

THE COMMUNITY OF
St. Mary & St. Ann

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MARCH 8, 2026—3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

DATES YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW

* SM = at St. Mary Church; SA = at St. Ann Church *

MARCH

9: Becoming Catholic 6:30pm SM
9: Financial Peace Univ. 7pm SM
10: Rosary Walking 6:30pm SM
10: Worship Commission Meeting 7:30 SA
11: Ladies Bible Study 10am SM
11: Soup & Bread Supper 6pm SA
11: Young Disciples/Youth Group 7pm SM
11: Youth Confirmation Class 7pm SM
11: Lenten Bible Study 7pm SM
13: Lenten Bible Study with Fr Dwight 10:30am SA
13: Fish Fry 4:30—7pm SM
15: Regional Reconciliation Service at St Gerard 2:30
16: Becoming Catholic 6:30pm SM
16: St Vincent de Paul meeting 7pm SM
17: Parish Vocalist Workshop 6pm SM
17: Rosary Walking 6:30pm SM
18: Ladies Bible Study 10am SM
18: Soup & Bread Supper 6pm SA
18: Young Disciples/Youth Group 7pm SM
18: Youth Confirmation Class 7pm SM
18: Lenten Bible Study 7pm SM
19: SonShine Club potluck lunch 11.45am SM
20: Lenten Bible Study with Fr Dwight 10:30am SA
20: Fish Fry 4:30—7pm SM
20: Tales of Three Trees play 7pm SM
20: Cold Cash Raffle drawing 8pm SM
21: Loads of Love ministry 8am—noon at QD laundry
21: Holy Land Carvings sale at all Masses
22: Holy Land Carvings sale at all Masses

23: Becoming Catholic 6:30pm SM
24: Rosary Walking 6:30pm SM
25: Ladies Bible Study 10am SM
25: Soup & Bread Supper 6pm SA
25: Lenten Bible Study 7pm SM
25: Young Disciples/Youth Group 7pm SM
26: Pastoral Council 7pm SM
27: Lenten Bible Study with Fr Dwight 10:30am SA
27: Fish Fry 4:30—7pm SM
28: Becoming Catholic retreat 9am-6pm SM
29: Confession and Reconciliation 7pm SM
30: Becoming Catholic 6:30pm SM
30: Confession and Reconciliation 7pm SA
31: Seder Meal 6:30pm SM

APRIL

1: K of C meeting 7pm SM
1: Lenten Bible Study 7pm SM
2: Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer 9am SM
2: Holy Thursday: Mass 7pm SM
2: Holy Thursday: Prayer at Altar of Repose 'til 11pm
3: Good Friday: Morning Prayer 9am SM
3: Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 1pm SM
3: Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 1:45pm SM
3: Good Friday: Tenebrae Service 7:30pm SM
4: Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer 9am SM
4: Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Foods 1pm SM
4: Easter Vigil: Mass 7pm at St Mary
5: Easter Sunday: Mass 8am at St Mary
5: Easter Sunday: Mass 10:30am at St Ann

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ST. MARY CAMPUS (SM)

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ST MARY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am & 11:15 am
Wednesday: 9:00 am
Thursday: 9:00 am
Friday: 9:00 am

RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION

Saturday: 3:00–4:00 pm

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Saturday: 3:45 pm

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517-667-9384

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ST ANN MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:30 am
Tuesday: 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION

Tuesday: 6:00-7:00 pm

ROSARY

Tuesday: 6:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Regular office hours are only held at our St. Mary Campus
and by appointment at St. Ann

Monday–Friday: 8:00 am–5:00 pm
Closed for lunch 12:30 pm–1:30 pm

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St. Vincent de Paul www.stmarycharlotte.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Food Pantry (St. Mary).....517-543-4319 x1026

General Assistance (St. Mary).....517-599-3167

ST. MARY SCHOOL & CHILDCARE

School.....517-543-3460

Child Care & Pre-School.....517-543-4319 x1037

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of Sick: Inform the Parish Office prior to elective surgery or when someone is homebound or hospitalized.

Baptism: Contact Terry Humenik

Marriage: Contact Fr. Dwight Ezop at least 6 months in advance of planned wedding date.

