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- **Mass Schedule:** Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am
- **Reconciliation/Adoration:** Saturday 3:30 pm
- **Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Wed-Fri 9:00 am-12:00pm,
1:00-3:00 pm, Tuesdays 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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- Website:** www.stjohn-church.org
- Facebook:** St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Albion, MI
- Mass Schedule:** Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 am
- Adoration:** Saturday 2 pm-3:30 pm; **Reconciliation:** Saturday 2:30 pm
- Parish Office Hours:** Monday-Tuesday 9:00 am-2:00 pm,
Wednesday-Thursday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm, Friday, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

The Rev. Craig Lusk, Pastor **Parochial Vicar: Fr. Richard Altine**

- **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Baptism preparation class is required. Call the Parish Office for an appointment. No date can be set until after the appointment.
- **THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Call the Parish Office 8 months in advance of desired date. No dates are reserved for weddings until the couple has met the requirements for marriage. Appointments are scheduled during the week only and are not available on the weekends. Must be a registered parishioner at least one year.
- **THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Call the Parish Office for emergencies at any time. Notify the parish priest of anyone who is scheduled for a hospital stay or surgery and anyone who is a shut-in.
- **THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** See below for the scheduled dates and times.
- **BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Friday of prior week by the end of office hours. Email: stmarymarshall@aol.com

ST. MARY STAFF

- **Adult Faith Formation/O.C.I.A. Coordinator/Lead Sacristan/Wedding Coordinator:** Carol DiBiaggio
- **Collaborative Business Manager & Bulletin Editor:** Stacie Contat
- **Director of Religious Education & Child Protection Coordinator:** Sara Rodgers
- **Organist/Director of Music:** Dr. Tim Shewmaker
- **Parish Facilities Director/Custodian:** Gary Zink
- **Facilities Assistant:** Dennis Embree

ST. JOHN STAFF

- **Retired Senior Priest in Residence:** Fr. Joseph Gray
- **Deacon:** Ken Snyder
- **Parish Support Specialist:** Jessica Scott
- **Director of Religious Education & Child Protection Coordinator:** Deacon Ken Snyder
- **Director of Music - View the Part-Time Position Posting:** <https://diokzoo.org/employment>
- **Director of Maintenance:** Tracy Markovich

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Happenings In & Around Our Collaborative



"Holy Eucharist" Presentation Draws 50 People On A Chilly Night!

On Thursday, January 22, 50 souls braved the cold to attend "The Holy Eucharist" presentation, led by Fr. Craig. Father shared his conversion story and journey into the priesthood - and the significance of the Eucharist in that. It was a great evening!



Part-Time Music Director at St. John

St. John is currently seeking a new Music Director who will play the organ/piano during assigned weekly Masses and Holy Days, and provide musical leadership to the congregation. Compensation and wages vary depending on education, experience and performance. Interested candidates should email resume and cover letter to Fr. Craig Lusk: stmarymarshall@aol.com



Ash Wednesday is February 18 and our Collaborative will have the following Masses

- + 7:30 am at St. Mary
- + 12:00 pm at St. John
- + 6:00 pm at St. John
- + 7:00 pm at St. Mary

2025 Tax Contribution Statements

Statements have been mailed to anyone who did not pick them up after Masses January 24-25 at St. Mary and St. John. The Diocese has begun mailing tax contribution statements for Bishop's Annual Appeal, so please be on the lookout for them. Thank you!

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Mary Church

Mass Intentions

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 31

5:00 pm For the People of St. Mary Parish

Sunday, February 1

9:00 am ☩ Pat Taylor (Twiss Family)

11:00 am ☩ Linda Shaffer (Johnson Family)

Tuesday, February 3 - *Opt.* - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

4:00 pm ☩ Rich Hulkow (Jim & Marcia Maher)

Wednesday, February 4

***NO MASS**

Friday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

***NO MASS**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 7

5:00 pm ☩ For the Poor Souls In Purgatory (The Groats)

Sunday, February 8

9:00 am For the People of St. Mary Parish

11:00 am ☩ Howard Cascarelli (Wanda Cascarelli)

Fr. Craig Upcoming Vacation Welcome Visiting Priests

Fr. Craig will be on vacation from January 31-February 8. While he is away, Fr. Ben Huynh from Kalamazoo will be at St. Mary from January 31-February 1, and retired priest, Fr. Jim Morris, will be at St. Mary from February 7-8. Please note that some of the Wednesday and Friday daily Masses will be cancelled while Fr. Craig is gone. Please watch the bulletin Mass schedule. We wish Fr. Craig a restful and warm vacation! God Bless!



