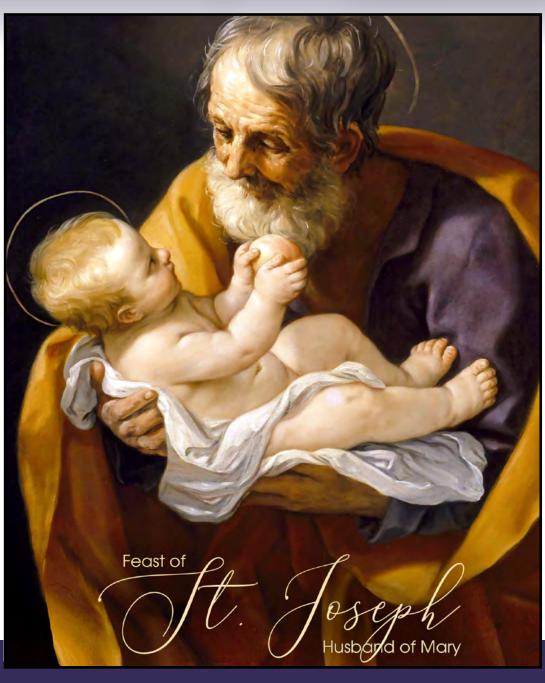
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ST. ST. CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI, MI ST. CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS





AS ST. JAMES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WE WELCOME AND SERVE ALL PEOPLE AS DISCIPLES WHO CELEBRATE AND LOVE AS JESUS TAUGHT

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## mass times & information

SAT SUN	4:00 pm 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
MON	9:00 am
TUE	9:00 am
WED	7:00 pm
THU	9:00 am
FRI	None

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

 SUN
 Closed

 MON
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

 TUE
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

 WED
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

 THU
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

 FRI
 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

 SAT
 Closed

#### BAPTISMS

By appointment. Parish membership and preregistration for preparation class required.

**RECONCILIATION** WED 6:00 pm SAT 2:30 pm

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, we can visit upon request. There will also be an opportunity to receive the sacrament on the 2nd Saturday of every month after the 4pm mass.

#### MARRIAGE

Please contact the office to make an appointment with clergy.

#### FUNERALS

When planning a funeral at St. James, many details need attention and our staff is willing to assist you during this difficult time. Once you have contacted the funeral home, please call the parish office to plan the funeral Mass and other arrangements. The usual time for funerals is 10:30 am with visitation prior.

#### PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms are located on the credenza in the Narthex or on our website. Notify the Parish Office of address changes.



I am happy to let you know that we have hired Sister Clare Emeroum, a member of the Sisters, Home Visitors of Mary, for the Pastoral Associate and Evangelical Charity position.

God's peace, Fr. Ed Z.

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## Religious Education Calendar

Mar. 19 9:30 am, 11:30 am KidsWord 11:00 am Ignite Year 2 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm RE Classes

Mar. 20 5:30 pm RE Classes

#### Mar. 24

**5:30-6:45 pm** Simple Supper Pizza, homemade soups and more! All are welcome!

Mar. 26 No KidsWord No RE Classes

#### Mar. 31

**5:30-6:45 pm** Simple Supper Pizza, homemade soups and more! All are welcome!

April 2 Palm Sunday

#### April 9

Easter Sunday See our website for service times.

## Kids Korner

Why is the letter A like a flower? Because a bee comes after it.

What do you call spiders who get married? Newly Webs

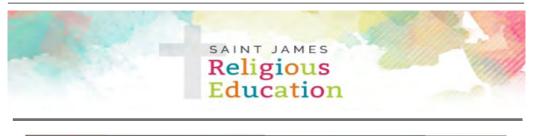
Why are Spring frogs happy? Because they eat whatever bugs them.

What goes up when the rain comes down? Umbrellas!

What's Irish and comes out in the Spring? Paddy O'Furniture



(248) 347-3434



Jesus, in Your name the blind see, the lame walk and the dead are brought back to life. Give us eyes of faith to see and proclaim Your glory. Amen

> July 24-27 Ages 4-11 Registration begins April 1 for parish members. See the website for details.

Don't Cook on Friday! Join us for Simple Supper! Fridays Feb. 24-March 31 5:30: Pizza, homemade soups, salad, trivia and more! 7:00: Stations of the Cross March 24 donations will benefit the Home Visitors of Mary.

