

Mass Schedule
St. Mary Assumption Church
Bronson, Michigan

SATURDAY, January 2nd

4:00 p.m. +ORVILLE CREAGER by Joe & Ashley Drennan

SUNDAY, January 3rd - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. +ALICE RATKOWSKI by The Rosary Society
9:00 a.m. CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY
9:30 a.m. +JOHNNY COX by Conrad Herman
1:30 p.m. SPANISH MASS

MONDAY, January 4th - ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON

NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 5th - ST JOHN NEUMANN

9:00 a.m. +PATRICIA HYSKA by Leroy & Joyce Myers

WEDNESDAY, January 6th - ST ANDRE BESSETTE

NOON +JOSEPH LOSINSKI by Rich, Sue & John
6:00 p.m. Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
6:30 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

THURSDAY, January 7th - ST RAYMOND OF PENAFORT

NOON +DEACON GERALD SMOKER by Conrad Herman

FRIDAY, January 8th

9:00 a.m. +VERA LOSINSKI by Dorothy Smoker Family

SATURDAY, January 9th

4:00 p.m. +DARLENE SMOKER by Jim & Diane Hedgcock
6:00 p.m. SPANISH MASS

SUNDAY, January 10th - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. +CENORINA ALBARRAN by Deacon John & Deb Wielgos
9:00 a.m. THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY & ROSARY
9:30 a.m. +ANNA SOSINSKI by Jerry & Janet Yesh
1:30 p.m. SPANISH MASS

READERS/LECTORS

SATURDAY EVENING, January 9th

4:00 p.m. Jim Waite

SUNDAY MORNING, January 10th

7:30 a.m. Richard Losinski

9:30 a.m. John Stukey

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 3rd

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

St. Mary's
Church Offerings

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Envelopes, Loose Money, TOTAL, Education Fund, Spanish Mass, Christmas Flowers, Religious Retirement.

Christmas, December 25, 2020

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Envelopes, Loose, TOTAL, Education Fund, Spanish Mass, Christmas Flowers.

Sunday, December 27, 2020

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Floyd Bekoski, Carol Campbell, Duane Clover, Norma Cuellar, Eleanor Czajkowski, Joe Hansen, Betty Herman, Anne Houghton, Bob Jeffrey, Barbara Junker, Delphine Kibiloski, Holly McConn, Fr. Jim O'Leary, Bear Ratkowski, Helen Rubley, Julie Salek, Gary Sielken, Mel Schottenloher, Bert Smoker, Lorraine Sygnecki, Janet Voloski And those infected with the Coronavirus

Prayer Line
369-3465
Emergency Number
278-2650

St. Mary's School News

EZ MONEY can be purchased at the school office Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. or you may purchase on-line. St. Mary's enrollment Code is D8A519E5596.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD

OZAR: The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

"BUILDING A EUCHARISTIC MARRIAGE" Virtual Marriage Course via ZOOM, starting January 5, 2021

Starting January 5th and running on January 7, 12, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 2021 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Join us for 7 sessions on ZOOM. This class is designed to help couples in making the Eucharist the center and source of their marital love; whether they have been married for years, are newly married, or are preparing to marry. The goal of this course is to help couples to fall more deeply in love with each other as well as with our Eucharistic Lord. We will focus on seven habits for building a healthy marriage that also beautifully correspond to seven aspects of the Mass that draw us deeper into knowing and loving God in and through the Eucharist.

To sign up, simply email Socorro Truchan at struchan@diokzoo.org by December 28th at Noon, telling me you wish to attend this series. Cost \$30 per couple. Send payment to Diocese of Kalamazoo, Atten: Socorro/Marriage Class. You will receive an email confirmation and a link to attend each class.

Parish News and Dates to Remember

The Rectory is not open for regular business hours. Because of a family emergency I will be working from home. I will come into the office to collect the mail and Sunday Envelopes and to get messages from the answering machine. You may call the rectory and leave a message. I will get back with you as soon as possible or you may email me at kratkowski@stmarybronson.org Bulletin news is still needed by 3:00 p.m. Mondays. If there is an emergency, please call St. Charles Borromeo Church in Coldwater, MI 517-278-2650. Thank you.

