

LESSED



"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

"Tú crees porque me has visto; dichosos los que creen sin haber visto".

JUAN 20, 29

Parish Insight

INSIGHTS FROM TEEN CONFIRMATION BY KAREN FOSTER, FAMILY MINISTRY COORDINATOR

For the past eight months, 59 teens have been on a journey to grow in their Catholic faith and embrace their roles as mature and faithful disciples of Christ as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

One significant piece of the Confirmation preparation journey is that the teens commit to doing 30 hours of community service and then reflect on their service experience. Their service reflections include descriptions of service activities, unexpected things learned through doing the service, challenges encountered, pleasant aspects of serving, and how God's love was reflected on the teen or those being served. I would like to share some of their direct insights below.

"Unexpected things I learned through doing service..."

I thought it would be boring and I would want to get finished as soon as possible with the least amount of effort, but I enjoyed helping people and wanted to do my best to complete the tasks.

I thought finishing 30 hours of service would take forever, but I was surprised how happy it made me feel after I completed it. I found that doing service hours is not a boring activity but actually fun.

I realized how much work there really is to be done and that a lot of people spend so much time cleaning up for us and don't get recognized for their effort even when they aren't required to do so.

I discovered how much I actually like volunteering for the community.

I was feeling closer to God for all the help I was contributing to the community.

I learned how impactful even a small act of kindness can be to a person in need. I felt so humbled by the immense amount of gratitude that I was shown.

"Challenges I encountered..."

Sometimes I'd be having a bad day but after I'd go and do the work, I'd feel a bit better, which was good.

It was challenging to find the time to get the 30 hours in with my already busy schedule but it was worth it.

It was hard to find time to fit it all in, but in the end it all worked

"Pleasant or surprising aspects of serving that I observed..."

I saw the joy that playing piano brought to the elderly and it made me want to keep coming back.

One of the most pleasant parts of serving was the feeling that I made a difference.

The most pleasant part of doing service was all the gratitude I received and how thankful people were for my service and presence.

The most pleasant part was seeing the joy on people's faces after helping them out.

"How God's love was reflected on me or on those I served..."

When you do a service for someone, they absorb God's love and feel good so that makes you feel good.

God wants everybody to be happy and one way to be happy is by doing service. The person you are doing service for is smiling and you yourself are even smiling.

Completing service was a very beneficial experience as it helped me show God's love to others and at the same time learn about myself. By helping others, I am doing God's will and end up feeling more peaceful and happy in the end.

God has given each one of us gifts and we should use them to service others. Providing service is a way to thank Jesus for what he has given us and done for us.

Doing service for others reflects God's love for us because it is helping the unfortunate and needy and showing our love and generosity for others as God shows love and generosity for us.

Service helps you learn about other people's perspectives and how you can help them. It improves your relationship with God because you are caring for others.

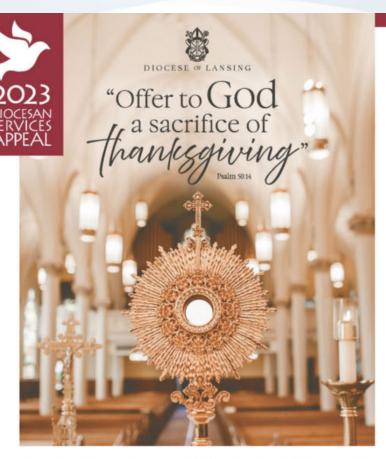
The Gift of the Holy Spirit

It is clear that these 59 teens have gained much from their community service experiences. On April 20, 2023, they will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit when they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please join me in praying for the continued spiritual growth of our St. Mary's Student Parish Confirmation candidates.

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2023 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)



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"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving." This text from the Book of Psalms reminds us how we are to respond to the many gifts we have been given by God, and that greatest gift: the gift of his Son in the Holy Eucharist. In this year of Eucharistic Revival, let us be especially grateful for the Eucharist which in Greek literally means "to give thanks." Many blessings from God call forth from us many thanks, even sacrificial thanks.

Our Diocesan Services Appeal is one such opportunity to give God thanks for his great gifts; for the work of the Church in our own lives and in lives across our diocese. We put DSA dollars to work right away to provide help and hope for those most in need to discover the saving love of Jesus.

Day after day, year after year, the Catholic Church – through our parishes, our Catholic Charities agencies, our Catholic schools, and dozens of other services and ministries – provides vital care and services to all Christ's people in the Diocese of Lansing.

