April 7, 2024 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

2° DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Tomás le respondió: "iSeñor mío y Dios mío!" Jesús añadió: "Tú crees porque me has visto; dichosos los que creen sin haber visto". - Jn 20, 28-29

Parish Insight

BETWEEN FAITH AND FEAR By Gina Martorano, Parishioner

My name is Gina Martorano, I was born in Venezuela, and I came to the United States in 2005. Here in Ann Arbor, I met my husband, Rafael Chávez, who is from Peru. When we met, it felt like we had known each other our whole lives, and we fell in love right away. Rafael has always been very close to the church and a man of great faith, whereas I hadn't grown up as closely connected to the Church. It was with Rafael that I rediscovered my faith. We got married in 2009 here in Saint Mary, and three years later, our first son, Sebastián, was born.

By the end of 2013, we were expecting Sofia. Almost at the same time we found out we were expecting our second baby, we learned that the lump I had been feeling in my back for some time, initially thought to be a muscle spasm, was actually a very aggressive cancer. I remember seeing the look on my husband's face when we received the diagnosis; he was in complete shock. At that moment, I said to Rafael, "The Lord still has many good things prepared for us." I felt that despite the devastating news, God was present and wouldn't abandon us. With Rafael, we decided to face whatever came our way together, and whenever we felt fear or despair, we would cling to God. He granted us the grace not to succumb to panic despite the uncertainty; on the contrary, He gave us the strength to face this great test of faith that lay ahead.

A doctor told us I needed a very risky surgery and that we should terminate the pregnancy of just 8 weeks, and we had to choose between the baby's life and mine. We left there, still in shock from what we had just heard. Rafael lost his father when he was only 2 years old and felt that the same could happen to his children. From the doctor's office, we went to the adoration chapel of Christ the King Parish, and upon arrival, right in the parking lot, we saw Deacon Lou, who kindly agreed to talk to us. He said, "You can choose between faith and fear. God has created this perfect and wonderful world for us and always wants the best for His children. Always expect the good."

His words gave us courage and strength to face whatever came with the conviction that Our Heavenly Father had wonderful things prepared for us, and we had to trust in His goodness and mercy.

By God's grace, we began to attend the church's prayer groups weekly, and whenever there were healing masses, we tried to be present. In each one, I felt a relief, as if a weight had been lifted off my shoulders. Now I understand that it was God telling me, "Calm down, I am with you, everything will be fine." Our girl was born at 38 weeks healthy and strong, and we named her Sofia María, which means wisdom, the wisdom that the Holy Spirit gave us to say no to abortion and yes to life. And of course, Maria in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who had been watching over and interceding for us all this time. "Valley of the shadow of death," I always repeated to myself in my head, "My faith is greater than my diagnosis."

Despite the risks of the surgery and the fact that the tumor had grown too much, the doctors decided to operate on me and warned me that I probably wouldn't walk again. The surgery lasted more than 13 hours, with 5 different medical teams. It was a success, but I remember waking up the next day and seeing everyone waiting to see if I could move my legs, they wanted to know if I would walk again. What they didn't know was that when I entered the hospital that day of the surgery, I told Rafael and in my mind I promised him, my children, and my parents, that I would walk into the hospital and walk out. So after more than a week hospitalized, I left the hospital walking by the grace and mercy of God.

I always thank the Lord for the strength He gave me, which I didn't know I had, to move forward. Every time I see Sofia growing up healthy, strong, and intelligent, I see God's love and the irrefutable proof that if we have faith and always expect good from our Heavenly Father, He will never disappoint us, He will always be there to give us a word of encouragement through His word, or He will make the right people, at the right time, be the hands or feet that the Lord needs to offer us His help. I am blessed to have my family and friends with me and all the support of those people that the Lord placed in our path and who perhaps, without knowing us well, lifted their prayers to God for us.

Now, during Holy Week, it has been 10 years since the surgery, and I am still cancer-free, walking, and with a beautiful family and friends around me. All thanks to the fact that our Lord Jesus was always walking by our side in those difficult moments and that only by His grace could we overcome, betting on life and not death since He and only He conquered death!

This is my story of faith.

