

John the Baptist was sent by God as a voice "crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Mk 1:3). John preached repentance from sin and had many disciples, but he knew his role in salvation history. In today's gospel, he says "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy

Juan el Bautista fue enviado por Dios como una voz que "clama en el desierto: Preparad el camino del Señor, enderezad sus sendas". (Mc 1,3). Juan predicó el arrepentimiento del pecado y tuvo muchos discípulos, pero conocía su papel en la historia de la salvación. En el evangelio de hoy, dice: "Viene tras mí

When Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, was born, there were no paparazzi to welcome him; he was welcomed by shepherds. He was not born into a palace but a humble stable. By his humble birth, Jesus

Jesus is all-mighty and all-powerful. He could have entered the world riding on a mighty chariot with a legion of angels at his side; instead, he chose to come as a helpless child, dependent on Mary and Joseph to

In the Eucharist, he appears in the form of bread and wine. He knows that there will be people who abuse him in the Eucharist, people who will receive him unbelieving and unworthy, and yet, there he is, willing to

Cuando nació Jesucristo, el Rey de Reyes, no hubo paparazzi que le diera la bienvenida; le recibieron unos pastores. No nació en un palacio, sino en un humilde establo. Con su humilde nacimiento, Jesús nos dio un ejemplo de humildad a seguir.

Jesús es todopoderoso y omnipotente. Podía haber entrado en el mundo montado en un poderoso carro con una legión de ángeles a su lado; en lugar de eso, eligió venir como un niño indefenso, dependiente de María y José para que le protegieran. Jesús permanece con nosotros, indefenso y humilde en la Eucaristía.

En la Eucaristía, aparece en forma de pan y vino. Él sabe que habrá gente que lo maltratará en la Eucaristía, gente que lo recibirá sin creer y sin merecerlo, y sin embargo, ahí está, dispuesto a sufrir el maltrato por nosotros.

Cuando nos acerquemos a la Eucaristía o pasemos un rato en adoración ante el sagrario, recordemos su majestad y recibámoslo humildemente en nuestros corazones.

E.C.H.O.S. Youth Group



Thank you to our middle school youth who attended a Vicariate Catholic Youth Trek Advent Service Blitz on Friday, December 1st at Divine Child. St. Thomas A Beckett, St. Mary, Wayne, St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, St. Thomas the Apostle, Sacred Heart, and Divine Child teens participated.

We made cards for Veterans, plastic plaum to be sewed for homeless sleeping bags, packaged condiment bags for soup kitchen and made warm glove packets with notes for Redford Outreach Center.

- Mrs. Shannon Lewis-Pigler

Cookie Walk Saturday, December 16th 12:30—3:30 Haney Hall

Please Join us for our annual cookie walk! Please help us making this year a continued success!









City Chicken Dinner (following the Cookie Walk) 4:30—6:30 Haney Hall \$15.00 per person.

After the Cooke Walk Please join us for a city chicken dinner. Reservations are recommended (carryout by preorder only). Please call Donna Berry for reservations or orders.

Silver Strings



Once again we are blessed to enjoy the "Silver Strings". They will be at St. Richard Church on Sunday, December 10th with the performance beginning at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your friends and family to this wonderful holiday performance.

St. Richard Christmas Eve Mass Prelude

Taking place before the 4:00 p.m. Christmas eve Mass at St. Richard there will be the choir prelude. The prelude will begin at 3:30 p.m. Please join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



Our Lady of Guadalupe



Come and celebrate with us the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th starting with a Serenate to our Mother" las Mananitas accompanied a Mariachi band at 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Rosary at 6:00 p.m. Solemn Mass at 7:00 p.m. Reception to follow. Reenactment of the apparition, Raffle , 50/50 and more.

Ven y celebra con nosotros La Fiesta a nuestra Senora de Guadalupe el 12 de Diciembre comenzando con las Mananitas acompanadas del Mariachi que comenzara a las 5:30 A.M a 7:00 A.M. rosario a las 6:00 P.M. Misa Solemne 7:00 P.M. Seguido por un convivio, rifas, 50/50 y mas.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree

We want to share the St. Richard Christmas Spirit with a dozen needy children and residents of Cherry Hill Nursing Home.

Red tags are for Cherry Hill Nursing Center (formerly Hope Care). Please return red tag with gift "in a gift bag".

Green tags are for the Children. Please return green tag with an "unwrapped" gift. We donate wrapping paper to the parents so they can wrap their children's gifts.

There are gift suggestions on the back of the Red and Green tags. Some tags only request a gift card.

