



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The truth that God is at work in all the actions of his creatures is inseparable from faith in God the Creator. God is the first cause who operates in and through secondary causes. ‘For God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.’ Far from diminishing the creature’s dignity, the truth enhances it. Drawn from nothingness by God’s power, wisdom and goodness, it can do nothing if it is cut off from its origin, for ‘without a Creator the creature vanishes.’ Still less can a creature attain its ultimate end without the help of God’s grace.” (CCC 308)

This Week at Our Parishes

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) for the people
 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 Jesús Zaragosa by Hilda Zaragosa
 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

Monday, July 24: St. Sharbel Makhluif, Priest

Readings: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1b-6; Mt 12:38-42
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
 12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for the special intentions of Marty Miller on his birthday by Christine Tourcotte

Tuesday, July 25: St. James, Apostle

Readings: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1b-6; Mt 20:20-28
 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 for † John and Betty Gary by the Gary families

Wednesday, July 26: St. Joachim and St. Anne, Parents of Mary

Readings: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
 Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

2:00 p.m. Virtus Training at St. Mary’s

This Week at Our Parishes

Thursday, July 27

Readings: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
 Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

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 28

Readings: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
 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 Rita and Ralph Horan
 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal at St. Mary

Saturday, July 29: St. Martha

Readings: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

10:00 p.m. Baptism Prep Class at St. Mary (Spanish)
 3:00 p.m. Wedding at St. Mary’s
 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Rita Sander by Shelly Zeng

Sunday: July 30: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
 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 † Nancy Panozzo by Diane Engelman
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for the people
 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 † Roxann Woloszyk by Ken Woloszyk and family
 11:30 A.M. Education Endowment raffle with coffee and donuts at St. Mary
 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) 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 † Paul LeMieux by Mark and Merelise Drelles

St. James was the brother of John and is called “the Greater” because he followed Christ before the other apostle of the same name. He was the first of the Twelve to be martyred, being decapitated by order of Herod Agrippa I around the year 44.

St. Joachim and St. Anne were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Their names were found in the 2nd century *Protoevangelium of James*. St. Anne is the patroness of childless women and miners.

St. Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus. She was a model of hospitality and a faithful disciple. She confessed her faith in Jesus as the Son of God. She died in the 1st century. She is the patroness of housewives, waiters and waitresses.

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 RequestsPlease 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, 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



bringing hope to the hungry

Mobile Food Pantry Opportunity!

Our Lady of Grace will be hosting the next Mobile Food Pantry on Saturday, August 12th at 10:00 AM in the parking lot at the church. Volunteer signup sheets are located in the East hallway at OLG and in the narthex at St. Mary's. You may also contact Dennis or Marilyn Chandonnet at 231-755-0357 or email the parish at secretary@olgmuskegon.org to sign up. Volunteers need to arrive around 9am, as the truck sometimes comes early. We can always use those plastic shopping bags, please bring them on Saturday or bring them to OLG and leave on the bench by the office. Dress for the weather, you never know what Mother Nature will throw at us. The need is still great in our community. Thanks to all who help in this ministry.

Education Endowment and 50/50 Raffle

Sunday, July 30, 2017
Following the 10:30am Mass
St. Mary's, Lourdes Hall
Coffee and donuts will be served.

Mass Attendance: July 16, 2017

OLG 4:00pm: 152	OLG 9:00am: 145
SM 9:00am: 50	SM 10:30am: 209
SM 12:30pm: 148	SM 5:00pm: 120

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz
July 23, 2017

Children occasionally receive an important directive by their parents. Or an older brother states an important lesson to his younger brother or sister. So important, that the ending is, "*Did you hear me?*" That question is spoken not in anger, but in love and concern. Hopefully, the child will understand and answer, "Yes, I did."

