21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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[Jesus] answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” - Lk 13:24

Jesús le respondió: “Esfuérganse por entrar por la puerta, que es angosta, pues yo les aseguro que muchos tratarán de entrar y no podrán”. - Lc 13, 24
WHERE ARE YOU COMING FROM?
BY RITA ZYBER, RCIA COORDINATOR

If there’s one thing that RCIA seekers have in common, it’s that there’s not much they have in common. That’s a good thing. It shows us the immense love of God, who comes and meets us right where we are, taking each of us by the hand along our own unique path.

I’ve had the honor of hearing many stories these last few years – stories of why and how people first realize they want to be Catholic, or why they want to deepen their faith. Some have felt an impulse to do something for years, but it didn’t feel like the right time. Others felt a profound experience of God at Mass, or somewhere else, and just felt compelled to dig in immediately.

The thing that is the same for each of these seekers – and for all of us – is that God is the one who gets things started. For each of us, it’s the Holy Spirit who works and interacts in our daily lives – the Holy Spirit who calls and nudges us toward a deeper life in God. How do we respond? Bishop Robert Barron writes that Jesus, the fulfillment of Israel, is the “supreme gatherer” who draws everyone to himself (John 12:32). That’s clear in our Gospel reading for today.

In Luke’s account, we see that Jesus wants a close friendship with us – to be with us, and dwell with us in all the everyday moments of our lives. Here, Jesus gives us a scenario about the people who never took the time to get to know him. They may have heard good things about him on the streets, but Jesus says, “I do not know where you are from.” In other words, I don’t really know what makes you tick, what gives you joy, what challenges and frustrates you. “Where are you coming from?” he seems to say.

As we begin our work again for this new academic year, our prayers turn to those who might be feeling a nudge or hearing a call from our “supreme gatherer.” May they respond and take the chance offered by God. “Come from the East and the West and the North and the South.” Come and get to know what Jesus has ready for you at his generous table.

COULD RCIA BE FOR YOU?

Each year, we guide and walk with a group of people who are thinking about becoming Catholic, and those who want to explore the faith. This process is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA.

This could be helpful if:

- You want to be baptized in the faith
- You want to join us from another faith
- You are Baptized Catholic, but haven’t been Confirmed

Sessions for RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin on Sept. 11, but inquirers are welcome to come in anytime to talk. We are happy to meet with you personally to discuss what God might be calling you to explore.

For information, contact Rita rzyber@smspnewman.org or call 663-0557, Ext 230, or Fr. Joe Wagner at jwagner@smspnewman.org.

OUR MISSION

St. Mary Student Parish is a welcoming, inclusive, caring, and diverse Catholic community, uniting residents and students.

We are Christ-centered with the Eucharist as the source of holiness in our vibrant liturgical life.

Inspired by Ignatian spirituality, we live a faith that does justice, reaching out to the marginalized.

As an apostolic parish, we are committed to ongoing formation of Christian witness, discipleship, and leadership.

Updated April 2019
FROM MARY BAILEY
Mary Bailey, longtime parishioner of St. Mary’s, has moved to be with family in VA Beach, VA. Her new address is 4987 Cypress Point Circle, VA Beach, VA 23455. She bids farewell to all who have shown her and her deceased husband Al so much love!

WICIR IMMIGRATION VOLUNTEER TRAINING AT SMSP
WED, AUG 28 I 6:30-8:30 PM
This training, facilitated by the Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights, is for anyone interested in helping respond to the urgent needs of our community members who are immigrants.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION (FFF) AND TEEN CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPT 1, 2019 for our programs: Pre-K through 7th Grade and Teen Confirmation, which is 8th Grade (High school students are welcome). Parish members whose eldest child will be 3-4 years of age as of Sept. 1, 2019 are eligible for our Pre-K classes.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION This home-based program requires families to work together at home on lessons. Families meet one Sunday a month at the parish to build community and grow in faith formation and discipleship. We offer three sessions from October thru April: 8AM, 10AM and a Noon Session. In keeping with our SMSP Mission ten hours of volunteer service at SMSP per family is required. Regular Sunday Mass attendance is expected.

1ST RECONCILIATION/1ST COMMUNION This program includes attendance at all FFF Sundays as well as one additional Sunday Parent/Child session per month in preparation for the Sacraments.

