



With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of
 ours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant
 that they may be so faithful that they themselves
 derive from pondering your word and studying the church's
 teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in honoring
 and serving your name, We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Antiph. Book of Blessings

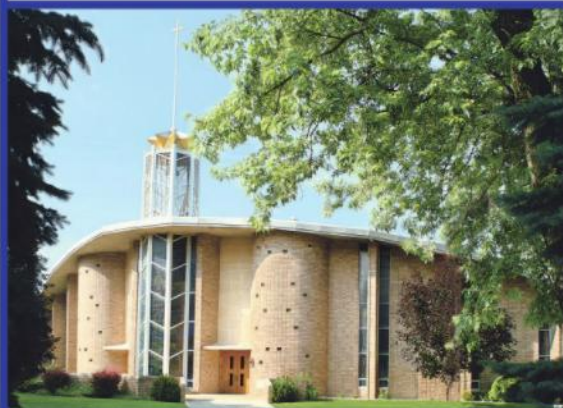
Parents
 are truly
 the primary
 catechists
 of their
 children.

They prepare the
 soil and plant the
 first seeds of
 faith. On
 Catechetical
 Sunday, we not
 only highlight the
 work of catechists
 in parishes and
 schools, but we
 also commend
 parents and
 guardians and
 encourage them
 to take seriously
 their role of
 making their
 Catholic
 households a
 place where faith
 is passed on to
 the next
 generation.



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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.....4:00 p.m.
 Sunday.....8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
 Weekdays...Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.....9:00 a.m.
 Religious Education Classes on Sundays.....9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Confession

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

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Friday of the Month following 9:00 a.m. Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Every Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m.

Rosary

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

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Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings

Saturday September 16 • Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

4:00 p.m. †George Ruzick, Sr. req. Ruzick Family

Sunday September 17 • 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18-21-35

8:00 a.m. †Ronald Budzyn req. Family

11:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

Monday September 18

1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

9:00 a.m. †Wayne Wisniewski
req. Ernie & Mary

Tuesday September 19 • St. Januarius

1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday September 20 • St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

9:00 a.m. †John Menzor
req. Lonna & Family

Thursday September 21 • St. Matthew

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

9:00 a.m. †Jim Kozminske
req. LaCantina Family

7:00 p.m. Rosary

Friday September 22

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

9:00 a.m. †Paul Juriga
req. Dorothy Dietz

Saturday September 23 • Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

4:00 p.m. †Dianne Walker
req. Cecilia Root

Sunday September 24 • 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

8:00 a.m. *Pro Populo*

11:00 a.m. †David Marshall (Birthday Remembrance)
req. Jackie & Family

Readers

September 23/24

4:00 p.m.—Jill Brien

8:00 a.m.—Diane Rajzer

11:00 a.m.—Paul Schincariol

Knightly News

All parishioners are invited to our **OKTOBERFEST** celebration to be held **Sunday, October 1st at the Knights Hall on Red Arrow Highway from noon to 2pm.** Join us for brats, hotdogs, sauerkraut, German potato salad, beverages and more. There is no charge and we would love to see you there. Please sign up at the church entrances if you're coming to help us plan for food. Thank you to all of you that donated to our **COATS FOR KIDS fund drive.**

The **Scrap Metal Drive** continues at the hall through September. Please let your friends and relatives know. Thank you for supporting the Knights.

St Vincent de Paul Society News

September 24, 2023, is the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The conference of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. Mary's is asking for your help to continue our ministry. In the last year St. Vincent has paid out \$9825.18. This covered rent, heating, electricity, furnace repair, batteries for an electric wheelchair, and the purchase of a toaster oven for a total of \$6725.18. In addition, we donate to the community Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas baskets for a total of \$3100.00. Approximately 56 adults and 70 children benefited from your generosity. Donation envelopes are included in the parish envelope packet and are also available at the four church entrances. Thank you and God bless you for kindness.

St. Mary School News

St. Mary School is looking for substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact the school office at 269-657-3750.

Prayer Requests

Dani
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Eric Baden
Richard
Dave Doxey
Bill & Nancy Johnson
Worden Family
Ashley Laufer
Andrea Falotico
Amanda Norwood
Ruth
Howard G.