2021 SUNDAY ENVELOPES are at the rectory. Please call and leave a message and I will get back to you when you may come and pick your envelopes up.

OUR GIVING TREE - The hope of Christmas gives us an opportunity to share with others God's gift of all-consuming love. Thank you kindly for your generosity in the overwhelming support of the **GIVING TREE**. Your gift has helped families to have a happy Christmas in our Bronson area.

St. Mary's Christian Service

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: We are looking for more volunteers for the food pantry. It involves a 3 hour block of time on Mondays 9-12 or 12-3. Once every five weeks or less depending on the schedule. Please prayerfully consider this chance to help out your neighbors. For more information call Gwen Kelley. 517-369-9146 or Judy Carpenter 269-251-2047. Thank you.

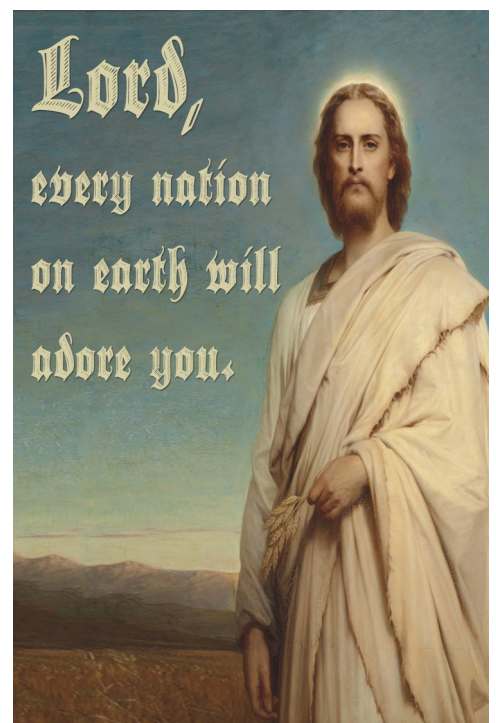
DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

JANUARY 22, 2021

The Catholic bishops of the United States have designed January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no.373, directs:

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Bishop Bradley will celebrate Mass at 6:00 p.m. on January 22, 2021 in observance of this day at St. Augustine Cathedral. If you cannot attend, the Mass will be livestreamed on the diocesan website www.diokzoo.org/live and also simul-



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC NURSES

is pleased to announce the start of a local council in our diocese. The steering committee is working diligently to develop the core components of meeting time, location and topics. The main goals of the council are to provide spiritual nourishment, ethical support, networking and friendship with fellow Catholic Nurses. Join <https://NACN-USA.org> and as a member of the national association you will be automatically enrolled as a member in our local council and will receive updates.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: A YEAR OF SERVICE

- In times such as these, pregnant and parenting mothers in poverty or who are facing other challenging circumstances need our help. To participate in *Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service* simply reach out to mothers and pro-life pregnancy care centers that serve them to ask them what support they need and/or pledge to pray for moms in need in your community. Learn more about *Walking With Moms in Need: A Year of Service* at walkingwithmoms.com. A Diocesan *Walking With Moms in Need* initiative kicked off on May 10th and continues through March, 2021. To get involved with the diocesan initiative contact Lisa Irwin at lirwin@diokzoo.org.

PUBLIC MASSES RESUMED

Guidelines and FAQs for returning to public Mass may be found at diokzoo.org/public-return-to-mass. **THE DISPENSATION FROM THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS IS GRANTED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Persons with Disabilities are invited to a virtual gathering from 1:00-2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 24th. The focus is to build fellowship and have fun. We'll spend some time getting to know each other and catching up, have a brief reflection on Sunday's scripture passage and end with prayer. To learn more or to register go to www.diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities or contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org by January 20th. Zoom link will be sent to those who register.