Becoming Catholic: Contact Elaine Shegitz

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Bulletin Deadline: Monday afternoon to:
parishoffice@stmarycharlotte.org

Bulletin Article Submissions: If your organization is holding an event we are happy to post it in the bulletin, as space allows. Writing, proofreading and submitting an announcement is the responsibility of the sponsoring group. All bulletin content is subject to review by the pastor and/or parish staff and content may be edited or declined. See the parish website for all bulletin submission guidelines



LITURGY SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

* SM = Mass at St. Mary Church; SA = Mass at St. Ann Church *

Saturday, March 7

3:00 pm (SM) Confession and Adoration

4:30 pm Mass (SM) + Phyllus & Rose Morris, by Anne Flynn

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am Mass (SM) Intentions of the Parish Family

9:30 am Mass (SA) + Yvonne O'Rourke, by Bill & Karen O'Rourke

11:15 am Mass (SM) + Roxanne Baker, by Mary Jean Baker

Monday, March 9

NO MASS

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 pm (SA) + Fr. David Rosenberg, by The Goelz Family

Wednesday, March 11

9:00 am (SM) + Marian Arendash, by Denise & Steve Topp

Thursday, March 12

9:00 am (SM) + William A. Shooltz, by Knights Of Columbus

Friday, March 13

9:00 am (SM) + Ron McNamara, by The Papranac Family

Saturday, March 14

4:30 pm Mass (SM) + Shirley Melvin, by Stacey Lingenfelter & Family

Sunday, March 15

8:00 am Mass (SM) + Deceased members of The Kaufmann Family,
by Spring Boehmer

9:30 am Mass (SA) + John McCormick, by Sabine Kaufmann

11:15 am Mass (SM) Intentions of the Parish Family

READINGS THIS WEEK

Week of
March 8, 2026



Sunday (March 8): Ex 17:3-7

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday (March 9): 2 Kgs 5:1-15

Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4

Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday (March 10): Dn 3:25, 34-43

Ps 25:4-9

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday (March 11): Dt4:1, 5-9

Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday (March 12): Jer 7:23-28

Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

Lk 11:14-23

Friday (March 13): Hos 14:2-10

Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday (March 14): Hos 6:1-6

Ps 51:3-4, 18-21

Lk 18:9-14

Sunday (March 15): 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Ps 23:1-6

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41



Please remember in your prayers all who are sick, those in need of comfort, and those requesting prayers during the neighborhood SENT evangelization walks.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Mary is seeking donations of **personal care items** for our local food pantry. These items: **shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, and toilet paper.**

St. Vincent de Paul Society meets on the **third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM** at St. Mary. This dedicated group of volunteers operates the food pantry, offers emergency assistance, and supports the Friends of Returning Citizens program. The need in our community is great, and we invite you to consider joining this important ministry. Thank you for your continued support. We are truly blessed by your kindness. For more information, please visit stmarycharlotte.org/st-vincent-de-paul.



**Thanks, Helene!**

After serving as principal of St. Mary School for the past three years, Helene McNeilly shared with me that she would like to return to classroom teaching full-time for the coming school year. Helene has done a tremendous job as our principal the last three years, stepping into that role during some challenging times and gracefully balancing it with her role as our fifth-grade teacher. I am deeply grateful to Helene for her generous service and I know that she is excited by the opportunity to return full-time to the fifth-grade classroom for the 2026-2027 school year.

We have begun the process of searching for a new principal to lead St. Mary School for the years ahead. The opening is posted at the Diocese of Lansing's website (www.dioceseoflansing.org). I am in the process of assembling a small group of faculty, staff and parents to share in the process of interviewing and selecting the next educational leader for our parish school. If you know someone who has served as a Catholic school teacher or as a principal, have them get in touch with me. Serving as principal of St. Mary School requires someone who is an energetic, faith-filled Catholic who has served in school leadership and who is open to the mission and work of a Catholic school like ours. Please also pray that God will send us just the right person to lead our parish school as it continues to grow, shaping hearts and minds in the service of Christ.

Some Things to Keep in Mind as the DSA Begins

I invite you to join me in making a gift to this year's DSA, sharing a portion of the many blessings that God has entrusted to each of us. I know that some families can afford to give generously to the DSA while others will have to make modest gifts. No gift is too small; if your circumstances do not allow you to give this year, please offer the gift of your prayers for the many ministries supported by the DSA and all the people those ministries will assist.

As the DSA begins, it's also important for all of us to remember that our parish's financial obligations have continued, and we have done our best to meet them without drawing from our limited financial reserves. In order for us to conclude the fiscal year at the end of June 2026 without a deficit, we need everyone's help

and generosity.

