



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus asks for childlike abandonment to the providence of our heavenly Father who takes care of his children’s smallest needs: ‘Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.’” (CCC 305)

This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday: July 16: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Is 55: 10-11; Ps 65: 10-14; Rom 8: 18-23; Mt 13: 1-23 or 13:1-9
 Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Raymond & Catherine Betlejewski by Ron Betlejewski
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)
 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Rolls at OLG
 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Bill & Edna Fohlbrook by Anne Olson
 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for the People
 2:00 p.m. Muskegon Bike Time parking at St. Mary
 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Earl Carney by Geddy & Isabella Whalen

Monday, July 17

Readings: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1-8; Mt 10:34 – 11:1
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

9:00 a.m. Comfort and Grace Sewing Ministry at OLG
 11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
 12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Marie Peterson by St. Michael’s Rosary Altar Society
 6:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting at St. Mary

Tuesday, July 18: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Readings: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
 Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

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

Wednesday, July 19

Readings: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
 Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

This Week at Our Parishes

Thursday, July 20: St Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr

Readings: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
 Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

11:00 a.m. Serra Club meeting 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 class at St. Mary (Spanish)

Friday, July 21: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Readings: Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Mt 12:1-8
 Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
 12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Brian Somers by Chuck and Susan Tindall

Saturday, July 22: St. Mary Magdalene

Readings: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 10-15, 23-24; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

10:00 p.m. Baptism Prep Class at St. Mary (Spanish)
 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Nancy Panozzo by Ted and Pat DeGroot

Sunday: July 23: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13: 24-43
 Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Virgil Somerville by Lola Somerville
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)
 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Rolls at OLG
 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Wanda Alvesteffer by her family
 11:30 A.M. Knights of Columbus Council #9802 Burrito Sale at St. Mary
 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for the People
 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Anna Maria Carlyle by the Kersman family

St. Camillus de Lellis was born at Chieti in the Abruzzi in 1550. He was a soldier addicted to gambling. His conversion led him to found (1582) a society (Camillians), today numbering 1,120 religious, which established hospitals and cared for the sick with affection and diligence. He is the patron of nurses, of the sick and of hospitals. He died in 1614 at Rome.

Early accounts report that St. Apollinaris was ordained bishop by St. Peter himself and sent as a missionary bishop to Ravenna during the reign (41-54 AD) of the emperor Claudius. Renowned for his power to heal in the name of Christ, he was frequently exiled, tortured, and imprisoned for the faith, and finally, martyred.

St. Mary Magdalene was healed of possession, a disciple of Jesus and present at his crucifixion. In Mark, she is the first to witness to the risen Lord. She is patroness of the Order of Preachers.

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

Rose Marie Mikesell, Ron Betlejewski, Arlene LeBeau,
Ben Offrink, Gail Gee, Betty Gee, John McCormick,
Sotero Leyton, Billie Leonard, Helen Walters, Gloria Cline,
Pat Hogan, Jeff Kenny, Shirley Green, Ron Faino, Jose Alcahuter,
Rosemary Kellogg, Christine Siedlecki, 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

Carolene McIntosh, Pat Simonson, Jackie Blake, Shirley Sterritt,
Ruth Ruby, Rosemary Sleak, Gene Gianetti Jr., Rosalie Venne,
Alyce Donalson, Alice Grevious, Josephine Hiersman,
Lucille Radke, Kathy Hale & Tillie Standage

Please pray for our parishioners in the military

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



Don't let your faith take a vacation!

Summer enrichment through our Faith CDs

Bible Basics for Catholics, by Dr. John Bergsma (book)

From biblical scholar Dr. John Bergsma — two-time "Teacher of the Year" from Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH — comes this fresh, fun, and authentically Catholic introduction to the "big picture" of salvation history.

This overview of the Bible is based on Bergsma's widely popular introduction to theology course at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Bergsma combines sound theology, academic expertise, pastoral wisdom, and an endearing playfulness to draw readers into the connection between the great stories of the Bible and salvation in Jesus.

This book and other Faith CDs are available in the East hallway at Our Lady of Grace and in the narthex at St. Mary's. We ask for a donation of \$5.00 for this book. Faith CDs are \$4.00 or \$10 for 3 CDs. Checks can be made payable to the parish.

Mark Your Calendars!

Our Lady of Grace
Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival
Sunday, September 24, 2017
Noon - 5:00pm

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz
July 16, 2017

Today's Gospel is Jesus' Parable of the Sower and the Seed. The *seed is Jesus' teachings recorded in the Gospels and taught by the Church.* The *soil is about our receiving or rejecting Jesus' teachings.* Let's use expressions of today to supplement Jesus' metaphors.