## STELLAR VBS

Adult and Youth volunteers needed! We are now assembling our crew to blast off on a mission to spread God's light through the universe! Go to stjamesnovi.org for information.



#### Third Sunday of Lent John 9:1-41 The Man born blind

"Grandma and Grandpa, close your eyes." Alana was desperate to learn a magic trick but as much as she tried she couldn't make the coin disappear. So, she gathered her courage and her grandparents and began her magic trick. With all the flair of a seven-year-old she showed the coin and placed it under a cup. "Grandma and Grandpa, close your eyes." Abracadabra! The coin has vanished! To Alana's grandparents this was pure magic because they chose to believe.

In today's Gospel we hear about many people who chose not to believe in Jesus when He gave sight to the man born blind. I'm sure some observers were amazed and became believers, but there were skeptics, looking for a reason to doubt. "It's not the same man." "He's just one of Jesus' disciples." The healed man should be celebrating but is questioned by his neighbors who pass him on to the Pharisees. "Jesus can't be from God if He healed on the Sabbath." They present he case to the man's parents, who. though joyful that their son was healed, don't want to get in trouble. "Go ask him yourself." The man is returned to the Pharisees where he must tell his story again. For all the good that has happened to him he is thrown out of the Temple! The simple truth is

some people didn't want to see Jesus' miracle. Spiritual blindness seems to be contagious.

I expect it would happen the same way today. If Jesus decided to heal someone, how many would not believe or explain away the miracle? We can choose to believe or close our eyes, our minds and our hearts to God's wonders.

Jesus said, "I have come into this world...so that those who are blind might see and those who see might become blind." Are our eyes open to the good works God is doing in our lives and the lives of those we meet? Do we believe that He can work miracles in our lives? Jesus, heal our blind spots so that we might see!May God bless and strengthen your family!

#### Marge Fitzpatrick mfitzpatrick@sjnovi.net

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Phil. 4:13

## **Christian Service**

### upcoming events

#### march

#### EASTER BASKET PROJECT UNDERWAY

20-22	Food Packing
25	Food Delivery
26	Easter Basket

Donations Due

#### april

15 Hazardous Waste Event – Wixom

## food pantry

#### immediate needs

- · cream of chicken soup
- · jelly
- · ravioli (canned)
- · juice
- bbq sauce
- coffee
- · mayo
- $\cdot \;$  ranch dressing
- shampoo chunky soup
- spaghetti noodles
- pears (canned)

#### additional needs

- · dish soap
- peanut butter (small jars)

NO laundry soap or paper bags needed at this time.

PLEASE - Do Not Leave ANY fresh or perishable food items!

Please be aware, expired items are not accepted and will be disposed of.

## Household Hazardous Waste Event - Wixom

#### Saturday, April 15th

Take advantage of this opportunity to safely dispose of many items considered "hazardous" and not accepted by your garbage service. Televisions, computers, printers, oil-based paints, batteries (all kinds), expired medications, pesticides, nail polish, etc. Accepted items also include 3 boxes or up to 100 pounds of paper for shredding. If you have questions regarding what is included or other dates and locations please contact 248-208-2270 or go to www.rrrasoc.org. All items may be brought to Wixom Department of Public Works, 2041 Charms Road between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. April 15th. You must live in one of the following cities to participate: Novi, Farmington Hills, Farmington, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake or Wixom.

## Computer Paper Boxes Needed

Please continue to bring in any computer paper size boxes you may be able to obtain. We use approximately 100 boxes each month for our Food Pantry program. If you are able to help with even one or two, please leave them by the Food Donation Box in the narthex. **Thank You!** 

## Durable Medical Equipment Loan Closet

Did you know the City of Novi maintains a Loan Closet for new or very gently used medical equipment through the Older Adult Services Department? There is no charge. They are currently in need of donations so if you have any of the following items to donate, please consider the Loan Closet:

Transport Wheelchairs, Roll-a-tors, Knee Scooters, Shower Chairs and Tub Transfer Benches. Please be sure all items are "ready to loan".

Contact 248-347-0414 with questions.

## **Food Pantry Update**

Thank You! Your support and generosity of this year-round ministry is truly making a difference to those in our community who are struggling to get by! Our food pantry team updates the food list located on page 4 of this bulletin every week. We will accept any **non-expired** items that you may wish to donate, but know that **EXPIRED** items are thrown away.

