Sunday, December 19th we will be decorating the Church for Christmas. Decorating will take place following the 11:00am Mass. All help is welcomed and needed. Please remember many hands make light work! Thank you for your support in making our church beautiful as we celebrate the Christmas Season.

Angel Tree

As we prepare our hearts in the season of Advent to experience the real meaning of Christmas, we cannot forget those most in need during this holy time. St. Mary's again this year set out the Angel Trees at each entrance to collect money to help provide aid for tuition, clothing or food for families experiencing hardship. The envelopes can be returned in the collection baskets at Mass.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible. Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

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Jubilee Year of the Holy Spirit

Gift of the Spirit: Knowledge

Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness

SAINTS OF THE MONTH

Saint exemplifying the gift of Knowledge: St. Ambrose, Doctor of the Church

Saint exemplifying the fruit of Kindness: St. Nicholas, Bishop and Wonder-Worker

2022 Contribution Envelopes & Calendars

Boxed envelope sets for 2022 are now available at the main entrance of the church. Magnetic calendars and wall calendars generously provided by Adams Funeral Home are also available.

If you do not currently use envelopes, and would like to, please use the signup sheet by the envelopes and you will be assigned a set. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

First Saturday Public Rosary

The January public rosary for Our Lady will kick off the New Year. It will be prayed at the Mattawan Park, in Mattawan, MI at 11:30 AM on Saturday, January 1. Please join us in praying in the New Year! Dress warm.



RCIA

Sessions continue on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. Join us in the school library to discover what the Catholic Faith has to offer! For more information, contact Jackie Marshall at 269-657-4459 ext. 223 or drestmarypawpaw@bloomingdalecom.net

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.



Bishop's Annual Appeal 2021

Parish Goal: \$60,302

Pledges: \$39,205

Needed: \$21,097

% of Goal: 65%

of Donors: 116



Fourth Sunday

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23



The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number set-up by the Michigan Attorney General's office at: (844) 324-3374.

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As the deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, my God.
Psalm 42

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