



Member Directory 2021





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Dear Parishioner,

Please accept our annual Parish Directory. As a registered member of St. Mary of the Hills you are an integral part of the worship, education, fellowship, and service that happen here. Our mission is to “unleash” the Gospel and make joyful missionary disciples of Jesus. You make that possible through your sharing of time, talent, and treasure.



I hope that you find the information in this directory useful. It contains the names of all our members and describes the wonderful ministries in which they are engaged. During this time of the pandemic, our directory might help you to reach out to someone you miss seeing at Mass or church activities. Give them a call. We’ve included in this directory the annual State of the Parish report for fiscal year 2019-2020 as well as my Advent letter and Christmas appeal.

As we build on our 31 years as a parish community, we are grateful to God for all the blessings that He has bestowed on our members and others through them. The generosity of our members has provided us with a beautiful facility here in Rochester Hills in which to pray, learn, and serve. Together we spread the good news of Jesus and invite people to a personal relationship with the Lord. Our programs touch the lives and needs of children and adults within and outside the parish. We would not be able to do this without you.

May God guide you on your spiritual journey with us and may He continue to shower you and your family with His mercy and love.

Peace and joy,

Fr. Stan Ulman, Pastor

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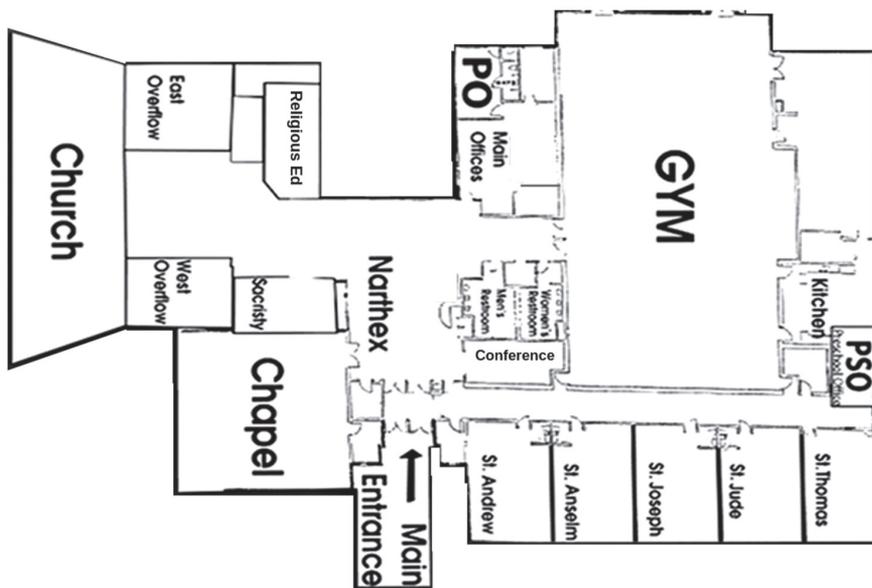
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Call the Parish Office if you would like to do any of the following:

- You would like to have your baby Baptized.
- You would like to get married.
- You would like a Mass said for someone.
- Your contact information needs to be updated.
- You would like to have your house blessed.
- You would like to get communion for someone.
- Your child is ready for preschool, First Eucharist, or Confirmation.
- You want to get more involved in the Parish.
- Or if you have any other questions!

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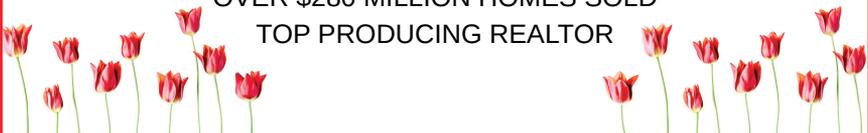
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St. Mary of the Hills – State of the Parish

October, 2020

Dear St. Mary of the Hills Parishioner,

The beauty of fall perhaps stands in sharp contrast to the feelings of darkness that we've experienced in this unusual year. Our peace of mind has been challenged by COVID-19, natural disasters, job insecurity, social unrest, and political divisiveness. Through it all Christ accompanies us on our life's journey and we don't need to be afraid. So we thank God always for His love and mercy even in the midst of our confusion and insecurity. We trust God and place our hope in Him as we seek to fulfill our mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Together we live, learn and serve. This annual state of the parish letter highlights our community's life this past fiscal year, July 2019-June 2020. It also draws our attention to the start of St. Mary's 32nd year and my 17th as your pastor.