Please note: if you know of someone that could us emergency food assistance, please have them contact the Christian Service office.

# Easter Basket Project

## ALL DONATIONS DUE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26th!

If you would like to help with this project, please visit the St. James website, <u>www.stjamesnovi.org</u> and click on the Easter Basket Project for access to the SignUp Genius that lists items needed. Additionally, the following items are great fillers for the baskets and helpful to the families as snack food for the children:



popcorn, pretzels, granola bars, trail mix, goldfish, applesauce and fruit cups (all in snack size).

Items can be dropped off in the blue bin in the narthex.

## All donations are due no later than Sunday, March 26th. Thank you!

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## **Attention: Food Pantry Deliverers**

Food box pick up is Saturday, March 25th between 9:00 am and 11:30 am. Please check your schedule and sign up for a time slot that works best for you that morning. If you did not receive the sign-up email or have questions regarding the sign-up sheet, please contact Beth at ext. 37. **THANK YOU** for your continued dedication to this Ministry!

## From Your Parish Nurse

#### March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

## A. How does colorectal cancer start?

Polyps in the colon or rectum

Most colorectal cancers start as a growth on the inner lining of the colon or rectum. These growths are called polyps.

Some types of polyps can change into cancer over time (usually many years), but not all polyps become cancer. The chance of a polyp turning into cancer depends on the type of polyp it is. There are different types of polyps.

- Adenomatous polyps (adenomas): These polyps sometimes change into cancer. Because of this, adenomas are called a pre-cancerous condition. The 3 types of adenomas are tubular, villous, and tubulovillous.
- Hyperplastic polyps and inflammatory polyps: These polyps are more common, but in general they are not pre-cancerous. Some people with large (more than 1cm) hyperplastic polyps might need colorectal cancer screening with colonoscopy more often.
- Sessile serrated polyps (SSP) and traditional serrated adenomas (TSA): These polyps are often treated like adenomas because they have a higher risk of colorectal cancer. Other factors that can make a polyp more likely to contain cancer or increase someone's risk of developing colorectal cancer include:
- If a polyp larger than 1 cm is found
- If more than 3 polyps are found
- If dysplasia is seen in the polyp after it's removed. Dysplasia is another pre-

cancerous condition. It means there's an area in a polyp or in the lining of the colon or rectum where the cells look abnormal, but they haven't become cancer.

https://www.cancer.org/ cancer/colon-rectal-cancer/ about/what-is-colorectalcancer.html

#### B. Can Colorectal Cancer Be Prevented?

There's no sure way to prevent colorectal cancer. But there are things you can do that might help lower your risk, such as changing the risk factors that you can control.

Colorectal cancer screening

Screening is the process of looking for cancer or precancer in people who have no symptoms of the disease. Regular colorectal cancer screening is one of the most powerful tools for preventing colorectal cancer.

From the time the first abnormal cells start to grow into polyps, it usually takes about 10 to 15 years for them to develop into colorectal cancer. With regular screening, most polyps can be found and removed before they have the chance to turn into cancer. Screening can also find colorectal cancer early, when it's small and easier to treat.

If you're age 45 or older, you should start getting screened for colorectal cancer. Several types of tests can be used. Talk to your health care provider about which ones might be good options for you. No matter which test you choose, the most important thing is to get tested.

If you have a strong family history of colorectal polyps or cancer, talk with your doctor about your risk. You might benefit from genetic counseling to review your family medical tree to see how likely it is that you have a family cancer syndrome.

You might be able to lower your risk of colorectal cancer by managing your diet and physical activity Weight: Being overweight or obese increases the risk of colorectal cancer in both men and women, but the link seems to be stronger in men. Staying at a healthy weight may help lower your risk.

Physical activity: Being more active lowers your risk of colorectal cancer and polyps. Regular moderate to vigorous activity can lower the risk. Limiting your sitting and lying down time may also lower your risk. Increasing the amount and intensity of your physical activity may help reduce your risk.

**Diet:** Overall, diets that are high in vegetables, fruits, and whole grains, and low in red and processed meats, probably lower colorectal cancer risk, although it's not exactly clear which factors are important. Many studies have found a link between red meats (beef, pork, and lamb) or processed meats (such as hot dogs, sausage, and lunch meats) and increased colorectal cancer risk.

