

VISIT THE SHRINE

Upcoming Events—2023

The **Gift Shop** will be opening again on a daily schedule come May 2023. Come check out our new items.

Saturday Masses moved indoors at 4 PM to allow for the shorter winter days. But the days are getting longer —6 PM Saturday Masses will (weather permitting) move outdoors for the summer on Memorial Day Weekend. The second Saturday Mass of each month is for the intentions of our generous donors.

Annual Yard Sale— **June 23-24th** (tentative) is still in planning, so watch the website and Facebook for dates when we once again turn the church hall into one big yard sale with something for everyone!

We have a number of events in the works for this season including:

- **May 13th & 14th:** Silver Rose Devotional
- **May 21st,** May Crowning— Our Lady of Fatima
- **June 10th,** Mio Irisarian Show (1-4 PM)
- **July 16th:** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Devotional.
- **August 15th** : Feast of the Assumption Celebration.
- **September 17th:** Our Lady of LaSalette Devotional
- **December 10th:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Devotional



Please visit the Shrine website -
www.olwshrine.org - to check on the calendar and
Schedule of events -



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Tour groups are always welcome—Contact the Church Rectory to schedule your group large or small for 2023.

ANSWERS

© St Francis of Assisi-Lewiston (2) - Consumers Power Co. (3) - Saginaw - (4) - Our Lady of Lourdes

St. Mary Catholic Church and Our Lady of the Woods Shrine

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SPRING 2023

Shrine Update

We here at St Mary—Mio have not been hibernating over the winter. We have been busy! The patina and some minor repairs were made to the bronze deer that were damaged by an acid over wash last summer. In December, we celebrated the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a special devotional. Before Christmas we purchased and have since received 15 tons of stone for the summer restoration work.

In January, generous donors stepped forward and adopted St. John of the Crucifixion and all the plaques for the Stations of the Cross. Restoration Plus has been contacted to return again this summer to do the remaining work. The plaques have already been delivered to them, and should be reinstalled early this summer.

Fundraising events this winter included a \$5K match for the month of December and two “paint and take” events. A third scheduled for mid-April. An order for another 13 Legacy Pavers went out mid-January and will be installed this spring. We also were able to collect enough cash register receipts to receive a \$1K check before Family Fare ended the program in March. All of which have given us a good start on costs for the 2023 activities. At the time of printing the Shrine Restoration account had approximately \$32,300.00.

Last summer’s Devotional Candle Program continued into the new year with a final total of just under \$1K. With the opening of the Shrine this spring, we will again be offering the program, which lights a 6-day candle for the intentions indicated by the sponsor.

Restoration activities on the Shrine face by Meridian are anticipated to begin May-June. This years work will focus on the completion of the Shrine face. Restoration of the patio/plaza stones is scheduled for Summer 2024.

We are pleased to announce that the Silver Rose will be at the Shrine for the weekend of May 13-14, 2023. Our Kofc will once again organize a beautiful event honoring our Holy Mother. May Crowning will be the following weekend. Please consider joining us at these special events.

Bishop Walsh has confirmed that he will be celebrating with us for the Feast of the Assumption, August 15th, 2023. We will again celebrate devotional event to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (July 16th) and Our Lady of LaSalette (September 17th). (see our schedule on page 4)



Views from December



OBSERVATIONS

2023 Our Lady of Mount Carmel



St. Simon Stock

In 1251, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (AKA the Virgin of Carmel), appeared to the English Carmelite St. Simon Stock. She gave him a brown scapular to be worn over the neck and shoulders like an apron by the Carmelites as a "sign of her protection".

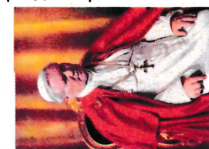
St. Simon Stock, Patron saint of the English Province of Discalced Carmelites is not the only apparition of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Our lady also appeared to Carmelite St. Peter Thomas (1305-1366) when she assured him that the Carmelite order would last until the end of the world.



Pope John XXI (1244-1314)

In 1322, Our Lady promised to Pope John XXI that she will save those who devoutly and persistently wear the scapular from the fires of Hell and shorten their time in purgatory, should they pass from this world still owing some debt of punishment

Pope Paul V further clarified the Sabbatine Privilege in his decree: "The Blessed Virgin will assist by her continual intercession, suffrages and merits, and also by her special protection, particularly on the Saturday after death, the souls of the members of the Scapular Confraternity departing this life..."



Pope Pius X (1855-1914)

The indulgences attached to the Sabbatine Privilege have been reconfirmed in 1910 by Pope Pius X and in 1950 by Pope Pius XII (1939-1958).

