



# Saint Mary

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## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am



**Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time — November 18, 2018**

**"Always Seek the Truth" Fr. Bosco Padamattummal**

**Mark** 13:28 says, "Now learn the parable from the fig tree. When its branches have already become tender and put forth its leaves, you know the summer is near." Just the day before, our Lord had cursed the fig tree, chapter 11:12-14. He used the fig tree as an illustration of Israel. He went to the fig tree because He was hungry. The fig tree had no fruit. That was unusual because the fruit comes first and the leaves come later on fig trees. Because there were leaves, there should have been some immature fruit that He could have plucked and it would have been edible. But when He got to the tree, it had leaves but no fruit, and it was a symbol of Israel, nothing but leaves, just religious pretense, and He pronounced a curse on that fig tree and it died on the spot. It was a miracle in reverse. It was the only destructive miracle recorded in the New

Testament done by Jesus. This fig tree then was an illustration of Israel's barrenness. But here's another fig tree, in Mark 13 He said, "Now learn the parable from the fig tree. When its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know the summer is near. Even so, you too when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, right at the door." This sermon, given on the Mount of Olives during Passion Week on Wednesday night to His disciples alluding to His return, has not changed. I also want you to understand that the eschatology and what the Scripture says about the end times is not hard to understand. I don't think the Lord wrote His Word to make anything unclear whether it is about His second coming. That's why Revelation starts out by saying, "Blessed is the one who reads this and understands," having said that, we can't understand the second coming of Christ in its totality because it hasn't happened yet. So where the speculation comes in,

different denominations or branches of Christianity teach with some variations on the eschatology. What we can't know is the specificity of the fulfillment that has not happened yet. But the prophecies are very, very clear when it comes to the return of Christ. The culmination of human history occurs at the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth. When He comes back, it is time for the living and the dead. The believers who are alive when He comes will be ushered into His glorious Kingdom and the sinners who do not repent, into eternal damnation.



Elizabeth Beuerle invited Fr. Bosco to view her extensive collection of Christmas houses that is displayed in her home.

Though we do not often hear from the pulpit on the second coming of Christ, we are looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearance of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. We live in hope. The day of judgment should be more of our concern and worry than the price of gas or plowing snow or mowing the

lawn. And although He has said other things in these Gospels about His coming, the main teaching from the lips of Christ about His return is in this message given on Wednesday night of Passion Week, sitting on the Mount of Olives with His disciples as the sun is setting, looking back at the eastern gate, the Herodian temple and the city of Jerusalem. It's the final day that He teaches. It's the final day of public ministry. The next day He will stay in private and He will prepare for the Passover on Thursday night. Friday He is tried and crucified. Sunday He rises from the dead. Forty days later, after appearing only to believers, He ascends to heaven where He now sits, waiting to return. The second coming of our Lord. It is recorded in Matthew 24 and 25, Luke 21 and Mark 13. When the disciples hear all these from their master and they still are trying to figure it out, they pose the question in Mark 13:4, "Tell us, when will these things be, the things that have to do with judgment? And

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**PARISH CALENDAR****Mass Intentions, [Requested by], and Parish Activities**

<b>SAT., NOV 17</b>	<b>ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY</b>
3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8 (496)	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 am-2:00 pm Apple Pie Making-PC <b>5:00 pm Vigil Mass: † Maynard (MJ) Kidd</b> [His Daughter, Kathy Block] 5:00 pm Youth Group Retreat-OLF
<b>SUN., NOV 18</b>	<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>
Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32 (158) Pss I	8:00-8:15 am Confession <b>8:30 am Mass: † Christine Marie Hessling</b> [The Hessling Family] 10:00-10:15 am Confession <b>10:30 am Mass: For the People</b> 12:00 pm First Holy Communion Class-FFH 12:00-1:30 pm Formed Training-PC
<b>MON., NOV 19</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY</b>
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43 (497)	<b>12:10 pm Mass: INT: Erin Hawley and Health of her twins</b> [Burnett Family] 3:30 pm Religious Education—PC 7:15 pm Bible Study—FFH
<b>TUES., NOV 20</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY</b>
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10 (498)	<b>8:30 am Mass: INT: Elise Kueffner</b> [Her Parents, Scott and Ann Kueffner]
<b>WED., NOV 21</b>	<b>PRESENTATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28 (499)	<b>8:30 am Mass: † Catherine Broderson</b> [Burnett Family]
<b>THU., NOV 22</b>	<b>ST. CECILIA/THANKSGIVING DAY</b>
Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44 (500) or, any readings from the Lectionary for Mass (vol. IV), "In Thanksgiving to God," nos. 943-947	<b>9:00 am Mass: † Wanda Antieau, a Birthday Remembrance</b> [Scheurman Family]
<b>FRI., NOV 23</b>	<b>ORDINARY WEEKDAY/Sts. Clement I &amp; Columban</b>
Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48 (501)	<b>8:30 am Mass: † Douglas Muldoon</b> [John and Tina Doyle and Family] 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal—Choir Loft
<b>SAT., NOV 24</b>	<b>ST. ANDREW DUNG LAC AND COMPANIONS</b>
Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40 (502)	3:30-4:30 pm Confession <b>5:00 pm Vigil Mass: † William Boyd</b> [The Boyd Family]
<b>SUN., NOV 25</b>	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b>
Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37 (161) Pss Prop	8:00-8:15 am Confession <b>8:30 am Mass: † Douglas Muldoon</b> [John and Tina Doyle and Family] 10:00-10:15 am Confession <b>10:30 am Mass: For the People</b>