In recent years, some large studies have shown conflicting evidence that fiber in the diet probably lowers colorectal cancer risk. Research in this area is still under way. Recent studies looking specifically at whole grain intake, however, show that colorectal cancer risk appears to go down as you add more whole grains to your diet.

Limiting red and processed meats and eating more vegetables, fruits, and whole grains may help lower your risk.

Alcohol: Several studies have found a higher risk of colorectal cancer with increased alcohol intake, especially among men. It is best not to drink alcohol. For people who do drink, they should have no more than 1 drink per day for women or two drinks per day for men. Not drinking alcohol may help reduce your risk.

https://www.cancer.org/ cancer/colon-rectal-cancer/ causes-risks-prevention/ prevention.html



Emma Diesbourg – Mar 18 James Ferrera – Mar 18 Elle Mitchell – March 25



None this week.

## scripture readings

#### WEEK OF MARCH 19

#### SUNDAY

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

#### MONDAY

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

#### TUESDAY

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

#### WEDNESDAY

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

#### THURSDAY

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

#### FRIDAY

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### SATURDAY

ls 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

#### SUNDAY

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

## mass intentions

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

**4:00 PM** Peppino Roperti (Cicerone Family) Larry Harmon (Family)

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

8:00 AM

Frank and Irene Zaorski (John and Brenda Hascall) 9:30 AM Albert Latourneau (St. James Parish Family) Mitch Wisniewski (Lichorobiec Family) Sherry Harrington

(Lichorobiec Family) **11:30 AM** Albert Latourneau

#### (Anna Marie Benedetto) MONDAY. MARCH 20

9:00 AM Joann and Alma Maiani (Graziano Canini)

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

9:00 AM

Joann Knudsen (Pond Family) Frank and Irene Zaorski (Michael and Mildred Kar)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

#### 6:30 PM Rosary Before Mass 7:00 PM

Mary Mangan (Mascarenhas Family) THURSDAY, MARCH 23

#### 9:00 AM

Frank and Irene Zaorski (Michael and Mildred Kar) Joann and Alma Maiani (Graziano Canini)

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 24**

5:30 PM Simple Supper 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

**4:00 PM** Thomas Zanot (Family)

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26

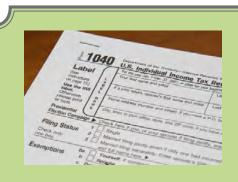
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9:30 AM

For the Intentions of St. James Parish Family **11:30 AM** 

Frank and Irene Zaorski (John and Brenda Hascall)





Rest In Peace

## 2022 Contribution Statements

2022 Contribution Statements will be available upon request. Please contact the Parish Office to pick up your statement or have it mailed.

Request can be made by calling 248-347-7778, ext.10 or by emailing your request to *parishsecretary@sjnovi.net*.

#### Remember in your prayers:

William Pluto

## Please remember in your prayers the sick listed below:

Kathryn Andrysiak Shari Antcliff Mary Jane Ayotte MaryAnn Balon Pat Barney Cathy Beal Pat Bialek Baby Mac Bishop Julie Boivin Doreen Brant Steve Brooks Mike Cadieux Ashley Cairo Karen Cameron Christine Christensen **Diane Christopher** Jo Christopher Rikki Cicirelli Jean Collins Katy Conners Chris Courneau Rosanne Coury Angelito Cruz John Cummings, Jr. Kimberly Degg Giulia DePalma Laura Dean Berni Di Marco Erika DiMarco Carol Dombrowski Alexander Donovan Gloria Downey Barbara Drago Terri Dull Tom Dull Molly Elizabeth Morgan Elliot Ruth Elwood Ethan Elwood Timothy Evans Bill Farmer

Karen Ferns Malia Gadwell George Gauchey Dean Giachino Cindy Gibson Violet Grima Kathleen Harrington Kathy Hartmus Mike Heary Kenny Hendrick Jim Heymes George Hlava Karen Hryciuk Mary Ellen Jackson Jasper Jawanda Gary Johnson Christine Kalis Candise Kemp loe Kirwan Jean Korleski Ava Louise Krebs (baby) Jameson Kunz Silas Kurtz Julie LaFata Ruth Lange Mary Kay LeBourdais Joan Letourneau Al Letourneau Jane Lockard Yolande Louis Robert Lusky Kevin Lutz Mark Lutz Tammy Lutz Michael Maguire Carol Maiers Bob Mann Margarete Mares Jan Mathison Mary McBurney Michael McCanne

