This Week at Our Parishes

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

Monday, January 23: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Readings: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter III

11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace
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 24: St. Francis de Sales, Doctor of the Church

Francis de Sales was bishop of Geneva. He sought to bring many back to the Church through his personal life and writings, especially his *Controversies* and several devout treatises, including his *Introduction to the Devout Life*. He was co-founder with St. Jane Frances de Chantal of the Visitation Order. He is patron of writers, journalists and the deaf. He died in 1622.

Readings: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter III

8:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
8:30 a.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace

Wednesday, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul

Readings: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Angelus, Psalter III

6:15 p.m. Religious Education classes at OLG

Adult Faith Formation

Sunday, February 12, 2017
6:15p.m.
St. Mary's, Lourdes Hall
MCC Voucher parents are required to attend.

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Thursday, January 26: St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops

Timothy was from Lystra in Asia Minor and Titus was of Greek origin. They were companions of St. Paul and overseers of the churches of Ephesus and Crete, respectively. They are recipients of the so-called pastoral epistles. They died in the first century.

Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-25
Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Angelus, Psalter III

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)
6:30 p.m. Evangelization (EESA) Group at St. Mary

Friday, January 27: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Angela Merici was orphaned at the age of ten. She was foundress of the Ursulines, the first teaching Order especially for poor young girls. She sought re-evangelization of families through the education of future wives and mothers. She died in 1540 at Brescia.

Readings: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter III

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

Saturday, January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thomas Aquinas, O.P. was known as the "Angelic Doctor" who wrote the *Summa Theologiæ* and authored *Adoro te devote*, *O salutaris*, *Tantum ergo*, and *Pange lingua*. He is patron of Catholic schools, colleges and universities, of philosophers, theologians, and booksellers. He died in 1274.

Readings: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter III

3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace

Sunday, January 29: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Angelus, Psalter IV

8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Joseph Rowe by John and Sue Systema
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 the special intentions of Eugene Hower, Jr. on his birthday by Marty and Monica Stevens
11:30 a.m. Coffee, donuts and raffle at St. Mary
12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Micaela Perez by Delores Olivarez
4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people of our parishes

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions
January 15, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	$	5096.15	
General Fund:	$	8,845.25	
On-line Giving	$	459.90	
Christmas		925.00	**+5134.00**
Heat/Fuel		453.00	
CCHD		30.00	

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	$	6538.46	
General Fund:	$	5352.57	
On-line Giving	$	794.30	-391.59
Heat/Fuel	$	575.00	
Restoration	$	5.00	

St. Mary's Church, January 8, 2017

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	$	6538.46	
General Fund:	$	4,792.40	
On-line Giving	$	329.30	
Solemnity of Mary	$	65.00	-1351.76
Restoration	$	65.00	

Contribution Counters: Week of January 22
OLG Team 2 - St. Mary Team 4

Counter Needed
St. Mary's is in need of persons to help count the Sunday collection. Commitment 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 15, 2017

OLG 4:00pm: n/a OLG 9:00am: n/a

SM 10:30am: 264 SM 12:30pm: 276 SM 5:00pm 140

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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 22, 2017

"The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light. On those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen." Reading this from Isaiah and the Gospel of Matthew, one might think on the darkness that came over our land forty-four years today, the Supreme Court's Godless provision allowing abortion of infants in the womb. Please, please remember that making abortion allowable does not alter the immorality of killing God's gift of life. What comes next for a nation that kills its young? One atrocity after the next follows…and has. Life is originated in Strong Catholic Families. Respect Life! Look at a child. What a gift. Protecting life starts in families, yours and mine, then permeates our community and nation and into our world. All life is of great value because God made it so.

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.

A Day of Prayer and Penance for Life
Monday, January 23, 2017

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.
The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

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

Ruth Stevens, 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, 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

Education Endowment Raffle

Join us for coffee, donuts & the next Education Endowment raffle drawing following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on **January 29th** in Lourdes Hall.

Tickets are still available for the monthly $100.00 drawing. Please contact the parish office to purchase.

