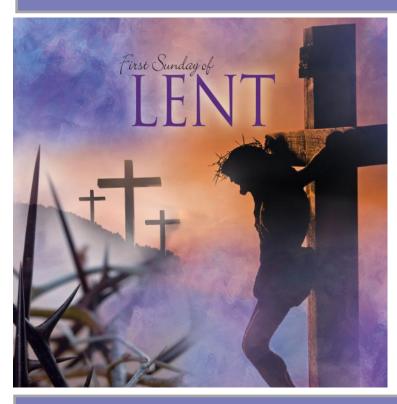
Saint Mary's Church

15164 Juniper Dr. Marne, MI 49435 / 616.677.3934 / www.saintmarysmarne.org March 6, $2022 \sim The~1st~Sunday~of~Lent$



Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:30PM St Marys Sunday 8AM & 9:30AM St Sunday 11:00AM St Marys

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday 9AM St Marys Adoration begins after Mass until 2:00 pm Wednesday 9AM - St Michaels Adoration begins after Mass until 5:00 pm Thursday 9:00 AM St Marys Friday 9:00 AM St Michaels

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30 PM—4:15 PM (or anytime by appt.) St Mary's Wednesday 3:00 PM—4:00 PM (or anytime by appt.) St Michael's

St. Mary Parish Office

Monday - 8: 00AM - 4:30PM Tuesday - 8:00AM - 4:30PM Wednesday - 8:00AM - 11:30PM Thursday - 8:00AM to 4:30PM

St Mary's Mission Statement: We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, by our baptism have become the People of God, dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a community built on faith and the sharing of individual talents, abilities and skills for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by prayer and the sacraments, we continue the mission of Jesus to reveal God's presence in all of human life.

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Finance Council:

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Martha League: Parish Office: 16.677.3934 (assistance with meals during illness or injury)

Prayer Line:

Parish Office 616.677.3934 or Linda at 677.3269 for evening requests call Darlene 616.453.0157 or email: bfa1414@yahoo.com

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Mass Intentions

Saturday March 5		
4:30PM	† Judy Wensink by A Friend	
Sunday March 6 8:00AM 9:30AM 11:00AM	† Mabel Siemen by Frank & Sherry Maslowski	
Monday March 7	7 No Mass	
Tuesday March 9:00AM	8 Our Parish FamilyMA Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm	
Wednesday Mar 9:00AM	† Bev Hehl by Rosie Alt	
Thursday March 9:00AM	Our Parish FamilyMA	
Friday March I 9:00AM	† Steven Rohen by Norm & Barb RohenMI	
Saturday March 4:30PM	Our Parish Family	
Sunday March 8:00AM 9:30AM 	† Bev Hehl by Wayne & Barb Umlor	
	MA=St. Mary MI=St. Michael's	

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Readings for the Week of March 6, 2022 Sunday First Sunday of Lent Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46 Tuesday Memorial of Saint John of God, Religious Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19; Mt 6:7-15 Memorial of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious Wednesday lon 3:1-10: Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19: Lk 11:29-32 Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-Thursday 12 Friday Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26 Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48 Sunday Second Sunday of Lent

Phil 3: 20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers			
	Mar 13 / 8:00 AM	Mar 13 / 9:30 AM	
Altar Servers	Craig Kutchin NEED ONE	Alivia Kosten Lauren Meerman	
Eucharistic Ministers	Jeff Johnson Carolyn Johnson Amy Tolar	Cindy Bleckley Zach Nelson Joe Hitchings	
Greeters	None at this time	None at this time	
Lector	Joe Meerman	Lyndsey Kosten	
Sacristan	Rosemary Weigel	Cindy Bleckley	
Ushers	Dave Tolar Dave Tronovich Deb Tronovich Calvin Lindberg	Greg Helsen Jim Ponshair NEED TWO	
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley	