Usher Ministry

A great way to serve St. Mary Church is by volunteering to usher! The duties are simple and training can be arranged. **THANK YOU** to our existing ushers who have continued to faithfully serve, and we appreciate our Confirmandi and NEW Ushers who are serving in February.

Stations of the Cross will begin on February 20 at 7pm and we will need ushers to distribute and collect programs. Families are welcome! Please call the Office at 269-781-3949 to volunteer!

Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 31

7:00 am Men's Bible Study - St. James Room

3:30 pm Adoration/Confession

Sunday, February 1

10:00 am Coffee & Muffins - Parish Hall

10:00 am Religious Education (Age 4-Grade 5) - School

Tuesday, February 3

4:00 pm Religious Education (Grades 6-7) - School

7:00 pm Bible Study - St. James Room

Wednesday, February 4

4:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Thursday, February 5

6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation - Parish Hall

Saturday, February 7

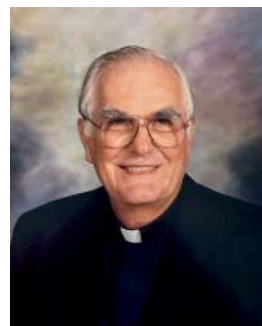
7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Trackside Restaurant (Albion)

3:30 pm Adoration/Confession

Sunday, February 8

10:00 am Coffee & Muffins - Parish Hall

10:00 am Religious Education (Age 4-Grade 5) - School



Reverend Donald A. Wieber 1930 — 2026

Reverend Donald A. Wieber, 95, a senior priest of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, died on January 13, 2026 at Grace Haven Assisted Living, St. Johns, MI.

Father Wieber was ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Lansing on June 1, 1957, by The Most Reverend Henry E. Donnelly. He became a priest of the Diocese of Kalamazoo upon its founding on July 21, 1971. Among many other parishes in the Diocese, Fr. Wieber served at St. Mary from 1974-1981.

Rest in peace good and faithful servant!

St. John Church

Mass Intentions

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 31

4:00 pm For the People of St. John Parish

Sunday, February 1

9:00 am ☩ Mary Tarwid (Stan & Dena Keeler)

Monday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

9:00 am ☩ Bert Marshall (People of St. John Parish)

Tuesday, February 3 – *Opt.* - St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

9:00 am ☩ Deborah Chard (People of St. John Parish)

Thursday, February 5 – St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

12:00 pm ☩ Olivia “Ruby” Davis (People of St. John Parish)

Friday, February 6 – St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

9:00 am ☩ Sandra Solis (People of St. John Parish)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 7

4:00 pm ☩ Rita Konkol (Friends)

Sunday, February 8

9:00 am For the People of St. John Parish

Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 31

2:00 pm Adoration

2:30 pm Confession

3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Anointing of the Sick – Following Mass

Sunday, February 1

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am Coffee & Donuts

10:00 am Religious Education Classes

3:00 pm Knights of Columbus Hockey Game
Wings Event Center (Kalamazoo)

Anointing of the Sick – Following Mass

Thursday, February 5

9:00 am Bible Study – Conference Room

Saturday, February 7

2:00 pm Adoration

2:30 pm Confession

Holy Land Carvings will be Onsite

Sunday, February 8

10:00 am Religious Education Classes

Holy Land Carvings will be Onsite

Rest In Peace Ruth Schmitter

Ruth Schmitter, who was an active member of our parish for many years, passed away recently and was laid to rest on January 15th. Ruth was a very active member of our parish, most notably in the St. John RCIA (now OCIA) program, where her wisdom, knowledge, and teaching expertise helped to bring many into the church.

Ruth is survived by her brother, retired priest Rev. Phil Schmitter. Those wishing to express condolences can reach Fr. Phil at the following address. Father Schmitter has indicated that phone calls or texts are also welcome.