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/

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. There are also clear plain globes for your own candle and a small number of candles in red globes. 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 with etched cross or red globes.

Property of Former St. Jean Baptiste Church

The Diocese of Grand Rapids announced on January 9th that it has sold the former property of St. Jean Baptiste Catholic Church. The property at 1292 Jefferson St. has sat vacant since the church closed in April 2015 as part of the diocese's "Our Faith, Our Future" pastoral plan.

As part of the 2012 final recommendations of the diocesan planning process, it was determined that the parish should be merged with St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Jean Baptiste Church was closed in 2015.

"St. Jean Baptiste was the spiritual and physical home of many Catholics in the Muskegon area for more than a century," said Annalise Laumeyer, director of communications for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. "Funds generated through the sale of this property will support the parishes of St. Mary and Our Lady of Grace in their continuing commitment to proclaim Christ's mission through their parish ministries and outreach."

The property was purchased by Mr. Marvin Sapp.

Litany for Life

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

God of all creation. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, through whom all things were made. Lord, have mercy.
Spirit of life and truth, Lord, have mercy.
On each child just conceived Lord, have mercy.
For their safety and health Lord, have mercy.
For nine months of growth Lord, have mercy.
That an angel may protect them Lord, have mercy.
For peace and for hope Lord, have mercy.
On all new fathers, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers who are alone, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers unemployed, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers addicted, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers who are abusive, Lord, have mercy.
On young fathers who are afraid, Lord, have mercy.
On fathers who've run away, Lord, have mercy.
On all new mothers, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers who are alone, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers unemployed, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers addicted, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers who are abusive, Lord, have mercy.
On young mothers who are afraid, Lord, have mercy.
On mothers who are in pain, Lord, have mercy.
On those who defend life, Lord, have mercy.
On those who love the child in the womb, Lord, have mercy.
On those who pray for the unborn child, Lord, have mercy.
On all who work to change unjust laws, Lord, have mercy.
On all who live the Gospel of Life, Lord, have mercy.
On Congressmen who work for life, Lord, have mercy.
On our President, Lord, have mercy.
On the members of the House, Lord, have mercy.
On the members of the Senate, Lord, have mercy.
On all too little to vote or persuade, Lord, have mercy.
On all who work for life, Lord, have mercy.
On doctors of life and of truth, Lord, have mercy.
On residents who love the little child, Lord, have mercy.
On doctors who gaze on life's mysteries, Lord, have mercy.
On physicians who see into the womb, Lord, have mercy.
On surgeons who heal the unborn child, Lord, have mercy.
On all who defend the child in the womb, Lord, have mercy.
On nurses who love little babies, Lord, have mercy.
On nursing students, Lord, have mercy.
On those who first hear the heartbeat, Lord, have mercy.
On those who first feel a kick, Lord, have mercy.
On nurses who cradle the newborn, Lord, have mercy.
On nurses who foster the unborn, Lord, have mercy.
On all who protect defenseless life, Lord, have mercy.
On judges who struggle with justice, Lord, have mercy.
On lawyers who seek to speak truth, Lord, have mercy.
On judges who love life, Lord, have mercy.
On the judges of our Supreme Court, Lord, have mercy.
On those who argues before them, Lord, have mercy.
On the unborn child who rests in their hands, Lord, have mercy.
On all victims of abortion, Lord, have mercy.
On the woman whose memories cause her to cry, Lord, have mercy.
On those whose pain nags and holds on, Lord, have mercy.
On the unborn who rest with God, Lord, have mercy.
On all who seek mercy, Lord, have mercy.
On all who seek peace, Lord, have mercy.
On all who seek healing, and mercy and perfect peace, Lord, have mercy.

God our loving Father,
grant wisdom to those who govern us,
compassion and courage
to those who work to defend human life,
and safety and care to every human being.
For you alone who formed us in our mother's wombs,
and who call us home to heaven,
are God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Mass for Life

Monday, January 23, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Andrew
Grand Rapids

All are invited to join Bishop Walkowiak 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.