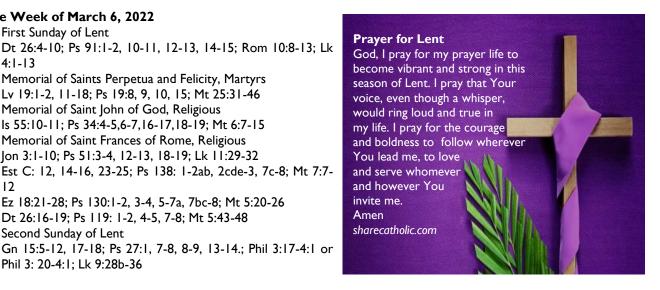
St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers			
	Mar 12 / 4:30 PM	Mar 13 / 11:00 AM	
Sacristan	Vito Dolci	Gary Karr	
Altar Servers	MaKaelyn Britt Kassidy Britt	Lauren LeMieux Wesley LeMieux	
Host	Austin Lampe Steve Lampe	Wendy Reffeor Becky Warners	
Hospitality Ministers	Brayden Babcock Allison McCarthy Lisa Potts Katie Greenland Megan Greenland Matt Karr	Leonard Horter Need Three	
Lector	Rita Carmody	Jose Gomez	
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko	

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

March 6, 2022:

The First Sunday of Lent

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God work. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

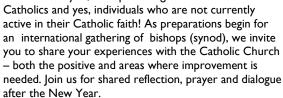


Cluster News and Community News and Events

What is your experience with the Catholic Church?

Synod 2021 - 2023 ~

Bishop Walkowiak and Fr Ayub want to hear from you, both practicing



<u>Last "in person" Session available</u> March 8, 7PM to 9PM- St Mary Community Room

Parishioners are highly encouraged to attend a synod listening session in person. But, for individuals who can't make it, <u>an online option</u> is available here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Sinodo2021-23 (Spanish)

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYNOD2021-2023 (English)

Both online surveys will close on March 14th.

The goal of this journey together is not to create a new vision or pastoral plan with objectives. Rather, the goal of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church. This Synod is not about changing doctrine or Church structures, but rather encountering each other as brothers and sisters in Christ and revitalizing the way the Church presents herself to the world.

More info: https://grdiocese.org/synod-21-23-communion-participation-mission/

Mass Times

The Pastoral Councils and Fr Ayub have discussed and made the decision that Mass times in both parishes will remain the same year around.

No changes will be made.

Knights of Columbus News

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council #11581

The St Mary's Knights meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more info please contact Grand Knight: Jim Lown: 616-610-9315 or jiml@repcolite.com



or visit:

https://www.saintmarysmarne.org/knights-of-columbus

Next Blood Drive- October 9

St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council #9909

The St. Michael's Knights meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit https://saintmichaels.us/knights-of-columbus-9909

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Your love is unique in all the world! Celebrate that love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt April I-3. For questions, contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 517-667-0433. Apply today at wwme.org.

Building A Legacy Catholic Men's Conference!

March 12, 2022 8:00am—2:15 pm St. Robert of Newminster Presented by KEPHA, and featuring world-renowned Catholic evangelists Matt Fradd and Peter Herbeck. This is a powerful day to encounter Christ and renew and revive His life within you. Go to buildingalegacy.org for full details and to register. Space is limited.

Employment Opportunities

Catholic schools, parishes, affiliated organizations, and the diocese are hiring! Visit the diocesan website to see available opportunities, and check back regularly for new openings: https://grdiocese.org/employment/

40 Days for Life

March 18, 2021 - Would you be willing to pray for one hour? 40 Days for Life is a unique pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil in front of abortion clinics. This campaign in Grand Rapids, will take place in front of Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street. This is the only free-standing surgi-



cal abortion facility still operating in our community. Dozens of area churches have adopted a day of prayer. Our parish family has chosen **Friday, March 18, 2021** ~ Contact Lisa Potts 616-723-3213 or potts.lisa99@gmail.com to sign up or for more information. Sign Up Forms are also available in the Narthex. We will need 2 prayer volunteers from 7 am till 7 pm throughout the day. This is a powerful and proven effective way to close abortion centers and show the Mother's that we are praying and thinking about them and their babies. Please consider a hour of your time~ If you are unable to attend that day you may go to the clinic and pray any time! Thank you for your commitment to LIFE! God bless!