TEEN CONFIRMATION Sacramental Preparation sessions will meet twice a month on Sunday afternoons. Attendance at the Fall Retreat and two Service Retreats are required in addition to regular attendance at Sunday Mass. Please register soon as space is limited.
Visit our parish website for more information and the online registration form: http://bit.ly/FF-REG-2019
Contact Lori Feiler, Family Ministry Program Coordinator lfeiler@smspnewman.org 734-663-0557, Ext. 245
A Look Ahead

**MASS INTENTIONS: AUG 25-SEPT 1**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**
8:30 AM Mass for People of the Parish
10:00 AM Mass for +Betty Jozwick
12:00 PM Mass for Orawan Wong & Family
2:00 PM Mass for +Angelica Maria Naranya
5:00 PM Mass for Incoming Freshmen

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26**
5:10 PM Mass for +Deceased Members of Orawan Wong Family

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27**
5:10 PM Mass for +Mary Catherine Nodar

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**
5:10 PM Mass for +John Banks

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29**
5:10 PM Mass for Fr. Jack Baker

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30**
12:10 PM Mass for

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**
8:30 AM Mass for +Judy Hall
10:00 AM Mass for Benefactors of SMSP & Campus Ministry
12:00 PM Mass for +Al Bailey
2:00 PM Mass for People of the Parish
5:00 PM Mass for +Sandy Eiler
9:00 PM Mass for

**MEETINGS & EVENTS: AUG 25-SEPT 1**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**
10:15 AM Newman Hall+
12:45 PM Donnelly Hall
2:00 PM Whitman Hall
6:00 PM Courtyard

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26**
6:30 PM Richard Room
7:00 PM Loyola Room
7:00 PM Monteith Room

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27**
5:45 PM Church

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**
6:00 PM Church
6:30 PM Newman Hall+

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**
10:15 AM Newman Hall+
12:45 PM Donnelly Hall
2:00 PM Whitman Hall
7:30 PM Church

**LABOR DAY HOURS**
We will be open 3:00 PM-9:00 PM
Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday.

**FALL MASS & OFFICE HOURS**

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

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

**OFFICE HOURS** Sunday 8:00 AM-9:00 PM Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM & Saturday—varies

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Wednesday 5:45-6:45 PM and Sunday at 7:30-8:30 PM or by appointment
Parish Events & Opportunities

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

TUESDAYS AFTER THE 5:10 PM MASS

Reciting this ancient and powerful prayer with others can be a heart-opening experience and a way to promote peace in the world and in ourselves. We will provide you the texts of the prayers if needed.

If you have intentions for which you'd like us to pray, or any questions, please send them to Toni weena@umich.edu

**INFANT BAPTISM**

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.

Please visit our webpage for our baptism requirements: [https://tinyurl.com/ybj7m831](https://tinyurl.com/ybj7m831)


Contact Carol ckonczal@umich.edu for English

Amy aketner@smspnewman.org for Spanish

**BORN FOR JOY**

MONDAYS | 7:00 PM

A 12-step recovery group for men (ages 18+), who struggle with sexual acting out/pornography and are sincerely looking for hope and help in a community of fellow struggling.

Visit [www.saa-recovery.org](http://www.saa-recovery.org)

**CENTERING PRAYER**

MONDAYS | 6:30 PM

Silent, contemplative prayer in which thoughts and feelings are stilled as we simply seek to be with God. Centering Prayer is a silent practice of prayer that rests on the faith that Christ is present within by his Holy Spirit. It is an excellent preparation for contemplative prayer, which is a grace or gift bestowed by God. Contact Serena serena68@comcast.net

**DELONIS COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

On the 1st and 5th Fridays of each month, St. Mary Student Parish provides volunteers to cook and serve the evening meal at the Delonis Center Located at 312 W. Huron Street in Ann Arbor. We are still in need of volunteers for many of our upcoming dates. You can sign up to volunteer for one meal or multiple.

2019 DATES: 8/30, 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 11/29, 12/6


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**HOW TO REPORT ABUSE**

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, we encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every diocese in the United States now has a victim assistance coordinator who is available to obtain support, to help make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, if you desire.

The victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Lansing is: Cheryl Williams-Hecksel – 1-(888) 308-6252 or cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org. In addition, you may also report through the law enforcement toll-free hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by email, aginvestigations@michigan.gov

Since St. Mary Student Parish is a Jesuit-run parish, we are also including information provided by the province:

If you believe that you, or someone you know, has been abused by a Jesuit or a province employee, you are urged to advise the Midwest Jesuits by calling or emailing Marjorie O’Dea, director, Office of Safe Environment at 773-975-6363, or in writing to Marjorie O’Dea at 2050 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL, 60614.

You are also advised to contact the appropriate law enforcement agency. In Michigan, contact the Michigan State Police, [https://www.michigan.gov/msp](https://www.michigan.gov/msp)
**Parish Events**

**GRADUATE STUDENTS/ YOUNG PROFESSIONAL EVENTS**

**FALL WELCOME MASS & BBQ**
SUN, AUG 25 | 5:00—8:00 PM
5:00pm mass with Fr. Joe presiding followed by a delicious BBQ in our courtyard (or Newman Hall in case of rain).

**MONTHLY MASS & DINNER**
MON, SEPT 9 | 7:00-9:00 PM
Join us to worship, connect, and enjoy a delicious dinner with our Grad/YP community.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTIONS**
MON, SEPT 23 | 7:00-9:00 PM
Join us for dessert and time to socialize or network with other grad students and young professionals. A different speaker each month will lead us into faith-based discussion.

*For more information or to be added to our email list, contact the Grad/YP Lead Team at smsp.grads.lead@umich.edu or Fr. Joe at jwagner@smspnewman.org*

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**BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S**

**PRIEST, PROPHET, KING**

**BIBLE STUDY: "PRIEST, PROPHET & KING"**
MONDAYS | 7:00 PM
Bible study video by Bishop Robert Barron...the founder of "Word-on-Fire Catholic Ministries" Bishop Barron has childhood roots in Detroit, went on to host the award-winning PBS documentary "Catholicism" and even served as religion correspondent for NBC. Now serving as auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, he is one of the world’s most-followed Catholics on social media. (Does he remind anyone else a little of our own previous pastor Fr. Tom Firestone?) We will be learning from Bishop Barron this summer. Please join us! Come for a teaching video, snacks & good conversation.

**NO CLASS-Sept 2 (Labor Day)**
Questions? Call Kathy Ann Moilanen (734) 668-7437

**LGBT OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**1ST & 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH-7:00 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.

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Cynthia jcynthia@umich.edu
WOMEN OF THE HEART
THUR, SEP 12 | 10:15AM

Women of every age are invited to connect, be inspired, and celebrate their faith with one another.
This year’s theme: Journeying In Hope. Guest speakers will be providing their insights each month.
September’s guest speaker will be Tom Lumpkin who will share on Hope for World Peace.
We meet the second Thursday of each month, from September to May, from 10:15 to 12:00 noon in Donnelly Hall. Our first meeting is September 12.

- Oct. 10 - Jim Gartland, S.J. 
  Hope for the Future of the Church
- Nov. 14 - Carol Weber, O.P. and Associate of the New Life Center in Flint 
  Hope for Victims of Poverty and Oppression
- Dec.12 - Patty Gillis - Dominican Associate 
  Hope for the World and for Our Children - Environmental Sustainability
- January 9 - Mariane Fahlman, O.P. - Professor in Health Science - Wayne State University 
  Hope for Personal Change, Healing and Happiness
- February 13 - Barb Cervenka, O.P. / Marion Jackson - Art Educators 
  Hope for Transformation through Creativity - Detroit
- March 12 - Carleen Maly, O.P. Director - Dominican Literacy Center - Adrian 
  Hope through Education
- April 16 - Patricia Walter, O.P. - Theology Professor - Retired 
  Hope for Eternal Life
- May 14 - Sister Carol and Nancy 
  Closing Session

Contact Patty pmmmm@comcast.net or Phyllis pbmclaughlin@comcast.net

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING???
If you have misplaced items while at church, we may have them waiting for you in the parish office! Please stop by the office to check the Lost & Found box. All items not claimed by the last Sunday of every month will be donated to one of the agencies in Washtenaw County. Thank you.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION
Whether you are planning to get married at St. Mary or elsewhere, we can help you prepare. Call our parish office to meet with a priest or deacon to begin your preparation. Our marriage prep also includes a two-day retreat led by vibrant married couples in our parish.
Contact Julie Mussio jmussio@smspnewman.org
Diocesan Services Appeal & SMSP Financial Report

We’re almost there! We have reached about 82% of our DSA goal of $88,896. Some of you mentioned you still need to send in your contribution. Please do so and thank to those who have. If we reach our goal, about one third will come back to us to support our Latino Ministry and Campus Ministry efforts. Let’s reach our goal. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for your gifts to the Diocesan Services Appeal!

