This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, January 15: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a); 1 Cor 1:13; Jn 1:29-34
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Angelus, Psalter II

8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Denise Meier by Mary Lou and Bill Vokits
10:00 a.m. Fellowship and donuts at OLG
10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
10:30 a.m. Rite of Catechumenate and Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Eloda Maxey by Dave and Jane Tomczak
12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary
4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the special intentions of Bob Hoos by Phil Hoos

Monday, January 16:

Readings: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter II

9:00 a.m. Comfort and Grace Sewing at OLG
11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace
6:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting at St. Mary
6:00 p.m. Rosary at Our Lady of Grace (Spanish)
6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language at OLG
6:30 p.m. R.C.I.A. class at Our Lady of Grace
8:00 p.m. A.A. at St. Mary

Tuesday, January 17: St. Anthony, Abbot

Anthony was born in upper Egypt and was a hermit and early founder of religious life. He was called the "Patriarch of Monks". He aided St. Athanasius of Alexandria in combating Arianism. He died in 356 at the age of 105.

Readings: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter II

8:30 a.m. Communion Service at OLG

Wednesday, January 18

Readings: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Angelus, Psalter II

1:00p.m. Deanery meeting at St. Mary
6:15 p.m. Religious Education classes at OLG

Thursday, January 19

Readings: Heb 7:25 - 8: 6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Angelus, Psalter II

11:00 a.m. Serra Club of Greater Muskegon meeting at St. Mary
11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary
5:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
6:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)
7:00 p.m. Praise and Worship at OLG

This Week at Our Parishes

Friday, January 20:
St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr and St. Sebastian, Martyr

Fabian was a layman that was elected bishop of Rome in 236. St. Cyprian told Pope St. Cornelius he was an "incomparable man, the glory of whose death corresponded with the holiness of his life." His body came to be transferred from the catacombs of Callixtus to the basilica of St. Sebastian. He was martyred in 250 under Decius.

Sebastian was chief of the Praetorian cohort whose *acta* tell of his being pierced by arrows and later being clubbed to death. He is the patron of archers, soldiers and police associations. He was martyred in 288(?) at Rome under Diocletian.

Readings: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mk 3:13-19
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter II

11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary

Saturday, January 21: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Agnes is patroness of Christian virtue confronted by political and social violence. She is represented with a martyr's palm and a lamb (her name in Latin [agnus] = lamb). The wool from two lambs blessed today will be used to make the pallia which are presented by the pope to metropolitans on June 29. Her name is mentioned in the Roman Canon. It is reported by St. Augustine and St. Ambrose that Agnes was martyred at the beginning of the 4th century under Diocletian at the age of twelve.

Readings: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 3:20-21
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter II

1:00 p.m. Right to Life March at Hackley Park
2:00 p.m. Memorial for Life at St. Mary
3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace

Sunday, January 22: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 8:23 - 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 (1a); 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Angelus, Psalter III

8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace
10:00 a.m. Fellowship and donuts at OLG
10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † deceased members of the Rewalt and Weiss families by the Nielson family
11:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus fundraiser at St. Mary
12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Juan Briceño, Guadalupe Arias and Tomasa Flores by Maria Arias
4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and an end to abortion

Pray unceasingly to end abortion!

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

Our Lady of Grace, January 7, 2016

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	$	5096.15	
General Fund:	$	3369.00	
On-line Giving	$	942.40	
Solemnity of Mary	$	10.00	-774.75

St. Mary's Church, January 1, 2017

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	$	6538.46	
General Fund:	$	7570.00	
On-line Giving	$	4359.30	
Christmas	$	130.00	+5520.84
Restoration	$	915.00	
Fuel	$	15.00	
Poor Box	$	75.00	

Contribution Counters: Week of January 15
OLG Team 1 - St. Mary Team 3

Counters Needed

St. Mary's and Our Lady of Grace are in need of persons to help count the Sunday collection. Commitment at OLG would be for one Monday a month. Commitment at St. Mary's would be for one Tuesday a month.

Please call the parish office if interested. 231-722-2803, ext. 11 or ext. 12.

Mass Attendance: January 8, 2017

OLG 4:00pm: 180 OLG 9:00am: 128
SM 10:30am: 216 SM 12:30pm: 285 SM 5:00pm 135

Knights of Columbus Council #9802
Burrito Fundraiser
Sunday, January 22, 2017
11:30a.m. - 2:30p.m.
St. Mary's Lourdes Hall

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If you have contribution envelope **#5458**, please contact the parish office to receive proper credit for your donations. Thank you!