High School Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry will meet:

March 6 at St. Mary's - 6:30PM to 8:00PM March 20 at St. Michael's - 6:30PM to 8:00PM

8th Grade to 12th Grade Students are invited to attend. Bring A Friend!

Parents, encourage your children to attend.

If you have questions please call your Parish Office or email youthministry@saintmichaels.us



Planning ahead: If your 8th-12th grader is interested in attending Steubenville or the Annual Summer Mission Trip, please let us know soon, so we can begin reserving spots and discussing options!

Please Pray for our Engaged Couples

Sarah Devos & Jacob Lemieux	June, 11, 2022 (St Michael)
Sarah Lothschutz & Tim Koster	June, 17, 2022 (St Mary)
Susie Kluting & Connor Fee	August 27, 2022 (St Mary)

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for your grace, grant that, strengthened by your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



St. Mary's Religious Ed News

Children's Liturgy

Pre-School - 2nd Grade / During I IAM Mass All children Pre-School through 2nd Grade are encouraged to attend.

Religious Education

1st-7th Grade

Wednesdays at Hall / 6:15- 7:30pm March Schedule

- March 9
- March 16 Class and Reconciliation Service
- March 19 2nd Grade 1st Communion Workshop
- March 23, 30 Class
- LIVE Stations of the Cross 6th & 7th Grade Classes

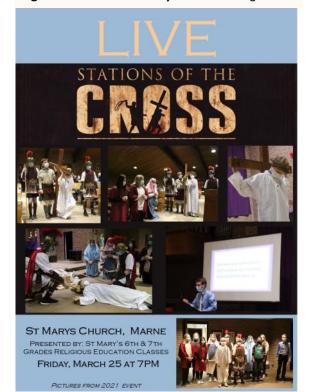
8th grade Confirmation

Wednesdays at Community Room / 6:15- 8:00pm March Schedule

- March 9
- March 16 Class and Reconciliation Service
- March 23, 30 Class

If you have any questions about Faith Formation Classes, please contact: Lisa or Lauren, Interim Directors of Religious Education. 616.677.5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org

High School Youth Ministry See Cluster Page



St Mary Parish Prayer Line

If you would like to request a prayer for our parish prayer line please contact the parish office or Linda at 677.3269. For evening requests call Darlene 453.0157 or email: bfa1414@yahoo.com

Please continue to pray for all of our sick, hospitalized & homebound parishioners and all of the personal intentions that St Mary's Parish parishioners hold close to their hearts.

St. Mary's Parish News

March 19 ~ St Patrick's Day Party

(Fundraiser for St. Mary's- Marne Church)

Irish Dinner: Kay and her crew will be cooking up an Irish Stew, Stuffed Cabbage Rolls, Coleslaw & Homemade Bread. Meatballs and Tater Tots

will be available for the Kids. (Free Will Donation)

Water, Soda, Beer & Wine will be available for additional purchase.

(you must be 21 to purchase/consume beer and wine)

Dancing: Get your dancing shoes out, DJ Brian will be playing all of your favorite tunes and taking requests through out the event.

Parish Auction: Auctioneers Bruce and Jim are back to emcee the auction, achieve the highest bids and ensure a great time is had by all! There is something for everyone to bid on.

GREEN ATTIRE Requested! PRIZES awarded For "THE MOST FESTIVE" (I) Adult & (I) Child winner will be selected

Please contact Cathie if you would like to donate to the auction, or volunteer to help at the event. For More info: https://fb.me/e/163oFZNrt

This is Family Friendly. All ages are welcome!