**Please Pray for:**

Brian Ball  
Leon Ball  
Duane Beuerle  
Betsy Kripas  
Jim Maisano  
Tim McConnell  
Ron Punches

Cody Simpson  
Eddie Walz

**Repose of the Soul:**

+Cecile Ouedraogo  
+Ramde Ram  
+Donald Scaglione  
+Angelo Tonde

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what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled? What's the sign of final judgment on sinners? What's the sign of the final establishment of the Kingdom?" He said, "Look, before I come, the world will be characterized by religious deception, massive religious deception." Matthew, Mark and Luke all give us insight into this. It will secondly be characterized by massive disasters, wars, rumors of wars, which means hot wars, cold wars, earthquakes. And if you put them all together, famines, plagues, all kinds of natural disasters. A time of deception, disaster, distress and persecution of believers. Religious deception today proliferates maybe like it never has in the history of the world, natural disasters seem to be getting worse and worse. Believers have always been persecuted. They're being persecuted and even slaughtered around the world today.

Dear brothers and sisters, though all these things are happening now we cannot say anything about the date and time of His second coming. But we know this from the Gospel, that if the homeowner had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. We also must be ready for the "Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." The Lord Jesus expects us to vigilantly guard and protect the treasure He has given us in this present life. It is the treasure of His kingdom and the gifts and graces He has won for us - the gift of salvation purchased by the blood of Christ who died for us on the cross to free us from slavery to sin and Satan, and the gift of abundant new life which Christ won for us through His resurrection victory over death, and the gift of the Holy Spirit who comes to live in us and empower us with supernatural faith, hope, and love that endure forever. The Father and the Son come to dwell in us through the gift of the Holy Spirit who makes His home with us. But we can lose the treasure and gifts of God if we do not guard our hearts and minds and hold to the truth of God's Word and live according to His wise precepts, teaching, and just laws. The Second coming is not something you should be fearful of. "Don't let your heart be troubled, believe in God, believe in Me." Here's the good news, "In My Father's house are many dwelling places, or rooms. If it weren't so I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I'll come again and receive you to Myself that where I am, there you may be also." ☞

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**NEED HELP?**

**ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION:** Right-to-Life MI Hotline 1-800-57WOMAN or visit [www.optionline.org](http://www.optionline.org)

**"AA"** group meets Fridays & Sundays at 7:00 pm - Emanuel Church kitchen.

**"PROJECT RACHEL"** (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the

confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email [nlc@resurrectionlan-sing.org](mailto:nlc@resurrectionlan-sing.org)

**"COURAGE"** is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction.

**"ENCOURAGE"** is a separate support group for the families and friends of "Courage" clients. Call 517-342-2596



## P A R I S H N E W S

*Parish Family Birthdays*

Nov 17.....Johnathan Gregory  
 Nov 18.....Jacob Fielder  
 Nov 18.....Julia Nashif  
 Nov 19.....Mary Herschelman  
 Nov 20 ....Curt Fielder  
 Nov 20 ....Sandra Kwolek  
 Nov 21.....Samantha Kominars  
 Nov 22.....James Kurasz  
 Nov 24.....Edith Irene Dahl  
 Nov 25.....Debra Line  
 Nov 25.....John Ulicne  
 Nov 25.....Karin Villarreal

**Altar Flowers**

for the week of  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**  
 In Memory of  
 † Ronald J. Boglarsky  
 (Pat and Kelly Flaherty and  
 Family)