Rev. Phil Schmitter
1504 S. Vassar Rd., Apt. 5
Burton, MI 48519
(810) 252-4532



Thank You!

I want to express my deepest gratitude for the many cards and gifts I received from parishioners this Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated. Vicky and I are blessed to be a part of the St. John Parish family. ‘We give thanks to God always for you, making mention of you in our prayers.’ (1 Thessalonians 1:2)
Deacon Ken

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frieda Marshall who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may her soul rest in peace. Amen.

We Welcome Into The Church

We welcome into the Church, **Hudson James Marshall**, son of Neil & Brenda Marshall, who was baptized by Deacon Ken Snyder on Saturday, January 24. God Bless Hudson!

Collaborative Prayer Lists & Financials

St. Mary Parish Stewardship - thank you!

As of January 25, 2026

Budget year-to-date.....\$285,576.90

Collection year-to-date.....\$302,129.44

2025-26 Bishop's Annual Appeal - 191 families pledged

Goal.....\$74,133.00

Pledged....\$95,612.94

Paid.....\$91,222.42

St. John Parish Stewardship - thank you!

As of January 25, 2026

Budget year-to-date.....\$168,173.10

Collection year-to-date.....\$203,860.81

2025-26 Bishop's Annual Appeal - 97 families pledged

Goal.....\$55,324.00

Pledged..\$58,561.84

Paid.....\$52,928.96

Collection for Churches in Africa, Central & Eastern Europe, and Latin America

The Annual Collection for the Churches in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, and Latin America will take place the weekend of January 31/February 1, 2026. Your support will help provide pastoral care, catechesis, clergy formation, lay leadership training, evangelization and other programs to reach out to those who long to hear the Good News of Christ in each region. Please give generously to this collection.

Charitable Rollovers From An IRA

If you have assets in an IRA, or you don't deduct charitable gifts, you can benefit the most from an IRA Rollover. Charitable IRA rollover distributions count toward required minimum distributions.

Thank you to many parishioners who are already rolling IRA funds to St. Mary & St. John. Please call your financial advisor for assistance with a new rollover.

Please Pray For Those Listed Below

Ann Acker
Scott Allen
Ardie Archer
Nita Meek Armstrong
Mike & Louann Atkins
Wayne Booton
Donald & Marnie Brown
Kierstin Burtrum
Carol Buchner
Kaylie Carl
Robert Carl
Betty Clark
Rita Cline
Doug Cole
Carolyn Cornwell
Nancy Crapo
Nina & Gordon Davidson
Laura Diaz
Kay Eagen
Jessica Elliot
Ethel English
Karen Fitzgerald
Alicia Gonzales
Fr. Gordon Greene
Sharon Hanna

Dawnelle Hayes
Carol Herman
Paul Hickey
Eric Huinker
Sophia Wiggins Jordan
Julia Keen
Dennis LaFleur
Stephanie Lafferty
Lautzenheiser Family
Larry Leamy
Lucy Lerma
Dale Linderbaum
Jennifer Lobretto
Elizabeth London
Charles Love
Bradley Marshall, Jr.
Eloise Josephine Mason
Jim Maynard
Barb McAuliffe
John Meek
Dottie Monk
Linda Muellerberg
Patrick Murphy
Shelley O'Dowd
Catherine Osborn

Cynthia Peters
Cam Ragan
Theresa Ramelb
Joe Rewa
Karen Reynolds
Dona Rintleman
Carla Schott
Sebastian Sedgman
Dr. Vincent Shen
Cassie Smith
Cristobal Solis
David Spranger
Easter E. Sunday
Steven Taylor
Emma Tidd
Mike & Kimberly VanWormer
Collin Vervaraf
Don Weberling
Jess Whited
Pat Wiggins
Julie Zink

Military Prayer List

Kody Chamberlain
Clarence Clark Sr.
Jackson Friend
Jacob Konkol
Deon Williams Lerma
Jacob Lewis
Monica Lubis
McClure Family
Christian Sabados
Cody Sabados
Paul Shen
Rick Spells II

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Reincke, sister of Betty Williams, who passed away in January. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may her soul rest in peace. Amen.

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