Please return your tag(s) and gift(s) by Sunday, December 17th.

The Week Ahead - St. Mary and St. Richard

Saturday, December 9th

Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious all weekend

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study—PO
11:00 a.m. Armada Blanca —CH
1:00 p.m. Armada Blanca Rosary—HH

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation (Confessions Church till 3:30)

3:15 p.m. Rosary—CH **4:00 p.m. Mass—CH**

7:00 p.m. Guadalupe Novena—CH

Sunday, December 10th—Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Mass—CH
10:00 a.m. The Prophets—HFH
10:00 a.m. Mass (St. Richard)
11:30 a.m. Mass —CH
2:00 p.m. Misa en Español—CH

3:00 p.m. "Danza Azteca" Guadalupe—AC

7:00 p.m. Guadalupe Novena—CH

Monday, December 11th 9:00 a.m. Mass—CH

6:00 p.m. Faith formation Parable Project (St. Thomas the Apostle)

7:00 p.m. Guadalupe Novena—CH

Tuesday, December 12th—Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 a.m. Las Mañanitas 9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Richard)

9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual help devotions and rosary

for priests (St. Richard)

9:45 a.m. Reconciliation (Confessions) -(St. Richard)

10:15 a.m. The Prophets (St. Richard)

11:30 a.m. 50+ Club Christmas Party (St. Richard)

11:00 a.m. Flame of Love Rosary—CH
5:30 p.m. Guadalupe Mass—Ch
6:30 p.m. Bells practice—music room
8:30 p.m. Guadalupe reception—AC

Wednesday, December 13th

10:00 a.m. The Prophets (St. Thomas the Apostle)

1:00 p.m. Breaking open the word—HFH

7:00 p.m. Luz de Vida – HFH 8:00 p.m. Drop-in basketball—AC

Thursday, December 14th

11:00 p.m. Joy of the Spirit Intercessors—HFH

6:30 p.m. The Prophets—Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir practice—CH

Friday, December 15th

9:00 a.m. Mass—CH

10:00 a.m. RCIA for adults—Microsoft Teams

Saturday, December 16th

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study—PO
11:00 a.m. Cookie Walk—HH/HFH
11:00 a.m. Armada Blanca —AC
1:00 p.m. Armada Blanca Rosary—AC

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation (Confessions Church till 3:30)

3:15 p.m. Rosary—CH **4:00 p.m. Mass—CH**

4:30 p.m. St. Mary Café City Chicken dinner—HH/HFH

PFF-Parish Faith Formation AC-Activity Center HH-Haney Hall
HFH-Holy Family Hall StJM-St. Joseph Mtg Rm StA Ste. Anne Mtg
Rm PO Conf-Parish Office Conference Rm

Sunday, December 17th—Third Sunday of Advent Coffee and Donuts after 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. Mass—CH

10:00 a.m. The Prophets—HFH
10:00 a.m. Mass (St. Richard)
11:30 a.m. Mass —CH

2:00 p.m. Misa en Español—CH

St. Mary Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9th

4:00 p.m. The People of St. Mary parish

Sunday, December 10th

8:30 a.m. † William & †Josephine Ezeimo, †Don Roberts,

†Ted Boguslawski, Thank you Jesus for your

Healing grace

11:30 a.m. †Peter Urbaniak (8th anniv.), †Karen Griffin,

†Norman Winekoff

2:00 p.m. †Abel Camargo Gonzalez, †Salvedor Tapia, Las

intenciones especiales de Juana Ramírez Díaz,

July Ramo, Julian Tapia (Cump.)

Monday, December 11th

9:00 a.m. †Edward Walker

Tuesday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

Las intenciones especiales de Nicole and Austin LeBlanc

Wednesday, December 13th

Thursday, December 14th

Friday, December 15th

9:00 a.m. †Margaret Bolish

Saturday, December 16th

4:00 p.m. †Karen Griffin, †Delli Grims (6th anniv.),

†Jim McPartlin, †Ronald Cary Burns, the special

Intentions of Sebastian Butler

Sunday, December 17th

8:30 a.m. † Howard Hayward, Sr., †Mary Rozewicz,

†Karen Griffin, †John Oskarek,

Thank you Jesus for your Healing grace

11:30 a.m. The people of St. Mary Parish

2:00 p.m. † Rafael Romo (Aniv) Las especiales intenciones de

Javier Tapia (cump.) y Noe Martinez (cump.)

St. Richard Mass Intentions

Monday, December 11th Mass St. Mary 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 12th Mass 9:00 a.m.