New Parish Office Hours:

Beginning March I The Parish Office hours will be: Monday - 8: 00am - 4:30pm Tuesday - 8:00am - 4:30pm Wednesday - 8:00am - 11:30am Thursday - 8:00am to 4:30pm

Contact Info:

Fr. Ayub franasar@grpriests.org Emergency: 616.901.0974 Cathie 1.616.677.3934 secretary@saintmarysmarne.org

Save the Dates		
March 4	Stations of The Cross - 6:45PM at St Mary	
March 4	Healing Mass -7:00PM at St Mary	
March II	Stations of The Cross - 7:00PM at St Mary (led by Deacon Tom)	
March 18	Stations of The Cross - 7:00PM at St Mary (led by The Fatima Guild)	
March 18	40 Days for Life ~ Day of Prayer 7AM to 7PM	
March 19	St Patrick's Day Dinner, Dance and Auction St Mary Parish Hall 5:30PM	
March 25	LIVE Stations of The Cross by Religious Education Classes - 7:00PM at St Mary	
April I	Stations of The Cross - 6:45PM at St Mary (led by the Pastoral Council)	
April I	Healing Mass - 7:00PM St Mary	
April 8	Stations of the Cross - 7PM Led by the Knights of Columbus (Outside Meditation Path-weather pending)	
April 9	Soup Supper - 5:30PM St Mary Parish Hall	

Giving Back to God		
	February 26/27	
Regular Contributions	\$2274.00	
Capital Improvement	\$50.00	
Online & Mail In Contributions	\$1616.00	
Children's Contributions	\$13.00	
Total	\$3953.00	

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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St. Michael's Parish News



Scrip News— Thank you to our 15 families that purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$88.80. Shell \$100 gift cards still out of stock. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Bunny Business is Back in Business!

We will be collecting candy, Easter baskets, blow bubbles, chalk, coloring books, crayons, books and small stuffed animals for the next few weeks. There will be a container for all donations in the glass hallway. Please mark your calendar to help stuff Easter baskets on April 3rd in the family center after the 9:30 Mass. With your help, the Knights of Columbus hope to stuff 100 baskets again this year.



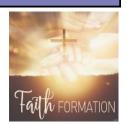
St. Michael's Preschool

Have you considered St. Michael's Preschool for your child? If not, you should! Come and visit our classroom anytime. See what a great experience St. Michael's Preschool can provide. Come meet our Director/Teacher, Cindy Lindberg! Preschool meets on MWF from 8:45—II:45 am. For more info, please call the Parish Office at 616-384-4026.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word— this program is offered on Sunday during Mass. Children 3-7 years old are welcome to join us each week as we pray, read and explore the Sunday Gospel from a child's viewpoint. We include the Gospel Acclamation so children understand the importance of preparing our mind and heart for the Gospel reading. Jesus fasted for 40days in the desert. He



was tempted by the devil and Jesus rejected his temptations, soundly rebuking him with God's word. Fasting (saying no to doing or having something we've been wanting) can help us prepare to say no to temptation.

Elementary Faith Formation— The elementary program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:15- 7:30 pm. Contact Debbie if you cannot attend, 616-384-4026.

Middle School Faith Formation— Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays after the 9:30am Mass, from 10:45 to 12:15 in the Youth Room. The 8th Grade students will also receive Confirmation Preparation.

St. Michael's Bulletin Sponsor of the Week AKA Salon

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St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for Bobby Raczkiewicz by Pam Raczkiewicz

St. Michael's Parish Family

Remembers in Their Prayers: Bill Spencer, Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Ruth Langlois, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Carmen Dietrich, Dennis Goosen, Jean Mayse, Winnie Spencer, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.

Church Chuckle —



Q: Why can't muggers steal from Catholics during Lent?

A: See answer below

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Today, March 6, from 9:00—11:00 a.m. \$7.00 Adults, \$6.00 Seniors, \$4.00 Children 12 & Under \$20 Immediate Family Rate

Come support the Knights and their efforts!

Eucharistic Adoration—

Adoration takes place every week, after the daily Mass, on Wednesdays. If you are interested and able, please contact the parish office to volunteer for a regular time. You may also come freely from 9:30 am—5 pm. Our most needed time is currently between 12:30-1:00 PM.



Church Chuckle Answer: Because they fast!

Giving Back to God		
February 27, 2022		
Adult Envelopes	\$3,739.00	
Loose Cash	\$744.00	
Online Giving	\$1,085.00	
Children's Envelopes	\$14.00	
Holy Day	\$20.00	
Total	\$5,602.00	
Building Fund	\$25.00	
Financial Assistance	\$10.00	
Endowment Fund	\$20.00	
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