

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“We can therefore hope in the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere ‘to the end’ and to obtain the joy of heaven, as God’s eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ. In hope, the Church prays for ‘all men to be saved.’ She longs to be united with Christ, her Bridegroom, in the glory of heaven: “Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one. Dream that the more you struggle, the more you prove the love that you bear your God, and the more you will rejoice one day with your Beloved, in a happiness and rapture that can never end.” (CCC 1821)

This Week at Our Parishes

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
 11:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus, #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 † 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

Monday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Readings: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
 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 † John and Betty Gary by the Gary families

Tuesday, August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop

Readings: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
 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 the healing of Gwen Smith by Irene Sander

Wednesday, August 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Readings: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99: 5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
 Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

This Week at Our Parishes

Thursday, August 3

Readings: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6, 8-11; Mt 13:47-53
 Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

12:00 p.m. Social Concerns meeting at OLG
 5:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
 6:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)
 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour at St. Mary
 6:30 p.m. Evangelization class at St. Mary (Spanish)

Friday, August 4: St. John Vianney, Priest

Readings: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11; Mt 13:54-58
 Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotion: Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary at St. Mary
 11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
 12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Bob Hogan by Patricia Hogan

Saturday, August 5: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Readings: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

10:00 a.m. First Saturday Devotion: Rosary and Mass at St. Mary’s for the reparation of sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the conversion of sinners
 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Michael T. McDermott, Jr by Michael and Maureen McDermott, Sr.

Sunday, August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
 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 † Thelma 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 † Pat Kelley by Joyce Kelley
 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 † Doris Chartrand by her children

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord was being celebrated by the 5th century by East Syrians. This feast was inserted into the general calendar in 1457 by Pope Callistus III to celebrate the defeat of the Turks at Belgrade, announced in Rome on August 6 of that year. (This feast occurs forty days before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Sept. 14).

Pray for the holy souls in purgatory.

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

Roy McDonald, 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

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

July 30, 2017

In today's Gospel, *Jesus speaks of a pearl whose great value is apparently overlooked by most all.*

On a cold January morning, in a Washington, DC subway station, sat a man playing a violin. Few slowed to listen. Six stopped, mostly children, pushed on by hurrying parents. Twenty dropped in money totaling \$32. There was no applause when he ended his performance and walked away. The thousands passersby were oblivious to a performance by a world-famous violinist. He played six Bach pieces on a \$3.5 million Stradivarius. Two nights before, a thousand people in Boston paid \$100 a seat to hear what the man played in the subway. In addition to the pearl of great price, Jesus spoke of a *treasure in a field that only those searching found.* Jesus' clear message these past two Sundays is "Seek first the Kingdom of God." Yes, ***SEEK!*** Come to appreciate the great *treasures of our faith—Scripture, Mass, the Eucharist, prayer, the Sacraments.* If those are of great value to you, pass them on to family and friends. Lead them to the faith you highly value. Remember, Pope Francis calls each family to be a **small domestic Church.** That is a value beyond compare.

Mass Attendance: July 23, 2017

OLG 4:00pm: 134	OLG 9:00am: 154
SM 9:00am: 48	SM 10:30am: 211
SM 12:30pm: 130	SM 5:00pm: 158



Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Noon - 5:00pm

Family packets are 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 are available in the East hallway at OLG and in the narthex at St. Mary's. 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!



Don't let your faith take a vacation!

Summer enrichment through our Faith CDs

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told, by Fr. Michael Gaitley

In this vastly popular talk, Fr. Gaitley describes the "second greatest story ever told" - a story that encompasses Divine Mercy, the life of St. Pope John Paul II, and the crucial role that Marian Consecration can play in your life. Fr. Michael Gaitley is a priest in the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and the director of formation for the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy.

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 \$4.00 per CD or \$10 for 3 CDs. Books are \$5.00 and brochures are .50 cents. Checks can be made payable to the parish.

<p>First Friday Devotion Friday, August 4 11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary 11:40a.m: Sacrament of Reconciliation 12:10p.m: Holy Mass</p>	<p>First Saturday Devotion Saturday, August 5 10:00am: Rosary 10:30am: Holy Mass Both devotions will be at St. Mary's Church.</p>
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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.



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



Our Lady of Grace

- Ezequiel and Rosa Gomez and their children Ezequiel, Valentin, Wendoline and Julia
- Joe and Janet Edick

St. Mary's

- Jose Ayala and Maria Morales and their children Armando, Lizeth and Sofia
- Melissa Atwood and her children Sophia and Michael
- Melissa Muñoz Medina and her child Vanessa
- Jose and Odilia Hernandez and their child Anabella

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

July 23, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5096.15	
General Fund:	\$	3392.00	
On-line Giving	\$	907.40	-796.75
Air Conditioning	\$	10.00	
July 16 Donuts	\$	27.00	

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	6538.46	
General Fund	\$	5598.35	
On-line Giving	\$	719.30	-220.81
Restoration	\$	170.00	
Air Conditioning	\$	100.00	
Paid Parking: Bike Time	\$	151.50	

Contribution Counters: Week of July 30

OLG Team 4 - St. Mary Team 3

Back to School Supply Drive

It's hard to believe but it's that time of year again!
Our **Back to School Supply Drive** is underway.
Send Muskegon County children back to school with the supplies they need to succeed!