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TUESDAY APRIL 9 AT 7:30 PM @ST.MARY STUDENT PARISH



WOMEN OF THE HEART

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 | 10:15 AM

Women of the Heart is a gathering of women seeking to enrich their spirituality through a short presentation, reflection, discussion, pray-

er, while building relationships with one another. All women of the parish are invited to the monthly gatherings of Women of The Heart. Please feel free to attend as often as your schedule allows. No registration is needed. During this academic year the theme will be **"Seasons of Our Journey."**

Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven".

Future meeting date and time: 10:15 am to noon, the second Thursday of the Month: 5/9.

Should you have any questions and/or wish to have your email be included in communication being sent out related to the monthly meetings, please contact Julie Mussio at jmussio@smspnewman.org.



CATHOLIC THINKER'S BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 7:00 PM

The Catholic Thinkers Book Club will meet on Tue. April 9th at 7 p.m. in Loyola Room to discuss The Diary of Jesus Christ by Fr. Bill Cain. S.J. This is a fictional first-person account of the life of Jesus. Fr. Cain is an American award-winnning screenwriter. He wrote the film Nightjohn and was a co-creator of the controversial TV series Nothing Sacred.

Please contact John with questions: jgpone@sbcglobal.net.

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FOOD DRIVE FOR FOOD GATHERERS AND SALVATION ARMY

Food insecurity continues to remain at record high levels. Children are especially impacted from experiencing food insecurity.

Bring your donation of non-perishable items to any of the masses **the weekend of April 6 & 7.** There will be baskets in the Williams and Atrium entrances. Our donations will be collected and delivered on Monday.

Don't worry if you miss the weekend!, on Monday, April 8 from 9:30 to 3:30 you can bring your donation direct to the north doors of the Salvation Army facility at 100 N Arbana. No need to ring the doorbell. Salvation Army will bring in the donations periodically during the day. Food Gatherers' collects the bins at the end of the day.

Items of Need: cases and jars of peanut butter and jelly (grape, strawberry, etc.), bags or cans of cooked chicken, tuna, salmon, oatmeal of all kinds, pasta of all kinds (variety from spaghetti), nuts (larger portion bags are great, any size is appreciated), jerkey of all kinds. And, Salvation Army tries to provide some holiday joy : any summer treat (fixings for s'mores or the like) are also welcome.

Donations of any size help! Questions? Email Rainey at <u>rlamey@umich.edu</u>

NAZARETH FARM HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

Calling high school students: join your fellow SMSP teens as we journey to West Virginia for a service retreat experience at Nazareth Farm June 30-July 6th, 2024. To learn more and/or to register contact Julia at jnovotny@smspnewman.org

HAITI EMPOWERMENT MEETING

SUNDAY , MAY 19 AT 11:00 AM

In 2010, Haiti sustained a devastating 7.0 earthquake that resulted in the death of an estimated 300,000 people.

That year an International Samaritan group traveled to Haiti to listen, learn, and serve the community of Port au Prince. Parishioner Mary Wakefield, a member of that group, was deeply impacted by the experience, especially her time at Jakmel Ekspresyon Culture Center. This cultural and community center empowers youth through classes, job skills, and educational opportunities.

Join Mary Wakefield and founder of the Center, Susan Frame, on **Sunday, May 19 from 11am-12pm** in Donnelly Hall for a presentation to learn more about the work of Jakmel Ekspresyon Culture Center and how life out of destruction is happening, and how we can be part of this brighter future.

Natural Area Preservation

EARTH DAY SERVICE

Join a group of St. Mary's parishioners as we care for our common home and celebrate Earth Day. Students, children, and families welcome!

Saturday, April 20 from 1-4pm

@ Bird Hills Nature Area





Join us: April 13, 2024 Time: 5:30pm Where: St. Andre Bessette 4250 W Jefferson Ave Ecorse, MI 48229

CORNERSTONE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

On April 6, 1924, the cornerstone of what would become St. Mary Student Chapel was laid at the corner of William and Thompson Streets in Ann Arbor. Bishop Michael Gallagher of the then Diocese of Detroit presided over the ceremony with a crowd of thousands of spectators. The Very Reverend John McNichols, S.J., president of the University of Detroit, spoke at the dedication on the theme of "the relation of science and faith."

Stay tuned for more details on our Centennial Celebration!



