

The Transfiguration of the Lord

From the day Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Master 'began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...and be killed, and on the third day be raised.' Peter scorns this prediction, nor do the others understand it any better than he. In this context the mysterious episode of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James, and John. Jesus' face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking 'of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.' A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' (CCC 554)

This Week at Our Parishes

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

Monday, August 7: St. Sixtus II and Companions, St. Cejetan

- Readings: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
- 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 † John and Betty Gary by the Gary families

Tuesday, August 8: St. Dominic

- Readings: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- 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 † Marie Peterson by Joe and Lucrezia Esteban
- 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus at St. Mary

Wednesday, August 9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

- Readings: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

Pope Sixtus II and four deacons: Januarius, Vincent, Magnus and Stephen were arrested on Aug. 6, 258 while celebrating the Eucharist in the cemetery of Callistus. By order of Valerian, they were decapitated that same day. Sixtus is named in the Roman Canon.

This Week at Our Parishes

Thursday, August 10: St. Lawrence

- Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
- 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)
- 7:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal at St. Mary

Friday, August 11: St. Clare

- Readings: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
- 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 † Bob Hogan by Laurie Tauchus
- 4:00 p.m. Wedding at St. Mary

Saturday, August 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal

- Readings: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 10:00 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry at OLG
- 12:00 p.m. Baptism at St. Mary
- 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Nancy Panozzo by John and Fran Waszkiewicz

Sunday, August 13: Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

- Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
- 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 † Denise Meier by her family and friends
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for the people of our parishes
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Rolls at OLG
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Guild meeting at OLG
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † John Stevens by Marty and Monica Stevens
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for † Enrique and Miguel Padilla by their family
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the intentions of Augustin Raha on his 2nd birthday

Edith Stein was born in Breslau, Germany (now Wroclaw, Poland) in 1891 of Jewish parents. She studied philosophy under Husserl, the leading phenomenologist of his day. Inspired by the writings of St. Theresa of Avila, she was baptized Jan. 1, 1922. She taught in various schools from 1923-1933 until forced to resign due to antisemitic legislation. In 1933, she entered the Discalced Carmelite convent in Cologne where she received the name **Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**. At the end of 1939, she moved to the convent at Echt, Holland, on account of the Nazi persecution of Jews, but in 1942, during the German occupation of Holland, she was arrested, transported to Poland, and killed August 9 at the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz. She was declared co-patroness of Europe by Pope St. John Paul II.

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

Ellis Dilts, 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,
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

Helen Walters, Roy McDonald, Carolene McIntosh,
Pat Simonson, Jackie Blake, Shirley Sterritt, Ruth Ruby,
Gene Gianetti Jr., Rosalie Venne, Alyce Donalson,
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

† Prayer and Sympathy †

Please keep the family and friends of Rosemary Sleak
and Josephine Hiersman in your prayers
as they mourn the passing of their loved ones.

Rosemary was remembered in a funeral Mass on
Friday, August 4 at St. Mary's with Fr. Edwin presiding.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let your
perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Christian Social Concerns Collection for August

Canned fruits, canned corn and green beans.

For questions, please call Maria Langley at 739-7156

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic
faith? An inquiry meeting will be held Sunday, September 17
at 6:15pm at Our Lady of Grace. Please contact the parish
office to RSVP; 722-2803, ext. 11 or ext. 12.



Thank you to everyone who helped with paid
parking at St. Mary's during the Art Fair and
Bike Time. Altogether, \$1199.75 was raised.

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

August 6, 2017

We hear of Jesus' Transfiguration in today's Gospel. Jesus is transformed in appearance from the Son of Man, human in appearance, to the Son of God, divine, and dazzling in appearance. The Father's voice tells us, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; *listen to Him*." To what do we need to listen? Let's consider some teachings of Jesus as "basic training" for His disciples. 1) Bread of Life Discourse: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; *whoever eats this bread will live forever*; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world (John 6:51)." 2) Providing for those hungry or needy in any way: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, *you did for me* (Matthew 25:40)." 3) The Greatest Commandment: "You shall *love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself* (Matthew 22:37-39)". 4) The Golden Rule: "*Do to others whatever you would have them do to you* (Matthew 5:12)" Best part is, we can live our everyday lives on these teachings. They apply to spouses, families at home, people in schools of all levels, and to the workplace. This may be a good discussion around the dinner table. What other teachings do you see that help you in daily life?