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz
January 15, 2017

A word puzzle to solve: ***What is more evil than the devil? If you eat it, you will die. You cannot touch it or see it. Poor people have it and rich people need it. And it is greater than God. What is it***? The answer appears at the end. John the Baptist, in today's Gospel, makes a statement that is something like a riddle that we all can answer: ***A man is coming after me. He ranks ahead of me. He existed before me***. We know the answer is ***Jesus***. John preached repentance before Jesus began His public ministry and baptized with water. Jesus is the Redeemer and baptizes with fire. Jesus is God. A simple riddle and the answer provides great reflection and insight. Try it on your children or grandchildren. The answer to the first riddle: ***Nothing***.

Sacrament of Confirmation

If you are 18 years and older and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, preparation classes are forming. Please call the parish office to register at 722-2803, ext. 11 or 12. Confirmation will be at 7pm on Wednesday, May 31st at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids.

Contributions Made Easy

St. Mary's and Our Lady of Grace Parishes are pleased to offer an electronic option for your weekly tithes and offerings! Contributions can be safely debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Offering convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel or illness prevent you from attending Mass here, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. You can also choose where your tithes and offerings go, be it a special collection or general offering.....you are in control of your giving!

Get started today with your e-giving! Simply log onto our website at www.stmarysmuskegon.org or www.olgmuskegon.org and click on the safe and secure on-line donation tab!

Please contact the parish office with any questions at 231-722-2803 ext. 11 or ext. 12.

Prayer Line

St. Mary's: Benita Mikesell, 231-803-4425 or Jean Gawel, 231-798-8493

Our Lady of Grace: Anna Mogdics, 231- 670-5073

Prayer Requests

Please keep these individuals in your prayers

Dick Cioe, Billie Leonard, Helen Walters, Mary Beth Schulist, Gloria Cline, Pat & Bob Hogan, Jeff Kenny, Carolene McIntosh, Shirley Green, Christine and Dennis Siedlecki, Tom Carlson, Ron Faino, Jose Alcahuter, Rosemary Kellogg, Ralph Alvesteffer, Marty Neff, Bill Forton, Julia Gonzales, William & Benita Mikesell

Please pray for our homebound parishioners

Jim Dalum, Fran Wright, Rose Ann Bird, Bernice Brown, Rosemary Keefe, Vivian Smith, Betty Reilly & Johanna Ripka

Please pray for our parishioners who are in care

Jackie Blake, Arlene Lebeau, Ruth Stevens, Shirley Sterritt, Marie Peterson, Ruth Ruby, Rosemary Sleak, Gene Gianetti Jr., Leone Misze, Rosalie Venne, Alyce Donalson, Alice Grevious, Josephine Hiersman, Lucille Radke, Kathy Hale & Tillie Standage

Please pray for our parishioners in the military

Seaman Recruit Ryan McIntire, US Coast Guard; Erin McDermott, currently in US Army Boot Camp; Nic Frank, Air Force; SSG. Richarda (Rikki) Amaya; Elias Vihtelic, US Navy; 1st Lt. Timothy Merkle; Staff Sgt. Casey Sowa; Master Sgt. April Sowa; IS3 Cody Hacker; Private Jakob Bergquist; Major Adam Shaw; PFC Abraham Angel Luis Aguilar; Spec. Alex Block; Andrew Shadowski, U. S. Army; & Noah Sweet, U. S. Army

† Prayer and Sympathy †

Please keep the family of Mary Bartoli in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their loved one. Mary was remembered in a Funeral Mass on Saturday at Our Lady of Grace with Fr. Matt presiding.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Pray for the holy souls in purgatory.

Praise and Worship

Thursday, January 19, 2017
7:00-8:00pm
Our Lady of Grace

Please join us for our second evening of contemporary praise and worship as we pray in song before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

At Christmas, the pastors of both parishes I serve gave parishioners the Scott Hahn book, ***The Lambs' Supper***, subtitled, ***The Mass as Heaven on Earth***. Have you gotten into this book? What could be more significant to a Catholic, and especially a Catholic family, than an **ever-growing appreciation of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass** that our pastors offer each Sunday and during the week? We participate at Mass with responses like *Thanks be to God*. Our participation is enriched by really understanding the words, actions, signs, and concepts that make up the Mass. We truly then **follow along**.