† Tyler Mead by Ingeborg von Pagels

Wednesday, December 13th Thursday, December 14th

Friday, December 15th Mass St Mary 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 16th

Sunday, December 17th 10:00 a.m.

† Ed, Mark, & Phil Crechiolo by Dorothy Crechiolo

† William Nippes by Rita Nippes † John & Mary Trusz by Rita Nippes

† Michael F. Eisbrenner by Ingeborg von Pagels

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Sick and Homebound

Please remember in your prayers those parishioners or their family or friends who are sick, hospitalized, in a nursing facility, homebound, or in need of our prayers. Especially keep in your prayers...

Louis Barati Toy Bartley Jane Bell Robert Braley, Jr. Richard Burzawa Jeanine Dougan Jim and Darlene Ferack Damion Floyd Marlene Floyd Freeman family Sonya Gee Owen Gibbons Joanne Gietzen Richard Granda Joe Gregoire Jamie Gwizdak Terrence Haggerty **Ernest Hampton** Jacquie Hatcher Sylvia Idunate **Dolores Kapala** JoAnn Krebs Ila and Kathryn Kwiecinski David Loughlin Mary Loughlin Jim Martin Connie Maxwell

Twilla Moschgat
Emery Nichols
Joyce Paddock
Margaret Perez
Joseph and Steve Radachy
Lucile Randon
Rocky Rockwell
Dennis Rogowski
Cleo Scherbaty
Jordyn Sheardown
Hannah Wilson
Delphine Zalewski
Barbara Ziegler

PLEASE NOTE

If you have names to add/delete to our list, please let the parish office know.



Our Military Personnel

Dear Lord Jesus and Mary, Mother of God, hold all these brave souls in the palms of your hands; comfort them and their families. Send angels of protection, love, and comfort to all the service men and women still at war, bring them home safely and comfort their families. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Jasmine Alford-Capers, Army
James Bassett, Army
Michael Scott Bloomfield—Army
James C. Chrispen III—Army
Edwin Davoodian, Army
Daniel Kelly—Army
Todd Israel, Marine
Nathan Lowell—Navy
Raymond L. Meesseman—Navy

Ted Motcheck—Army Sean Simons, Navy Nathaniel VanNeste—Army Matthew Wellman, Army



Please call your parish office to update or add to this list.

Simply Give...Meijer Gift Cards

This year, the Meijer store on 37201 Warren Rd. in Westland has selected to partner with St. Mary Outreach Center for the Simply Give Program Now thru Saturday, December 30, 2023. Every customer who donates \$10 during this event, the Meijer store located on Warren Rd. will double your donation. This amount is given back to the Outreach Center in gift cards which will be used throughout the year to purchase much needed food.

Pantry **Double Match Day** will double your donation on **Saturday, December 16, 2023**. For every \$10 donation card purchased on this date Meijer will double their donated amount to \$20. The Center will then receive \$30 in a gift card.

These cards are available at all church entrances as well as at the Meijer store kiosks.

We are very grateful for this opportunity to enhance our food supplies. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Outreach Center at 734-326-2234.

Thank you for your support!



Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly religious need your help. Nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to serving others by praying for us, ministering to all, educating the young, caring for those who are sick and helping those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation will make a real difference by providing essential care, medicine, and other necessities. The collection will take place next weekend December 8th & 9th. Please give generously.

If you have a loved one called to active military service whom you would like included on our military prayer list, please call your Parish Office; inform us of his/her name and branch of military service. Likewise, when any of our listed military personnel returns home, please share that good news with us as well.



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St. Mary Catholic Church Wayne, MI
St. Richard, Westland, MI
ALSO
Visit our webpage at
www.stmarywayne.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

<u>St.</u>	<u>Mary</u>

Saturday, December 16th 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers Claudette Sieloff—Sac.,

Theresa Glinka, Carolyn Hatcher

Lector Pat Gregoire, Dan Smith

Altar Servers Corey Osborne, Volunteers Needed

St. Mary

Sunday, December 17th 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Ministers Marge Buehner—Sac., Mike Hurley, Jayne Doran

Lector Matt Orzech, Errol Jackson

Altar Server Diesel Wisniewski , Steele Wisniewski

Volunteers Needed

11:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers Kathy Law—Sac.,

Paul Law, Carolyn Hatcher
Lector Amika Nwaiwu, Matt Hall
Altar Servers Jesus Garcia, Peter Okeke

Volunteer Needed

St. Richard 10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister Linda Jimenez—Sac.,