Brenda Searles
Mary Ann Luther
Barb Mauseu
Bette
Matt W.
Tico
Ella
Ray
Rose
Marsha McGroarty
Judy A.
Blaine Douglas
Marietta Bailey
David L.
Toddler Henning

Charlie
Diego Urquieta
Yvonne Becker
Dustin Castaneda
Baby Emma
Jerry
Maxine Mosey
Mickey Baker
Don Thatcher, Sr.
Jill
Alan Boyer
Ellie
Kristin
Deanna Buitron
John Wood

Carole
Sarah
Eric
Mary Ellen Slattery
Herman Clauto
Dee
Mary Ceru
Pat Hiscock
David Daniel
Randy L
Karen T.
Nora McDonagh
Maggie Ward
Arnie
Anna Urquieta

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Alexander Buiwitt
MAC
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Paula & Carl Leedy
Chad
Theresa Andrie
Kenny
Cade S.
Janet Wartman
Jerry & Jane
Maria Pach
Mark Kovach
Ryan Yaran
Larry Carpenter
Shannon
Gayle Wiggins

Dorothy Kemp
Dennis & Grace
Marie Wyszynski
Janet Hamay
Todd Sikkema
William Rios
Mary Nash
David Koppers
Tammy Hawes
Ellie D.
Nicole Middaugh
Chris Nash
Theron Mosey

The residents of
Bronson Commons
and White Oaks.



The Fall Campaign begins September 27 – November 4. Sign up to pray in front of Planned Parenthood, 4201 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Several members of our parish and the Knights of Columbus have committed to praying from 5pm – 8pm on Monday evenings but you can pray at any time that works for you. Register online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/kalamazoo>, email 40dayskalamazoo@gmail.com, or contact Jim Clauto at 269-568-0128. If you are unable to join the prayer vigil in person, you can still help. Pray a rosary for the unborn, fast for those considering abortion to have a change of heart, and donate to the Caring Network www.ccdok.org



The Rosary Coast to Coast - Saturday October 7, 2023 at 4:00 pm
The Fatima Rosary - Saturday October 14, 2023 at NOON

Both Public Rosaries will be prayed at the K of C parking lot on Red Arrow Hwy in Paw Paw, MI
These Rosaries will be prayed all across our country. Please help us share the opportunity to pray for our Country.

Religious Ed News

RCIA – Information Meeting: Wednesday October 11th

Have you ever thought that God might be calling you to become Catholic? You might be reading this because you are curious about what is involved in becoming a Catholic, or because you firmly desire to join the Catholic Church. Perhaps you come to Mass with your family, but never have been invited to take the next step. Or maybe you know a Catholic who has impressed you by their life of faith. Whatever the reason, we invite you to "test the water." **Come to the information meeting on Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30pm in the School Library**, as we prepare to form a new RCIA group. RCIA is designed to provide those who are interested in the Catholic faith with information to help discover the treasures of the Catholic Church. Please contact the Office of Religious Education at St. Mary's in Paw Paw at 269-657-4459 or email at drestmarypawpaw@bloomingdalecom.net for more information. **Come Join Us! Religious Ed Classes start this Sunday September 17th however we will be accepting registrations next Sunday Sept. 24th at 9:00 AM in the School Gym. Class time begins at 9:15am.**

The 13th Annual Knights of Columbus Scrap Metal Drive runs through the end of September. The dumpster is located behind the Knight's hall on Red Arrow Highway and all donations are appreciated. Call Dan at 269-423-8545 for assistance with large items.

Volunteer Needed:

For Parish Website & Facebook Updates
Please contact the parish office for further information.
Training is available.

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**.

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.

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September 10, 2023

Envelopes (90)	\$4,629
Loose	\$ 568
Online Giving (20)	\$1,842
Total	\$7,039
Weekly Target	\$7,300
Amount over (under) Target	(\$261)

Collection YTD	\$69,565
Budgeted YTD	\$80,321
Amount over (under) YTD	(\$10,756)

Call or email the parish office if you would like to receive contribution envelopes.

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2023 Parish Goal: \$61,002

Pledges: \$37,047
Needed: \$23,955
% of Goal: 60.7%
of Donors: 108

St. Mary School Golf Outing

Saint Mary School is hosting a golf outing event on **Saturday, October 7, 2023** at Shamrock Hills Golf Club. This is one of our school's most important fundraisers of the year and a great way to socialize and support Catholic education. All funds raised will directly support our students and our school mission. Please see our flyer for additional information. **Teams must register by September 22 in order to secure a place in the tournament.**

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St. Mary's Catholic Church will be sponsoring Caring Network's Parish Playpen during September!

The pro-life agency serves pregnant and parenting women of all ages, faiths, and marital status. Thank you for donating the following items to re-stock the Caring Closet:

New infant and children's socks, 2T-5T
Infant and toddler hygiene products (shampoo and lotion)
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