

Parish Insight

WHY DO WE SING?

By Travis Dantzer, Music Director



My third grade teacher Mrs. K. carried a spark of generosity obvious in the tender way she handled a mob of nine-year-olds. But she couldn't carry a tune in a bucket. And she knew it. Nonetheless, I remember her being the first to grab a hymnal at our Wednesday school Masses. Perhaps sensing unheard criticism, she would say things like "I know my voice doesn't

sound good, but Jesus loves to hear it." At that time my voice wasn't any better than hers (I didn't learn to sing until high school). But Mrs. K's example convinced me that it didn't matter to God, so even before I could sing well, I always sang too.

In addition to his famous healings, Solanus Casey also played the violin. Badly. One evening he wanted to entertain the other friars with some fiddle tunes during evening recreation. They responded by turning up the radio until he took the hint and left. That night he went, surely hurt, to the One who always loved his playing. From his novitiate to his last Christmas on earth, other friars frequently heard the familiar squeak of Solanus's violin when they stopped by the Blessed Sacrament late at night.

We live in an appearance-obsessed society, in a town with a hyper-competitive university, in a parish filled with talented people. Doing things we are not good at, publicly no less, is a threatening proposition. Secondly, in a parish blessed with musicians, isn't it someone else's job to sing? Wouldn't we rather hear the people who sing well? Don't we want to offer God the most beautiful worship we can, even if that means excluding some voices?

But as Mrs. K. and Solanus knew, singing is not for the singer, it is "for the one who loves." God desires that our joyful noise be a witness to His Glory, His Mercy, His Providence. Not to our ability.

This is not a choir recruitment advertisement. My greatest desire for music in this parish is not that we have larger choirs, more instrumentalists, or more congregational singing. All of these are good and serve the ultimate end. But that ultimate end of music is loving on God. The primary and guiding goal of this ministry is to aid prayer, to help all of us grow closer to God.

If you're not usually a singer, please consider picking up your hymnal and joining us in prayer this weekend. And if you decide not to pray through singing externally, please join us in interior prayer; taking a moment to reflect and revel in our privilege of gathering together to give worship and be in relationship with our all-loving Creator.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for an organist and a pianist to join our staff of musicians. Requirements:

- Proficient on organ and/or piano
- Familiarity with the structure of the liturgy
- Practicing Christian
- Able to accompany one rehearsal and Mass at least 3 weekends per month

Prior experience accompanying liturgies is not necessary.

Please contact Travis Dantzer with 2-3 recordings and availability for an audition.

Contact tdantzer@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.

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St. Mary Student Parish



FEBRUARY DAYTIME WARMING CENTER

During the month of February, St. Mary Student Parish will host the Daytime Warming Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The First Congregational Church will host Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in February.

Volunteers can sign up to bring breakfast, lunch, snacks, or volunteer to serve at the Center.

You are welcome to drop off winter clothes and boots (new or in good condition) for the donation room during our open hours. Sign up:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4cabaa22abf9ce9 -smsp2#/

Thank you for your support! Questions?

Contact Fr. Bobby at bkarle@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: 02/06, 03/06, 04/03 and 05/01. 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





Weekend Retreat

February 10-12 at the Colombiere Center in Clarkston, MI

ISY Classes at St. Mary Student Parish

Mondays at 6pm: January 23, January 30, February 6, February 16

More info and registration: ignatian spirituality and yoga.com $\label{eq:All} \textbf{All are welcome!}$



SMALL GROUPS ARE COMING!

Make a plan for a richer faith experience this Lent.

Our Small Church Communities will meet from the week of February 12 through April 2. Groups meet at various times and days to study the Sunday readings (or for special topics). Students and grad students are also invited to sign up for the Busy Person's Retreat.

More details will be coming, but we invite you to consider setting aside this weekly time to learn and grow in your faith, alongside others in our community.

Registration will begin the week of January 29nd.

For questions or information, contact contact rzyber@smspnewman.org

Undergraduate and Grad/YP

GRAD/YP SPIRITUAL DIRECTIONS

MONDAY, JAN 23 | 6:30 PM

All Grad Students and Young Professionals are welcome to join us for our January Spiritual Directions event.

This month we welcome Dr. Kim Eagle, MD, parishioner and Director of the Frankel Cardiovascular Center at UMich. Join us to hear Dr. Eagle speak on his experiences with medicine and miracles, and enjoy some snacks and time to socialize with other grad students and young professionals.

