

Mass Schedule

St. Mary Assumption Church Bronson, Michigan

SATURDAY, January 9th

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

SUNDAY, January 10th - BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

MONDAY, January 11th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 12th

9:00 a.m. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY, January 13th - ST HILARY

NOON +MICHAEL HYSKA by Conrad Herman
6:00 p.m. Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
6:30 p.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

THURSDAY, January 14th

NOON +OLLIE ALEMAN by Ken & Nancy Stutzman

FRIDAY, January 15th

9:00 a.m. +MARY ANN SMOKER by Janet Cox

SATURDAY, January 16th

4:00 p.m. +CECELIA COLPETSIR & DOROTHY MONROE by Ron & Wanda Colpetsir
6:00 p.m. SPANISH MASS & ROSARY

SUNDAY, January 17th - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. +DENNIS HOOK by The Sygnecki Family
9:00 a.m. THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY & ROSARY
9:30 a.m. +JOHN TESTER by Tom & Ruth Turnwald
1:30 p.m. SPANISH MASS

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Starting January 19th and ending February 16th the Tuesday Mass will be at Noon. So... Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Mass is at Noon and Friday Mass is at 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Line
369-3465
Emergency Number
278-2650

READERS/LECTORS

SATURDAY EVENING, January 16th

4:00 p.m. Al Cockrell

SUNDAY MORNING, January 17th

7:30 a.m. Richard Losinski

9:30 a.m. Debra Rifenburg

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Act of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

St. Mary's Church Offerings

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Envelopes.....\$1,773.00
Loose Money.....\$338.00
TOTAL.....\$2,111.00
Education Fund.....\$635.00
Spanish Mass.....\$437.00
Christmas\$100.00
Heat.....\$20.00

Solemnity of Mary, January 1, 2021

Envelopes.....\$551.00
Loose.....\$20.00
TOTAL.....\$571.00
Spanish Mass.....\$166.00
Initial Offering.....\$304.00



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

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 gospel today points to Jesus' humanity; like us He needed **RECOGNITION** ("You are my Son"), **AFFECTION** ("My Beloved Son") and **AFFIRMATION** ("With you I am pleased."). In our families it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an **AFFIRMER** and not a **BLAMER**.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE January 21—29, 2021

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can receive the novena by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. (A printable version is also available online.) Sign up for the novena at www.9daysforlife.com.

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you for your generosity and support of the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Our parish goal is \$49,322.
To date 132 families have pledged \$39,118.

Please prayerfully consider joining our parish family in this important initiative. Make your pledge this week.

Parish News and Dates to Remember

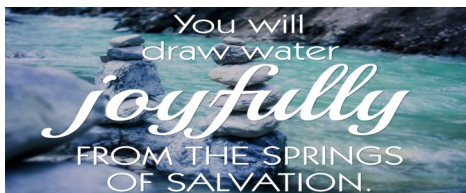
The Rectory is **not** open for regular business hours. Because of a family emergency I will be working from home. I will come into the office to collect the mail and Sunday Envelopes and to get messages from the answering machine. You may call the rectory and leave a message. I will get back with you 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.

Next weekend is **BRONSON FOOD PANTRY TIME**. Please try to donate at least one item. It can be placed in the cart located in the back of church.

We will be taking down **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** on Sunday, January 17 after the 9:30 Mass. Please help for a few minutes after mass and don't forget to wear your mask!

Please remember in your prayers the souls of **RAYMOND WEINBERG** and **FRANKLIN J KASPERSKI** who passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



NATIONAL 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 simulcast to the diocesan Facebook.

PRAYER FOR LIFE CELEBRATION AND RALLY

Sunday, January 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of Kalamazoo Christian High School, Kalamazoo. Join Bishop Bradley and Christians from around Kalamazoo for a 30 minute focus and interactive prayer time that will highlight that "All Life is Sacred" to God and to us. Donations of diapers and wipes will be collected for Caring Network and Alternatives. This is an outdoor event so please dress for the weather. For more information contact Lisa Irwin at lirwin@diokzoo.org or 269-903-0177.

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.

UNITE OUR NATION ROSARY RALLY
State Capitol—January 13, 2021

Unite Our Nation, founded by the laity, is a non-political organization formed to help bring peace and prayer to local communities and healing to our nation. A local hour of prayer, including the rosary has been organized as Unite Michigan. Please join us on **January 13, 3:00 p.m. in front of the steps at the Michigan State Capitol building in Lansing!** It's a family friendly event. You can see a video of what it's like at UniteOurNation.net.

A public square rosary rally is a time to give witness to people of all races and beliefs, keep polarizing politics out and focus on prayer to unite our nation. If you are interested in joining the leadership team or simply attending, please reach out to Sandra Sherwood at ejsherwood@charter.net. In the meantime, take a look at the Unite Our Nation website uniteournation.net to learn more and get more details on the event!

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.

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.

St. Mary's Assumption Church

Bronson, Michigan 49028

PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Daniel Hyman, Pastor
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Deacon James Lavelline, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Alan Sosinski, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon John Wielgos, Permanent Deacon

RECTORY:

Karen Ratkowski, Secretary
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 602 W. Chicago St.
 Bronson, MI 49028
 517-369-2120

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:

Mrs. Angela Johnston, Principal
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 Mrs. Sharon Whitford, Secretary
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SCHOOL WEBSITE: stmarybronson.org

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!