Mass Attendance: July 30, 2017

OLG 4:00pm: 141

OLG 9:00am: 156

SM 9:00am: 44

SM 10:30am: 239

SM 12:30pm: 134

SM 5:00pm: 182

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!

CONGRATULATIONS
Education Endowment Raffle Winners!

July 30, 2017

50/50: \$32.00 Enrique Torres

1st Prize: \$100.00 Gene and Diane Hower

Join us for coffee, donuts & the next drawing following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on **August 27** in Lourdes Hall.



The Our Lady of Grace Women's Guild will meet on Sunday, August 13, 2017 following the 9am Mass. All the women in the parish are invited.



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. 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. 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.

Adventure Update from Fr. Matt

Dear friends,
It's hard to believe that it's already August! I've been on sabbatical now for a little over a month. Classes are going very well and I'm learning a lot of Spanish. I'm even starting to think and dream in Spanish! As many of you know, I'm helping out in a parish here in Barcelona. It's been a great opportunity to use the Spanish I'm learning and to stay grounded in parish ministry--this parish and the pastor, Msgr. Angel, have been a great blessing for me!

I was able to start my sabbatical with a little bit of vacation back in late June. I went to Fatima and said Mass there -- it was awesome! I also took a few days and went to Rome with my family--another blessing!

Please keep me in your prayers, and be assured of my prayers for you!

Pax,
Fr. Matt

Altar Server Training

Sunday, September 10 at 2:00pm at St. Mary's. Please contact the parish office to RSVP by Noon on Thursday, September 7th, 722-2803, ext. 11 or ext. 12.

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

July 30, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5096.15	
General Fund:	\$	3636.00	
On-line Giving	\$	627.40	-832.75
July 23 Donuts	\$	23.50	

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	6538.46	
General Fund	\$	4419.50	
On-line Giving	\$	494.30	-1624.66
Poor Box	\$	25.00	
Altar Society	\$	20.00	

Contribution Counters: Week of August 6
OLG Team 5 - St. Mary Team 4

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy day of Obligation: Tuesday, August 15

Mass Schedule

Monday, Aug 14, 6:30pm at Our Lady of Grace
Tuesday, Aug 15, 8:30am at Our Lady of Grace
Tuesday, Aug 15, 12:10pm at St. Mary's
Tuesday, Aug 15, 6:30pm at St. Mary's (Spanish)



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!



Bocce Ball 101

Do you know how to play Bocce Ball? Would you like to learn how or just need a refresher? If so, then you're in luck! Bocce Ball 101 will be offered after the 9am Mass at OLG on 8/27, 9/10 and 9/17.



Bocce Ball is an Italian game similar to lawn bowling and usually played on a long court. Learn how to play, practice and then come to the Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival on Sept. 24th to play in the tournament and win the trophy!

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 will be done on earth as it is in Heaven (Third petition)**A. The gift of knowledge**

Knowledge is the third gift bestowed on us by the Holy Spirit. For He bestows on the righteous not only the gift of fear and the gift of piety (which is a filial affection toward God, as already stated), but he also gives them wisdom. It is for this that David prayed: "Teach me goodness, discipline, and knowledge." (Psalm 119:66) By this knowledge the Holy Spirit teaches us how to lead a good life. Now, of all the signs of a man's knowledge and wisdom, none is proof of greater wisdom than that he does not cling to his own opinion: "Learn not upon thine own prudence." (Proverbs 3:5) For those who cling to their own judgment so as to mistrust others and trust in themselves alone invariably prove themselves fools and are judged as such. "Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope for a fool than for him." (Proverbs 26:12) But if a man distrusts his own judgment, that is a proof of his humility (which is why it is said, "Where humility is, there also is wisdom" Proverbs 11:2), whereas the proud are too self-confident. Accordingly, we learn from the Holy Spirit (by His gift of knowledge) to do not our own but God's will, and by virtue of this gift we pray to God that His will may be done on earth as it is in Heaven. It is in this that the gift of knowledge is proved, so that when we say to God, *Thy will be done*, it is as when a sick man consults a physician. He takes the medicine not precisely because he wills it himself, but because it is the will of the physician. If he only took what he willed himself, he would be a fool. Hence we should ask nothing of God but that His will be done in our regard (in other words, that His will be fulfilled in us). For man's heart is right when it agrees with the divine will. Christ did this: "I came down from Heaven to do, not my own will, but the will of Him that sent me." (John 6:38) for as God, Christ has the same will as the Father; but as man He has a distinct will from the Father and in respect of this will He says that He does not His own but His Father's will. For that reason He taught us to ask and pray, *Thy will be done*. But how can this be explained in the face of the words of the Psalm: "He has done whatsoever He has willed"? (Psalm 135:6) If He has done whatever He pleased in Heaven and on earth, what does He mean when He makes us say, *Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven*?