As the saying goes, "Charity begins at home" and I am hopeful that as Mass attendance continues to rebound, all of us will keep in mind the needs of our parish community and do what we can, individually and collectively, to help meet them.

We are in the early stages of formulating the parish budget for the new fiscal year (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027). Just like everybody else, the parish continues to encounter increasing costs for the goods, services, utilities and other items that we rely on for everyday parish life. I would preliminarily estimate that we will need to raise our weekly collections by 4% to 5% (\$50,000 to \$60,000 on an annual parish budget of \$1,500,000) to cover these increasing costs. Achieving that goal will require everyone's generosity in raising their offertory giving just a little bit. Could you give \$2 more a week? Is \$5 more a week possible? Is \$10 more a week do-able? No matter the size of the gift, with everyone's help and generosity, small increases multiplied across a number of households will allow us to meet that goal.

One easy way to do this is through the parish's online giving system. That system can be accessed via the parish website (www.stmarycharlotte.org) and clicking on the "Giving" tab in the main header bar. That will take you to the online giving website. If you've never used that system, it is safe, simple and secure. It permits offertory gifts to be made from a checking or savings account or via a credit or debit card. A variety of options are available that permit you to tailor your giving to particular areas like the building and maintenance fund, a regular Sunday offertory gift, and a variety of other funds. If you've never used the system, you'll need to create a user name and password. Gifts can be made weekly, monthly or on specific dates of your choosing. I've been using electronic giving for many years, and I find the system to be very user friendly.

Regardless of how one gives, offering our support to our parish community or to the DSA is one important way to share the many gifts that God has given to us. It is also a way to say "Thank You" to God for God's generosity. Working together, I know that we can meet our DSA goal, as well as continue to provide for the daily care of our own parish community. Everyone's generous spirit is greatly appreciated!



MORE FROM FR. DWIGHT

Join in Praying the Stations of the Cross for Lent

The praying of the Stations of the Cross is a very popular devotion during Lent. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at our St. Ann location on Tuesday evenings during Lent as part of the hour of Eucharistic Adoration that begins at 6:00 PM each Tuesday at St. Ann.

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed out our St. Mary location on Friday mornings during Lent, following the 9:00 AM Mass—so just about 9:45 AM each Friday during Lent.

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The season of Lent is a good time to do some spring cleaning of our spiritual homes. There will be a large regional reconciliation service at **2:30 PM Sunday, March 15** at St. Gerard in Lansing.

Additionally, there are regular opportunities for the individual reception of the sacrament of reconciliation on Tuesday evenings at St. Ann and Saturday afternoons at St. Mary. I will also make extra time available on Sunday, March 29 at our St. Mary location, and Monday, March 30 at our St. Ann location. I will start at 7:00 PM and continue until the last confession is heard. These will be the last regularly-scheduled confessions until after Easter Sunday.

It's Fish Fry Time!

One thing I always look forward to during Lent is a tasty Friday fish fry, and our parish Knights of Columbus host a great one at our St. Mary location. Fish fries start Friday, February 20, the Friday following Ash Wednesday, and continue each Friday during the season of Lent (but not on Good Friday). The fish fry begins at 4:30 PM and continues until 7:00 PM.

Like last year, the fish fry will feature dine-in and take-out service in the parish hall at our St. Mary location. The fish fry is a great way to build community and to support the work of our parish community. You may notice some minor adjustments to menu items and quantities for this year. The Knights have shared with me that their supply costs (especially for fish) have risen considerably due to tariffs. Our Knights are committed to serving quality food at a good price, but like any business, they have to watch their expenses, too. Thanks for your understanding!

The following assignments were announced in their respective parishes this past weekend and were shared by the diocese this week:

The Most Reverend Earl Boyea, Bishop of Lansing, has announced the following clergy assignments, effective July 1, 2026, unless otherwise noted:

Pastor and Judicial Vicar:

Very Reverend Mark Rutherford, from service outside the diocese as Judicial Vicar in the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A., to Pastor of St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing, and Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Lansing.

Pastor:

Reverend Corey Bilodeau, from parochial vicar for St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, with St. John Church and Student Center, East Lansing, to Pastor of Saint Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton.

Reverend Paul Erickson, from Pastor of Saint Mary Magdalen Parish, Brighton, to Pastor of St. Michael Parish, Grand Ledge.

Reverend Shea Kettner, from parochial vicar for Saint Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor, to Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Burton.

