When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” - Mk 12:34ab

 Jesús, viendo que había hablado muy sensatamente, le dijo: “No estás lejos del Reino de Dios”. - Mc 12, 34
“Leaders and Best.” These ubiquitous maize and blue emblazoned words convey pride and belonging. Yet can we reconcile their many positive attributes with their negative contributions to the competitive environment omnipresent on campus and in society? And what of the “followers and not-best”? Are they any less important? As a University parish, should we ask ourselves: “Is this slogan compatible with our Catholic faith?”

I am indebted to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, whose sermon, “The Drum Major Instinct”, strengthens my spiritual bridge between the steps of the Michigan Union (and now the medical campus) with the steps of St. Mary. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of this sermon, which begins with Dr. King eloquently reading Mark 10:35-45. This passage (which we heard two weeks ago), details James and John’s audacious request to be seated adjacent to Jesus in heaven. Jesus’s rebuke is gentle yet profound: “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant...For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.”

Dr. King then introduces “the drum major instinct” as that compelling need we all share to be: “first”, “out front”, “seen”, and “praised”. He first elaborates on the negative contribution of this instinct to problems that continue to plague our University and country including unhealthy competition, “exclusivism”, racial prejudice, and destructive nationalism. In counterpoint, Dr. King directs us towards Jesus who urges us to “reorder priorities” in order to access the positive potential of this instinct. “And he (Jesus) said, ‘Yes, don’t give up this instinct. It’s a good instinct if you use it right’”. King’s subsequent thunderous and inspired oration challenges us to be first: “First in Love!”; “First in Moral Excellence!”; and “First in Generosity!” Referring back to Mark’s Gospel, he reminds us “that everyone of us can be great, because everyone can serve.”

So is our university slogan compatible with our faith? I believe Dr. King would respond with an emphatic “yes!”, and would challenge us to apply our abundant talents and resources throughout our lives such that “Leader and Best” becomes interchangeable with “Drum Major” in the impassioned conclusion of his sermon: “Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice! Say that I was a drum major for peace! I was a drum major for righteousness! And all of the other shallow things will not matter. I won’t have any money to leave behind. I won’t have the fine and luxurious things of life to leave behind. But I just want to leave a committed life behind!”

To promote and celebrate our university slogan and the drum major instinct, the Faith Doing Justice Team invites you to participate in our upcoming Parish Feast Day of Service on Saturday, December 8. More information is on our website: https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/serve/feast-day-of-service/

In addition, we invite you to listen to Dr. King’s sermon which can be accessed using this link: https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/king-papers/documents/drum-major-instinct-sermon-delivered-ebenezer-baptist-church (or search “king institute and drum major”). Click on the “Listen to Audio” button and listen through 25:48. Short on time? Listen from 15:26 through 25:48. Very short on time? Listen from 22:22-25:48.

Have a blessed Feast Day!

**Mass Schedule**

**SUNDAY**
8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon, 2:00 PM (Sp), 5:00 PM & 9:00 PM

**DAILY**
Monday-Thursday 5:10 PM
Friday 12:10 PM

**Office Hours**
Sunday 8:00 AM-9:00 PM
Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Saturday 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
Sunday 7:30 PM
Wednesday after 5:10 PM Mass
By appointment 734-663-0557
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MASS INTENTIONS: NOV 4-9

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
8:30 AM  Mass for  +Guillermina Mentz
10:00 AM  Mass for  +Joanna & +Francis Egglestor
12:00 PM  Mass for  +Becky Hilger
2:00 PM  Mass for  Casticia Jimenez
5:00 PM  Mass for  +Judith Yafet
9:00 PM  Mass for  People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5
5:10 PM  Mass for  +Pauline Salomone

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
5:10 PM  Mass for  +Mary Salomone

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
5:10 PM  Mass for  +Evelyn Walsh

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8
5:10 PM  Mass for  Mary Colombano

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9
12:10 PM  Mass for  +Dr. Edward Brasted

MEETINGS & EVENTS: NOV 4-10

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Choir Practice before each Mass 10:15 AM  Newman Hall+
Children’s Liturgy of the Word 11:15 AM  Rectory Lounge
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 12:45 PM  Newman Hall
English as a Second Language 1:00 PM  Loyola Room
Quinceanera Info Session 2:00 PM  Whitman Room
Hispanic/Latino Children’s Lit 3:00 PM  Donnelly Hall+
Afternoon of Listening/Convo 4:00 PM  Loyola Room
Outreach Team 6:30 PM  Rectory Dining Room
Special Event Team 7:30 PM  Church
Reconciliation 8:00 PM  Newman Room