Undergrads & Grad/YP



Graduation Mass & Reception

Graduates, mark your calendars: St Mary will be having a special Graduation Mass at 4pm on Friday, May 3rd. Invite your family and friends to join us and consider volunteering to help during the liturgy. The mass will be followed by a reception in Donnelly Hall. To learn more and RSVP, fill out the form : <u>t.ly/BNjmP</u>

MIDDLE EASTERN STUDENTS' BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS @ 7:00 PM

Join us for a Bible Study for Undergraduate Students of Middle Eastern heritage.

Contact Bailey Burke bburke@smspnewman.org

Mass Intentions, Meetings & Events

MEETINGS & EVENTS: APRIL 7– APRIL 14

5:45 PM

7:00 PM

2:30 PM 6:30 PM

7:00 PM

9:00 AM

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9:00 AM 1:00 PM

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3:15 PM

6:15 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 8:00 AM Sar

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Ig.nite — Newman Hall

Santo Rosario — Zoom

JustFaith SCC — Whitman Room

Friday Formation Night — Donnelly Hall

Be Bold Workshop — Newman Hall

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Teen Confirmation — Donnelly Hall

Newman Room, Richard Room

Reconciliation — Monteith Room

Social Event — Loyola Room, Newman Lounge

Upperclassman Women's Bible Study Group — Loyola Room

Men's Group Breakfast --- Rectory Dining Room + Lounge

Spanish Reconciliation — Spiritual Direction Room

H/L Sacramental Prep- Loyola Room, Newman Hall,

ESL—English as a Second Language — Rectory Dining Room + Lounge

SUNDAY, APR				
8:15 AM	FFF Sunday (8:30am Session) — Donnelly Hall +	SATURDAY,	APRIL 6	
11:15 AM	FFF Sunday (11:15am Session) — Donnelly Hall +	5:00 PM	Mass for	+Joseph Villegas
12:45 PM	ESL—English as a Second Language — Rectory Dining Room + Lounge	5.001101	141035101	soseph vinegus
1:00 PM	Spanish Reconciliation — Spiritual Direction Room	SUNDAY, A	PRIL 7	
3:00 PM	ESL—English as a Second Language — Rectory Dining Room + Lounge			
3:00 PM	Hispanic Birthdays— Newman Hall	8:30 AM	Mass for	+ Joe Orczyk
3:00 PM	Teen Confirmation— Donnelly Hall			•
3:00 PM	Be Bold— Loyola Room	10:00 AM	Mass for	+ Fred Read
6:15 PM	Reconciliation — Monteith Room	12:00 PM	Mass for	+ Gloria Go
		2:00 PM	Mass for	3 Years Blessing Stephanie Pacheco
MONDAY, AP				Mendoza
10:00 AM	Adoration — Church	5:00 PM	Mass for	+ Christopher Bruni
5:45 PM	Rosary for Peace (Post-Mass) — Church	8:00 PM	Mass for	•
6:30 PM	Baptism Class in English and Spanish — Donnelly Hall, Monteith Room	8:00 PIVI	IVIASS IOF	People of the Parish
6:30 PM	Praise and Worship — Church			
7:00 PM	Born for Joy — Whitman Room	NAONIDAY		
7:00 PM	Disciples of St Elizabeth of Hungary: Undergrad Nurses Group —	MONDAY,	APRIL 8	
7.00 DM	Newman Room	5:10 PM	Mass for	+ Paul Wollenweber
7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Middle Eastern Students' Bible Study — Newman Hall CSE Meeting — Lovola Room	5.101101	141035101	
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4:00 PM	Adoration — Church			
5:45 PM	Upperclassmen Women's Bible Study — Loyola Room	WEDNESDA	Y, APRIL 10	
6:00 PM	Yoga and Mediation for Hispanic Women — Donnelly Hall	5:10 PM	Mass for	
7:00 PM	Catholic Thinker's Book Club — Loyola Room			
7:00 PM	Women's Connect — Rectory Dining Room + Lounge	THURSDAY,	APRIL 11	MARONITE MASS
7:00 PM	Men's Connect — Newman Hall, Newman Room, Church	FRIDAY, APRIL 12		
7:30 PM	Chaldean Mass — Church	· · · · · ·		
8:30 PM 8:30 PM	Chaldean Reception — Loyola Room Men's Group — Church	12:10 PM	Mass for	
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WEDNESDAY,	APRIL 10	5:00 PM	Mass for	
5:45 PM	Reconciliation — Donnelly Hall, Monteith Room	5.001.111	1111111111	
5:45 PM	Adoration — Church	SUNDAY, A	PRIL 14	
6:00 PM	Pro-life Rosary — Church			
7:00 PM	RCIA— Newman Hall	8:30 AM	Mass for	+ Arthur Michalec
7:00 PM	Hispanic Small Group — Rectory Dining Room + Lounge			
		10:00 AM	Mass for	People of the Parish
THURSDAY, A		12:00 PM	Mass for	+ Victoriano Go Jr.
10:00 AM	Women of the Heart — Donnelly Hall	2:00 PM	Mass for	+ Eduardo Acosta
3:30 PM	Adoration — Church	5:00 PM	Mass for	