One might hear a teaching and say, "*I don't get it.*" That's like the seed sown on the path. We might make no effort to see the wisdom of the teaching. Open a website like the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). God's wisdom is greater than the wisdom of this world.

Or, "*I enjoyed Mass last Sunday, but I am going back to sleep today.*" That's like the seed sown on rocky ground. We need to allow Jesus' teaching to be "rooted" in the discipline of prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments.

Or, "*I just don't buy that!*" That's like the seed sown among thorns. Choked off! End of the story. But God gave us His commandments and Jesus gave us His teachings with love, knowing what is REALLY best for us. Again, God's wisdom—same for three millennia—is greater than the wisdom of this world, which changes with the decade and is often based on error or selfish ideas. God wants what is really best for us.

Parents, be humble, open, and receptive to God's Commandments and Jesus' Way. That's the rich soil of life as a disciple of Jesus. Then, with your children, discuss Jesus' Way versus the world's ways. Which is really best? *How can we apply this Parable of Jesus to our busy lives today?*

Mass Attendance: July 2, 2017

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| OLG 4:00pm: 154 | OLG 9:00am: 152 |
| SM 9:00am: 50 | SM 10:30am: 268 |
| SM 12:30pm: 130 | SM 5:00pm: 151 |

Mass Attendance: July 9, 2017

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| OLG 4:00pm: 176 | OLG 9:00am: 169 |
| SM 9:00am: 55 | SM 10:30am: 184 |
| SM 12:30pm: 142 | SM 5:00pm: 168 |

Christian Social Concerns
Collection for July



Shampoo



Toothbrushes
& Toothpaste



Conditioner

For questions, please call Maria Langley at 739-7156

Mom 2 Mom Sale
 Saturday, August 26, 2017
 10:00am - 2:00pm

St. Mary's church will be having a Mom-2-Mom sale . If you would like to rent a table to sell gently used baby and children's clothing, toys, furniture, baby gear and maternity wear please contact Rozelia Patino or call Amy in the parish office for more information. We will also be looking for volunteers to help out with the sale. If you are interested or available to help please call the church. All proceeds from the table rentals will be going to the church.

La Iglesia de St Mary tendrá una venta de mamá a mamá, el sábado, 26 de agosto de 10:00am - 2:00pm. Si desea alquilar una mesa para vender su ropa infantil ligeramente usada, muebles de bebé, artículos de bebé, ropa de maternidad y/o juguetes de bebé, por favor comuníquese con Rozelia Patino o con Amy Koczur para solicitar más información. Estamos buscando voluntarios que nos puedan asistir con la venta. Si usted está interesado y/o disponible para ayudarnos, por favor, comuníquese con la iglesia. Todas las recaudaciones de las mesas alquiladas serán donadas a la iglesia.

Silent Auction

The OLG Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival will be held Sunday, September 24, 2017.

Silent Auction items are needed!

Please drop of your donation to the parish office during business hours. The office is open:
 Monday: 9am - 12 Noon and 1-5pm
 Tuesday - Thursday: 9am - 1pm
 Friday: Closed

Proceeds will benefit Project Rachel and Muskegon County Right to Life. Thank you!

† Prayer and Sympathy †

Please keep the family and friends of Doris Chartrand in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their loved one. Doris was remembered in a service on Friday, July 14th at the Walburn Chapel .

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a sacrament in which the Holy Spirit is conferred upon those already baptized in order to make them stronger followers of Jesus Christ and defenders of the faith. Our Confirmation program for **students in 8-12th grade** will start in September. **Registration is now open.** Please see the Religious Education board at your parish for further information or contact Kacey Kersman at 722-2803, ext. 16.

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions
 July 2, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

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| Budgeted Weekly Amount: | \$ | 5096.15 | |
| General Fund: | \$ | 3657.00 | |
| On-line Giving | \$ | 527.40 | -911.75 |
| Air Conditioning | \$ | 75.00 | |
| Mission | \$ | 1616.28 | |
| June 25 Donuts | \$ | 32.00 | |

St. Mary's Church

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| Budgeted Weekly Amount: | \$ | 6538.46 | |
| General Fund: | \$ | 5522.82 | |
| On-line Giving | \$ | 479.30 | -536.34 |
| Restoration | \$ | 869.90 | |
| Poor Box | \$ | 25.00 | |
| Altar Society Dues | \$ | 244.00 | |

July 9, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

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|-------------------------|----|---------|--------|
| Budgeted Weekly Amount: | \$ | 5096.15 | |
| General Fund: | \$ | 4040.50 | |
| On-line Giving | \$ | 956.48 | -99.17 |
| Air Conditioning | \$ | 369.00 | |
| Candles | \$ | 6.00 | |

St. Mary's Church

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| Budgeted Weekly Amount: | \$ | 6538.46 | |
| General Fund: | \$ | Not available | |
| Mission | \$ | 10.00 | |

Contribution Counters: Week of July 16
 OLG Team 2 - St. Mary Team 1

Thank You Parishioners!