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Grad/YP Choir Practice 6:00 PM  Music Room
Centering Prayer 6:30 PM  Richard Room
Born for Joy 7:00 PM  Monteith Room
Bible Study 7:00 PM  Rectory Lounge
Grad/YP Mass + Dinner 7:00 PM  Donnelly Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Pray the Rosary after Mass 5:45 PM  Church
Mujeres Poderosas 6:00 PM  Richard & Newman Rm
Guadalupe Dance Rehearsal 7:00 PM  Newman Hall
LGBT Outreach Ministry 7:00 PM  Loyola Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
SCC—Women’s Group 9:30 AM  Rectory Lounge
SCC—Jolene 4:30 PM  Loyola Room
Reconciliation 5:45 PM  Church
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM  Newman Hall
Prayer Team Meeting 6:00 PM  Loyola Room
SCC—Grad/YP Group 6:30 PM  Monteith Room
SCC—Spanish 7:00 PM  Church
RCIA 7:00 PM  Rectory Lounge
SCC—Ignatian Spirituality 7:30 PM  Newman Room
REAL 8:00 PM  Richard Room
SCC—Men’s Undergrad 8:00 PM  Loyola Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Women of the Heart 10:15 AM  Donnelly Hall
Choir Practice for Ig.nite Mass 4:15 PM  Music Room
Ig.nite 5:10 PM  Church & Newman Hall+
SCC—Grad/YP Group 6:00 PM  Monteith Room
SCC—Open Group 7:00 PM  Whitman Room
Restore after Ig.nite 7:30 PM  Rectory Lounge

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Mujeres Poderosas 10:30 AM  Rectory Lounge
LatinX Young Adults 5:30 PM  Rectory Lounge
Camino 7:00 PM  Loyola Room

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10
High School Youth Group 10:30 AM  Off Site
Grad/YP Day of Service 1:00 PM  Off Site
**MASS & DINNER EVENING**

**MON, NOV 5 | 7:00-9:00 PM**

Monthly Mass & Dinner for Grad/YP.
Join us to worship, connect, and enjoy a delicious homemade dinner with our Grad/YP community.

**DAY OF SERVICE**

**SAT, NOV 10**

Join us for a day of service at Habitat for Humanity’s ReStore, a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center. From customer service to furniture repair, Habitat ReStores offer a multitude of volunteer opportunities geared toward individual interests and skills.

We will gather at SMSP at 11:45 for a light lunch (optional), and carpool to the ReStore by 1:00, working throughout the afternoon until 6:00pm.

If you plan to attend, please register online [https://tinyurl.com/GradYPserve](https://tinyurl.com/GradYPserve).
More information about Habitat’s ReStore can be found here: [https://www.habitat.org/restores](https://www.habitat.org/restores)

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTIONS**

**MON, NOV 19 | 7 PM**

Grad Students and young professionals are invited to this month’s Spiritual Directions evening beginning at 7:00pm.

For more information or to be added to our email list, contact the Grad/YP Lead Team at [smsp.grads.lead@umich.edu](mailto:smsp.grads.lead@umich.edu) or Fr. Joe at [jwagner@smspnewman.org](mailto:jwagner@smspnewman.org)
Ig.nite

thursdays @ 5:10 PM

Ig.nite meets every Thursday of the academic year (except holidays) for a student-led 5:10 pm mass in the church followed by a meal, some guided conversation, and socializing.

November 8th – Alexis Redig – *Living a life animated by God*
Alexis Redig is the faith and media coordinator at Nativity Catholic Church in Brandon, FL. She is a friend of Ali, Brian, and Jenny from grad school.

restore after ig.nite

thursdays @ 7:30 PM

Restore is an open, undergrad faith sharing group focused on restoring faith, friendships, and the kingdom of God. We read the readings for the coming Sunday and focus on seeing God in action in our lives. No need to sign up, just drop in!

Contact Jess jessjana@umich.edu.

MAGIS

MAGIS, a new undergraduate service group, is looking for students who are interested in exploring what it means to live as men and women for others. Volunteers commit to weekly service with other students and one hour of group reflection centered on community, service, social justice, and spirituality.

If you are interested in building community, growing in faith, serving the poor, and working for justice, please contact Sam sjennings@smspnewman.org

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upcoming special events

UNDERGRAD EUCHARST TOURNEY
FRI, NOV 16 @ 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS CAROL KARAOKE
SAT, DEC 1 @ 7:00 PM

Post-Graduate Service Fair

Fri, Nov 16 | 1:00-3:00 PM

This event will have representatives and information about different post-grad service organizations. We are inviting representatives from faith-based service organizations such as JVC, Amate House, Mercy Volunteer Corps, etc. to come and be available to talk with our students interested in post-grad service. Some organizations might choose to send recruiting information and we will have that available as well.