Michael McCarthy Gregory McComas Kathy McDonough Lindsay McKay Greg Mendenhall Alex Michaels Carmel Mizzi Catherine Mizzi Hudson Moceri (10) Donna Monforton Robert "Bob" Monk Todd Moore Larry Moriarty Barb Morrison Joseph Mueller, SJ Amanda Nagy Kenneth Nelson Brenda O'Brien Mary Lee O'Keefe Bryan O'Leary Estelle Oliansky Karen Pence Don Peruski Phil Phillips Steven Phillips Ioana Podeanu Glenn Porzadek Marvin Power Cora Prater Marie Rahilly Anne Reilly Logue Carol Rosochacki Lori Rucinski Jacquie Rundell Rvan Agatena Russo Ariano Russo Claire Salyers Shirley Sanborn Denise Schebil Lyn Schrecengost

Susan Sherwood Betty Shultz Gil Shultz Michael Skowronski Charley Smith Kimberly Smith Jacob John Snow, Jr. Jack Swanson Kav Swanson Erin Tait Lynn Tankersley Claire Taylor Dan Taylor Jaimi Temple Rani Thangasamy John Thomas Kathy Thomas Seth Todd Wojciech Trvbula Kim Ver Merris Betty Verkerke Gonda Frank VonKoss Hank Walega Zachary Waldo Judy Ward Ron Ward Joan Warner Bill Welser Christine Wenner Fr. John Wheeler Pam White Caroline Wilson Roy Wilson Alice Woods Carol Zalek Paul Zajac Julie Ziegler-Maddocks Lori (Sigouin) Zaran

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## parish groups



## **PrimeTimers**

(for Parish Members 50+)

The PrimeTimers is a club for our family of parishes members, single or couples, who are 50 and up. Our goal is to provide for the spiritual, social and educational needs of our members and to give service to the broader community. All family of parishes members age 50+ are welcome to join. Annual dues are only \$10 per person. Parishioners are welcome to attend one meeting to see if they would like to join. Meetings and lunches are at St. James unless otherwise specified.

#### March 24th – Friday Lenten Fish Fry

at St. William Parish The church is located at 531 Common St., Walled Lake 48390. We will meet in the parking lot of St. Williams at 4:00. These fish fries are reputed to be the best. Prices start at \$10.95. Cash and credit cards accepted.

#### April Meeting – April 17th at 1:00 P.M.

Doc Fletcher will speak to us on the history of Tiger Stadium. He is the award-winning author of "**The History of Tiger Stadium: A Love Letter to Baseball at Michigan & Trumbull**" It is said that his back stories give the book its humanity, humor and liveliness. More details to follow. Desserts and snacks will be served. Feel free to show off your Tiger attire.



## Friday Night Euchre Group

Come to the classroom area in St. James (Meeting rooms 2A and 2B) on the second Friday of each month between 7 & 7:15 pm. Card games begin at 7:30 pm. Come alone or as a couple. (However, we do play cards with different partners throughout the evening.)

Remember to bring your own beverage, a small Covid-compliant snack to share, plus \$1.00 per person admission fee. Also, don't forget to bring a few dimes to cover those "euchres" when you and your partner don't make the bid. Then let the fun begin. For further information, call either John or Anna Marie at 248-347-3665.

#### NEXT EUCHRE NIGHT: April 14, 2023



## **Men for Others**

All men of St. James are welcome to join Men for Others for faith, fellowship and service. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Disciples Room.

#### April 13 - Monthly Gathering

Contact: John Fitzpatrick

## **Body & Soul Classes**

Here is the line up:

- Mon: Muscle Conditioning with Sue
- Tues: Beginner Yoga with Karen
- Wed: Fitness Yoga with Donna
- Thurs: Beginner Pickleball (no open play)

#### All classes will run from 9-10 am

Call Sue Flanagan with any questions 248-895-6643

## **Evening Book Club**

The evening book club will meet in the classroom 2 on Thursday, Our next meeting is on **Mar 23rd at 6:30 pm** to discuss *In Five Years, by Rebecca Serle.* 

#### New members are welcome!

Contact Krystn at 248-305-5814 for more information.

