

**This Week at Our Parishes****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**  
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**

**Monday, January 30**

- Readings: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20  
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter IV
- 11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG  
12:10 p.m. **Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for the  
living and deceased members of the  
Thomas Stanley Emerson family by Stan  
Emerson**  
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 31: St. John Bosco, Priest**

John Bosco founded the Salesians, today numbering around 16,000 religious. He was dedicated to educating youth. With St. Mary Mazzarello, he founded the Salesian Sisters. A pioneer in vocational training, he was the first saint to submit to a press interview. He died in 1888 at Turin. Forty thousand people filed past his body at his death. He is the patron of editors.

- Readings: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32;  
Mk 5:21-43
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter IV
- 8:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG  
8:30 a.m. **Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace**

**Wednesday, February 1**

- Readings: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a;  
Mk 6:1-6
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Angelus, Psalter IV

NO CCD CLASSES

**Thursday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord**

This feast, originating in 4th century Jerusalem, came to be celebrated in Rome by the middle of the 5th century under its Greek title, "Feast of the Meeting". This feast is also known as Candlemas Day.

- Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40
- Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Angelus, Psalter IV
- 11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary  
12:00 p.m. Social Concerns meeting at OLG  
12:10 p.m. **Holy Mass at St. Mary and candle blessing**  
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  
6:30 p.m. Holy Hour at St. Mary

**This Week at Our Parishes****Friday, February 3: St. Blaise and St. Ansgar, Bishops**

Blaise was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He is associated with the healing of throats. He is venerated as well by the Eastern Church. It is believed that Blaise was martyred in the persecution of Licinius in the early 4th century.

Ansgar was bishop of Hamburg and a missionary to Denmark and Sweden. He was a great preacher and administrator. He was known as the "Apostle of the North". He died in 865 at Bremen. He is patron of Denmark, Germany and Iceland.

- Readings: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29  
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter IV
- 11:00 a.m. First Friday devotions: Eucharistic  
Adoration and Rosary at St. Mary  
11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary  
12:10 p.m. **Blessing of throats and Holy Mass at  
St. Mary for the special intentions of  
Kacey Kersman by anonymous**

**Saturday, February 4**

- Readings: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Mk 6:30-34
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Angelus, Psalter IV
- 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG  
4:00 p.m. **Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for  
† Margaret Stewart by Jon and Chris  
Stewart**

**Sunday, February 5: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Readings: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a);  
1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Angelus, Psalter I
- 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. Parish breakfast at OLG  
10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary  
10:30 a.m. **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Andrew  
Passinault by Dave and Jane Tomczak**  
12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)  
12:30 p.m. **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Guadalupe  
Gutierrez by Selene Gutierrez**  
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**

**Touched by Mercy:****A day of reflection for those affected by suicide**

Franciscan Life Process Center, Lowell Campus

Saturday, February 4, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Have you been affected by the suicide of a loved one or friend? Many of us have but there's no need to carry feelings of shame. On Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sister Colleen Ann Nagle and Father Ron Hutchinson will host a day of reflection, sharing, questioning, and prayer at the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell. The day will include lunch and end with Mass. Cost: \$55.00  
Register here: <http://bit.ly/2jnahHD>

**Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions**

January 22, 2017

**Our Lady of Grace**

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5096.15	
General Fund:	\$	2780.00	
On-line Giving	\$	932.40	-1383.75
Heat/Fuel	\$	100.00	
Donuts	\$	36.25	
Misc.	\$	120.00	

**St. Mary's Church**

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	6538.46	
General Fund:	\$	5282.41	
On-line Giving	\$	629.00	-627.05
Heat/Fuel	\$	210.00	
Restoration	\$	110.00	

Contribution Counters: Week of January 29  
OLG Team 3 - St. Mary Team 1

**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 22, 2017**

OLG 4:00pm: 160    OLG 9:00am: 131  
SM 10:30am: 232    SM 12:30pm: 233    SM 5:00pm 159



All parishioners are invited to the  
**St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance**  
Saturday, March 18, 2017  
St. Mary's Church

Details to come!



