

St. Mary Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday-Saturday: 7:30 am (EF)

Daily Mass and Devotion times are subject to change depending on feasts and Holy Days. Every 12th of the month (T-F only) Mass will be at 7:00 pm with devotions to Our Lady of Guadalupe. (Live streaming of Daily Masses will be as per Fr. Jose’s availability)

Saturday Anticipatory Mass:

4:00 pm (English); this Mass is for our “High Risk” parishioners. Use of face masks and hand sanitizer is mandatory. If you cannot wear a mask please attend one of our three Sunday Masses.

Sunday Mass:

8:00 am (EF); 10:00 am (English); 12:00 Noon (EF)

Confessions :

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 pm

Sunday: 30 minutes prior to the beginning of each Mass. The priest will stop hearing confessions 5 minutes prior to Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday (Vocations & Sanctification of Clergy): 5 - 6 pm
 First Friday (Sacred Heart): 5 – 6 pm

Emergency Food Distribution


In this chaotic time, many find themselves at risk for their food supplies and others wish to help out. Here are a few opportunities.

1. Loaves & Fishes
 - To arrange for boxed food pick up at L&F HQ, 901 Portage St., call: 269- 343-3663. For questions: info@kzoolf.org
 - To arrange for boxed food pick up at the Eastside Pantry @ Sunnyside Methodist, 2800 Gull Rd. on Thursdays 6-7:30 PM, call (269) 488-8918 after 9:00 AM.
 - L&F Mobile Food Initiative food drop off sites: <http://kzoolf.org/mobile-food-initiative/>
 - L&F delivery to Eastside seniors and disabled persons who cannot get out. Call Candy at the Eastside N’hood Assn @ 269-381-0700.
2. Catholic Charities Emergency Food Distribution
 - For those in need, contact Toni Newell, Supervisor of Community Outreach, at toninewell@ccdok.org or the Hot Line at 269-910-3390
 - To volunteer, contact Jeannine Boehm, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, at jeannineboehm@ccdok.org or 269-382-1234
3. Fresh Food Initiative
 - Every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am. Eastside Neighborhood Association Center, 1301 E. Main St. and Charlotte Ave. Bulk fresh produce trucked in. Bring your own boxes and bags.
 - Diapers are provided too (and wipes) every Tuesday 11:30 - noon at the neighborhood center. One sized bag of diapers and wipes per family.
4. Fresh Fire AME Church Pantry
 - At 2508 Gull Rd; offers boxed food with parking lot pick up. Pre-register at 269-381-8050.
 - Saturday, December 5, 11am-2pm: Fresh Food Initiative
 - Saturday, December 19, 11am-2pm: Christmas Baskets
 - They are also looking for volunteers to help distribute.

May the Lord protect you and may you serve as an instrument of His Grace ~ Dcn. Pat (269-744-5136)

St. Mary’s Weekend of Dec 19/20

Weekly Collection	Mass Attendance
Weekly Goal \$5,675.00	Saturday, 4:00 pm 34
Collections..... \$7,096.00	Sunday, 8 am 82
E-giving..... \$600.00	Sunday, 10 am..... 113
Total \$7,696.00	Sunday, 12 Noon 98
Goal Percentage..... 135.6%	Weekend Total 327
<i>This week in 2019. \$6,182.00</i>	<i>This week in 2019..... 249</i>



St. Faith

Faith lived during the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, a time of great persecution of the Christian faith. From a young age, Faith adopted the Christian religion of her nurse. When she was 12 years old, a Roman prefect came to her town in France to check that all were abiding by the Emperor’s law of offering sacrifices to pagan gods. The penalty for refusing was death. Faith willingly surrendered herself to the prefect, declaring herself to be a Christian. He told her he would let her live if she sacrificed to a god right then and there. In response, Faith made the sign of the cross and said, "I have served Christ from my infancy, and to him I have consecrated myself. I am prepared to suffer everything for Christ. I long to die for him." The prefect ordered for her to be roasted. Tradition conflicts on the miraculous circumstances surrounding her martyrdom: some say that snow fell and covered her body as she was being burned for modesty’s sake, while other accounts say that the fire would not burn her so she was then decapitated. Either way, we have much to learn from the bold witness of this 12 year old martyr. St. Faith, pray for us!

RESPECT LIFE MINSITRY

Holy Innocents, you died before you were old enough to know what life means, pray for all children who die young that God may gather them into His loving arms.

Holy Innocents, you were killed because one man was filled with hatred, pray for those who hate that God may touch their hearts and fill them with love.

Holy Innocents, you experienced a violent death, pray for all who are affected by violence that they may find peace and love.

Holy Innocents, your parents grieved for you with deep and lasting sorrow, pray for all parents who have lost young children that God may wrap a warm blanket of comfort around them.

Holy Innocents, those around you certainly felt helpless to prevent your deaths, pray for all who feel helpless in their circumstances that they may cling to God for courage and hope.

Holy Innocents, you who are now in Heaven, pray for all of us that one day we may join you there to bask in God's love forever.

Amen.



For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. ~ Psalm 139:13-14

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 set-up 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.

Creative Connections:

Persons with Disabilities are invited to a virtual gathering from 1-2 pm on Sunday January 24. 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 <https://www.diokzoo.org/personswithdisabilities> or contact Lisa Irwin at 269-903-0177 or lirwin@diokzoo.org by January 20. Zoom link will be sent to those who register.

Merry Christmas!

Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia

Feliz Navidad

St. Mary Church invites you to join our parish community.



Please fill out this form if you wish to register or have our parish Priest or Deacon contact you. Place your completed form in the collection basket or mail it to us.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

- I would like to enroll as an active parishioner.
- Please change my address to that shown above.
- I would like to learn more about parish activities.
- I would like to offer the name of a Catholic who is homebound or seriously ill and is not being visited: _____
- I would like to speak with a Priest about a vocation to the priesthood.

You may also visit: www.stmarykazoo.org



Your Prayers Are Needed

Please pray for the sick & homebound of our parish as well as their dedicated caregivers:

Catherine Hill
 Roger "RJ" Davis
 Darin Luchies
 Chuck Pike
 Brandon Buxton
 Trula Springman

Gary J. Dominowski
 Jan Hall
 Lou and Chris Hernandez
 Joel Ziolkowski
 Sid Shane
 Linda Barrett

Ed Keto
 Rosemary MacKenzie
 Jeffrey Woodhouse
 Ray Brandt
 John and Mary Gazi
 Matt Hall

Joy Stefanski
 Gaynell and Roy Breeding
 Mary Myers
Call the parish office if you know someone who should be added to this list.