3rd Sunday of Advent
3er Domingo de Adviento

John answered them all, saying, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.” - Lk 3:16a

Juan los sacó de dudas, diciéndoles: “Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo”. - Lc 3, 16
As Christmas nears, I find myself distracted by wish lists and worry that I won’t have time to do all that needs to be done to prepare for the holiday. I’ve spent too much time shopping for gifts, wondering if I’ve selected the right sizes and colors or if the recipients will even like what I’ve chosen for them.

It seems like a lot of wasted time, and I suppose it could be considered as such, but my intent comes from a place of love and care—and expressing it to my family and friends with thoughtful gifts brings me joy and satisfaction.

Now, I’m not sure how this phrase became associated with disappointment, because hearing a recipient state, “well, it’s the thought that counts” sounds spot on and downright satisfying.

Here at St. Mary, we are grateful recipients of so many of your thoughtful gifts throughout the year.

Thank you for serving faithfully and joyfully. Just last weekend, over two hundred people participated in the Feast Day of Service offering their skills and services to St. Mary and the surrounding community.

Thank you for being a source of hope—lifting up fellow members of our parish family in prayer and offering support in times of pain, suffering, and injustice.

Thank you for creating a welcoming community for all who enter our doors. Your fellowship and warmth are a comfort to new and familiar faces alike.

In fact, just a few weeks ago, Fr. Jim Gartland spoke at all masses to share his delight with his first few months here at St. Mary and the warm welcome he’s received. Thank you to those who were inspired by his words and made a financial contribution as your Christmas gift to our parish.

If you were not at mass to hear his message, I hope you’ll be inspired by St. Mary’s Christmas appeal, our annual year-end mailing. Please take some time to read the letter from Fr. Jim and prayerfully reflect upon your response.

Your generosity is what funds our ministry and enables God’s work to be done. We trust that we will be able to continue doing His work because, time and again, God has delivered to St. Mary what we require. He has blessed us with a generous community of parishioners, alumni, and supporters across the country, for whom we are grateful.

As you thoughtfully consider giving a Christmas gift to our parish, I pray you feel fulfilled and joyful knowing that the kingdom of God continues to be built day by day with the power of the Holy Spirit working through you. All gifts—large and small, recurring or one-time—are deeply appreciated. And for all that you give to St. Mary, all year long—when I say that it is the thought that counts, I really mean it.

On behalf of the entire St. Mary Student Parish staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and pray that the coming year is filled with God’s blessings for you and your loved ones.
### MEETINGS & EVENTS: DEC 16-22

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
- **Choir Practice before each Mass**
  - Music Room
- **Student Study Days**
  - ALL DAY
  - Newman Lounge+
- **Children’s Liturgy**
  - 10:15 AM
  - Newman Hall
- **ESL**
  - 12:45 PM
  - Newman Hall+
- **Hisp/Lat Children’s Lit**
  - 2:00 PM
  - Donnelly Hall
- **Teen Confirmation**
  - 3:15 PM
  - Donnelly Hall+
- **St. Mary’s Discussion Group**
  - 3:15 PM
  - Newman Hall
- **Outreach Team Meeting**
  - 4:00 PM
  - Newman Lounge
- **Reconciliation**
  - 7:30 PM
  - Confessional

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17
- **Student Study Days**
  - ALL DAY
  - Newman Lounge+
- **Centering Prayer**
  - 6:30 PM
  - Richard Room
- **Advent Penance Service**
  - 7:00 PM
  - Off Site: St. Thomas (AA)
- **Born for Joy**
  - 7:00 PM
  - Monteith Room
- **Parish Bible Study**
  - 7:00 PM
  - Rectory Lounge
- **Grad/YP Advent Prayer**
  - 7:00 PM
  - Donnelly Hall

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18
- **Student Study Days**
  - LAST DAY
  - Newman Lounge+
- **Advent Penance Service**
  - 7:00 PM
  - Church
- **Choir Rehearsal**
  - 7:00 PM
  - Donnelly Hall+
- **LGBT Outreach Ministry**
  - 7:00 PM
  - Rectory Lounge

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19
- **SCC Jolene**
  - 4:30 PM
  - Newman Room
- **Advent Penance Service**
  - 7:00 PM
  - Off Site—Old St. Pat’s (AA)

**NO CONFESSIONS TONIGHT at SMSP**

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
- **Advent Penance Service**
  - 7:00 PM
  - Off Site: St Francis (AA) and St. John’s (Ypsi)

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22
- **Into the Light**
  - 7:45 AM
  - Rectory Lounge+

