This past week we remember the decision of Roe vs. Wade, the struggle of the unborn infants of the world, and the miracle of life. We mourn knowing that despite the fact that every person was known in the womb before he or she was made, many do not make it out of the womb due to direct and intentional actions of another person. The Catholic Church has a rich and long history of denouncing such actions. Perhaps the earliest writings we have on the matter can be found in the Didache, or the “Teaching of the Twelve Apostles,” which was composed in the first century. This text, congruent and concurrently composed with the Gospels, states that “You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish” (Didache, 2, 2.) We have a grave call to defend our helpless brothers and sisters and many of our parish community have answered this call by attending the March for Life in DC this past week. Let us take this time to pray for our pilgrims and for this cause.

In conjunction with our prayers and mourning, let us internalize the lesson this struggle presents. Not only in case of abortion, but also in euthanasia and homicide ways. The human person, that mysterious “other,” is degraded to an object.

Asserting our control on the end of life is the greatest abasement one can commit against the sacredness of life and the Fifth Commandment. However, there are less severe forms which we are all accountable to as well. In our fight to ensure the safety of the unborn child, let us not forget the fight to love each other and not harm each other. This anniversary of Roe vs. Wade let us pray and mourn the loss of the unborn, and remember those who are perhaps closer to us. Let us reach out to the person who is isolated in our community, to the sibling we tease, and to our friend in need of help. As we carry on this political charge let us bridge the chasm between us and the other, coming to an even greater appreciation of each instance of that sacred life that surrounds us so that Christ may ever more be reflected in us and our parish.
WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

World Day of the Sick is Sunday, February 11th this year. At Old Saint Patrick, we will offer a special Mass with anointing of the sick on **Feb. 3rd at 4:00 Mass.** We may need drivers to transport the sick. If you are able to help, give us a call. Save the date and invite those you know who may benefit.

### Rachel’s Vineyard
#### Healing the Pain of Abortion, One Weekend at a Time

Lansing area retreat date: February 16-18. This weekend is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It is a chance to get away from daily pressures to focus on the buried emotions of the past in light of present symptoms and begin healing through a supportive trauma sensitive process. **Transfer the Pain of the Past into Hope and Love.** Contact: New Life Center 517-993-0291 or RachelsVineyard.org

### Open House– Spiritus Sanctorum Academies

(both locations)

**Wednesday, January 31st 8am-12:00 noon or anytime by appointment.** Call Sally for more information 734-996-4245. Four year old program thru 8th grade. Owned and administered by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

### Courage and Encourage

A ministry helping men and women with same-sex attraction, and their families. Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday of every month. For confidential Catholic help call Courage: 517-342-2596 or JMJ1HF@aol.com

### Mass Intentions

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### To Pray is to Love

#### Please pray for the infirm, including:

#### Please pray for those in the military, including:
- Adam Draves, Nathan Baker, Garette Moore, Larry Workman, Daniel Scott Brown, Mark Richard, Philip Maxwell, Tony Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Tony DeLellis, Mike Nelson, Frank Snaith, Allan Fletcher, Noah Kranz, Chas & Holly Carter

#### Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- John Henry Keenan, Michael Kunitz, Mark Iadonisi, David Pellican

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“If I shall rejoice, I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, this will turn out for my deliverance... with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body...” — Philippians 1:19, 20
Cattle Logs.

What do cows like to read?

Knights of Columbus

Family of the Month

The Kummet Family is our Family of the Month for January. David is a 4th Degree Knight, a member of the Color Corp and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. He helps at our Parish Play Days, Tootsie Roll Drives the Soccer Challenge and many other events at the parish. Kari, his wife is the editor of our Church Bulletin, she helps in the Parish Office and is a member of the Ladies Society. Their son Will is an Altar Server and attends St. Augustine’s HEP. God Bless You, David and your family for your dedicated service to Old St. Patrick’s Church.

Join The Knights

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men’s Fraternal Service Organization founded by Father Michael McGivney. All of the good works we do are formed by our four core principles Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Contact Grand Knight, Brian Heldt at 734-426-0857 or GK10963@mikofc.org.

Altar Servers

Saturday 4:00/Jan 27
J. Wild
C. Wild

Sunday 8:00/Jan 28
J.P. DeJak
W. Kummet

Sunday 10:30/Jan 28
D. Franzonello
M. Lizzio
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P. Schloss
J. Schloss
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Knights of Columbus

In Service to One, In Service to All

Our Knight of the Month for January is George Pariseau. George is a 4th Degree Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight for our council. He is one of the leaders of our Pancake breakfasts by purchasing the food and helping at the breakfast. George has headed up the “Choose Life” candles project and helped with the Christmas Card Sales, the Soccer Challenge, our Fish Fry, the Tootsie Roll Drive and decorating our Church for Christmas. He is also an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, the Recorder for the Cemetery Committee and participates in the 4th Sunday of the Month Rosary. Thank you George for all your time and effort for these Church ministries and projects and your dedicated service to Old St. Pat’s.