Georgine Jeziorowski, Nancy Deschaine

Lector Matt Braley

St. Richard Total Collections for the Week of

December 2nd & 3rd

Offertory needed to operate St. Richard each week: \$2,490.00

 Offertory
 \$ 1,871.00

 Loose
 \$ 393.00

 Week of November 27th
 \$ 370.00

 Online giving
 \$ 535.00

 Total Sunday Collection
 \$ 3,169.00

Other Income

Christmas Flowers \$ 170.00 Utility \$ 10.00

Total other income: \$ 180.00

Leaving the Parish

Catholic Charities \$ 30.00 Total leaving the parish \$ 30.00

Total: \$ 3,349.00

Needed offertory for the Month of November \$9,960.00 over by \$1,592.00

Thank you for your donation to our parish.

ST. MARY PARISH

 Offertory needed to operate Church each week:
 \$ 10,500.00

 SUNDAY ENVELOPES (135)
 \$ 7,627.00

 ONLINE GIVING 11/27—12/03
 \$ 2,443.55

 SUNDAY LOOSE
 \$ 1,998.00

 SUNDAY COLLECTION INCOME
 \$ 12,068.55

SURPLUS/DEFICIT Nov. 27th—Dec. 3rd \$ 1,568.55

Thank you for your generous and continued support of St. Mary Parish.

Sunday Offering for the Month of September

Offertory needed to operate Church each month:\$ 42,000.00

SUNDAY ENVELOPES			\$	25,879.00
ONLINE GIVING 11/01-11/30			\$	9,761.75
SUNDAY LOOSE			\$	5,015.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION INCOME			\$	40,655.75
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	Novembe	r 2023	\$	(1,344.25)
THANKSGIVING		\$	1,570.00	
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS			1,624.00	
CHRISTMAS			\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	25.00
ALL SAINTS			\$	743.00
ALL SOULS			\$	897.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION			\$	10.00
COFFEE & DONUTS			\$	197.00
MAINTENANCE			\$	45.00
VOTIVE CANDELS			\$	261.00
OUTREACH CENTER			\$	127.00
OTHER COLLECTION INCOME			\$	5,499.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SE MI			\$	1,794.00
PRIEST PENSION				20.00
MISSIONS			\$ \$ \$	20.00
LIFE SPAN			\$	25.00
AOD/NATIONAL COLLECTION INCOME			\$	1,859.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR N	OVEMBER	2023	Ś	48.013.75

AOD loan Balance (once a month) \$1,204,466.80 Thank you for your generous and continued support of St. Mary Parish.

Image of God Pregnancy Center

This year, we would like to support Image of God pregnancy center. St. Mary and St. Richard Parishes will accept donations on behalf of this center. They need Diapers, Pull-ups, Baby Wipes, Baby body wash, Baby Shampoo, Lotions, Toys, and Baby clothes up to 2 years old. We have collection boxes at the Church Entrance for you to put your items.

Este año queremos apoyar al Centro de Embarazo Imagen de Dios. Las parroquias de St. Mary y St. Richard aceptarán donaciones en nombre de este centro. Necesitan pañales, pull-ups, toallitas húmedas, gel de baño, champú para bebés, lociones, juguetes y ropa para bebés de hasta 2 años. Tendremos cajas de colecta en la entrada de la Iglesia.



ST. RICHARD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Mass Tuesday & Thursday 1st Thursday - Marquette House 10:00 a.m. 3rd Thursday - Taylor Towers 10:00 a.m. 4th Thursday - Hope Care 10:00 a.m. Holyday Masses will be announced

Baptisms

Second Sunday after the 10:00 Mass Call the parish office to schedule. Must be a parishioner.

Weddings

At least 6 months prior notice. Call parish office to make arrangements with Priest only.

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. after the 9:00 a.m. Mass Communal Penance will be scheduled before Easter and Christmas.

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E-mail: parishoffice@stmarywayne.org

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> Glory To God In The Highest! May love be with the people of St. Mary and St. Richard.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Baptisms Second Sunday monthly after the 11:30 am Mass. Call the parish office for further instructions.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Weekend Liturgies: Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Sunday 2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass: Mon & Wed: 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass:

Holy Day Schedule: Please refer to bulletin. ADORATION CHAPEL: SW corner of Outreach Center Available for worship,

prayer, and reflection 24 hours/7 days—contact parish office for entry.

ST. MARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

34646 Sims St. (Corner of 2nd St & Sims St.)

Director......Mrs. Malynda Garcia

(734) 326—2234 or email outreach@stmarywayne.org

FOOD DEPOT

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

OPEN CLOSET

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. \$1.00 per adult entry

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