

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Just as Jesus prays to the Father and gives thanks before receiving his gifts, so he teaches us *filial boldness*: “Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will.” Such is the power of prayer and of faith that does not doubt: “all things are possible to him who believes.” Jesus is as saddened by the “lack of faith” of his own neighbors and the “little faith” of his own disciples as he is struck with admiration at the great faith of the Roman centurion and the Canaanite woman.” (CCC 2610)

This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, August 20: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Is 56: 1, 6-7; Ps 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8; Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32; Mt 15: 21-28
- 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 Our Lady of Grace 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 † Cleo and Bill Zuidema by Joyce Kelley
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) Juan Briceño by Concepción Briceño-Arias
- 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, August 21: St. Pius X

- Readings: Jgs 2: 11-19; Ps 106: 34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19: 16-22
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 9:00 a.m. Comfort and Grace Sewing Group at OLG
- 11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Nancy Panozzo by Rudy P., Marlene & Scott Rogers
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting at St. Mary

Tuesday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Readings: Jgs 6: 11-24a; Ps 85: 9, 11-14; Mt 19: 23-30
- 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 † Rita Sander by Jody Gubach

Wednesday, August 23: St. Rose of Lima

- Readings: Jgs 9: 6-15; Ps 21: 2-7; Mt 20: 1-16
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

St. Pius X is known for his liturgical and canonical reforms, especially communion for children and frequent communion for adults. He condemned Modernism, and wished “to renew all things in Christ”. He is the patron of sick pilgrims.

St. Louis was a model ruler and father. A Franciscan tertiary, he cared for lepers and built Sainte Chapelle in Paris as a reliquary for the crown of thorns. He died during the second crusade of the plague. He is the patron of masons and sculptors.

This Week at Our Parishes

Thursday, August 24: St. Bartholomew

- Readings: Rv 21: 9b-14; Ps 145: 10-13, 17-18; Jn 1: 45-51
- 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, August 25: St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz

- Readings: Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146: 5-10; Mt 22: 34-40
- 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 † Marty Neff by Dennis & Marilyn Chandonnet
- 6:30 p.m. Mom-2-Mom Sale set up at St. Mary

Saturday, August 26

- Readings: Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17; Ps 128: 1-5; Mt 23: 1-12
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 10:00 a.m. Mom-2-Mom Sale at St. Mary
- 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Quinton and the intentions of Yvonne Petersen, on their wedding anniversary
- 4 :00 p.m. Wedding at St. Mary

Sunday, August 27: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Is 22: 19-23; Ps 138: 1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11: 33-36; Mt 16:13-20
- 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 Our Lady of Grace for † Rita Sander by Roberto and Lucrezia Esteban
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for the people of our parishes
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Rolls at Our Lady of Grace
- 10:00 a.m. Bocce Ball 101 at Our Lady of Grace
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † the special intentions of Monica Stevens by Marty Stevens
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts at St. Mary
- 11:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus 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 Olivares
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Scheibner by Louise Scheibner

St. Rose of Lima was a Peruvian mystic of great beauty. She lived a life of penance and solitude, caring for the homeless, elderly and sick. She was the first declared saint of the New World, and is the patroness of the Philippines and South America, especially Peru, and also of florists and gardeners.

St. Bartholomew, known as Nathaniel in John's gospel, is said to have preached the gospel in India and Armenia where, according to tradition, he was flayed alive.

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

Are you, or someone you know, interested in
the Catholic Faith?

St. Mary's and Our Lady of Grace will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches through the RCIA process. Join us for an inquiry gathering and a light supper on Sunday, September 17 at 6:15 p.m. at the OLG campus. Please let us know you plan to attend by contacting the parish office at 231-722-2803.

*Card Shower
Honoring Fr. Jim Wyse*

*on his
30th Ordination Anniversary*

If you would like to participate in a card shower for Fr. Jim Wyse celebrating his 30th Ordination Anniversary, on August 29th, please send your card to:

Fr. Jim Wyse
c/o St. Charles, St. Joseph-St. Mary Parishes
505 S. Lafayette St.
Greenville, MI 48838

Mass Attendance: August 13 , 2017

OLG 4:00pm: 159	OLG 9:00am: 161
SM 9:00am: NA	SM 10:30am: NA
SM 12:30pm: NA	SM 5:00pm: NA



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!



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@stmarymuskegon.org or dre@olgmuskegon.org

Pray for the holy souls in purgatory.

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.

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz
August 20, 2017

Faith is a gift from God, empowered by grace. With faith, we believe in God and actively seek Him. If you want to see faith in action, study today's Gospel, the Canaanite woman asking Jesus to exorcise the demon tormenting her daughter. Talk about *not taking no for an answer!* First, Jesus ignored her. Then, the disciples wanted Jesus to send her away. That didn't work. Jesus finally speaks to her, only to explain that He came for Jewish people and she is not Jewish. Did that shut her up? No, "she paid him homage, saying, 'Lord, help me.'" Then Jesus makes a harsh comment. Her "never give up", slightly humorous response to Jesus brought, I am sure, a smile to His face. A delighted Jesus proclaimed to this mother-in-need, "Great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

What are the qualities of the woman's faith?