Did you catch the ending statement in today's Gospel? Our older, wiser brother Jesus tells us his younger brothers and sisters, "Whoever has ears, ought to hear." In today's language, "Did you hear me?" And Jesus says this on behalf of His Father, Our Father. And what is that critical message we hear today? "*Never cause others to sin. Instead, seek what is right.*" *Perhaps Jesus' most basic teaching is "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, soul, and mind and love your neighbor as yourself."* (Mt 22:37-39)

We learn to practice virtue best by attending Mass and receiving the Sacraments as a family. Be a missionary...to your family! Draw your family closer to Jesus and His Church.

Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival

Sunday, September 24, 2017
Noon - 5:00pm

Family packets are now available for pick up in the East Hallway at OLG and in the narthex at St. Mary's. Please sell, sell, sell those tickets!

Help spread the word! Advertising posters will also be out soon. Please feel free to take a few and ask the businesses you frequent to display one.

The Silent Auction is in need of donated items.

Please drop off 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 from the festival will benefit
Project Rachel and
Muskegon County Right to Life

Please prayerfully consider how you will help these two great charities this year. There are many volunteer opportunities available from Monday, 9/18/17 through Sunday, 9/24/17. Volunteer sign up sheets will be out in August. Many hands make light work!



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.

CSA Update

OLG Goal: \$34,182.00 + 100% participation
 51% of families have responded.
 73% of the goal has been reached.

St. Mary's Goal: \$43,205.00 + 100% participation
 19% of families have responded.
 63% of the goal has been reached.

Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to pray for the success of CSA 2017.

Card Shower Honoring Fr. Jim Wyse

If you would like to participate in a card shower for Fr. Jim, celebrating his 30th Ordination Anniversary on August 29th, please send cards to Fr. Jim Wyse, St. Charles Parish, 505 S. Lafayette Street, Greenville, MI 48838.



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 September 10th. **Registration is now open!** Students must attend every class, so please do not delay in registering. Sponsors are asked to participate in some formation sessions.

There will be a **mandatory parent meeting** at 2pm on September 10th in Lourdes Hall followed by the first class.

Please see the Religious Education board at your parish for further information or contact Kacey Kersman at 722-2803, ext. 16, dre@stmarysmuskegon.org or dre@olgmuskegon.org

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions
July 16, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5096.15	
General Fund:	\$	4007.00	
On-line Giving	\$	427.40	-661.75
Air Conditioning	\$	177.00	
July 9 Donuts	\$	27.60	
Candles	\$	164.00	

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	6538.46	
General Fund	\$	3681.51	
On-line Giving	\$	189.30	-2667.65
Air Conditioning	\$	25.00	
Altar Society Dues	\$	5.00	

July 9, 2017: St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	6538.46	
General Fund	\$	4878.44	
Online Giving	\$	387.30	-1272.72
Mission	\$	10.00	
Air Conditioning	\$	444.00	
Faith CDs/Candles	\$	618.65	
Restoration	\$	240.00	
Altar Society	\$	120.00	
Paid Parking: Art Time	\$	1048.25	

Contribution Counters: Week of July 23
 OLG Team 3 - St. Mary Team 2

Protecting God's Children

A session of Protecting God's Children will be offered at St. Mary's on Wednesday, July 26th from 2:30 - 5:30pm in Lourdes Hall. Advanced registration is required. To register, please visit <https://www.virtusonline.org> and click on 'First Time Registrant'. This training is required for volunteers who work with children during parish-sponsored programming, such as CCD, CLOW, and VBS as well as new teachers, coaches and staff who work at a Catholic School.

Pray for the holy souls in purgatory.



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.