8:00 PM

Mass for

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 6 – APRIL 14

WINTER SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Monday-Thursday 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASSES

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

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Noon

2:00 PM (Spanish)

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5:00 PM

8:00 PM

DAILY MASSES

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

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Sunday 4:00-4:30 PM & 7:00-7:30 PM

Wednesday 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM or by appointment

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Tuesday 4:00-5:00 PM

Wednesday 5:45 PM - 9:00 PM

Thursday 3:30-4:30 PM



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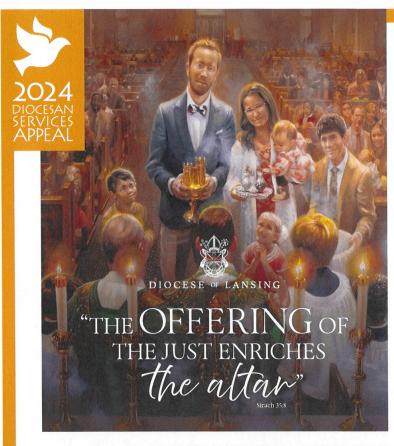
DISABILITIES MASS AT ST. ANDREW, SALINE

Please join us on April 21rd, 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 a Spring Tea Party reception. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Saline Council 6674 and the disAbilities team.

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



EACH YEAR, THE DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL (DSA) UNITES ALL 71 PARISHES OF OUR DIOCESE, UNITING US TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A COMMON GOOD THAT IS FAR MORE THAN ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ANY SINGLE PARISH COULD ACCOMPLISH ALONE. "The Offering of the Just Enriches the Altar." This verse from the book of Sirach, can help us reflect on what we are doing during Mass. When we offer our prayers and gifts in union with others, we join ourselves to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the altar every Sunday.

Our Diocesan Services Appeal is one such occasion to unite ourselves more deeply to the sacrifice of the altar. Our DSA offerings are a powerful opportunity to enrich the work of the church in the year ahead. We put DSA dollars to work right away in ministries that share the 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 help and hope to those in need. DSA donations are vital to these corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Your generosity underscores this profound truth - that our offerings, our sacrifices, and our charity manifest the very essence of our faith, consistently and without fail.



For more details scan the QR Code or visit dioceseoflansing.org/DSA

Diocesan Gervices Appeal 2024 Goal - \$5,750,000

Lord, may the Eucharist make us good stewards of Your abundant blessings and open our hearts to support the needs of the Church through the Diocesan Services Appeal this year.

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Year-to-	Date Sunda	y Offering Report as	of 3/24/2024	
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Amount	Collected YTD		\$893,	667
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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.