Dr. Hahn says on page 4, "I propose that the key to understanding the Mass is the biblical Book of Revelation – and further, that the Mass is the only way a Christian can truly make sense of the Book of Revelation."

I especially like ***Part Three, Revelation for the Masses, Lifting the Veil: How to see the Invisible***. Open your book to pages 115 through 129. Fifteen power-packed pages. "At Mass, we're already in heaven…The Catechism says so… 'In the earthly liturgy we share in a foretaste of that heavenly liturgy which is celebrated in the Holy City of Jerusalem toward which we journey as pilgrims, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God, Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle with all the warriors of the heavenly army we sing a hymn of glory to the Lord (no. 1090).'"

Try this. Open ***The Lamb's Supper*** to pages 118 to 120. Then open your Bible to its last book, ***Revelation***. Dr. Hahn invites us to "discover that the golden thread of liturgy is what holds together the apocalyptic pearls of John's vision." The first reference on this review of concepts, signs, words, and prayers is "***Sunday worship***" referring to the Book of Revelation chapter one, verse ten (1:10), with the evangelist John telling us, "***I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet***." The second reference is "***a high priest***". See 1:13. "***one…wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash***." Sounds like the liturgical vestments of the priest and deacon at Mass. Study each of the items listed.

Try this. After supper, commit to this study as a husband-wife, as family. Keep the book and Bible handy. Grow in the Lord. A few more copies of The Lamb's Supper remain in back of church. Just do it.

Muskegon County Right to Life
2017 Annual March and Memorial for Life
Saturday, January 21, 2017

1:00 p.m.
Prayer Service at Hackley Park
350 West Webster Avenue

Bring your pro-life signs for the March!

March from Hackley Park to St. Mary's
(approx. 3 tenths of a mile)

1:30 p.m.
Warm refreshments and pro-life merchandise in Lourdes Hall

2:00 p.m.
Memorial for Life in nave of the church

We enter 2017 with renewed hope as we work to change hearts and provide legal protection for human life at all stages. We hope you and your family will join us as we remember the lives lost and the families forever changed because of abortion. A freewill donation will be taken at the Memorial.

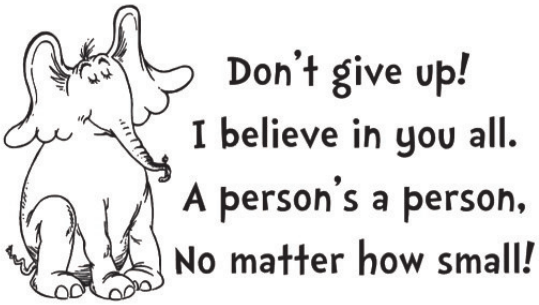
Parishioners:
Please support Muskegon County Right to Life by donating cookies for this event. We need lots and lots of cookies!

Cookies may be dropped off at the Parish Office on Thursday, January 19 from 9am - 12 Noon, 1pm - 5pm or dropped off at St. Mary's on Saturday, January 21 from Noon - 12:30pm.

Questions? Please contact the Parish Office.

Upcoming Event at the Cathedral
Mass for Life
Monday, January 23, 2017
7:00 p.m.

January 22nd will sadly mark the 44th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision by the Supreme Court. All are invited to join Bishop Walkowiak on Monday, January 23rd at the Cathedral of St. Andrew for a Mass for Life. Included will be a special blessing for pilgrims departing later that week to the ***March for Life*** in Washington, D.C. A reception will follow.



Candles for Sale for Candlemas
The parish office has candles for sale for the upcoming Candlemas Mass which will be celebrated on:

Thursday, February 2, 2017
12:10 p.m.
St. Mary's Church

Fr. Matt will be blessing candles for use on home altars. These 8-day beeswax candles are in a clear glass globe with an etched cross.
Candles may be purchased from the parish office during business hours or at St. Mary's before Mass on 2/2/17.
$10.00 each.

Training Opportunities
The Catholic Information Center is offering trainings for new or current liturgical helpers.

Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday, January 28th
10am - 1pm

Lectors
Wednesday, February 15th and 22nd
7-8:30pm

Both trainings are with Fr. John Geaney, CSP.
Early registration is recommended as space is limited.
Please visit the CIC website for more information:

http://www.catholicinformationcenter.org/