Very Reverend Karl Pung, from Pastor of St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing, to Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish with St. John Church and Student Center, East Lansing, while remaining as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy.

Reverend Gordon Riegler, from Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, with St. John Church and Student Center, East Lansing, to Pastor of St. James Parish, Mason (with Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian).

Reverend John Vinton, from Chaplain, Father Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor, to Pastor of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Jackson (with St. Stanislaus Kostka and the Sacred Heart Hispanic Community).

Chaplain:

Reverend Brett Ivey, from parochial vicar for Saint Joseph Parish, Howell, to Chaplain, Father Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor.

Reverend Jack Jobst, from parochial vicar for Saint John the Baptist Parish, Ypsilanti, to Chaplain, Lansing Catholic High School, Lansing.

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Joshua Fons, from parochial vicar for St. Patrick Parish, Brighton, to parochial vicar for St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, with St. John Church and Student Center, East Lansing.

As far as I can tell, my name is not among them, so it looks like you're stuck with me for another year, I am happy to say.



Becoming Catholic

OCIA | Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, we celebrate the rites called the "Scrutinies" with the Elect, those preparing to become Catholic at Easter. The Scrutinies are prayers of cleansing and protection with the laying-on-of-hands.

During the three-week period of the Scrutinies, the Elect open the eyes of their soul, examine carefully how sin works in their lives, and make the deliberate choice to turn away from sin so they can step joyfully into the light of Christ at Easter. The purpose of the Scrutinies is to uncover, heal, and then strengthen. During each of the Scrutinies, we witness the miracle of a radical encounter with Christ, who redeems in gentle love.

We in the assembly are also invited to participate in the encounter, sharing in the miracle by offering our prayers. During the Scrutinies this Lent, we ask ourselves: what is defective in my heart and soul that needs strengthening? Join in the rite during Mass and participate fully, so that we too may enter into purification and enlightenment and ready our hearts for the joys of Easter.

2026 Optimist Club Recognitions

Every year, the Charlotte Optimist Club invites teachers from local schools to nominate students from grades 6 – 12 for their optimistic attributes. The award ceremony was held earlier this week, families and community members invited to attend and listen to all the great things said about these students. This year we are so pleased to recognize Aria, Anders, and Allison each for their wonderful positive outlook! How great to have our kids recognized for the beauty of their character toward others!



First Communion Dresses & Gifts

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Supplies from Fowler will be in the church gathering space at St. Mary from 9:00am to 4:00pm, March 8th. We will have First Communion dresses available to try on, as well as First Communion gifts. Several sizes are available, with the option to order. Whether you come to browse or purchase, we can't wait to see you there!

"Take and eat; this is my body... this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:26-28



CALLING ALL YOUTH: 7TH – 12TH GRADE

Learn to be a disciple of Jesus and come to youth group on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15 pm:

March 4: Planning Meeting

March 11: Discover Discipleship and Confirmation

March 18: Discover Discipleship and Confirmation

March 25: Game Night

For the second half of the year we are going to change things up a bit. In the fall, the youth decided that we would do a week for planning, a week on scripture, a week on learning our Catholic faith, and a game night. As the attendees change from week to week, it is hard to zero in on a series on scripture or a series on the Catholic faith without having to do a lot of review for those who have missed. This second half of the year, we are going to switch over the Lectionary based learning, which means we will focus on the Sunday gospel but pull in elements of our Catholic faith and deepen our understanding of scripture. Each lesson is independent on its own and disciples won't feel like they missed something if they miss a night.



Lord, We Are Thirsty

All of us know the feeling of being thirsty, really thirsty. Sometimes we have access to pure, cold water but at other times we must wait for a drink of water. Perhaps you are preparing for surgery, or have been ill and are unable to take anything for awhile. No one enjoys going without good water, as the Israelites had to do in the desert with Moses. Moses could not meet their needs on his own, so he turned to God in desperation. God, in his love and his power, met the need fully.

In the Gospel, Jesus found himself thirsty when he was at Jacob's well. In the heat of the day, he experienced physical thirst but, because he was God, he also thirsted for a relationship with a Samaritan woman who was an outcast among her own people. Because the Samaritans had fallen away from worshipping God while they were in captivity in Babylon and had worshipped false gods, the Jews rejected them and refused to have a relationship with them. Jesus, however, desired a loving relationship with them. He chose the Samaritan woman at the well, (tradition calls her Photina) to open their hearts to a relationship with him, the Son of God.