THE WAY

The Way is a free and easy to use online faith-formation program designed to provide an innovative solution for any family to learn, pray and live the faith together. Lessons are available for 1st through 8th grade students with additional resources for those who want to learn more about a certain subject. Access this diocesan created program and learn more at diokzoo.org/theway.

Aquinas Colleges and The Diocese of Kalamazoo offer opportunities for post traditional learners to access 50% tuition reduction in any course of study. Learn more at diokzoo.org/bulletin-announcements.

TEEN BIBLE STUDY, Mondays, 7 p.m.

Every Monday a weekly high school teen Bible study will be hosted via Zoom. The Bible Study will discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel readings and will be led by a local high school student. Learn more and register at diokzoo.org/diocesanofferings.

MAKING A REPORT OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has and will continue to cooperate with the Michigan Attorney General's investigation and encourages anyone with information related to misconduct to call the reporting number setup by the Michigan Attorney General's office at 844-324-3374.

The **CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay those reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone 800-276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

PROJECT RACHEL - Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the "good news" of God's merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to a priest and/or counselor, or to participate in a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Contact Maggie at Project Rachel for more information or to register. Call 616-340-1824 All inquiries are confidential. Financial assistance is available.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY, Tuesdays, 7 pm

Join in every Tuesday at 7 p.m. for a weekly Bible study via Zoom. The study will be led by a Diocesan staff member and will discuss the coming Sunday's Gospel reading. Learn more and register at diokzoo.org/diocesanofferings.

*The glory of the Lord
shines upon you.*

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Bronson, Michigan 49028

PASTORAL TEAM:

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 Deacon John Wielgos, Permanent Deacon

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RECTORY HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

WEBSITE: stmarysbronson.org

The facilities, rental of gym and services of St. Mary's Assumption Parish are available to its active members. This includes use of the Church for Baptisms, Weddings, and other sacramental events and includes parishioner status in our parochial school.

Active membership is determined by three things: being registered in the parish for a sufficient period of time, faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, and the use of the envelope system in support of the parish. Baptismal Instructions and marriage instructions are by appointment (517-369-2120). Marriage Instructions and Marriage Discovery Weekend are requirements for anyone to be married at St. Mary's Assumption Church. Call the rectory to make arrangements at least six months in advance.

We the Parishioners of St. Mary's Assumption Parish, Bronson, acknowledge the mission of Christ on earth and know that our aim is to have God working through us. As a Christian community, we respond to the call of Jesus Christ to love each other as Jesus loves us and to celebrate the Eucharist, so as to be strengthened to accept the responsibility to serve rather than be served. Together we are committed to the spiritual, physical and educational welfare of those of our parish family and beyond.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m., Spanish Mass 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 1:30 p.m.
 Holydays - As Announced
 Tuesday, Friday - 9:00 a.m.
 Wednesday, Thursday - Noon

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion - Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.
 Communion Service - Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Saturday - 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

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PARISH COUNCIL - Rectory 517-369-2120
FINANCE COUNCIL - Stan Welch 517-617-3975
SCHOOL BOARD - Erin Ware 269-625-7202
ROSARY SOCIETY - Judy Carpenter 517-369-9226
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Tim Hemker 517-369-5365
CHRISTIAN SERVICE - Janet Cox 517-369-5590
DRE - John Stukey - 260-829-6243
YOUTH GROUP - Vicki Smith - 517-227-0054
MUSIC - Deb Wielgos - 517-369-1160
 Sharon Whitford - 269-432-4070
RCIA - Marcia Drennan - 517-317-4520
CEMETERY - Karen Ratkowski - 517-369-2120
VIRTUS(SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATORS) -
CHURCH - Deacon Al - 517-369-6335
SCHOOL - Angela Johnston - 517-369-4625

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO - COLDWATER:

Saturday Evening - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday Morning - 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
 Monday through Friday - 9:00 a.m.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA - UNION CITY:

Sunday Morning - 9:30 a.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

New families are always welcome.
 Please come to the rectory to register.
 Your cooperation is deeply appreciated!