## Monday Night Bible Study

Join our Monday night Bible Study as we begin studying **Epic: A Journey Through Church History** from Ascension Press. We will meet on Monday evenings at 7 PM. Materials are available for purchase at <u>ascensionpress.com</u>.

For questions, contact Philip Dobias at (630) 363-1592 or *philip.dobias@gmail.com* 

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

ALL are welcome to the Wednesday morning bible study in classroom 2A, 10 to 11:30 am. We study the upcoming weekend gospel message. We believe that the bible is the Basic Information Before Leaving Earth guide. For more information call Connie 248-348-8889.

## St. James Mothers Group

St James Mothers Group, aka Moms Group, is a welcoming association of women. Moms of all ages can join us for community and support while giving back through service projects.

Our next meetings, 9:15-10:15 am April 6th, and June 1st, which are the first Thurs every other month. Please contact Sandy Jimenez at

momsofstjamesnovi@outlook.com



## LENTEN SCHEDULE

#### FEB. 22 ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM	SCRIPTURE SERVICE *
9:00 AM	MASS *
12:00 PM	SCRIPTURE SERVICE *
4:00 PM	SCRIPTURE SERVICE *
	MASS *
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FEB. 24	- MARCH 31 SIMPLE SUPPERS
5:30 -	JOIN US FRIDAY EVENINGS FOR A
6:45 PM	SIMPLE SUPPER BEFORE STATION
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OF THE CROSS. DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR VARIOUS CHARITIES

#### FEB. 24 - MARCH 31 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 PM JOIN US FRIDAY EVENINGS FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#### MARCH 28 PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE

7:00 PM TUESDAY, RECONCILIATION SERVICE IN CHURCH

2023

#### INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

6:00 PM WEDNESDAY 2:30 PM SATURDAY EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, EXCEPT FOR HOLY SATURDAY

### ON-LINE LENTEN RESOURCES @ stjamesnovi.org

- EZ WIZDOM LENTEN REFLECTIONS WITH FR. ED
- VIRTUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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## **Lenten Observances**

Lent is the season which runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of total fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

In keeping with the spirit and meaning of the Lenten fast, Catholics are encouraged to observe the Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday and until the celebration of the Easter vigil.

The law of fasting binds persons from the completion of their 18th year to the beginning of their 60th year, i.e., from the day after their 18th birthday to the day after their 59th birthday.

The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing as far as quantity and quality are concerned, approved local custom. The order of meals is optional; i.e., the full meal may be taken in the evening instead of at midday. Also: 1) The quantity of food taken at the two lighter meals should not exceed the quantity taken at the full meal; 2) The drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast.

The law of abstinence binds persons from the completion of their 14th year, i.e., from the day after their 14th birthday throughout life.

The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat. It does not forbid the use of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat. Also permissible are soups flavored with meat, meat gravy and sauces.

## **ALL ARE WELCOME**

SIMPLE

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They're Back and Better than Ever!

## **Friday Evenings During Lent**

Feb. 24 - March 31

## 5:30pm - 6:45pm

Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm Sponsored by: St. James Men For Others

•Simple Suppers will include: Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Meatless Soups & Cheese Pizza.

•Cost is a simple free will donation.

Please contact
 Robert Ahearn - <u>ahernaero@gmail.com</u>

or John Fitzpatrick - <u>jbfitz00@gmail.com</u> 313-378-6083 if you would like to supply a meatless soup.

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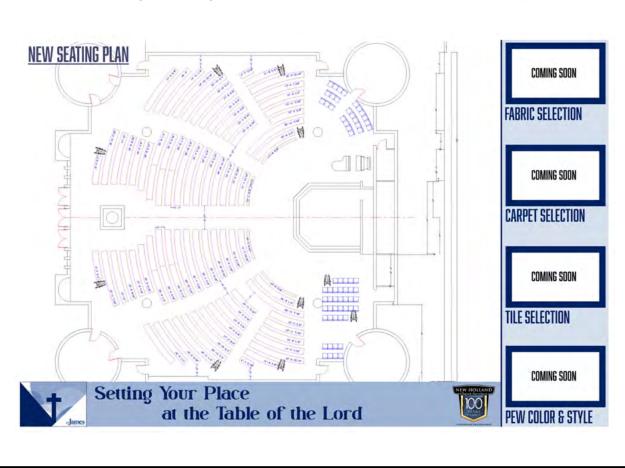
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## 2023 Seating Project

Exciting changes are coming in 2023

A deposit has been made for new seating scheduled to be completed in June of 2023. This is the next step in the beautification and updating of the church and sanctuary. A thoughtful and diligent process has begun to analyze flooring options that will provide a durable long-term solution and enhance the environment.