First he develops a trusting relationship with Photina and she becomes the first person to whom he reveals that he is the Messiah. Photina's life will never be the same. She had been changed from being an outcast who had no hope to an evangelizer who ran back to the people of her town to tell them that she had met the one "who could explain everything to her."

Photina had experienced conversion, metanoia, that had made her a new person because she had met Jesus and discovered that he loves her with living water, eternal life.

Lent calls us to get to know Jesus in a deeper way, to open our hearts and our lives to being led by him to fullness of life. We have this opportunity to sit with Jesus, to read Scripture, to reflect on the booklets that we received at church and to practice deeds of love and loyalty to God, to bring his love to those who do not know him, no matter what their need. We pray for the conversion of our hearts, minds and souls that we, too, may invite others to know Jesus because they see him in us.

Lord, we are thirsty and we are eager to share your living water with the outcast, the lost and lonely.



The Community of St Mary and St Ann is participating in a diocesan survey to help determine how we are doing in a variety of areas, and how and where we need to improve to meet the needs of our parishioners in a more Christ like manner. In order to do that, WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU! What do you like? What needs to be improved? How could you help us?

The way we have done this for the past several years has been with the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) that is being used by parishes all around the diocese. We need input from as many parishioners as possible.

We ask that you complete the DMI as soon as possible to assess our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective to help strengthen the Community of St Mary and St Ann and guide us for the future.

The survey will be available only through March 31. Use the QR code to access the survey. Paper copies are also available at both parish locations. Here's the survey link: <https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/p7pc68>



The next **SonShine Club Potluck** lunch will be **Thursday, March 19 at St. Mary from 11:45pm—2:00pm.**

****Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks and table service will be provided.****

The SonShine Club is our senior citizen and retiree's social club. Bring a friend and join the fun.



February 28: SENT Ministry Update

Last weekend the team knocked on 17 doors and talked with 7 residents and will write 3 follow up letters. Since the team began its ministry, they have knocked on 1,753 doors and have written 189 follow-up letters.

NEIGHBORHOOD WALK PRAYER REQUESTS

Would you please join the team in praying for these requests?

Prayers are requested for several residents who are ill or have other health challenges; for those undergoing surgery soon; for all those who are led by the lies of the devil and that everyone would submit themselves to Jesus, who is The Truth; for unity among all Christians; for those without a church background or are away from church; for those who said they don't need prayers.

COLD CASH Raffle Tickets Now On Sale!

St. Mary School's biggest fundraiser of the year is our annual Cold Cash Raffle. This raffle has the potential to raise \$10,000, but only if we sell all 200 tickets. This year, the Cold Cash Raffle drawing will be held after the school performance of our Lenten play, *The Three Trees*, on Friday, March 20, 2026, at 7:00 in the church. Join us for the Knight's fish fry dinner and then attend the play and the drawing after! The raffle tickets are \$100 each. Ten tickets will be drawn with a first prize of \$5,000, the other nine prizes ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 each. If fewer than the 200 tickets are sold, prizes will be prorated with the total prize being 50% of ticket sales. Raffle tickets are available throughout the week in the **school** office from 7:30-3:30. Stop by and get yours in both support of our school and in pursuit of great odds for winning! THANK YOU!!

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Music

during Lent

from your Music Ministry team

Today, Jesus meets the woman at the well. For her, it probably seemed like a chance meeting, but Jesus surely knew he would meet her that day – and He would change her life.

If this story had fallen on next Sunday we could see it as a 'Laetare Sunday' story. We are a week early, but we can still see it as a 'Laetare' story – a 'Rejoice' story, because the woman surely walks away from her encounter with Jesus refreshed and rejoicing! We have reason to sing about His refreshment in our lives too, if we let His life saving waters of baptism heal and refresh us!

We also sing of His promises planted deep within us - in our song during the Presentation of our Gifts - we sing 'I will give you a new heart, a new spirit within you', 'Return to me, follow me, you will be my own ...' There – is a reason to rejoice!

As we sing our way through these weeks of Lent, notice a pattern of change that Jesus wants to bring to our hearts, our very lives. Perhaps that is why the Mass responses we have been singing are also entitled 'Mass of a Changing Heart'? That is what he wants for us, to open our hearts to His ways - in the way we treat others, in the way we love ourselves, and in the way we honor Him.

Like the woman at the well, we have many reasons to rejoice – 'Again, On This Lenten Journey'.