### MASS INTENTIONS: DEC 16-21

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
- 8:30 AM
  - Mass for +Mary & +Maurice Sinnott
- 10:00 AM
  - Mass for Philip Lienert
- 12:00 PM
  - Mass for +Erica Genheimer
- 2:00 PM
  - Mass for +Delfina Escamilla
- 5:00 PM
  - Mass for +Jamal Khashoggi
- 9:00 PM
  - Mass for People of the Parish

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17
- 5:10 PM
  - Mass for +Tommy O’Grady

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18
- 5:10 PM
  - Mass for +Salvatore Landisi

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19
- 5:10 PM
  - Mass for Mary Colombano

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
- 5:10 PM
  - Mass for Maria Sanchez

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21
- 12:10 PM
  - Mass for +Jamal Khashoggi

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

**at 7:00PM**

- **Mon, 12/17 - St. Thomas**
- **TUES, 12/18 - ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH**
  - Wed, 12/19 - Old St. Pat’s
    - (no confessions at St. Mary tonight)
  - Thurs, 12/20 - St. Francis of Assisi
    - (& St. John’s in Ypsilanti)
Undergraduate Student Study Days

DEC 16-18 EXTENDED HOURS TO STUDY FOR FINALS — 9:00 AM TO MIDNIGHT
We’ll have snacks in quantities most can only dream of and study spaces of varying noise levels.
Campus Ministers are available between 10am-5pm weekdays to pray with and for you during the stress of finals. Stop and see Brian or Jenny to receive prayer or email us at prayer@smspnewman.org to set up a time for prayer.

Grad Students and Young Professionals

ADVENT PRAYER & SOCIAL
MON, DEC 17 | 7:00 PM
Join your fellow grad students and young professionals to reflect on the Advent season as we approach Christmas. The night will begin with a prayer service at 7 pm at St. Mary’s, after which we will head out to a local restaurant or bar to celebrate the upcoming holiday together.

MASS & DINNER
MON, JAN 7 | 7:00-9:00 PM
Monthly Mass & Dinner for Grad/YP. Join us to worship, connect, and enjoy a delicious dinner with our Grad/YP community. First timers always welcome!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTIONS
MON, JAN 28 | 7:00 PM
Join us for appetizers 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. January’s speaker is Dr. Kim Eagle, MD, parishioner and Director of the Frankel Cardiovascular Center at UMich.

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

OUR CHRISTIAN SEARCH FOR MEANING
GRAD/YP RETREAT FEB 2-3, 2019
All graduate students and young professionals are invited to join us for our Winter 2019 overnight retreat: "Our Christian Search for Meaning." The retreat includes opportunities for prayer, reflection, silence, faith-sharing and building community, all on the beautiful grounds of the Weber Retreat Center. Join us as we further explore how to live as intentional, faith-filled, young adult Catholics.

Location: Weber Retreat Center (Adrian, MI)
Transportation: We will arrange carpoolls leaving from St. Mary at 9:00 am on Saturday and returning about Noon on Sunday
Cost: $50.00 (Double room), $70.00 (single room). Financial assistance available.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 16
The retreat cost has been subsidized by the parish and includes Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, overnight accommodations, and reflection materials.

Register online: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOoBaHhGMrCs-7Y50Xn3uqjdzQGgiXvmBzg_Y10oQbzo/viewform
If you have any questions or you need financial assistance, please e-mail the Grad/YP lead team at smsp.grads.lead@umich.edu or Fr. Joe Wagner, SJ, at jwagner@smspnewman.org.
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS THANK YOU!
Thanks to the generosity of those donors who have honored the true spirit of Christmas LOVE by remembering or memorializing loved ones with a Christmas flowers offering. Your gift serves a dual purpose of helping defray the costs of decorating the church and of honoring those you love in your heart.

Please see the list below of those loved ones and remember them in your Christmas prayers:

Ms Leslie Lysaght- In memory of Jack and Helen Lysaght
Ms Debra McCloskey- In memory of Dorothy and Joseph McCloskey
Mr & Mrs Edward Driscoll- In memory of Fred & Gert Krease, Jack Knoblock, Bob & Mary Knoblock, and CJ & Marie Rosnes
Mr Earl Roy- In memory of Julia D. Roy
Mr & Mrs Thomas C O’Brien- In memory of Francis & Irene O’Brien
Mr John McCauley & Ms Virginia Weingate- In memory of Blanche Weingate, Annette Weignate, Alice Karczewski, Gene Mauseth, and Chuck Weignate
Mr & Mrs Michael Schork- In memory of Joan Louwers, William Louwers, and Hely Merle
Mr & Mrs Erik Sheagren- In memory of Richard and Ann Kennedy
Mr & Mrs Lener Pacania- In memory of Adoracion Pacania
Dr & Mrs David Repasky- In memory of John Helen Marie and Andrew C.
Mrs. Mary Spivey- In memory of Allen Spivey
Mrs Anna Marie Schaefer- In memory of Donald Schaefer
Mr & Mrs Dominic Kline Jr- In memory of Regina Kaczmarezyk, Rosemary Kline, Casimir Kaczmarezyk, and Dominic Kline Sr
Mr & Mrs Anthony Push- In memory of Donald Parrish
Mr & Mrs Phillip Huhn- In memory of Brian Mueller
Mr & Mrs Kenneth Chemistek- In memory of Joe & Adela Kaye, Grace & John Chemistek, and Ken & Jean Hanson
Mr Marc Taras- In memory of Mrs B. Cunningham and Mr. Edward Taras
Ms Ann Marie Mann- In memory of Edward & Virginia Blaty and Thomas Mann
Mr & Mrs Richard Furness- In memory of Claudia Sahutske
Mr Dan Stritmatter & Ms Mary O’Neill- In memory of John & Norma O’Neill
Mr & Mrs Randall Brady-In memory of deceased members of the Slaggert-Brady Family
Ms Corinne Grace- In memory of Gwen & Stan Snyder, Bob Grace, Gerda Snyder, and Helen Bauss

CHRISTMAS BREAK SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 19 Daily Mass 5:10 PM
   No Confessions
   Office Closed at 6:00 PM

DECEMBER 20 Daily Mass 5:10 PM
   Office Closed at 6:00 PM

DECEMBER 21 Daily Mass 12:10 PM
   Office Closed — Open at 11:30 AM for Mass

DECEMBER 22 Closed for Christmas Break

DECEMBER 23 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
   Office Open 8:00 AM-6:30 PM
   8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON,
   2:00 PM Spanish & 5:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE
   Office Open 12:00 PM-7:30 PM
   3:00 PM Children’s Pageant & Mass
   5:30 PM Mass
   7:30 PM Mass
   11:30 PM Lessons & Carols
   Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
   Office Closed — Open at 9:30 AM for Mass
   10:00 AM Mass
   2:00 PM Spanish Mass

DECEMBER 26-29
   Closed for Christmas Break — No Mass

DECEMBER 30
   Office Open 8:00 AM-6:30 PM
   8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON,
   2:00 PM Spanish & 5:00 PM

NEW YEAR’S DAY Mass 10:00 AM
   Office Closed — Open at 9:30 AM for Mass

JANUARY 2-5
   Closed for Christmas Break — No Mass

JANUARY 6
   Office Open 8:00 AM-6:30 PM
   8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON,
   2:00 PM Spanish & 5:00 PM
INFANT BAPTISMS AT SMSP

Those wishing to have their children baptized at St. Mary Student Parish should be registered members here for at least three months and active, contributing members of the parish. To arrange a baptism and to begin the preparation, please contact the parish office. Baptism preparation classes are held once a month on a Monday at 7:00 pm. Parents who are preparing to have their child baptized in the Catholic faith should pick up a baptism preparation packet from the Parish Office at least one week prior to the class they plan to attend. The packet contains articles and discussion questions for parents and godparents. During the class there is an opportunity to ask questions and schedule the baptism date. The class is required to be taken only once. It does not need to be repeated for additional children.

For baptisms in English, we offer baptisms for one child only on most Sundays at 10:00 am, 12 noon and 5:00 pm. For baptisms in Spanish, we offer baptisms on the first and third Sunday of the month after the 2pm Spanish mass.

2019 BAPTISM CLASS DATES: ATTEND ONE CLASS ONLY

Please visit the baptism section on our webpage for our baptism requirements here at St. Mary Student Parish: https://tinyurl.com/ybj7m33i

Contact Carol  ckonzal@umich.edu for English
Contact 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 strugglers.

Visit www.saa-recovery.org

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  rodrig_c@yahoo.com or Cynthia jcsynthia@umich.edu

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

BILINGUAL ROSARY

PRAYING WITH

TALES OF IMMIGRANTS

FRI, JAN 11 | 7:30 PM

The St. Mary Immigration Team invites you to pray with us January 6-12, 2019 during the National Migration Week, sponsored by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

On Friday, January 11 at 7pm, we will gather in the Church to pray a bilingual rosary with tales of immigrants. The rosary will be followed by coffee and light refreshments in Newman Hall.
PARISH BIBLE STUDY
MON, DEC 17 | 7:00-8:30 PM
"The Spirit Gives Witness"

St. Mary’s Bible study invites you to interact with the Holy Spirit as we consider "The Spirit and the Sacraments" 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:

*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!