Thank you from the Missionary Daughters of the Eternal Father for your generosity and prayers for their mission. Our parishes raised \$3834.03 for their Mission.



Thank You

An enormous thank you goes out to Gene and Barb Greenwood for cleaning up the front of St. Mary's church. It looks marvelous!

Summer Series: The Lord's Prayer Explained

by St. Thomas Aquinas

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Who Art in Heaven (con't)

- b. **The sublimity of His nature** is maintained against those who in praying suppose and fancy God to exist under certain corporeal images. Thus God is said to be *in Heaven* to indicate His supereminence by means of that which is highest among sensible things. For He surpasses all things (including man's desire and understanding). Hence it is impossible to think or desire anything but what is less than God. Thus it is said: "Behold, God is great, exceeding our knowledge" (Job 36:26) and "The Lord is high above all nations" (Psalm 113:4) and "To whom have you likened God?" (Isaiah 40:18)
2. **Because of our familiar relations with God**, which are indicated if we take *the heavens* to signify the saints. For on account of His exalted nature, some have asserted that He did not care for human affairs, citing Job: "He walks about the poles of Heaven, and He does not consider our things." (Job 22: 14) Thus we need to bear in mind that He is near to us, nay, within us, since He is said to be in the heavens, i.e., in the saints who are called *the heavens*: "The heavens declare the glory of God" and "Thou, O Lord, are among us." Now, for two reasons this brings confidence to those who pray:
 - a. **God's nearness.** Confidence comes from God's nearness: "The Lord is nigh to all that call upon Him." (Psalm 145:18) Hence it is said: "But when you pray, enter into your chamber," (Matthew 6:6) i.e., into your heart.
 - b. **The patronage of the saints.** Confidence comes from our ability (by the patronage of the saints) to obtain what we ask for: "Turn to some of the saints." (Job 5:1) "Pray for one another that you may be saved." (James 5:16)
3. **Because of the eternal goods for which we pray.** The usefulness and fittingness of prayer are indicated by the words *in Heaven*, if by *Heaven* is understood spiritual and eternal goods in which beatitude consists, and this is for two reasons:
 - a. **This awakens heavenly desire.** Thereby, the words *in Heaven* increase our desire for heavenly things since our desire must tend toward where our Father dwells, because there is our inheritance: "Seek the things that are above." "Unto an inheritance incorruptible...reserved in Heaven for you." (1 Peter 1:4)
 - b. **This gives heavenly life.** Prayer gives life a spiritual form and conforms us to our heavenly Father: "Such as is the heavenly, such also are they that are heavenly." (1 Corinthians 15:48) These two (heavenly desire and heavenly life) equip a man for prayer and enable him to pray in a fitting manner.

Hallowed Be Thy Name

In this first petition we ask that God's name be manifested and heralded in us.

A. Characteristics of God's name

1. **God's name is wonderful**, since in all creatures it works wonders. Thus our Lord said, "In my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak strange tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them." (Mark 16:17, 18)
2. **God's name is lovable**: "There is no other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," (Acts 4:12) and we should all desire to be saved. We have an example in St. Ignatius, to whom Christ's name was so dear that when Trajan ordered him to deny it, he answered that it could not be dragged from his mouth. And when the emperor threatened to behead him so as to take Christ's name out of his mouth, he replied, "Even though you take it from my mouth you will never take it from my heart; for it is imprinted on my heart, and therefore I cannot cease to invoke it." Hearing this and wishing to put it to the test, Trajan, after the servant of God had been beheaded, commanded his heart to be taken out, where it was found to be inscribed with Christ's name in "letters of gold" for he had engraved this name "as a seal on his heart."
3. **God's name is venerable.** Thus the Apostle says, "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth." (Philippians 2:10) *Of things in Heaven* refers to the angels and the blessed; *of things on earth* refers to the inhabitants of the earth, who bow for love of the Heaven which they desire to obtain; and *of things under the earth* refers to the damned, who do so out of fear.
4. **God's name is ineffable**, because no tongue can describe it, for which reason sometimes it is explained with reference to created things. God's name is compared to *a rock* by reason of its stability: "On this rock I will build my church", (Matthew 16:18; "And the rock was Christ": 1 Corinthians 10:4) *to fire*, because of its power to cleanse, since just as fire cleanses denser metals, so does God purify the hearts of sinners: "Thy God is a consuming fire" (Deuteronomy 4:24); and *to light*, by reason of its enlightenment, for just as light banishes darkness, so the name of God banishes darkness from the mind: "My God, enlighten Thou my darkness." (Psalm 18:28)