To Benefit Area Veterans in Need

The Knights of Columbus are collecting items to benefit homeless and disadvantaged veterans in our area. If you can donate to help those who served our country, it would be greatly appreciated. All items can be left in the green collection box in the gathering space. Please note that there are some guidelines. **All items must be new and unused.** Clothing must have tags or packaging. In March, we are collecting the following:

- Shampoo/conditioner
- Gently used musical instruments
- Backpacks, duffle bags
- Yoga mats
- Forever postage stamps
- Crackers (graham, cheese, etc.)
- Nuts, seeds, trail mix, dried fruit, etc.
- Can openers



The VA is unable to accept the following items:

- No used clothing
- No knitted or crocheted blankets/lap robes
- No non-perishable food
- No canned goods
- No medical equipment
- No used sunglasses
- No bar soap
- No vitamins
- No sample size personal care items

Soup & Bread Suppers at St. Ann

The annual Soup & Bread Supper series is hosted by St. Ann this Lent on Wednesdays through March 25. Churches joining us this year are the Bellevue Methodist Church under the direction of Pastor Ben, and the Olivet Congregational Church under the direction of Pastor Garry. The soup and bread meals begin at 6pm and finish at 7pm.



Please join us for this wonderful time of fellowship. Free will donations will be accepted and any money collected goes to the charities each church supports. St. Ann will be donating their money to our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to offer scholarships to qualified students. The following are some of the basic criteria upon which a committee made up of the Grand Knight and Trustees will base a scholarship award. Applications will be accepted until April 15 and the award(s) will be made by May 1st annually. Amounts may vary depending on the recommendation of the committee and with the approval of the council membership.

- Registered parishioners of the Catholic Community of St. Mary and St. Ann
- Active member of our faith community
- Shows a charitable nature and generous disposition
- Demonstrates academic and social responsibility
- Experience with community, family, and/or church, projects or activities
- Involved with extra-curricular activities
- Can demonstrate a values-driven work ethic, both in school and out
- Can articulate a sound higher educational plan
- Has a financial need

Scholarship applications are available in the parish office and, online, from Deacon Williams

dcnwilliams@stmarycharlotte.org

St. Mary Church

Fish Fry Dinner

DINE IN or TAKE OUT

Every Friday - St. Mary Hall
February 20, 2026 - March 27, 2026
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
807 St. Mary's Boulevard,
Charlotte, MI

FISH DINNER
2 PIECE FRIED OR BAKED COD
BAKED POTATO or FRENCH FRIES,
COLESLAW & DINNER ROLL

CHILD PLATE
1 PIECE FRIED or BAKED COD
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ST. MARY MINISTRY & SERVER SCHEDULE

March 14/15	4:30 pm	8:00 am	11:15 am
Lector	Joel Lubick Terry Humenik	Cheryl Coslow Michele Fritz	Lori Pray Frank Boston
Mass Coordinator	Robert Squires	Dave Normand	Aggie Lewis
Eucharistic Minister *Denotes EME for Precious Blood	Patty Abent *Deb Lubick *Darlene Taylor	Damon Coslow *Paige Kutas *Chris Tennes	Bev Swink *Keri Gardner *Bob Gardner
* Altar Servers *			
March 21/22	4:30 pm	8:00 am	11:15 am
Lector	Joel Lubick Terry Humenik	Cheryl Coslow Michele Fritz	Lori Pray Frank Boston
Mass Coordinator	Robert Squires	Dave Normand	Aggie Lewis
Eucharistic Minister *Denotes EME for Precious Blood	Patty Abent *Deb Lubick *Darlene Taylor	Damon Coslow *Paige Kutas *Chris Tennes	Bev Swink *Keri Gardner *Bob Gardner *Deacon Art
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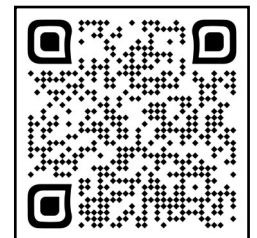
March 9
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ST. ANN MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	March 15	March 22	March 29
Sacristan	David Carpenter	Ron Alberty	Brian Epkey
Altar Server	Brooklyn Wine	Greg Carey	Bill O'Rourke
Lector	Kristina Priesman	Mary Gehrig	Bill Ethier Kate Eveland
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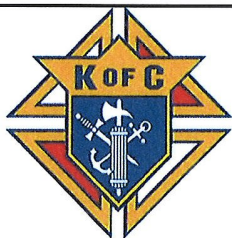


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