With the strength and nourishment given to us in the Holy Eucharist, let us "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving" for the many blessings he has, and will bestow upon us!

Diocesan Gervices Appeal 2023 Goal - \$5,650,000

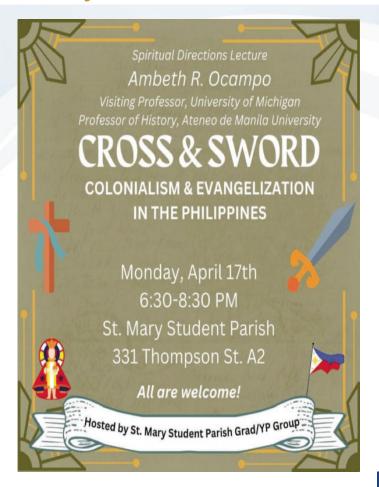
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PARISH MEET & GREET

Please plan to join us after all of our weekend Masses on **April 22 and April 23** for a parish-wide "meet & greet."

We will have hospitality - coffee and sweets after each Mass with the opportunity to introduce ourselves to new parishioners, reconnect with old friends, and meet our incoming pastor, Father Kyle.

STUDY DAYS AT ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH

APRIL 18 @6 PM KICK-OFF DINNER IN THE LOUNGE

April 19, 20, 23 and 14 the lounge will be open until 11:45 PM. Enjoy a quiet space and some snacks.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

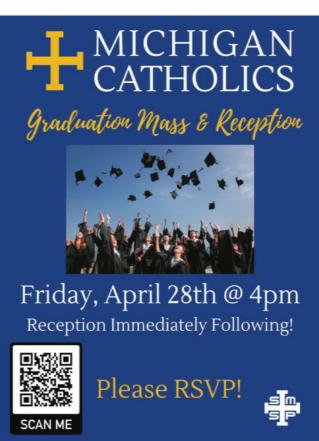
WEDNESDAYS I 5:45 PM

"One cannot know the Lord without this habit of adoring, of adoring in silence. I believe, if I am not mistaken, this prayer of adoration is the prayer least known by us, it is the one we do the least", as if it were a "waste of time before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ".

Instead, we should rediscover "the silence of Adoration: he is the Lord and I adore him."-Pope Francis Eucharistic Adoration will be available each Wednesday in the Church from 5:45pm-9:00pm.

Please sign up as we are in need of 2 adorers per time slot.

Thank you for supporting this ministry! shorturl.at/moSX7



Faith Doing Justice



RACIAL INEQUITY IN JUVENILE JUSTICE:

From the time of the earliest European settlers until 1900, children in the U.S. who were undisciplined or committed crimes were brought before adult courts. In 1899, a wave of progressive reforms saw the First juvenile courts in the world designed to help parent and nurture troubled children and youth. These courts gradually changed to resemble the adult criminal system with more juveniles being prosecuted and placed away from family for longer durations. Poor and marginalized children and youth have always been overrepresented in our court system, but Black children and youth have fared the worst. Walter Mosley narrates this video, "History of the Juvenile Justice System" youtu.be/c8t9idLFWms that explores this topic further.

Juveniles who committed serious or violent crimes were often sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole (JLWOP), and the state of Michigan currently incarcerates the second largest population of JLWOP in the country with 70 percent identifying as Black. Although the U.S. Supreme Court ruled JLWOP was unconstitutional except in rare cases, and forced states to resentence all JLWOP inmates, Michigan resentenced 55 percent of these young people to die in prison.

Here is another video - It lets Daniel Jones tell his story as a former JLWOP <u>youtu.be/BlpDjClXmCw</u> "Daniel Jones on Life Beyond Life".

Research has shown that youth are more capable of changing behavior and making better choices as their brains mature. As Christians, we believe that no sin is beyond God's redemptive love. Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that God calls us to a justice "where we are in right relationship with God, with one another, and the rest of God's creation." (USCCB, Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love) Our faith embraces efforts of restorative justice, but for those young people condemned to die in prison, what hope energizes their efforts to change?

Michigan legislators have introduced bills into the House and Senate to ban juvenile life without parole and reform life sentences for juveniles. This article speaks to the proposed legislation with a link to each bill michiganadvance.com/2023/03/07/senate-house-tee-up-bills-to-end-juvenile-life-without-parole/. Support of these bills offers one avenue of healing the hurt.