Items needed: notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, and new or gently used back packs.
We are also collecting all sizes of socks and underwear for children ages 4-17.



Look for the donation bins in the East hallway at OLG and in the narthex at St. Mary's. Donations will be distributed to Catholic Charities West Michigan. We ask for all items to be donated no later than August 13th.

Thank you for your generosity!

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Sacrament News: July

St. Mary's: Baptisms

Genesis, child of Kae'Len White and Guadalupe Camacho
Kevin, child of Ivan Rodriguez and Maria Garita
Julia, child of Ezequiel Gomez and Rosa Estrada

St. Mary's: Marriage

Martin and Judith Bravo
Esteban Chavez and Marina Huerta
Kevin Gifford and Andrea Duplissis

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.

Thy Kingdom Come (con't)

- c. **The destruction of death.** The result [of the coming of the kingdom] will be the destruction of death. Since Christ is life, in His kingdom there can be no death since it is contrary to life. This it is said, "Last of all, the enemy, death, shall be destroyed." (1 Corinthians 15:26) This will be fulfilled at the resurrection: "He will transform the body of our lowliness, that it may be made like to the body of His glory." (Philippians 3:21)
2. **Because kingdom signifies the glory of Paradise.** We pray, *Thy kingdom come* because the *kingdom of Heaven* signifies the glory of Paradise. This is easily understood. *Regnum* ("kingdom") is just another word for *regimen* ("government"), and the best government is one in which nothing is done against the will of the governor. Now, since God wills men to be saved, God's will is the salvation of mankind, (1 Timothy 2:4) which will be realized most especially in Paradise, where there will be nothing contrary to man's salvation: "They shall gather out of His kingdom all scandals." (Matthew 13:41) In this world, however, there are many things contrary to the salvation of mankind. When, therefore, we pray *Thy kingdom come*, we ask to be made partakers of the heavenly kingdom and of the glory of Paradise. Moreover, this kingdom is most desirable for three reasons:
 - a. **Its supreme righteousness.** It is desirable because of the supreme righteousness that obtains there: "Thy people shall be all righteous." (Isaiah 60:21) Here below the wicked are mingled with the good, whereas in Heaven there are no wicked and no sinners.
 - b. **Its perfect liberty.** This kingdom is desirable because of its perfect liberty. Although all men desire liberty naturally, here there is none; but in Heaven there is perfect liberty without any trace of bondage: "The creature itself will be delivered from the slavery of corruption." (Romans 8:21) In fact, not only will all be free, but all will be kings: "Thou has made us to our God a kingdom." (Revelation 5:10) This is because all shall be of one will with God: whatever the saints will, God shall will; and whatever God wills, the saints shall will. Therefore, their will shall be done with God's will. In this way, all will reign, since the will of all will be done, and God shall be the crown of all: "In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory and for a diadem of beauty unto the residue of His people." (Isaiah 28:5)
 - c. **Its wondrous wealth.** This kingdom is also desirable because of its wondrous wealth: "The eye has not seen, O God, besides You, what things You have prepared for them that wait on You." (Isaiah 64:3) "Who satisfies thy desire with good things." (Psalm 103:5) Take note that whatever man seeks in this world, he will find it more perfect and more excellent in God alone. (Summa Theologica, I-II, Q. 69, art. 3, ad 3; II-II, Q. 89, art. 9, ad 3; Q. 121, art. 2) If you seek delight, you will find supreme delight in God: "You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice." (Isaiah 66:14) "Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads." (Isaiah 35:10) Do you seek wealth? You will find in Him all you desire in abundance: "When the soul strays from Thee she seeks things apart from Thee, but finds all things impure and unprofitable until she returns to Thee." (St. Augustine, Confessions, Bk 2, ch. 6)
3. **Because sometimes sin reigns in this world.** We pray, *Thy kingdom come* because sometimes sin reigns in this world. This occurs when a man is so disposed that he follows at once the lure of sin and carries it into effect: "Let not sin reign in your mortal body" (Romans 6:12) but let God reign in your heart "who says to Sion, 'Thy God shall reign'." (Isaiah 52:7) This is when you are ready to obey God and keep all His commandments. Thus, when we ask that His kingdom may come, we pray that God (and not sin) may reign in us.

C. This fulfills the beatitude: "Blessed are the meek"

Thus, by this petition we shall obtain that beatitude (Summa Theologica, I-II, Q. 69, art. 3, ad 3; II-II, Q. 89, art. 9, ad 3; Q. 121, art. 2) of which it is said: "Blessed are the meek." (Matthew 5:4)

1. **Reliance on God.** According to the first explanation above [regarding our prayer that all may become subject to God], from the moment that a man desires God to be the Lord of all, he ceases to seek revenge for the injury done to himself and leaves that to God. For if you were to avenge yourself, you would no longer seek the advent of His kingdom.
2. **Detachment from earthly goods.** According to the second explanation above [regarding Heaven as the reign of God in the glory of Paradise], if you await the coming of His kingdom, i.e., the glory of Paradise, you have no need to regret the loss of earthly goods.
3. **Meekness.** And according to the third explanation above [regarding the reign of sin in this world], if you pray that God may reign in you, Christ who was most meek also will reign in you; and you will be meek in consequence: "Learn of me, for I am meek." (Matthew 11:29) "Ye took joyfully the spoiling of your goods." (Hebrews 10:34)