Monthly Rosary

Our monthly rosary will be prayed on Sunday, Jan. 28th, after the 8am Mass.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

A box is in the Parish Center Coat Room to accept any type of ink and toner cartridges.
Contribution Statements
The contribution statements have been mailed. If you have any issues, concerns or note any errors on your contribution statement after it is received, please contact Debbie in the office immediately. Thank you!

Last Year’s Palms
Do you have palms from last year? If so, please consider bringing them in so we can burn them to use on Ash Wednesday.

Pilgrim Virgin Statue
Mary is in a privileged position to intercede for us, and to bring us closer to the Heart of Jesus. This is the message we need to share – If you want to grow closer to Jesus, get closer to Mary. What better way to do this then by saying the Rosary. Please sign up in the back of the Church to take the Pilgrim Virgin home for one week and pray the Rosary with your family.

Baptism Preparation Class
If you intend to request Baptism for an infant or a child six years of age or younger, the Diocese of Lansing requires that parents complete a Baptism Preparation class before the Baptism can be scheduled. Godparents are very welcome and encouraged to attend the class. There is no fee for the class. Please contact Dcn. Papp at 734-426-1070 or fjpapp@umich.edu.

Opus Dei
We’ve welcomed the local chapter of Opus Dei to Old St. Pat’s for their monthly days of recollection for men and women. The monthly recollections are about an hour, and include opportunity for quiet prayer and reconciliation. Anyone is invited to come and participate, even if you’re not a formal member of Opus Dei. The next Opus Dei Men’s recollection will be Monday, Jan. 22nd at 7pm in the church. The Ladies are welcome the next day, Tuesday, Jan. 23rd at 9:30am.

Reclaim Your Lost Items!
Our Lost and Found box is located in the Parish Center. Many lost treasures are hidden there! Books, glasses, coats, etc. We purge this box every once in a while so DON’T WAIT!

Men: Into the Breach
All men of the parish are invited to join a weekly discussion of Bishop Olmstead’s apostolic exhortation Into the Breach, calling on Catholic men to make an intentional and faith motivated response to our toxic culture. We will be gathering Monday evenings of Lent 2018. The event is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 10963, however, it is open to all men of the parish - you need not be a knight to participate.

40 Days for Life spring campaign will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th and end on Palm Sunday, March 25th. For more information contact Sandie Weathers at plan2pray@gmail.com or 40daysforlife.com/annarbor.
World Marriage Day Dinner
February 10th

Join us Saturday, February 10th to celebrate World Marriage Day! Married couples are invited to attend the 4pm Mass, which will be followed by an hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Afterward, couples will spend the evening enjoying appetizers, dinner, and dancing. Come and celebrate the sacrament of matrimony!

Cost is $50 per couple.

Please send payment to the parish office, 5671 Whitmore Lake Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Make checks payable to: Old St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Couples can RSVP online at: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45abae28a4f58-world or by emailing Marie Skrobola at mffox@umich.edu.

Space is limited! Please RSVP no later than Friday, February 3, 2018.

For more information, contact Marie Skrobola at 734-717-0537 or emailing at mffox@umich.edu.

40th Old St. Patrick Lenten Fish Fry

Fish Fry Dining begins Feb 16th - Mar 23rd, 4:30 - 7pm. MANY volunteers are needed, ages 13 and older for this event averaging 500 meals a night!

PLEASE sign-up on back table of church. Opportunities abound, sign up to help!

FISH FRY PREP
Thursday mornings 8:30 – 11am. we need 12 people to prepare vegetables, salads, carry-outs etc.
Thursday evenings 6-9pm, two people to assist pie baker Jeanine in assembling/baking. Brownie & cupcake bakers sign up back of church also!
Friday mornings 8:30 – 11am. 14 people needed for food & fish prep and dining hall set up.

FISH FRY DINING HELP
Shift 1: 4-6:30pm & Shift 2: 6–8:30 pm
Dining room servers 12 for each shift.
Kitchen Buffet/Serve 6 each shift
Kitchen Fish Fry prep 6 each shift
Dishwashers 6 each shift.

CLEAN-UP
7:30- 9:30pm, 4 needed (until finished!)
Friday 8pm or Sat. am driver to St. Louis Center in Chelsea with our leftover food.

YOUR help is needed to make this year the most successful year yet! Thank you!

Old St. Patrick Youth

Jan 21st No meeting due to March for Life.
Remember to pray for our pilgrims as they travel to witness to the beauty of life!

Jan 28th Youth Group—See you there!

MARCH FOR LIFE
LOVE SAVES LIVES