

# his PATH your JOURNEY

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## Inside this Issue of the St. Mary Christian Service Newsletter

*A summary of many of the outreach programs within our parish community. We use not only monetary means, but faith in action contributed by our many parishioners, both adults and youth to those in our community who need a helping hand to bring a sense of community within our parish, in an effort to achieve a clearer path to our God.*

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## The Path We've Traveled These Last Few Months...

### Did You Know That St. Mary Parish...

Parishioners traveled to Hope Warming Center on 5 different nights. They provided a hot meal for dinner and packed lunches for the next day.

Our funeral luncheon ministry provided a meal to the family and attendees of funerals that occurred at St. Mary.

Monthly collections were held for the Haven Ministry. As a result of the collections items were provided for fresh start bags as well as items needed for the children. Our Haven ministry also prepared a meal and traveled to the shelter one night each month.

Our Prayer Quilt Ministry provided quilts to individuals who are ill.

We held our annual Graduate Mass and reception. We honored all those in our parish who graduated this year with a special mass. Immediately following mass we held a reception for all those present.

Our St. Vincent dePaul Society assisted many families in need in our area. They provided monies for food, rent, and utility bills as well assistance with automobile repairs and medical expenses.

Our Cards to New Parishioners ministry mailed cards to all new parishioners each month to familiarize them with events and activities here at St. Mary.

Our extra ordinary communion ministers brought communion to those who reside at area nursing homes and rehab centers, as well as those in the hospital and those who are homebound.

An 8 week grief/loss program was provided for those who have suffered a loss recently.

Planning for our annual fair in August began in earnest. Many preliminary tasks have already been completed. Fair sign up is being held on coffee social weekends throughout the summer leading up to the fair.

Our Thursday Prayer Group continues to write cards monthly for those who are ill or suffering in some way. They also pray together each week, and continue to coordinate the weekly Friday afternoon Adoration.

Our Health ministry has continued to plan and prepare for the upcoming year. They provided blood pressure screenings at coffee socials each month. They continue to look for additional new members. They are also investigating offering various talks on health and wellness related topics.

Our Martha's Ministers have been visiting individuals living in the area who are homebound so they feel a part of our community.

We held our first Young Adult Mission trip. Seven young adults ranging in age from 19 to 23 traveled to Winston-Salem North Carolina to take part in the Habitat Collegiate Challenge program. It was an incredible week of helping those in need as well as growing in faith together.

## How Our Youth Members Are Living The Life of Christ...

Our Youth have continued to live their faith throughout the past 3 months, and have been very busy.

Our Youth have assisted with all of the activities and events that have happened here at St. Mary.

They traveled to Children's Village in Pontiac and hosted a pizza and board game night for the children residing there.

Many of the youth have taken part in Service Saturday and Random Acts of kindness.

A variety of social activities have also taken place for the youth throughout the past months.

### Mission 2017

Our mission students have been extremely busy.

They have taken part in ministry masses.

They have continued with monthly tool training and completed their building projects. The items were a big hit and sold quickly at the Pasta Dinner Fundraiser they held.

They have assisted with all parish activities and events.

Their trip takes place July 16<sup>th</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup>. You can follow their daily activities at [www.stmarymission.blogspot.com](http://www.stmarymission.blogspot.com)

## Be the *Change*

You want to see at

### St. Mary

There are many opportunities for you and your family to join us as we travel on our Journey of Knowing God.

## Upcoming Events and Activities...

The following list of items is not all-inclusive. It is a list of those things that occur periodically or once a year.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup>  
12 noon-3pm OR 3:30pm-7pm  
HAVEN Dinner Night**

Parishioners will prepare a meal for dinner at St. Mary from noon until approximately 3 pm. Parishioners will then travel to the HAVEN shelter where they will serve the meal. They will return to St. Mary about 7 pm. If you are interested in either cooking, or serving or both, contact Kathy Binning at 248-343-2743.