Deep. Unrelenting. Committed. Individualistic with no backing down from people's disbelief. Consistency.

Bold. Insistent. Trusting in Jesus.

What are the qualities of your faith? How do you see faith developing in your children, even in your adult sons and daughters? How do you model your faith for them? *God will grant your prayer for an ever-deepening faith.*

**Christian Social Concerns
Collection for August**

Canned fruits, canned corn and green beans.

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.

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

August 13, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,096.15	
General Fund:	\$	3,764.00	
On-line Giving	\$	427.40	-904.75
Air Conditioning	\$	10.00	
Assumption	\$	25.00	

St. Mary's Church - unavailable

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	6,538.46	
General Fund	\$		
On-line Giving	\$		

August 6, 2017

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	6,538.46	
General Fund	\$	7,007.60	+816.44
On-line Giving	\$	347.30	
Restoration	\$	1,053.00	

Contribution Counters: Week of August 20
OLG Team 2 - St. Mary Team 2

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.

Give us this day our daily bread (Fourth Petition)

B. Sins that arise from desiring temporal goods. In these same words the Holy Spirit teaches us to avoid the sins which tend to arise from the desire for temporal goods:

1. Greed. The first is unbridled greed, whereby a man seeks things above his station and condition of life, being dissatisfied with those in keeping with it. For instance, if he is a common soldier, he wants to dress not as a soldier but as a noble man; if he is an ordinary clergy man, he wishes to clothe himself not as a cleric but as a bishop. This vice draws a man away from spiritual goods, insofar as it makes him have an overwhelming desire for temporal things. Our Lord taught us to shun this vice by praying for bread only, i.e., the needs of the present life, each one according to his own station, which needs are expressed under the name of *bread*. Hence He did not teach us to ask for uncommon things, luxurious things, or a variety of things, but for bread, without which man cannot live, since it is the common need of all: "The chief thing for man's life is water and bread" "Having food and clothing, with these we shall be content."

2. Fraud. The second vice consists in molesting and defrauding others in the acquisition of temporal goods. This vice is all the more fraught with danger since it is difficult to restore ill-gotten goods. For according to St. Augustine, "Unless a man restore what he has purloined, his sin is not forgiven." Accordingly, we are taught here to shun this vice by asking for our own and not another's bread (since robbers eat not their own bread but another's).

3. Excessive solicitude. There are some who are never satisfied with what they have and always want more. This is lack of moderation, since desire should always be measured according to one's needs: "Give me neither beggary nor riches; give me but the necessities of life." We are warned to avoid this vice in the words, *our daily bread*, that is to say, *the bread for one day or for one season*.

4. Voraciousness. This is the vice whereby some would devour in one day what would suffice for several days. These seek bread not for today but for ten days, and through being overly lavish, they waste all of it: "The drunkard and the glutton shall come to beggary" "A workman that is a drunkard shall not be rich."

5. Ingratitude. This is a great evil, since the ungrateful man prides himself on his wealth and fails to acknowledge that he owes all to God. Whatever we have, be it spiritual or temporal, comes from God: "All things are Thine and of Thine own have we given Thee." Hence, in order to remove this vice, the Lord even says, *Give us our daily bread*, to remind us that all we have comes from God. From this we learn a lesson. Sometimes a man has great wealth but derives no benefit from it. In stead incurring loss both spiritual and temporal. Some have perished through riches: "There is also another grievous evil which I have seen under the sun and that is common among men: a man to whom God hath given riches, he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it up." And again: "Riches gathered together to the hurt of the owner." For this reason, we ought to pray that we may derive benefit from our wealth; and this we pray for when we say, *Give us our daily bread*, i.e., make our wealth profitable to us: "His bread in his belly shall be turned into fall of asps with in him. The riches which he hath swallowed he shall vomit up; God shall draw them out of his belly."

6. Concern for worldly possessions. There are some who are worried from day to day about temporal matters as much as a year in advance. Those who are so concerned are never at rest: "Be not solicitous, saying: 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What are we to put on?'" Hence our Lord teaches us to ask that our bread be given us *today*, i.e., what ever we need for the present.

C. The two fold meaning of *bread*

Moreover, we may discover in this bread another twofold meaning: the Sacramental Bread and the Bread of God's Word.

1. Sacramental Bread. Thus we ask for our Sacramental Bread, which is prepared for us every day in the Church, praying that as we receive it sacramentally, so may it profit us unto eternal salvation: "I am the living bread which came down from Heaven." "He that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh judgement to himself."

2. The Word of God. Again, this bread means the Word of God: "Not by bread alone doth man live but by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." Hence we pray to Him to give us bread, that is to say, His Word. From this there arises in man the beatitude of hungering for righteousness, because the possession of spiritual goods increases our desire for them. This desire begets that hunger whose reward is the fullness of eternal life.