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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

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020

As it is written in the book
of the words of Isaiah the prophet.
"A voice of one calling
in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.



Mass Schedule

Tuesday—December 8

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

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

Wednesday—December 9

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass

*Chuck & Martha Hayden & Family
(Will & Carol Bunek)*

Thursday—December 10

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

+Stanley Dzielski (Bill & Karen Thompson)

Friday—December 11

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass with Adoration to follow

+Timothy LeBlanc (Dana & Sharon LeBlanc)

Saturday—December 12

3:30 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mass

+Sally Galbraith (Dana & Sharon LeBlanc)

Sunday—December 13

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am Mass

+Trudy McDaniels (Daniel & Marcia Carr)

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, Dennis Welch, Barbara Green, 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. Pablo Martinez

Mon: Rev. Greg McCallum

Tues: Rev. Greg McCallum

Wed: Rev. John McCracken

Thurs: Rev. Bryan Medlin

Fri: Rev. Paul Megge

Sat: Rev. Eyob Merin

Events & Opportunities



'Beginning to End' Christian Bookstore is located in Lewiston (right in town, behind Talley's). The store has survived these past months and is grateful for the support of those who have made purchases. Catalogs for those who want to support small businesses are available to pick up on the table out front.

Saint Ambrose

Feast Day December 7



The son of a Roman official in Gaul, Ambrose was practicing law in Rome when the emperor appointed him governor of the province whose capital was Milan. When that church see became vacant, Ambrose was chosen bishop by acclamation.

A catechumen like many of his people, Ambrose was baptized, ordained and consecrated bishop on the same day, Dec. 7, 374. He battled paganism and the Arian heresy, publicly challenged rulers in the Western and Eastern empires, championed hymns as a form of praise, wrote theological treatises and was beloved by his people for his generosity and accessibility. Ambrose is the patron of bees, stone masons and catechumens.

A city dweller was being driven by a rancher over a hot and barren stretch of desert when a large brightly-colored bird flew across in front of them.



The visitor asked what it was. "That's a Bird of Paradise," said the rancher.

"He sure is a long way from home, isn't he!" remarked the visitor.

This story reminds us of what it's like to be a Christian. We are citizens of heaven (Phil. 3:20), and when people see us they ought to see a contrast with the world around us. Our character should be so different that people see our spiritual beauty and wonder what land we hail from. We are strangers in a strange land, for sure, but let's be the salt and light the Lord wants us to be, and make the "scenery" here as good as it can be!

Stewardship Report

Average Monthly Operating Budget:	\$ 15,355.00
Last Week's Tithes & Offerings:	\$ 1,417.00
Other Income (candles, rent, misc.):	\$ 319.00
Total Online Giving	\$ 789.00
Total November Income:	\$ 15,255.00

St. Mary Church & Community News



Retirement for Religious Collection will be taken the weekend of December 12 & 13

Thank you to everyone for your calls, prayers and concern. I'm home and doing well. Shirley Wrubel

The Shrine Gift Shop will be open Saturdays and Sundays, before and after mass through Dec 20th. Stop by to find a special Christmas gift for someone.



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.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for a generous donation to our St. Mary Scholarship fund. The Knights have made this one of their special projects with generous annual donations. Past recipients of these scholarships are great examples of the young Catholic men and women of St. Mary who have been aided in their education.

Please consider making your own tax deductible contribution to this fund. To make a donation, contact the parish office, Jim Supina, or you can contact North Central MI Community Foundation directly at 989-354-6881 or www.ncmcf.org and specify the *spendable side* of the St. Mary & Our Lady of the Woods Scholarship Fund.

Together We Can Food Pantry will be at the fairgrounds December 17th, from 11:00 to 2:00. All Oscoda County residents are welcome.

Just before Christmas a woman told her husband, "I had a dream that I was wearing a beautiful diamond necklace. What do you think it means?" "You'll know soon," he said.

The next day he came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

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')

Lockdown Lament

Here we are, still separated by the invisible.
Wanting to hug because an elbow touch won't do.
Lysol spray has become perfume.
Hand sanitizer has become hand lotion.
The news has become the bible.
A simple virus whose name resembles royalty
Has done the unthinkable.
More than science, more than a vaccine,
more than anything,
We need our Lord to guide us through.

The Lighter Side of 2020

What we have experienced these past months has been anything but funny...but God's Word says in Proverbs 17:22 that "A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones." Advent is a special time of year for God's people, and the joy of the Lord is our strength!

Seen on a church sign last March

"We hadn't planned on giving up quite this much for Lent!"

Good question

Can we uninstall 2020 and reinstall it again? This one has a virus.

Biblical wisdom

James 4:8 says, "Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands..."

And remember

This too shall pass—maybe like a kidney stone—but it will pass.



One roll safely hidden from anyone under the age of 40



"Because he works from home. That's why we never see God in person."