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10am – 2pm  
Youth Service Saturday**

All youth are invited to take part in Service Saturday, helping parishioners with yard work. Contact Kevin Szawala at [youthministry@stmarymilfordmi.org](mailto:youthministry@stmarymilfordmi.org)

**July 27<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 2pm  
Holocaust Tour and Survivor Talk**

Join us for a day trip to the Holocaust Museum. Open to adults and youth entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall and up. Contact Kevin Szawala at [youthministry@stmarymilfordmi.org](mailto:youthministry@stmarymilfordmi.org)

**August 1<sup>st</sup>, 9am – 5pm  
Life Remodeled, Downtown Detroit**

St. Mary will be taking volunteers to downtown Detroit to take part in the Life Remodeled program. Volunteers will be assisting with mowing, trimming bushes, painting, and helping to clear 360 city blocks in the Sacred Heart Seminary area. You must be 14 years of age to volunteer. For additional information go to [www.ado.org/liferemodeled](http://www.ado.org/liferemodeled).

If you have questions or want to volunteer contact Val Thompson at 248-685-1482

**August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Parish Fair**

Please join us for our annual parish fair. Volunteers for the various areas are needed as well. Sign up after masses on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sign up online [www.stmarymilfordmi.org](http://www.stmarymilfordmi.org) click on the Sign up Genius link on the home page.

**August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am – 12noon  
Annual Backpack Program**

Please join us as we count, sort and pack backpacks for children in need in the area. All ages can come out and help. Val 248-685-1482

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am – 11am  
Annual Backpack Distribution**

Backpacks will be distributed to those in need. Adult volunteers are needed to help with distribution. Contact Val at 248-685-1482

**August 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
12 noon – 4pm OR 6pm – 10pm  
Hope Warming Center Dinner**

St. Mary will prepare a meal in the main kitchen during the day. Volunteers are needed to assist with meal preparation. At 6pm volunteers will travel to the Warming Center to serve the meal that was prepared during the day. Additional volunteers are needed for this. Contact Val 248-685-1482

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, After 8am and 10am mass  
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

Join us after the 8am or 10am mass for a pancake breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:15am  
Mission Informational Meeting**

All youth currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for an informational meeting about the Mission Program. Val or JV 248-685-1482

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – 8pm  
Children's Village Pizza & Board Game Night**

Our high school students will travel to Children's Village in Pontiac for a night of playing board games and eating pizza with those children residing there. JV 248-685-1482

**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:15am  
Rainbow Informational Meeting**

All high school students interested in attending the Rainbow Conference this year are invited to join us for an informational meeting. JV 248-685-1482

**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon Mass  
Mass of the Anointing**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be completed during the noon mass. If you would like to take part in the mass, please contact Val 248-685-1482.

**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
Health Ministry**

Please join us as we begin our new year. Anyone interested in assisting with the health and well-being of parishioners is invited to join us. You do not need to be a nurse to join us! Donna Binns-Gordon 248-933-0941

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:15pm – 9pm  
Murder Mystery Dinner**

Please join us for our annual Murder Mystery Dinner, "Murder at the Masquerade Ball". Enjoy fabulous food and wine while trying to figure out "who done it". It promises to be a fantastic evening of food, fun and fellowship. Tickets will be available in early September. Val 248-685-1482

**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am – 2pm  
Prayer Quilt Ministry Workshop**

Anyone interested in the Prayer Quilt Ministry is invited to join us for a sewing workshop. You do not need to know how to sew. Rachele Vick 248-669-4647

**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon  
Public Square Rosary**

Join us as we pray the Rosary with thousands throughout the United States. Bring a lawn chair as we will pray on the grassy area in front of the lower parking lot weather permitting. Arlene Loehr 248-685-3933

There are many other Christian Service Adult and Youth Activities that are available for you to take part in or help out with. Contact Val Thompson, JV, or Kevin Szawala (Youth Activities) with questions or to volunteer at 248-685-1482.