We have begun our campaign to raise money for the new pews and flooring in the church to enhance our worship space and welcome all to St. James. We are accepting donations to this project. To maximize the benefit of your donation, we encourage you to donate to the 2022 CSA campaign. Donations to the 2022 CSA that are received by April 30, 2023 are returned 100% to St. James.



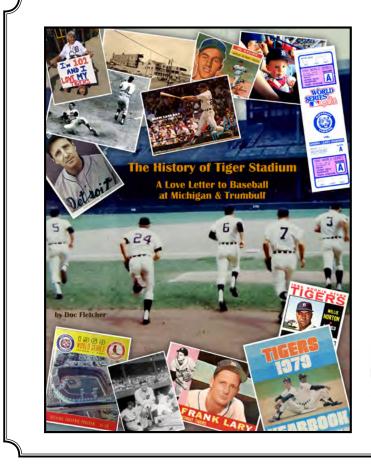
CSA contribution envelopes may be found at the Welcome Desk. You may also make your contribution on our website: <u>*Click Here For More Info</u>*</u>

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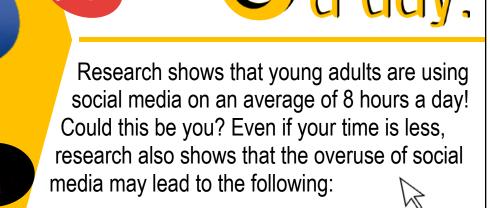
Stewardship

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today's Scripture readings center around blindness — both physical and simply not seeing what God reveals to us. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus cures the blind man at the Pool of Siloam. But the Pharisees do not believe his account of the healing and throw him out of the synagogue; they are blind to Jesus' mission. The Lord references the anointing of King David in the First Book of Samuel: Not as man sees does God see. In his Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul reminds us to live in the Lord as children of the light. As Christian stewards on a journey to holiness, what blinds us from full union with Christ? This Lenten season, examine your prayer life. To draw closer to the Lord, make time daily to communicate with Him, and to listen.



PrimeTimers (and those interested in joining our group), plan to join us 1PM Monday, April 17, in the St. James Parish Hall to hear fellow parishioner, author, and lifelong Detroit Tigers fan Doc Fletcher share stories from his book, "The History of Tiger Stadium: A Love Letter to Baseball at Michigan & Trumbull". By luck-of-the-draw, you may win a Tiger Yearbook or bobblehead from days gone by. Copies of the book will be available.



OUNG ADULTS (20s - 30s)

- Low self-esteem and comparing yourself to others
  A loss in ability to personally
- interact with people
- Increased isolation and loneliness
- Social anxiety and embarrassment
- FOMO (Fear of missing out and feeling excluded)
- Exposure to negative people, trolls, or bullies
- Decreased physical activity, which may affect your overall health

Join us for a talk by Psychologist, Giovanni Vitale who will speak about the harmful results of social media and how you can gain your freedom from it. Even if you are thinking, "This isn't me" join us to learn about the warning signs.



# THURSDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM for those who want to purchase dinner / The talk will begin at 7:00 PM

On the Border Mexican Grill & Cantina 21091 Haggerty Rd.

Please RSVP to Katie Luther at kluther@hfnovi.com - limited admission-





## THE WEST SIDE DETROIT POLISH AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CORDIALLY INVITES OUR MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS TO OUR

TWELFTH ANNUAL SPRING PILGRIMAGE & ŚWIĘCONKA

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 ~ 10:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.



SS. PETER AND PAUL WARRENDALE 7685 Grandville Avenue, Detroit, MI 48228 IN CELEBRATION OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S 100 YEARS!