Sunday nights @ smsp

Evening Masses at 5 & 9 PM Confessions at 7:30 PM Snacks in the Newman Lounge from 6-9 PM Open until midnight for students Sunday-Thursday
**Nourish Your Spirit**

### PARISH BIBLE STUDY

**MON, NOV 5 | 7:00-8:30 PM**

St. Mary's Bible study invites you to interact with the Holy Spirit as we consider "The Spirit and the Sacraments" Mon. Nov. 5. This term's study—one that Bishop Earl Boyea is encouraging everyone in the Lansing diocese to experience—is called "The Wild Goose." (Celtic circles referred to the third person in the Trinity as the Wild Goose!)

Come watch a short video, discuss it/share your experience, and enjoy a snack. Attend one—or all—sessions:

- Nov. 12 NO CLASS :(
- Nov. 19 "The Fruits of the Holy Spirit"
- Nov. 26 "The Spirit and the Desert"
- Dec. 3 "The Spirit Convicts"
- Dec. 10 "The Spirit's Freedom"
- Dec. 17 "The Spirit Gives Witness"

*Planned calendar is subject to slight changes*

...please call Kathy Ann 734.668.7437 if you are specifically interested in the topic on a given night and we may be able to accommodate your needs!

### WHAT IS LOVE

**LGBT SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

**SAT, NOV 17 | 8:30 AM-6:00 PM**

Join us for our annual spiritual retreat on Saturday, Nov 17. This year's theme is "What is Love?" The retreat runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but participants are asked to arrive at 8:30 a.m. to enjoy breakfast together. This year, the retreat will be held at the Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills. Click here to sign up: [http://bit.ly/WHAT-IS-LOVE](http://bit.ly/WHAT-IS-LOVE)

### LGBT OUTREACH MINISTRY

**1ST & 3RD TUES | 7-8:30 PM**

Meetings are private and confidential. As a diverse community of believers, we respect each person as a unique reflection of God's presence in our midst. We commit ourselves to being a community of care, support, formation, reconciliation, and witness to justice with and among gay and lesbian persons, parents, family members, and friends. We teach that all love comes from God and focus on helping people reconcile their faith with their orientation. We provide a safe space for discussion, healing, and prayer. Together we reflect on Scripture and listen to the lived experiences of gay and lesbian persons and their allies.

Contact: Rodrigo [rodri_cg@hotmail.com](mailto:rodri_cg@hotmail.com) or Cynthia [jcynthia@umich.edu](mailto:jcynthia@umich.edu)
THUR, NOV 8 | 10:15 AM –12:00 PM
Women of every age are invited to connect, be inspired, and celebrate their faith with one another.
This month we will look at the Pope’s document, Rejoice and Be Glad. We will discuss the Call to Holiness and how each of us are invited to share in the friendship of God along with the Communion of Saints.
https://www.amazon.com/Rejoice-Be-Glad-Reading-Exsultate/dp/1627853774
We try to meet the second Thursday of each month, from September to May in Donnelly Hall.
Contact Patty pmmm@comcast.net or Phyllis pbmclaughlin@comcast.net

FRI, NOV 16 | 10:00 AM –4:00 PM
There’s a critical need for blood donations. Schedule to donate and get a t-shirt, Bruegger’s Bagels, Blaze, Cottage Inn Pizza coupons, and enter to win prizes!
Sign up at redcrossblood.org. Sponsor code– globlue

WEDNESDAYS | 6:00-10:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration will take place most Wednesdays in the Church. It is a time to reflect and pray quietly before the Lord. You are invited to come when you can and stay as long as you like.
This sign-up is to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is not left alone: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4ea9a629ab9-eucharistic

11/26, 12/10  ATTEND ONE CLASS ONLY
Baptism classes are held in English and Spanish one Monday evening each month. Information packets are available in the parish office and should be picked up at least one week prior to class date.
Contact Carol ckonczal@umich.edu for English
Contact Amy aketner@smspnewman.org for Spanish

ACT NOW Make a public comment against the indefinite detention of immigrant children!
Join St. Mary in protecting the life and dignity of vulnerable families and children.
In 1997, the United States government agreed to the Flores Settlement, which sets standards regarding the care and release of immigrant children in custody. Provisions in the agreement include that children must be held in the “least restrictive” environment possible and that children should not be held for longer than 20 days.
However, a recent proposal by the Trump administration threatens to overturn the Flores Settlement and its protections for families and children in detention. Terminating the Flores Settlement would result in indefinite detention of children which could have devastating, long-term effects on children.
Your voice is needed now! There is still time to stop these proposed regulations from becoming final.
Follow the link to our website to make a public comment against this proposal
https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/serve/advocate/
THE DEADLINE FOR THESE COMMENTS IS NOVEMBER 6TH, SO ACT QUICKLY! YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

SAT, NOV 10 | 10:30 AM
The High School Youth Group will travel to Hillside Terrace retirement community at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10 to gather with the residents and join in arts and crafts projects with them. Parents must provide their own transportation to the event.
For more information, contact Catherine at cgardey@umich.edu.