Hallowed Be Thy Name (con't)

B. The meaning of *hallowed*

We pray then that this name be made manifest, that it may be known and hallowed. Now, the Latin word *sanctum* ("holy" or "hallowed") admits of a threefold meaning:

1. **"Firm":** *Sanctum* ("hallowed") is the same as *sancitum* ("firm"). Therefore all the blessed in Heaven are called saints, because they are firmly established in eternal bliss; but no one is a saint on earth, where all are continually changeable: "I sank away from Thee, and I wandered too much astray from Thee, my support." (St. Augustine, *Confessions*, Bk 2, ch. 10)
2. **"The opposite of earthly" (i.e., "the opposite of sinners"):** *Sanctum* ("hallowed") may be rendered "unearthly." The saints in Heaven have no earthly affections. Thus the Apostle says, "I count all things but as dung, that I may gain Christ." (Philippians 3:8) Earth signifies "sinners":
 - a. **As regards production**, since if the earth is not cultivated, it brings forth thorns and thistles. In like manner, the sinner's soul, unless it is cultivated by grace, brings forth nothing but the thistles and pricks of sins: "Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee." (Genesis 3:18)
 - b. **As regards darkness**, since the earth is dark and opaque as the sinner is dark and opaque: "Darkness was on the face of the abyss." (Genesis 1:2)
 - c. **As regards aridity**, because earth as a dry element will not cohere without moisture to bind it together. So God placed the earth above the waters, (Psalm 136:6) because the moisture of the waters holds together the arid and dry earth. In the same way, the sinner's soul is arid and devoid of humor: "My soul is as earth without water unto Thee." (Psalm 143:6)
3. **"Washed in blood":** *Sanctum* ("hallowed") may be understood as "washed in blood" (*sanguine tinctum*), since the saints in Heaven are called saints because they have been washed in blood: "These are they who came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes...in the blood of the Lamb." (Revelation 7:14) And, "He has washed us from our sins in His blood." (Revelation 1:5)

Thy Kingdom Come (Second petition)

A. The gift of piety

As already stated, the Holy Spirit makes us love, desire, and pray rightly. He begins by causing in us fear by which we ask that God's name be hallowed. Another gift of the Holy Spirit is *piety*. Now piety, properly speaking, is a disposition of kindness and devotion toward one's father, and toward all those who are in distress. Since God is our Father, as we have made evident, it follows that not only ought we to revere and fear Him, but we also ought to have a sweet and devout disposition toward Him. This makes us pray that His kingdom may come: "We should live righteously and piously in this present world, looking for the blessed hope and manifestation of the glory of the great God. (Titus 2:12)

B. Reasons for this petition

It may be asked, "Since the kingdom of God always was, why must we ask for it to come?" The answer may be understood in three ways:

1. **So that all things may become subject to Him.** Sometimes a king has only the *right* to a kingdom or throne, but as yet has not been proclaimed king because the inhabitants are not as yet subjected to him. In this sense, his kingdom or throne will come when those men are subject to him. Now, God by His very essence and nature is Lord of all. And Christ is Lord of all (not only as God but as man by reason of His Godhead): "He gave Him power and glory and a kingdom." (Daniel 7:14) Consequently, all things ought to be subject to Him. However, they are not subject as yet, but will be at the end of the world: "He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet." (1 Corinthians 15:25) Therefore, it is for this that we pray when we say, *Thy kingdom come*. In making this petition, we have a threefold purpose: a) the safeguarding of the just; b) the punishment of the wicked; and c) the destruction of death.
 - a. **The safeguarding of the just.** Man is subject to Christ in two ways, either willingly or unwillingly. Since God's will is efficacious, it must be fulfilled outright; and since God wills all things to be subject to Christ, one of two things is necessary: either that men do the will of God by submitting to His commandments (as the just do) or else that God wreak His will on men by punishing them (as He will do on sinners and on His enemies at the end of the world): "Until I make your enemies your footstool." (Psalm 110:1) For these reasons, the saints are enjoined to ask that God's kingdom may come (i.e., that they may be wholly subject to Him).
 - b. **The punishment of the wicked.** To sinners this is repellent, since their asking that God's kingdom may come is nothing less than their praying that by God's will they may be condemned to punishment: "Woe to them that desire the day of the Lord." (Amos 5:18)