FEATURE PRESENTATION: "A HISTORY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH" PRESENTED IN THE CHURCH BY REV. CANON WALTER J. PTAK, WSDPAHS DIRECTOR PASTOR OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FARMINGTON and PRCUA NATIONAL CHAPLAIN \$25 WSDPAHS members\* ~ \$30 non-members \*Members in good standing whose 2023 dues have been paid as of February 15, 2023 ~ <u>NO EXCEPTIONS</u>! 10:15 a.m. – Doors Open & Gathering IN THE CHURCH 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. – Feature Presentation IN THE CHURCH 11:45 a.m. – 11:15 p.m. – Święconka (Traditional Polish Easter Meal Catered by Bill's Catering) Easter Blessing and Blessed Easter Eggs by Rev. Gary Michalik, Society President and Society Directors Rev. Canon Walter J. Ptak and Rev. Larry Zurawski ŚWIĘCONKA IS IN THE ACTIVITIES BUILDING AT THE OPPOSITE END OF THE PARKING LOT FROM THE CHURCH WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY ACCORDIONISTS FRANK URBIEL AND LAWRENCE A. CHORASZEWSKI! CHURCH ENTRANCE IS LIFT-ACCESSIBLE ~ LIFT ENTRANCE IS IN BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BUILDING IS STREET LEVEL ~ FREE GATED AND SECURED PARKING THROUGHOUT! Optional 4:30 P.M. Mass at SS. Peter and Paul! Happy Easter! Weso/ego Alleluja!

 PRE-PAID, ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY TO BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, APRIL 13!

 PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE RESERVE ON TIME DUE TO CATERING DEADLINE!

 Please cut this box and mail with check/money order payable to WSDPAHS to: Ms. Laurie A. Gomulka,

 6238 Pepper Hill St., West Bloomfield, MI 48322. Please include name(s), address, phone no., and email address

 No. of Members @ \$25:
 No. of Non-Members @ \$30:
 = TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Questions: Laurie @ 1/855-POLONIA (1/855-765-6642) or Lgomulka@detroitpolonia.org West Side Detroit Polish American Historical Society ~ 501(c)(3) organization ~ https://www.detroitpolonia.org

## Aquinas College Open House - Saturday, March 25

Aquinas College welcomes any high school students and families to our Open House on Saturday, March 25! Choose your own path throughout the day to get the inside scoop on academics, athletics and scholarships, as well as our Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community and service! Details and registration information can be found at <u>aquinas.edu/openhouse</u>.





### WE ACCEPT DONATED GENTLY USED CLOTHING AND SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

#### **OUR DONATION HOURS ARE:**

### Mondays: 9am - 12pm & 5pm - 7pm WE ARE CLOSED 12pm-5:00pm (Monday exceptions on holidays)

WE MAY NEED TO CLOSE EARLY ON OUR MORNING SHIFT IF THE DONATIONS ARE OVERWHELMING BUT WILL REOPEN AT 5 pm AND REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 7 pm (Please be patient with our Closet workers, they are volunteers)

## NOW ACCEPTING SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING

### All items are given to low income clients in the community at no cost!

#### We accept the following items:

- Gently used Current Fashion Clothing for men, women, and children (no stains, rips/tears), casual shoes, purses, and accessories
- Like new children's books, games, and small toys (no loose pieces)
- Linens such as sheets, blankets, towels, current style curtains (no stains or wear and tear)
- Sets of dishes, cutlery, pots and pans, bakeware (no scratches or wear marks) and other kitchen items
- Small electronic appliances such as coffeepots, toasters, small table lamps, etc. (must be in working order)
- Small knick-knacks, candles, phone cases, games, puzzles, and new personal care items

#### We do not accept:

ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN IN STORAGE WITH ODORS SUCH AS MILDEW or SMOKE

- Clothing that are stained, torn, out of season, or outdated!
- Men's or women's suits, button down shirts, or dresses men's dress shoes or high heels (we do not have the room for these items)
- Adult books, or text books (Novi Library 2nd & 4th Thursday of month call first 248-869-7204)
- Computer/TVs, or other large electronics
- Larger items such as floor lamps, furniture of any type (For these donations call: The Furniture Bank of SE MI 333 N Perry St., Pontiac, MI 48342 248-332-1300 they do pick-up)
- Any Baby items other than small toys and clothes (We recommend donating other baby items to AAA Pregnancy Resource Ctr. 32080 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 734-425-8060 or Another Way Pregnancy Center 31700 W 12 Mile Rd #102, Farmington, MI 48334 248-471-5858)

Please drop off at the designated times and do not leave items outside the door or in the Church. Any items left at our door may be thrown away.