During the 2019-2020 fiscal year we experienced an upheaval of our parish life like never before. COVID-19 forced us to shut down our building and curtail many of our parish activities since mid-March. Funerals and weddings were postponed and Mass was available only online until Memorial Day. Many events including Holy Week services were cancelled. When we returned to in person worship we needed to follow protocols to ensure the safety of participants and staff. We discovered that some things could be done remotely from home or virtually on ZOOM. Meetings and social gatherings were held outside with proper social distancing when it got warmer. Adoration and Reconciliation were conducted under the parish entrance canopy. We relied on people's electronic giving to maintain staff and services.

Before the upheaval, our year began in July with a flurry of activity. Vacation Bible School, Kid's Peace Camp, SAW, and SOS were just some of the annual events that engaged kids, teens and adults. We entered into conversation and fellowship with an inner city parish and reflected on racial, economic and social justice issues. Flat Stanley appeared in many places during the summer that we concluded with our Parish Picnic and the celebration of our parish's 30th anniversary.

In addition to the start of school, pre-school, GIFT, MSP, Book Club, Choir, Bible Study and many Christian Service activities last fall, we invited parishioners to recognize that we were "Made for More." We began to focus on our mission of "unleashing" the Gospel and strategically planning for being sent on mission. Advent and Christmas found us sharing our blessings through many organizations in the metro area. As we entered into Lent and prepared for Easter, everything came to a screeching halt. We were forced to adjust to life under the cloud of a pandemic. Our task was to keep our parish functioning and our members informed and connected through the spring and summer. We continue to pray for wisdom and guidance to remain faithful to our mission of spreading the Gospel, caring for each other, and becoming joyful missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

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From the financial side, both total parish income (7.5%) and expense (6.3%) were down reflecting the decreased activity caused by the COVID-19 shutdown. Before the shutdown we made the following capital expenditures:

Gym, kitchen and classroom roofs	\$156,485.00
Narthex furniture	\$3,373.35
Parking lot engineering assessment	\$4,000.00

	2019-2020	2018-2019
Total Parish Income	\$1,621,778	\$1,753,425
Total Parish Expenses	\$1,763,222	\$1,881,851
Offertory & Christmas Collections	\$1,276,649	\$1,327,126
CSA Donations	\$206,788	\$207,924
Charitable Giving	\$131,729	\$139,221
Baptisms	35	60
RCIA Initiations	9	6
First Eucharist	0	99
Confirmations	0	70
Weddings	9	11
Funerals	30	31
Registered Parishioners	1816	1745
St. Mary's Parishioners at HFRS	258	250

Here are some highlights from the financial report:

Total parish income	Decreased
Total parish expenses	Decreased
Registered parishioners	Increased
Offertory & Christmas Collections	Decreased
CSA campaign donations	Decreased

We ended the year with all of our bills paid and an outstanding debt to the federal government. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we withdrew \$100,000 from our savings and received a government loan to keep our employees working until July 1st. We trust that the loan will be forgiven. Please continue your support of St. Mary's and consider tithing as part of your total stewardship plan. You may want to consider the convenience of electronic giving. We fulfill our mission of unleashing the Gospel and inviting others to be Jesus' disciples through your commitment and generosity. Feel free to inquire about any of the matters presented in this report.

Again I thank you for your support and prayers that make St. Mary of the Hills such a vibrant parish.

Peace and joy,
Fr. Stan



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