Traditional Irish meal

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus  
Holy Rosary Council #13579

**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**

Sotero Leyton, 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**

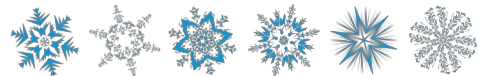
Ruth Stevens, Jim Dalum, Fran Wright, Rose Ann Bird, Bernice Brown, Rosemary Keefe, Vivian Smith, Betty Reilly & Johanna Ripka

**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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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



**The Mass Explained:  
The Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite**

Adult Faith Formation  
Sunday, February 12, 2017  
6:15p.m.  
St. Mary's Nave

As Catholics, why do we do the things we do?  
What does the symbolism mean?  
Where do the words of the Mass come from?

Fr. Matt will give a nuts-and-bolts "Walk Through" of the Mass and explain the different parts and their meanings.

Whether you attend Mass regularly or not, your sacramental life will be enriched immeasurably.

MCC Voucher parents are required to attend this adult faith formation session.

**Evangelization Clip**

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

January 29, 2017

Today's Gospel is the very well-known Beatitudes. The first seven in Matthew's Gospel provide us God's direction and His consolation. Be humble. Be comforted. Endure with patience and without resentment. Act in accord with divine and moral law. Be merciful as God is merciful to you. Be holy, which comes from God creating a clean heart in us. Be peacemakers. But the last two catch my attention. The Church in the United States has been persecuted by the previous administration. Health care plans of Catholic hospitals and colleges were demanded to offer and fund abortifacients, contrary to Catholic Church teaching. What an insult! We pray for and work for a reversal of the Health and Human Services Mandate by the current administration. How precious is the gift of life, which is born of the family.

**Sunday, February 5, 2017**

Super Bowl Sunday is not only for football! It's also a great time to remember those less fortunate.

The children of our parishes will be celebrating **Souper Bowl Sunday** with other youth across the nation by collecting monetary donations after each Mass. Help them fight hunger and poverty in our community. 100% of donations will be given to CCWM Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Please give generously.

**Pray unceasingly to end abortion!****Training Opportunity**

The Catholic Information Center is offering training for new or current lectors.

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

This training is 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/>

**Upcoming Special Masses****Candlemas Day**

Fr. Matt will bless candles for use on home altars during the daily Mass on

Thursday, February 2, 2017  
12:10 p.m.

St. Mary's Church

The parish office has candles for sale for the upcoming Candlemas Day Mass. 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.

**First Friday Devotion  
& Blessing of Throats**

Friday, February 3, 2017  
St. Mary's Church

11:00 am: Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary  
11:40 a.m: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
12:10 p.m: Holy Mass and Blessing

In memory of St. Blaise, Fr. Matt will give the blessing of throats during Mass.

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**First Saturday Devotion**

For the conversion of sinners  
and to make reparation to the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary

St. Mary's Church  
Saturday, February 4, 2017  
10:00 a.m.  
Rosary and Holy Mass

**Saint Quote of the Day**

"If one is to do good, he must have a little courage, be ready for sacrifice, deal affably with all and never slight anybody. By following this method I have always had significant success, in fact, marvelous success."

St. John Bosco





## DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

January 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Enrollment continues to grow in our Catholic schools! This is good news as we celebrate national Catholic Schools Week, January 29-February 4. Catholic schools in the diocese now serve more than 6,500 students, a number that has increased for two straight years.

I wish to thank the parents who send their children to Catholic schools. To those of you who work or volunteer in our schools, thank you for sharing your talents and Catholic faith with our students. Without you the ministry of our Catholic schools would not be possible. I believe Catholic schools, like no other ministry of the Church, offer students a daily encounter with Jesus Christ accomplished within the context of the highest-quality education. For that reason, I invite every Catholic in the diocese to value and support our Catholic schools.