Prayer: Oh God, create in me a heart filled with the kind of love that reflects your own. Open my mind to those I want to reject; open my heart to those I prefer to avoid. Open my eyes to see beyond the surface of individuals and recognize your presence in each one. Soften whatever is hardened in my heart so that I bring your peace wherever I go. Amen. (Joyce Rupp)

Note: This is part of a monthly series to help parishioners learn more about racism, to reflect on our conscious and unconscious attitudes, and to pray that that we all work to fully accept, honor, and support all people as children of God.

--- SMSP Anti-Racism Working Group

JUST FAITH SCC

WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING APRIL 5 | 7:00 PM

St. Mary is offering a 9 session SCC using the JustFaith Faith & Racial Healing program. Sessions will begin in person on Wednesdays from 7-9pm beginning April 5th and meet weekly through May 31st. This program guides participants in telling the truth about the history of racism in the United States, to help work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another. The material is rooted in scripture and prayer and invites participants to explore how their faith informs their response to their learning. Participants commit to 1-2 hours of reading, watching videos, and reflecting between sessions.

For more information and to sign up please contact Karen Thomas at karenbthomas2@gmail.com or complete this form, forms.gle/UUrnrP17AJuccwxAA

Mass Intentions, Meetings & Events

10:30 AM Visitation & Funeral for Delores Dawson — Church

12:45 PM ESL-English as Second Language — Newman Hall

Reconciliation — Monteith Room

Workshop for Hispanic Women — Donnelly Hall

Meet & Greet with Fr Kyle Shinseki, SJ — Donnelly Hall

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4:00 PM

5:00 PM

8:00 AM

6:15 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 AM Study Days — Newman Lounge

3:00 PM Be BOLD Meeting —Loyola Room

MEETINGS & EVENTS: APRIL 16-23 MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 15-23 SUNDAY, APRIL 16 SATURDAY. APRIL 15 8:30 PM FFF Sunday — Donnelly Hall + 9:00 PM +Frances Mildred McCabe Mass for 11:15 PM FFF Sunday — Donnelly Hall + 12:45 PM ESL-English as Second Language — Newman Hall **SUNDAY, APRIL 16** 3:15 PM Teen Confirmation — Donnelly Hall 8:30 AM Mass for +Napoleon Andres Goizueta 4:00 PM Teen Confirmation Rehearsal—Church **10:00 AM** Mass for +Victoriano Go Jr & +Gloria Go 6:00 PM Undergrad Intern Meeting — Rectory Lounge 12:00 PM Mass for People of the Parish **Reconciliation** — Monteith Room 6:15 PM 2:00 PM Mass for 5:00 PM Mass for **MONDAY, APRIL 17** 8:00 PM Mass for 5:45 PM Rosary for Peace—Church 6:30 PM Grad/YP Spiritual Directions for Everyone!— **MONDAY. APRIL 17** Donnelly Hall 5:10 PM Mass for +Edward Vuylsteke 7:00 PM Born for Joy—Whitman Room **TUESDAY, APRIL 18 TUESDAY, APRIL 18** 5:10 PM Mass for Joan Alexander & Family 6:00 PM Kick-off Dinner for Student Study Days-Newman Lounge 7:00 PM LGBT Outreach Ministry— Loyola Room WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 7:00 PM Women's Connect Group—Rect. Lounge & Dining R. 5:10 PM +Ryan Keating Mass for **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 THURSDAY, APRIL 20** 9:00 AM Study Days — Newman Lounge Mass for 5:10 PM +Rev. James Richard Shaver 5:45 PM Reconciliation—Monteith Room, Donnelly Hall 5:45 PM Eucharistic Adoration—Church FRIDAY, APRIL 21 6:00 PM Pro-Life Student Ministry Meeting—Loyola Room **12:10 PM** Mass for 7:00 PM SCC-Just Faith — Rectory Lounge **SATURDAY, APRIL 22 THURSDAY, APRIL 20** 9:00 PM Mass for 8:30 AM Santo Rosario (Rosary in Spanish)—VIRTUAL 9:00 AM Study Days — Newman Lounge **SUNDAY, APRIL 23** 10:15 AM Women of the Heart—Donnelly Hall 8:30 AM Mass for 6:30 PM Confirmation Mass with Bishop Boyea—Church, 10:00 AM Mass for +Thassanee Dejthamrong **Donnelly Hall 12:00 PM** Mass for People of the Parish 2:00 PM Mass for **SATURDAY. APRIL 22** Benefactor of SMSP 5:00 PM Mass for 9:30 AM Saturday Baptisms — Church 8:00 PM Mass for