## Sanctuary Lamps

are burning this week for:  
 1) For the Repose of the Soul of  
 † Donald Scaglione  
 (Jim and Marja Warner)



### St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION Sunday, November 4, 2018

Sunday Envelopes..... \$5,902.00  
 Loose Cash & Checks..... \$428.25  
 Welcome Envelopes..... \$27.00  
 Christmas Decorations..... \$70.00  
 All Saint's..... \$25.00  
 eGiving..... \$209.43  
 Weekly toward budget .... \$7,773.68  
 Weekly goal ..... \$5,300.00  
 Amt. **ABOVE** goal ..... \$2,473.68

#### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Building and Maintenance. \$804.00  
 Campaign Human Dev. .... \$10.00  
 Poor Box..... \$14.50  
 Votive Candles..... \$94.00

#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

All Saint's..... \$340.00  
 All Soul's..... \$772.00

**Formed**

FORMED, an online service for accessing thousands of Catholic videos, audios and eBooks On Demand anytime, anywhere is available to all parishioners. If you need more assistance with registration or navigating FORMED, there will be a training session at the Parish Center **Sunday, November 18th** from 12:00-1:30pm.

**Calendar Sales Benefit Parish**

Once again Bill Shurtliff has generously donated a stack of his beautiful 2019 U of M/Ann Arbor calendars, featuring his original watercolor drawings, to our parish. The suggested donation is \$5.00 with 100% of the money going to our parish! This is the perfect gift for the U of M fan on your Christmas list or for your home or office.

These calendars will be available in the vestibule of the church beginning **November 25th**. Please put your donations in a plain envelope marked "Calendar Fundraiser" and put it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

**SLC Aktion Club to Sell Cards**

The residents of the St. Louis Center Aktion Club design and sell a Christmas Card each year to raise funds to support children in third world countries that are dying because they lack access to tetanus shots. Since so many people have helped SLC residents over the years they take great pride in being able to help others. They will be present following Masses the weekend of **December 1st-2nd**.

## AREA NEWS

**Decorating  
Committee**

The Christmas Holiday Decorating committee will begin planning for this year. We have received a generous financial donation to enhance our décor. All who have been on the committee in the past and anyone who may want to be part of the team this year should contact Sue Fielder at [sfielder@umich.edu](mailto:sfielder@umich.edu) or 734-428-8816.

**Altar Flower Sponsorships**

To sponsor Altar Flowers for the 2019 calendar year you will find a sign-up sheet in the entryway of the church. You may fill in any dates you would like to reserve for the coming year. Please remit a stipend of at least \$40/week by placing an envelope in the collection basket.

**Can You Help?**

The Altar Society will again take part in Christmas Bake Sale at Manchester United Methodist Church during Christmas in the Village on **December 1st**. We are looking for someone to chair this event and hoping to again have lots of homemade eatables to be offered for sale. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up AND pricing. Set-up begins **Friday, November 30th** 10am-7:30pm and starting at 7am on Saturday. This is also the time that you can bring your GOODIES. Doors open for business at 9am on Saturday. If you would like to help, please call Marja Warner at 428-9506. Thank You!! Your help and support is very important.

**St. John Vendor/Craft Show** is **Saturday, December 1st** from 10am-4pm at St. John School, corner of Cooper and North Streets. If you would like to be a craft show vendor, please email [StJohnCraftShow@yahoo.com](mailto:StJohnCraftShow@yahoo.com) for information regarding the show. We had an amazing turnout last year and we are hoping for an even better event this year!

**Christmas Bazaar** St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society is hosting this annual event on **Saturday, December 1st** from 10am-4pm at St. Mary Church, 10601 Dexter Pinckney Road, Pinckney MI FREE ADMISSION, BAKE SALE, RAFFLE, 50/50, LUNCH and REFRESHMENTS available.

**Healing the Whole Person** at St. Patrick's, Brighton **November 29th-December 1st**. Cost is \$165 visit: <https://jpilhealingcenter.org/event/healing-the-whole-person-brighton-mi/> to register.

**Reflections on Advent** at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI **Friday, November 30th**, 8:00 pm. Pre-concert talk at 7:15 pm. The Michigan Philharmonic teams up with Madonna University Chorale, Counsellors Chorale, and Main Street Opera Theatre Chorus to perform Libby Larsen's *In a Winter Garden*. This beautiful piece is a musical reflection on Advent and all its various moods and themes. Tickets are available on-line at <http://www.michiganphil.org> or by calling (734) 451-2112.