SUN, NOV 11 | 6:30 PM
All area high school students are invited to our next gathering at 6:30 p.m. on November 11. We’ll explore the ways that Christ calls us to be forgiving. Join us for food, fun, and good conversation.
For more information, contact Catherine at cgardey@umich.edu.
A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: VIGIL FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

In every Catholic church, a candle perpetually burns near the tabernacle, a reminder of the presence of the Body of Christ.

As members of the Body of Christ, we join in this ancient tradition as we keep vigil with immigrant families—those separated at our southern border, over continents by forced migration, or torn apart by deportation, as many are here in our parish.

Symbolized by the candle burning near the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the atrium, our St. Mary community continues to keep watch and pray. May we, the Body of Christ, be a light in the darkness.

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NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

Together we celebrate All Saints’ Day, All Souls’ Day, and Day of the Dead or El Día de los Muertos. It is during these celebrations that we honor and remember those we have loved and lost. We recall how they have touched our lives and left this world with the hope and promise of eternal life.

This is a great opportunity for everybody in our parish to remember our loved ones in community. This November, we invite you to write the names of those you want to remember on the bulletin board in the atrium, and bring a photograph or item to place on the Altar of the Dead.

MUJERES PODEROSAS

TUESDAYS FROM 6-7:30 PM IN OCT & NOV

This is a group for Spanish-speaking women to encourage self-esteem, self-love and empowerment.

Contact Amy aketner@smspnewman.org

IMMIGRATION TEAM

Interested in learning more about immigration in the US? Already passionate about it? Engage with the immigrant community at our parish in a more meaningful way by joining the Immigration Team and/or participating in our events. The Immigration Team aims to make St. Mary a dynamic resource for our immigrant and non-immigrant communities by providing pastoral care, education, and advocacy opportunities, all based in mutual companionship. From praying the Rosary with immigrant families, to organizing advocacy campaigns and educational events, there are a variety of ways you join us in “welcoming the stranger” as Jesus has called us to do. Contact Amy aketner@smspnewman.org

HISPANIC/LATINO MINISTRY

Come join us in our weekly Spanish mass, and our many other events and programs offered in Spanish. Our Hispanic/Latino community includes a diverse array of students and resident parishioners. Many in the Ministry are bilingual, but minimal Spanish is needed to participate in our various programs. We welcome those native to Spanish-speaking countries, as well as those interested in practicing Spanish! Volunteers are invited to help with English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation hours, Children’s Liturgy, Catechism, Bilingual Stations of the Cross, quinceañeras, Spanish choir, and social events. We also need volunteers to help with our weekly Spanish mass and with annual cultural celebrations, like Our Lady of Guadalupe and Day of the Dead. Contact Amy aketner@smspnewman.org

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LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS
Vigil for Immigrant Families

Light in the Darkness: Vigil for Immigrant Families is a program of the Campaign for Hospitality.
To learn more, please visit:
campaignforhospitality.org/light.
Venmo, a smartphone app, is a secure platform designed to allow you to make payments, transfer money, and donate quickly and easily to friends, groups, and businesses. Link your bank account (or debit card), choose the recipient of your choice, and hit pay. It’s that easy!

Our username is @SMSPumich

You can still donate online and/or with checks and cash. Venmo is simply another way to donate that is more efficient, convenient, and very popular among students. Don’t be surprised if you even see smartphones out during the offertory - they’re not texting... they’re supporting St. Mary!
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### NOVEMBER 4

#### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| Reading I | Dt       | 6:2-6 |
| Psalm     | Ps       | 18:2-4, 47, 51 |
| Reading II | Heb     | 7:23-28 |
| Gospel    | Mk       | 12:28b-34 |

The two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor, go hand in hand. Through the priesthood of Jesus, we are brought into communion with the God who is love.

### NOVEMBER 11

#### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| Reading I | 1 Kgs   | 17:10-16 |
| Psalm     | Ps      | 146:7-10 |
| Reading II | Heb    | 9:24-28 |
| Gospel    | Mk      | 12:38-44 |

The Lord provides for Elijah’s need as the widow of Zarephath shares with him from her want. Her generosity is mirrored in the widow in the temple who gives from her poverty and not from power, privilege or excess. In Jesus, God became poor for us, offering himself to take away our sins.

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