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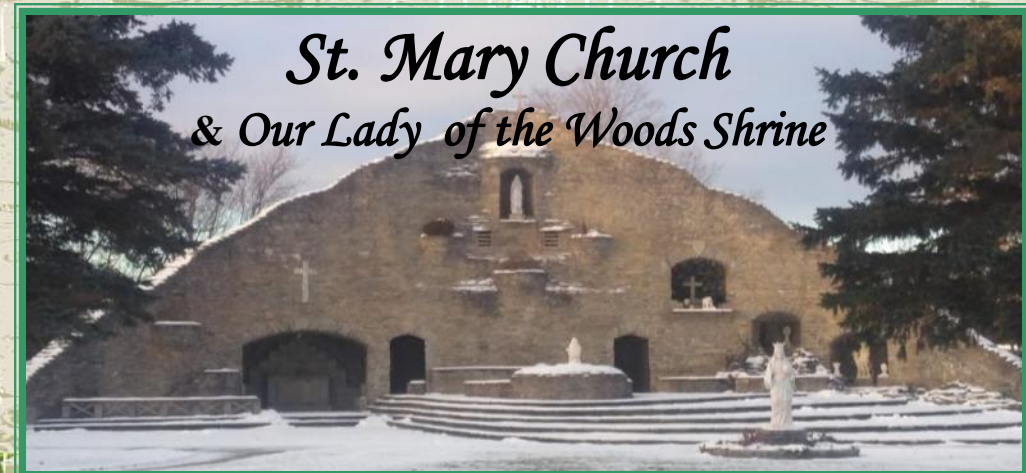
3rd Degree meetings
1st Monday of month 7:30 pm
Rosary before meeting

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4th Degree meetings
4th Monday of month 7:30 pm
Rosary before meeting



St. Mary Church
& Our Lady of the Woods Shrine

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Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Santiago M. Hoyumpa
Secretary: Jeanie Smith

Weekly Mass Schedule

See inside for possible changes

Sunday—9:00 am

Tues, Thurs, Fri—9:00 am

Wednesday—6:00 pm

Saturday—4:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration after Friday Mass

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 am—3:30 pm

Sacraments

Preparation classes with Pastor

Marriage

6 months prior to setting date

Reconciliation By appointment or:

Wednesday: 5:00—5:15 pm

Saturday: 3:00—3:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30—8:45 am

Bulletin Deadline:

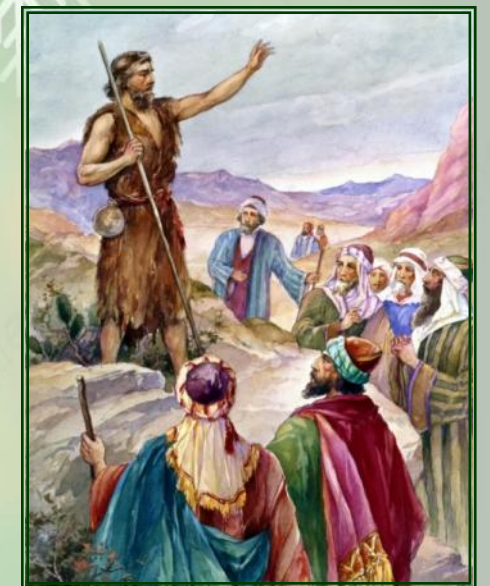
Monday

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

John came
as a witness to testify
concerning that light,
so that through him
all might believe.

He himself
was not the light;
he came only
as a witness to the light.



John came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday—December 15

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

*Children of Claude & Blanche Thorpe
(Blanche Thorpe)*

Wednesday—December 16

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass

*+Trudy McDaniels (Richard & Tena
Troyer)*

Thursday—December 17

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

+Eugenia Adonay (Prima Guipo Hower)

Friday—December 18

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass Adoration to follow
Personal Intentions

Saturday—December 19

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass

+Louay Hanna (Ranna Hanna)

Sunday—December 20

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

Prayer List

Mary Macy, Donna Judd, Doug Heeg, Sandi Carter, Jerry Roznowski, Larry Slasinski, Brian Lixey, Claire Stafford, Mary McConnell, Shirley Wrubel, Jeffery Jones, Lanna Lemerand, Ben Horger, Rosemary Scott, Brandy Edgerton, Ken G., Cody Wood, Mandy Harris, Pooh Dysh, Jerry Hawkins, Janet B., Al Hood, Irene Baril, John & Dolly Radwanski, Betty Hardy, Ray Botkin, Peter Scott



Pray for our Clergy & Religious

Sun: Rev. Ruben Munoz

Mon: Rev. Joseph Muszkiewicz Tues: Rev. Robert Nalley

Wed: Rev. Brad Nursey Thurs: Rev. Gerald Okoki

Fri: Rev. Vernon Olmer Sat: Rev. Leonard Paul

Events & Opportunities

MI Association of Non-Public Schools Joins Member Schools and Families in Pursuing Legal Action to Allow Nonpublic High Schools to Remain Open

GAYLORD, MICHIGAN — The Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools (MANS) announced in a December 7 press release that it has joined three of its member high schools and several families in filing suit in federal court in the Western District of Michigan against the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Director Robert Gordon.