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- ₱ 5:00 PM SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
- ⊕ 10:00 AM

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- [⊕] 2:00 PM (Spanish)

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- ⊕ 8:00 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon-Thurs 5:10 PM Friday 12:10 PM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 5:45-6:45 PM

Sunday 6:15-7:00 PM or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

 Sunday
 8:00 AM-10:00 PM

 Mon-Thurs
 9:00 AM-10:00 PM

 Friday
 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

 Saturday
 4:00 PM-6:00 PM



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Whether you are an English-learner or want to help someone improve their language skills, we welcome you!

Tutors and learners meet individually or in small groups each week, Sunday at 12:45 pm and 3:00 pm.

For tutors, no language or teaching experience is required - just an interest in helping others practice English!

All levels of English learners are welcome, and the program is free.

For more information or to sign up, email Emily (eimorg@umich.edu) or Rosa Luz (rpostigo@smspnewman.org).

MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDED

We're sorry to announce that Travis Dantzer will be stepping back from being our Music Director. He will not be leaving St. Mary but has made the tough decision to focus his time on competing priorities. We have been blessed to have Travis as our Director, grateful that we are not losing him altogether and excited to see that he will be able to redirect his energy.

We are accepting applications for this position. This is a part-time, hourly position, with approximately 8-15 hours per week.

For more information, please visit

Tinyurl.com/57srbr9c

Or contact cwelch@smspnewman.org



LGBT OUTREACH MINISTRY

7:00 PM ON THE 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

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 provide a safe space for discussion, healing, and prayer.

Contact group members Rodrigo <u>rodri_cg@hotmail.com</u> or Cynthia <u>jcynthia@umich.ed</u>

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

If you are sick or a homebound parishioner, we can bring communion at your home, or the place you would want us to come.

Please contact Constance cheskia@smspnewman.org



DISABILITIES MASS AT ST. ANDREW, SALINE

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 | 11:30 AM

Please join us on April 23rd, at 11:30am, St. Andrew Saline, for Sunday Mass with some additions to highlight the special gifts that God gives to us in those living with "disabilities.

The Mass will be appropriate for those with sensory difficulties, an ASL interpreter will be present, worship aids available for those needing large print and braille, quiet spaces for individuals needing a break will be available, and we will have extra ushers to assist with mobility and other needs.

Immediately following the Mass, please join us in the St. Andrew parish hall for fellowship delicious appetizers and snacks provided by the Knights of Columbus Saline Council 6674 and the disabilities team.

Questions: Contact Dominic Bruno at 734-429-1152, dominicb@standrewsaline.org



WOMEN OF THE HEART

Women of every age are invited to connect, be inspired, and celebrate our faith with one another. We gather monthly, mainly the 2nd Thursday of each month, from September through May, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Theme for the year is: "Affirming and Celebrating Women: Creativity, Gifts, and Charisms." Our next meeting is Thursday, April 20 and you are warmly invited!

If you would like to be added to the email list, contact Julie Mussio jmussio@smspnewman.org.

INFANT BAPTISM CLASS AT SMSP

Baptism preparation class is required to be taken for your first child. If you've taken the class elsewhere, proof of that will be necessary to schedule a baptism. Upcoming classes are on Monday 6:30-7:30 PM on the following dates: 05/01, 06/05, 07/10 and 8/7. Please pick up a baptism class packet from the Parish Office at least one week prior to the class. You will need to bring this to class.

Please contact Carol ckonczal@umich.edu or 734-663-0557 ext. 0 to register for a class.

We also offer the class in Spanish at the same time in a different room. Contact Rosa Luz for more information on Spanish Baptisms rpostigo@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.

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Sunday Readings

APRIL 16—Sunday of Divine Mercy

Reading I Acts 2:42-47

Psalm Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Reading II 1Pt 1:3-9

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe in him. We give thanks to the Lord for this gift, especially when we gather for the breaking of the bread and the prayers.

APRIL 23—Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts 2:14, 22-23

Psalm Ps 16: 1-2, 5, 7-11

Reading II 1Pt 1:17-21

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

Through the blood of Jesus, we have been delivered from the power of sin. We recognize him in the breaking of the bread, the one whom God raised from the dead and who now sits at his right hand forever.

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