This week we reached 81% of our DSA goal. Thus far 204 families have contributed to this year’s appeal. We are grateful for these contributions and invite others to join together to push us over goal for the benefit of our parish and the wider church. Further, one-half of all paid contributions received, over and above our parish goal, will be returned to our parish.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, I invite you to do so today. Gift envelopes are available at both church entrances or the parish office. Or you may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa.

FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020
Year-to-Date Offering Report as of 08/18/2019

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Sunday Offering Report as of 08/18/2019

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NO CASH? DONATE USING VENMO!

Give like students give - straight from their smartphone. 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!
It is our call from God to make available the sacraments, religious education, and spiritual support through both good and difficult times. We also want to provide opportunities to live your baptismal call by getting involved in ministry and service. Register today to let us know who you are and how St. Mary can join you on your journey.

Visit our website stmarystudentparish.org and click the blue JOIN button in the top right corner.

Parish Events

CATHOLIC THINKERS BOOK CLUB
TUES, SEP 10 | 7:00 PM
The St Mary Student Parish Catholic Thinkers Book Club will resume reading, thinking, and discussing on Tuesday September 10, 2019. We will meet in the Loyola Room of the parish office from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM. We will begin meeting in September and continue meeting each month until April 2020. The books we will be reading and discussing are listed below. The books will be available for purchase from Literati Bookstore. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

SEPTEMBER - Company of the Poor. Paul Farmer and Gustavo Gutierrez. This book garnered a number of votes last year but didn’t make the top cut, but it’s revived this year.

OCTOBER - Jesus and the Disinherited. Howard Thurman. Amazon review called this book a "manual of resistance for the poor and disinherited".

NOVEMBER - Here I Stand. A Life of Martin Luther. Roland Bainton. Bainton was an English theological historian. This book is noted as "the definitive introduction to Martin Luther and is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand this towering historical figure".

DECEMBER - Heretics and Heroes. Thomas Cahill. This book is Volume VI of a series of histories written by Cahill. It takes a broader view of the times of the reformation and includes the "humanism of the Renaissance and the radical religious altercations of the Reformation".

JANUARY - Trent: What Happened at the Council. John O’Malley. As you might remember O’Malley is the author of Vatican II which we read and enjoyed so this should be good. Also this book is on the heels of our reformation reading and as more knowledgeable folks (Liz) pointed out, Trent addressed the reformation so we will get the church response as well.

FEBRUARY - Vatican I: The Council and the Making of the Ultra Montane Church. Also by O’Malley. This completes the council cycle and brings us to the 19th century and what might be considered the (almost) contemporary church.

MARCH AND APRIL - Pope Francis: Untying the Knots. The Struggle for the Soul of Catholicism. Paul Vallely. This book brings us to the 21st Century and the contemporary church. This book comes highly recommended by member Thinkers and as it is two books in one (!) we will read this over a two-month period.

Contact John Paglione if you have any questions about the book club at jgpone@sbcglobal.net. If you are not already on the Book Club e mail list and wish to be included please send an email to John.

WEDDING BANNs
Clare Donohue & Ben Kuisell
September 14
Megan Wiseman & Michael Butler
September 21
Jacqueline Dufek & Ben Holland
September 21

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AUGUST 25
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Reading I Is 66:18-21
Psalm Ps 117:1-2
Reading II Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel Lk 13:22-30

No one is to be excluded from the kingdom for all peoples are called to proclaim the praises of the Lord and confess his holy name. No ethnic or religious group possesses exclusive rights to the kingdom. Suffering and pain are part of the human condition.

SEPTEMBER 1
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Reading I Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Psalm Ps 68:4-7, 10-11
Reading II Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel Lk 14:1, 7-14

Humility and self-knowledge go hand in hand. Those who conduct their affairs with humility shall be exalted, while those who exalt themselves shall be humbled. The humble shall rejoice and exalt before God in the assembly of the heavenly Jerusalem.

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