JOIN THE TRIDUUM CHOIR

The music for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil is some of the most important of the year. The music ministry wants to invite you to help make this year’s Triduum liturgies especially prayerful and powerful. Join the Triduum choir in rehearsal every Tuesday night at 6:30 PM, starting January 15. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Contact our Parish Accompanist Ryan Migliore for more information on how to join. rmigliore@smspnewman.org.

CATHOLIC THINKERS BOOK CLUB
SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH | 7-8:30PM

WINTER: We’ll be looking at issues of early Church history, focusing a lot of attention on Saint Paul. Copies of these books will be on reserve at Literati or you may obtain it through any of the other usual sources.

Jan 8: We will start off with Karen Armstrong’s 2015 book (only 143 pages) “Saint Paul: The Apostle We Love to Hate.”

Feb 12: We will continue our study of early church history by taking a deep dive into the thought and ongoing influence of St. Paul in Garry Wills' 2006 book "What Paul Meant."

Mar 12: We are starting off Lent by reading Nikos Kazantzakis’ novel “The Last Temptation of Christ,” a reinterpretation of the Gospels that fleshes out Christ’s Passion.

Apr 9: The Catholic Thinkers Book Club will conclude its semester about early Church history by reading Elaine Pagels’ “The Gnostic Gospels.” We will provide updates about where copies may be obtained.

Contact Liz at YpsiLiz2006@gmail.com

WEDDING BANNES
December 28, 2018—Kristin Reece & Michael Houghan

MEET THE 2018-2019 FINANCE COUNCIL

♦ Rob Baidel, Chair
♦ Tom Bissonnette
♦ Bob Dittmar
♦ Morgan Edwards
♦ Connie Kinnear, Secretary
♦ Rick Nowakowski
♦ Stephen Ranzini
♦ Cathy Shakespeare
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 & Day of the Dead.

Contact Amy aketner@smspnewman.org

**BILINGUAL ROSARY**

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**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

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

**SUNDAYS FROM 12:45-1:45 PM**

The ESL program is looking for volunteers. Our classes are conversational based, usually on a one-to-one, student-to-tutor ratio. We meet once per week at St. Mary’s each Sunday to help other members of our community, especially those of the Hispanic/Latino community, learn English. Fluency in a language besides English and/or prior ESL experience help, but are not required to volunteer. The students we teach are of all ages, have a wide level of English-speaking abilities, and would really benefit from your help! It’s a very rewarding experience to volunteer with our program and a great way to grow in your faith.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Tanner at tannerjo@umich.edu
**JANUARY DAYTIME WARMING CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

JANUARY 1-31 • MONDAY – FRIDAY • 8:30AM – 4:00PM

We are calling to “love our neighbor”, but sometimes we don’t even know our neighbor or who they are. Start this new year by getting to know our community and the people in it. Here’s how: during the month of January in Newman Hall, our parish community provides a welcoming, safe, and warm environment where people experiencing homelessness can find companionship, food, and rest.

We are inviting YOU to be a part of this incredible opportunity of solidarity.

Please consider signing up for one of the many volunteer slots available at http://bit.ly/warmingcenter2019

Questions? Contact Ally Liedtke at aliedtke@smspnewman.org

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**PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**Year-to-Date Offering Report as of 12/09/2018**

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**Annual Budget Goal** $1,020,000

**Year-to-Date (YTD) Goal** $444,600

**Amount Collected YTD** $452,668

**Above (Below) YTD Goal** $8,068

**Sunday Offering Report as of 12/09/2018**

**November Budget Goal** $19,500

**Sunday 12/09/2018 (Week 24)** $13,998

**Above (Below) Weekly Goal** $-5,502

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**Financial News**

**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!
St. Mary Student Parish Staff

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DECEMBER 16
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading I  Zep  3:14-18a
Psalm    Is  12:2-6
Reading II Phil  4:4-7
Gospel    Lk  3:10-8

Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

DECEMBER 23
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading I  12 Mi  5:1-4a
Psalm    Ps  80:2-3
Reading II Heb  10:5-10
Gospel    Lk  1:39-45

From Bethlehem shall come one who will rule Israel. Born of Mary, the servant of the Lord, he will protect and save us, offering himself once and for all in doing the Father’s will.
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