Contact Cecilia Spesia cspesia@med.umich.edu



All graduate students and young professionals are invited to join us for our Winter 2023 overnight retreat. This year's retreat will be led by Fr. Trevor Rainwater, SJ, with the theme "Choosing Christ in the Chaos."

The retreat includes opportunities for prayer, reflection, silence, Reconciliation, faith-sharing, and building community, all on the beautiful grounds of the Weber Retreat Center, Adrian Michigan.

Transportation: We will arrange carpools leaving from St. Mary's at 9:00am on Saturday and returning around 1:00pm on Sunday.

Cost: \$50.00 (double room), \$70.00 (single room); The retreat cost includes Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, overnight accommodations, and reflection materials. Financial assistance available. Proof of Covid vaccination required.

Sign-up here: https://tinyurl.com/GYPretreat2023

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, January 25

For more information, please contact Fr. Joe at jwagner@smspnewman.org



FOOD, FAITH, FRIENDSHIP

EVERY THURSDAY FOR UNDERGRADS



THURSDAYS AT 5:10 PM

All undergrads are invited to join us for mass followed by dinner and a short talk! This student-led space each week encourages community and fellowship through sharing a meal together. We will have a variety of speakers share brief talks connected to faith. All are welcome to come any time throughout the semester!

Contact Fr Kyle kshinseki@smspnewman.org

St Mary Student Parish

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

⊕ 5:00 PM

SUNDAY

- ⊕ 8:30 AM
- ↑ 10:00 AM
- Watch live or anytime after the mass https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/category/livemass/
- ⊕ Noon
- 2:00 PM (Spanish)
 Watch live or anytime after the mass
 https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/category/livemass/

DAILY

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Wednesday 5:45 PM 6:45 PM
- Sunday 6:15 PM-7:00 PM or by appointment 734-663-0557

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

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

The meetings will be **Sunday after 2pm mass, starting January 29th.**

Tutors and learners meet individually or in small groups each week, Sunday at 3:15 pm, starting January 29th.

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 (ejmorg@umich.edu) or Rosa Luz (rpostigo@smspnewman.org).

KATERI INSTITUTE MASS AND RECEPTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 I 11 AM

The Kateri Institute for Catholic Studies will host a Mass and reception on the Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas in collaboration with Michigan Catholics.

The Kateri Institute offers a home for faculty, staff and students at the University of Michigan to integrate their studies with the Catholic intellectual tradition. All Michigan faculty, staff, and students are welcome! Contact Fr Kyle kshinseki@smspnewman.org



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DECEMBER 9, SEMINAR: "GOODNESS" BY DOUG TREVOR

JANUARY 12, PUBLIC LECTURE: "HEAVEN AS A WAY OF THINKING: DANTE'S PARADISO" BY ALISON CORNISH

FEBRUARY 17, SEMINAR: "DESTRUCTIVE THINKING: ITS HISTORY AND HOW TO AVOID IT" BY HELEN TOMKO

MARCH 17, SEMINAR: "THINKING AFTER THE SUDDEN COLLAPSE OF YOUR CULTURE" BY SCOTT LYONS

APRIL 14, SEMINAR: "VIRTUE AND LAW" BY JENNIFER FREY

ALL SEMINAR APPLICATION DEADLINES
ARE THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE SEMINAR DATE

FOR APPLICATION DEADLINES AND TO APPLY GO TO KATERIINSTITUTE.ORG





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.

Mass Intentions, Meetings & Events

MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 21-29

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

5:00 PM Mass for

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 AMMass for+Dean Mualim10:00 AMMass for+Martin & Lola Robin12:00 PMMass forPeople of the Parish2:00 PMMass for+Raphael Morfin & Bertado

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5:00 PM Mass for Basilio Rodriguiz

8:00 PM Mass for

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

5:10 PM Mass for

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

5:10 PM Mass for

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

5:10 PM Mass for + Ralph Kloser

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

5:10 PM Mass for

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

12:10 PM Mass for Jay Huges

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

5:00 PM Mass for Ernie Jones

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:30 AMMass forPeople of the parish10:00 AMMass for+Marjorie Patek12:00 PMMass for+Robert, +Alice, & +Francis

Brown

2:00 PM Mass for +Arturo Barajas

MEETINGS & EVENTS: JANUARY 22-29

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 AM **FFF Sunday** —All rooms 11:15 AM **FFF Sunday** —All rooms

