



6 months prior to setting date Reconciliation By appointment or: Weds: 4:00-4:25 pm Saturday: 3:00-3:25 pm Sunday: 8:30-8:45 am Bulletin Deadline: Monday

St. Mary Catholic Church

# and Our Lady of the Woods Shrine

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## February 11, 2024 **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



' E B R U A R Y

Even now, says the Lord, return to Me with your whole heart.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Tuesday—February 13** No Mass This Day as Fr. San Will Be Out of the Office

#### Wednesday— February 14 Ash Wednesday 8:25 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass +*Nancy Lupo* (*Jim Lupo, Husband*)

3:00 Mass Wellspring Nursing Home Fairview Nursing Home Residents 5:15-5:45 pm Reconciliation 6:00 pm Blessing with Ashes (No Mass)

**Thursday—February 15** No Mass This Day as Fr. San Attends the Lenten Day of Reflection for Priests in Conway, Michigan

Friday — February 16 8:25 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass followed by **Eucharistic Adoration** +Deceased Members of the Galbraith & *LeBlanc Families* (Dana & Sharon LeBlanc) 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday—February 17 3:00—3:25 pm Reconciliation 3:25 pm Rosarv 4:00 pm Mass +Nancy Lupo (Barb Thomas)

Sunday—February 18 8:30-8:45 am Reconciliation 8:25 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass +Irene Baril (Born on this date in 1924)

### **PRAYER LIST**

Carol Frederickson, Char Cournyer, Tasha Kann, Norma Lyden, Lanna Lemerand, Marisa Farhat, Mary Schrock, Donna Nicolay, Audrey Eisenhardt, Pat Campbell, Mrs. Vela, Brian Lixey, Oliver Bean, Ty McGregor, Jr., Irv & Shirley Wrubel, Rosie Marsh, Clare Morrice, Doug Jammer, Liz, Bob & Deb, Chris Campbell, Zara Downey, Rock Haio, Mark, Leo McArdle, Rich & Christie Valley, Lucille Kir, Joan Wiegand

Sun: Rev. Joseph Blasko Mon: Rev. Lawrence Boks Tues: Rev. Msgr. James Brucksch Wed: Rev. Anthony Citro Thurs: Rev. Michael Class All Deacons Sat: Rev. Nicholas Cooper Fri:

CCW craft nights are Mondays at 6pm in the parish hall—all ladies welcome! Bring a friend!

Also, watch for the Easter Lily Flower Donation Jar....coming February 19th in the narthex.

#### February 23rd 11am in the Parish Hall



Praying the Rosary Open to Both Men and Women

Gentle Exercise While

Do Only As Much as You Can

Wear Comfortable Clothes and Bring a Friend!

www.soulcore.com

#### Ash Wednesday Mass is at 9am on February 14th. Blessing with Ashes at 6pm-no Mass.

#### This is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

When fasting, you are permitted to eat one full meal as well as two smaller portions that together are not equal to a full meal. This is for those 18- through 59-years of age.

Abstaining from meat is from age 14 onwards.

Bring your old palms before Ash Wednesday to be turned into ashes—boxes in narthex and hall.

Fr. San's Bible Study Cancelled on Ash Weds.

Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm Fridays

Lector, Server, Usher, and EMHC Schedules for March and April are now ready for pickup in the sacristy. THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

*These include the dates for Easter and the Easter Vigil.* Attached to the schedules are reminders and substitute information in case you need to change dates.

Stewardship Report		
Average Monthly Operating Budget:	\$	16,000.00
Loose, Envelopes & Misc. Coffee and Donuts Candles Mass Intentions Rental Income	\$ \$ \$ \$	2,511.00 30.00 35.00 315.00 400.00
February Income to Date	\$	3,291.00

#### **ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### K of C 3rd Sunday Breakfast Fundraiser



-Next Sunday-February 18th—After Mass ...plan to stay (or come back) for food and fellowship. All are welcome!

Proceeds are split 50/50 between the St. Mary Parish Food Pantry and K of C projects.

LOVE FOR LENT by Dr. Scott Hahn February 2024 Breaking the Bread Newsletter



I've said it before, and I'll say it again: Catholics love Lent.

Yes, we grumble about it. We tell the world how much we miss the chocolate or beer or whatever it is we're giving up. But the complaints are just part of the experience. We wouldn't trade this season for the world.

Just watch the people pour from the back of the church into long lines as they go forward for ashes. Just watch them defiantly wear their ashes to work or school. Watch them line up again on Friday in the parish cafeteria and inch forward for an hour to buy a meal of fish and French fries. They could buy the same platter any day of the week at any bar in town. But they choose to go to church for their days of abstinence from meat.

Lent poses a challenge, and Catholics-deep downwant a challenge. Lent marks us with a strong identity, and we want that, too. Between the ashes and Easter, we can grow together in virtue and in our understanding of the Church's rich biblical spirituality.

For more, go to www.StPaulCenter.com/Lent.

#### **Lenten Resources**

- dioceseofgaylord.org/fishfry (List of Fish Frys)
- mydailyvisitor.com/lent (Daily Video Signup)
- dynamiccatholic.com/lent (Daily Email Reflections)
- Little Black Books (In narthex, printed devotional)
- Rice Bowls (In narthex, Lenten almsgiving ideas)

For the bulletin online, go to the Shrine website—olwshrine.org—and click on "Our Parish." You can also access it at: dioceseofgaylord.org, 'Find a Parish', then find us on the map or list-click on our website.

### **Shrine Corner**

In 1953, the Diocese of Saginaw gave permission to build a chapel within the Shrine to celebrate outdoor Mass. The chapel was placed in the left wing of the grotto and I could see in a 1960 video where benches were placed in front of the altar for the congregation to attend Mass.



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However, with the advent of Vatican II, whereby the priest now faces the congregation, this altar is no longer being used. Furthermore, the congregation would sit in the open with no shade which was very uncomfortable on a hot day.

This past Christmas season a beautiful setting for the Nativity was placed within the altar. Ironically, early Christian Art depicts Nativity scenes in these cave type structures.



The five steps on the right of the altar leading up to the Bernadette Fountain represent the five decades of the

rosary. They also remind of the five continents (as learned in some parts of the world) that the entire world will walk, live humbly and justly before God. The five continents are Africa, Asia, Europe, Antarctica and the Americas.

We now have \$32.800.18 towards next year's projects.



God Bless.

Monte Mariani, Shrine Director Our Lady of the Woods Shrine