To obtain the Sabbatine Privilege, the Faithful are required to:

- Observe the chastity according to their state of life.
- Recite daily the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or
- Abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Saturdays, or
- Accomplish faithfully some other similar sacrifice.

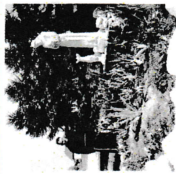
Having recently ended the period of Lenten sacrifice, the Sabbatine Privilege reminds us of the spiritual benefits that will come from daily prayer, penance and sacrifice. Because as Father San frequently reminds us, our goal in life should be obtaining a place in Paradise.

Please join us on Sunday, July 16th at the Shrine. When we will celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel with a brown scapular blessing and enrollment.

TEST YOURSELF

- 1) Which neighboring Parish was originally a Mission Church of St. Mary-Mio? a) Jesus the Good Shepherd-Atlanta, b) St. Joseph-Klacking Creek, c) St. Francis of Assisi-Lewiston or d) St. Anne-Alpena.
- 2) The first permanent "church" for St. Mary-Mio was obtained in 1921 and was previously a school house built by a) The Lumber Co. located at Potts Headquarters (now known as McKinley b) Consumers Power Co. c) the Deyarmond Family for the children of "Aunt Mioses" settlement or d) the Michigan DNR.
- 3) The Shrine was dedicated on Sept. 4, 1955, by Bishop Woznicki of which Diocese? A) Lansing, b) Saginaw, c) Marquette or d) Gaylord.
- 4) St. Mary Mio was first recognized as a Parish in: a) 1931, b) 1941, c) 1951 or d) 1961.
- 5) The first statue associated with the Shrine was a) the Assumption, b) Our Lady of Lourdes, c) Christ the King or d) St. Anne de Beaupre'

(Answers on page 4)



The first full week of March, the blue spruce shading St. Francis of Assisi were removed. The remaining stumps to come out later in the spring. This opens up the former shade bed to more sun. To the right is Father Bernadine with an iris bed previously in front of St. Francis and the then much younger spruces.

SUPPORTING SHRINE RESTORATION

This winter Family Fare and Amazon Smile both ended the fundraising programs the Shrine Restoration Program participated in. There are still many ways to support Shrine Restoration

Be they big or small. Below are just a few:

- Commemorate a special event or person with a **Legacy Paver**. (forms available on line and in Gift Shop)
- Order a **devotional candle** to be lit for your special intentions in the Shrine Grotto. (forms online, in Gift Shop and enclosed)
- Purchase a summer **2023 raffle ticket**. (Available in gift shop)
- Bequeath Our Lady of the Woods Shrine in your will or trust. We are a **501(c)(3)** organization.
- Set up an automatic donation or make a one-time donation using the **QR code**.
- Donate **time or resources** to Shrine events.
- **Pray** for the continued success of the Shrine Restoration Activities.
- **Tell a friend** about the Shrine and events.
- Make a donation using the **Blue Envelopes** in the church pews, gift shop and grottos.

DONATE HERE





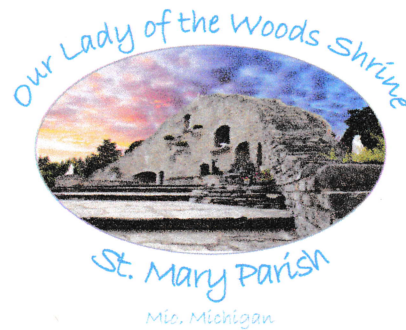
Want to go Paperless?

Save a tree?

Save a stamp?



Yet stay up to date with



We are building a mailing list and
you are invited to sign-up!

Send an e-mail to:

info@olwshrine.org

Re: Newsletter Mailing List

Our present Mailing list is over 540 newsletters. At 63Cents a stamp that comes to over \$390.00. Doing the math it is easy to see that an electronic mailing list results in lower costs and allows us to put those monies to other uses at OLWS.

CANDLE DEVOTIONAL

Intention: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number : _____ - _____ - _____

_____ X _____ = \$ _____

(donation) (Number of Candles)

Date requested: _____

Alternate Date: _____



2023 CANDLE DEVOTIONAL

at *Our Lady of the Woods Shrine*

For a minimum \$10 donation a 6-day candle will be placed in the Shrine's Holy Family Grotto for your specified intention.

Please COMPLETE BACK OF FORM and RETURN with a CHECK PAYABLE to: ST. MARY PARISH and return by mail, or drop off in the office, or in weekly offering.

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
SHRINE RESTORATION FUND

Thank you for your continued support.

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