B. God's will for us

This is explained by observing that God wills three things in our regard, which we pray to be fulfilled:

1. **Eternal Life.** God wills that we may have eternal life, because whoever makes a certain thing for a certain purpose wills that purpose for it. God made man, but now without a purpose, for as the Psalm says, "Hast Thou made all the children of men in vain?" (Psalm 89:47) Therefore He made man for a certain purpose; but not for the sake of material pleasures, since dumb animals have them, but that he may have eternal life. For it is the Lord's will that man have eternal life. When a thing attains the end for which it was made, it is said to be saved, whereas when it fails to reach that end it is said to be lost. Now, God made man for eternal life; and consequently, when man obtains eternal life, he is saved, which is God's will: "This is the will of my Father who sent me, that whosoever beholds the Son and believes in Him, has eternal life." (John 6:40) This will is already fulfilled in the angels and saints, who are in Heaven, who see, know, and enjoy God. But we desire that as God's will is fulfilled in the blessed who are in Heaven, even so may it be fulfilled in us who are on earth. This, then, is the sense of our prayer, *Thy will be done*: namely, that it be done in us who are on earth, even as it is fulfilled in the saints who are in Heaven.
2. **Obedience to the Commandments.** God wills that we keep His Commandments, because when we desire a particular thing, we do not only will what we desire, but we also will whatever enables us to obtain it. Thus a physician, in order to restore a man to health, also wills his diet, his medicine, and so on. Now, God wills us to obtain eternal life: "If you would enter life, keep the Commandments." (Matthew 19:17) Therefore He wills us to keep the Commandments: "Your reasonable service...so that you find out what is the *good* and the *well-pleasing* and the *perfect* will of God." (Romans 12:1, 2)
 - a. **God's will is good:** "Who teaches thee to profit." (Isaiah 48:17)
 - b. **God's will is well-pleasing,** and although displeasing to others, yet delightful to those who love His will: "Light is risen for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart." (Psalm 97:1)
 - c. **God's will is perfect:** "Be perfect as also your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)

So when we say, *Thy will be done*, we pray that we may keep God's commandments; and this will of God is fulfilled in the righteous, but is not yet fulfilled in sinners. Now, the righteous are signified by *Heaven* and sinners by *earth*. Hence we pray that God's will be done on *earth*, i.e., in sinners, even as it is done in *Heaven*, i.e., in the righteous. We must observe here that we have something to learn from the very manner of expression. For he does not say, *Do* or, *Let us do* but, *Thy will be done*. This is because two things are required in order to obtain eternal life: the grace of God and man's will. And although God made man without man's help, He does not sanctify him without his cooperation. As St. Augustine says, "He who created thee without thyself, will not justify thee without thyself." (Super Verb. Ap., sermon 15, commenting on John 14:12) because He wishes man to cooperate: "Turn to me, and I will turn to you." (Zachariah 1:3) "By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace in me has not been void." (1 Corinthians 15:10) Presume not therefore on yourself, but trust in the grace of God; nor be neglectful, but do your utmost. Hence Christ does not say, *Let us do* (lest He seem to imply that God's grace counts for nothing); nor does he say, *Do* (lest He seem to state that man's will and effort are of no account). Rather he says, *Be it done*—by God's grace, with solicitude and effort on our part.