Prayer Requests

Orlando Averion, Zenaida Averion, Ric Chapman, Therese Sheffield, Brianna Liker, Elpido Adrian, Marcelo Alvarez, Eddie Smith, Joan Lesneski, Daniel Leung, Francyn Chomic, Benjamin Besa, Brian Weard, Joan Brown Alexander, Alicia Patterson, Laura Brown, Shawn Brown, Patrick Geary, Ron Lesneski, Christopher Brown, Scott Alexander, Wilmer Zhinin, Juan Ibarra-Gonsalez, Adam Lesneski, Joanna Vuylsteke, Julia Zhinin, Maria Ayauaca, Manuel Zhinin, Michael Patterson, Filiberto Zamorano, Nikolas Block, Rosemary Rodriguez, Cristina Magsino, Kate Hanson, Maria Delores Monicibas Aleman, Luis Mario Riano, Joseph Puttrich, Senir Rivas, Hilda Willis, Brent Horvath, Marianna Hann, John Burns, Pablo Angiano Flores, Christine Geoghegan, Cindy McPherson, Gloria Grisales, Aurora Kobalz, Amaris Bolanos Luna, John Lanzatta, Fred Metry, Tom Forner, Brian Cronin, Phil Simmons, Charlotte Jenkins, Matthew Casey, Clifton Chippewa, Nic Steadman, Bonnie Dean, Arthur O'Neil, Augusto Silvino Garduno Esquivel, Cynthia Lear, Barb Garren-Stratman, Guillermo Foncerrada, Dianna Nati, Pedro Osorio Soriano, Maria Enriqueta Ramirez Flores, Donna Osborne, Tina Jones, Bernie Lamey, Jo Lamey, Nancy Harknett, Monica Terhar, Salvador Cuevas, Fr. Walter Moll, Jr, Helen Lucille Ceasar, Keisha Banks, Martha Leticia Garcia Guerro, Steiner Supphellen, Norma Gonzalez, Marianne Roche, Teresita Shah, Mercy Philomena Mascarenhas, Jose Luis Hernandez, Kathleen Moore, Susan Meyer, Ricardo Berrocal, Ed Zyniewicz, Katie Veilleux, Aimee Manning, Ellie Lewandowski, Arthur and Esther Michalec, Courtney Seitz, Oscar Perales, David Bull, Luis Campuzano, Charlie Onesian, Marti Rozmys, Alan Shaw Family, Carolynn Wenner, Linnea Kotz, Fr Terry Dumas, Joe Dewey, Mary Comber, Amaechi Udoji, Tom Wenthe, Julia Millan, Marian Ryan, John Boyd, David Guevara, Senovia Guevara, Mary Guevara, Christie McGuire, Lindsey Lienert, Tom Lienert, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Gregory Zaborny, Rob Hunter, Ray Strasse, Jeff Nigh, Marianne McGrath, Ivan Iliev, Genevieve Pachenko, Stephanie Kulhanek and Family, John Hoogland, Robin Berry, Magdalena Eggleston, Nancy Vachon, Harris Holland, Joetta Bohn, Sue Pittsley, Warren Bonham, Victoria Sheagren, Waleria Terlecki and family, Angela Sperry, Karen Peck, Nagabattula Padma, Ed Lohn, Emilio Rodriguez Sr, Jane Rae, Flora de Aparicio, Michael Savageau, Robert Roll, Elizabeth Vuylsteke, Kurt Holand, Peggy Garikes, Marvin Johnson, John McPartlin, Aidan McPartlin, John Burkhart., Elizabeth Stessel, Ashley Powell, Jane Yamasaki, Oscar Lee, Jim Gawne, Imelda Yap, Carlen Bourgeois, Brian McEnery, Jim Coolican, Quinn Carney, Emilio Rodriguez Sr., Lawrence Cooke, Lorraine Leone, Janine Hutchinson, Rene Quintero, Maria Vargas Aguirre, Sherly Nava, Genevis Nava, Sarah Sorenson, Lindy Campbell, Gail Macks, Maureen Voorhees, Diane Huhn, Karen Pilon, Toni Kramer, Jennifer Ballew, Ben Brelje

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Sunday Readings

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APRIL 7– Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Reading I	Acts	4:32-35
Psalm	Ps	118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Reading II	1 Jn	5:1-6
Gospel	Jn	20:19-31

Thomas believed because he saw the risen Jesus. Although we have never seen him, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, begotten by God. We give thanks to the Lord that he has formed us into a community of believers, united in the Spirit.

APRIL 14– Third Sunday of Easter						
Reading I	Acts	3:13-15, 17-19				
Psalm	Ps	4:2, 4, 7-9				
Reading II	1 Jn	2:1-5a				
Gospel	Lk	24:35-48				

Peter proclaims the wonders of the Lord: The suffering Messiah is raised from the dead and has been glorified. This Jesus is our intercessor, and our offering for sin, our peace.

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