The suit, filed in response to the December 7 MDHHS order extending the “pause” of in-person learning in religious high schools, asserts multiple constitutional violations including that of the First Amendment right to practice religion. The suit’s intent is to ensure that MANS member schools, which include Catholic schools in the Diocese of Gaylord, can resume educating their students in a manner consistent with each school’s COVID-19 safety plans.

“Each of our diocese’s Catholic schools is a member of MANS and will be impacted by decisions that are made,” says Mr. Michael Buell, Superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Gaylord. “In our schools, COVID-19 safety plans have been in place throughout the 2020-21 school year. We have been following direction from the MDHHS and requiring strict safety measures in our schools throughout the pandemic, and, thankfully, these protocols have been successful in our Catholic schools.

“We are hopeful that outcome of this suit will allow us to continue making decisions regarding the education of our students at the local school level, which has proven successful thus far. We believe this maintains the constitutional rights of our families and is in the best interest of our students, families, staff, and communities.”

Bishop Walter A. Hurley, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Gaylord, states, “Catholic education is of immeasurable significance. We are very supportive of this effort to protect our religious freedoms and rights as the Church, and, at the same time, continue providing a safe learning environment for our students.

Sadly, this is a polarizing time in our state and nation, and there is potential that any lawsuit could unintentionally perpetuate such division. We pray that just decisions will be made that safeguard our religious rights and freedoms and protect the common good.”

Stewardship Report

Average Monthly Operating Budget:	\$ 15,355.00
Last Week’s Tithes & Offerings:	\$ 2,421.00
Other Income (candles, rent, misc.)	\$ 560.00
December Income to Date:	\$ 2,981.00

St. Mary Church & Community News

The Shrine Gift Shop -open Saturdays and Sundays, before and after mass through Dec 20th.

Reconciliation: Every Wednesday, December 2nd through the 16th, right after mass until 7:30 pm.

Missalettes are available in a box in the parish hall. Please pick one up to use at home.

Together We Can Food Pantry will be at the fairgrounds Dec. 17, from 11:00 to 2:00. All Oscoda County residents *who are need of assistance* are welcome. Bring proof of residency.

Christmas Eve Mass: 4:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass: 9:00 am



Stewardship By the Book “Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” 1 Thess. 5:16 – 18 All of the people in today’s readings - the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist, seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. When you fully place your trust in God, you really can rejoice always. He will provide all that you need. To “pray constantly” just means that prayer should be an ongoing conversation with God throughout the day and not just for a few moments in the morning. “Give thanks in all circumstances” isn’t easy but even in bad situations, we can thank God that he will bring us through it and can even bring good from it. If we never suffered through tough times, we would not learn empathy for others and we would not realize our need for God.



St. Virginia Centurione Bracelli

Feast Day Dec15

Unable to persuade her parents that she had a religious vocation, Virginia was married at age 15 to the son of a notable Italian family. But he gambled, lived dissolutely and died after only five years. Virginia, despite her unhappiness in the marriage, nursed him at the end. She vowed to live celibately thereafter, bringing up her two daughters and caring for abandoned children, especially girls. She founded several schools and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Refuge on Mount Calvary. She was canonized in her hometown of Genoa, in 2003.

A Reflection for Today

Barely the day started and... it's already six in the evening.
Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday.

... and the month is already over.

... and the year is almost over.

... and already 40, 50 or 80 years of our lives have passed.

... and we've lost our parents, our spouse or friends

...and we know that we can't go back.

So let's try, despite everything, to enjoy our remaining time.

Let's keep looking for ways to bless others.

Let's put some color in our grey

and smile at the little things in life!

In spite of circumstances, let's enjoy with serenity

this time we have left. Let's try to eliminate the 'afters'.

I'm doing it after... I'll say it after... I'll think about it after...

Yet, 'after' may not be ours to claim.

What we sometimes don't understand is that,

...afterwards, the coffee is cold

...priorities change

...health passes

...afterwards, the kids are grown up

...parents get old

...promises are forgotten

...afterwards, the day becomes night

...life is short

So let's not lose the best moments, experiences, and

opportunities to love and care, by waiting for later!

Don't waste the daily moments, because today is the day

that the Lord has made. Let's rejoice and be glad!



The teacher says this'll be a true test of my acting ability. What does she mean by that?"

Go to the **SHRINE WEBSITE**, olwshrine.org for the weekly bulletin & other shrine information.

The bulletin is also at dioceseofgaylord.org (click on 'Parishes', then on the map click 'Mio' then 'More Info')