If your family is considering Catholic school education, the Welcome Scholarship is being offered again for the 2017-18 school year. This scholarship is available to all families with children in preschool through 11<sup>th</sup> grade who were not enrolled in our schools during the 2016-17 school year. Each new student who meets the scholarship criteria is eligible for these awards (\$250 for preschool, \$750 for K-8, and \$1,000 for 9-11). Prayerfully consider a Catholic school near you by visiting our schools' webpage, [CatholicSchools4U.org](http://CatholicSchools4U.org), or by calling our Office of Catholic Schools at (616) 246-0590.

Through our strategic planning process, *Catholic Schools: Bridging Faith and Future*, we are committed to offering an excellent education to even more students. Launched one year ago, this effort has engaged clergy, school and parish leaders, and our wider Catholic community in developing a strategic plan that enhances Catholic culture and mission, programmatic excellence, affordability and accessibility, and stewardship and sustainability. The process is now in its third and final round. The draft strategic plan will be shared with diocesan decision makers ahead of implementation this summer.

I am grateful to you for your support of our Catholic school ministry and your continued prayers for all the young people of our diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ David J. Walkowiak*  
Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids

Enero 2017

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

El número de matriculaciones en nuestras escuelas católicas continúa creciendo. Esta es una buena noticia mientras celebramos a nivel nacional la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas, Enero 29 al 4 de Febrero del 2017. Las escuelas católicas en nuestra diócesis sirven ahora a más de 6,500 estudiantes, un número que ha incrementado por los dos años consecutivos.

Deseo agradecer a los padres y madres quienes envían a sus hijos a las Escuelas Católicas. A aquellos de ustedes que trabajan o son voluntarios en nuestras escuelas, gracias por compartir tus talentos y fe católica con nuestros estudiantes. Sin su apoyo el ministerio de nuestras escuelas católicas no sería posible. Creo que las escuelas católicas, como ningún otro ministerio de la Iglesia, ofrece a los estudiantes un encuentro diario con Jesucristo llevado a cabo dentro del contexto de la más alta calidad de educación. Por esta razón, invito a cada católico en nuestra diócesis a abrazar nuestras escuelas católicas.

Si su familia está considerando la educación escolar católica, la beca de bienvenida está siendo ofrecida una vez más para el año escolar 2017-18. Esta beca está disponible para todas las familias con niños en edad preescolar hasta el 11<sup>o</sup> grado y quienes no se habían matriculado en nuestras escuelas durante el año escolar 2016-17. Cada nuevo estudiante que cumpla con el criterio de la beca es elegible para obtener estos beneficios (\$ 250 para preescolar, \$ 750 para K-8 y \$ 1,000 para 9-11). Considere fervorosamente una de las escuelas católicas cercana a usted visitando nuestra página WEB de las escuelas, [CatholicSchools4U.org](http://CatholicSchools4U.org) o llamando a nuestra oficina de las escuelas católicas al (616) 246-0590.

A través de nuestro proceso del plan estratégico, las Escuelas Católicas: Uniendo la Fe y el Futuro, estamos comprometidos a ofrecer a más estudiantes una excelente educación. Lanzado hace un año, este esfuerzo ha involucrado al clero, a los líderes de las escuelas y parroquias, así como a toda nuestra comunidad católica en la elaboración de un plan estratégico que realiza la cultura y la misión católica, la programación de la excelencia, la asequibilidad y accesibilidad, la distribución y sustentabilidad. Este proceso está ahora en su tercera y última etapa. El borrador del plan estratégico se está compartiendo con los responsables de la toma de decisiones a nivel diocesano antes de la implementación este verano.

Les agradezco su apoyo a nuestro ministerio de las escuelas católicas y sus continuas oraciones por todos los jóvenes de nuestra diócesis.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

*+ David J. Walkowiak*  
Reverendísimo David J. Walkowiak  
Obispo de Grand Rapids