3:00 PM H/L Sacramental Preparation—Loyola, Newman, Richard

Rooms, Newman Hall

3:15 PM **Teen Confirmation**—Donnelly Hall

6:00 PM Undergraduate Intern meeting—Rectory Lounge

6:15 PM Reconciliation—Monteith Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

5:45 PM Rosary for Peace—Church

6:00 PM Ignatian Spirituality & Yoga —Donnelly Hall **6:30 PM Grad/YP Spiritual Directions**—Newman Hall

7:00PM ASB Participant Formation—Rectory Dinning Room/

Lounge

7:00 PM Born for Joy—Whitman Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 PM Men's Connect Group — Newman Hall

7:00 PM Women's Connect Group — Rectory Dining Room, Rectory

Lounge

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

5:45 PM **Reconciliation**—Donnelly Hall, Monteith Room

5:45 PM **Eucharistic Adoration**—Church

6:00 PM Rosary for Life during Adoration — Church

6:00 PM Rosary for Life Student Ministry—Loyola Room

7:00PM RCIA—Donnelly Hall

8:00PM Praise and Worship during Adoration—Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

8:30 AM Santo Rosario (Rosary in Spanish)—VIRTUAL

5:10 PM Ig.Nite!—Church, Newman Hall

7:00 PM MLK Reading and Prayer service — Donnelly Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

11:00AM Kateri Institute Mass & Reception —Newman Hall, Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

3:00 PM Latino Undergrad Group —Rectory Lounge

3:00 PM Undergrad Retreat Team — Rectory Dining Room

3:00 PM **H/L Sacramental Preparation**—Loyola, Newman, Richard

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Guatemala Service Immersion

May 8-15, 2023

- Learn about the history, struggles, and resilience of people in a trash-dump community
- · Visit schools and homes in the community
- Participate in meaningful service opportunities and relationship building
- Enjoy the cultural and environmental beauty of Guatemala

Program leaders: Agnes Resto-Irizarry and Fr. Bobby Karle, SJ

Application deadline: Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Information about IntSam & Guatemala: intsam.org

Application & details: QR code or michigancatholics.org/parish-life/faith-doing-justice





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Sacred Heart Major Seminary

- Open to men college-age and older
- All meals and accommodations
- · Daily Mass and Holy hour
- Q & A session with priests and seminarians
- Attend a class
- Tour of the Seminary and the campus

For Details Contact:
Fr. John Whitlock, Director of Seminarians
jwhitlock@dioceseoflansing.org



Around the Diocese

YOUNG WOMEN RETREAT February 17-19, 2023

The Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan will be offering a weekend retreat for young women as a time of preparation for Lent, or just a time to step away and pray. This is not a discernment retreat, so it is perfect for any young woman wanting to spend a little time with the Lord.

For more information, contact Sister Mary Andrea srmaryandrea@gmail.com

Tired of small talk?

Join a conversation around life, faith and meaning.

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment. It's a place to connect with people, where you can say anything you like or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs.

Who: Young Adults, 18-35
Dates: Wednesdays, Jan 25-April 12th
Place: Original Cottage Inn
Time: 6:30pm-9:00pm
Cost: FREE
REGISTER HERE



For any questions contract Nicole Hocott, Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry, at





Catholic parishes in the Washtenaw County are partnering to bring Jesus to residential care and corrections facilities. This is a beautiful way to share the consoling presence of Christ and his church with those who might otherwise have no opportunity.

contact Michelle: 734.761.8606 X 1008 mkazanjian@sta2.org or Scott: 734.480.8422 swright@stfrancisa2.org

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Next quarterly team meeting February 11, St. Thomas Apostle

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If you have any questions please contact Kristen Gowman

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St. Mary Student Parish, 331 Thompson Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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Sunday Readings

JANUARY 22 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Is 8:23-9:3

Psalm Ps 27:1,4,13-14

Reading II 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel Mt 4:12-23

We have seen a great light: Jesus, the Messiah, who heals us of our sin and who is our unity and peace. JANUARY 29 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Zep 2:3,3:12-13

Psalm Ps 146:6-10

Reading II 1 Cor 1:26-31

Gospel Mt 5:1-12a

Blessed are the humble of the earth, blessed are the poor in spirit! Such are the ones God has chosen to confound the strong of this world.

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