

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Lord made Simon alone, whom he named Peter, the ‘rock’ of his Church. He gave him the keys of his Church and instituted him shepherd of the whole flock. The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles united to its head. This pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belongs to the Church’s very foundation and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the Pope.” (CCC 881)

This Week at Our Parishes

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. Education Endowment Raffle with coffee & 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 Olivares
- 1:30 p.m. Hispanic Leadership Meeting at St. Mary
- 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

Monday, August 28: St. Augustine, Bishop and Church Doctor

- Readings: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Mt 23:13-22
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 12:10 p.m. Communion Service at Our Lady of Grace

Tuesday, August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

- Readings: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 8:30 a.m. Communion Service at Our Lady of Grace

Wednesday, August 30

- Readings: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

This Week at Our Parishes

Thursday, August 31

- Readings: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
- 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) for the special intentions of Doris Marshall by Phillip Hoos
- 6:30 p.m. Evangelization class at St. Mary (Spanish)

Friday, September 1

- Readings: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotion: Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary
- 12:10 p.m. Communion Service at St. Mary

Saturday, September 2

- Readings: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 12:00 p.m. Baptism at St. Mary
- 2:00 p.m. Baptism at Our Lady of Grace
- 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Nancy Panozzo by Tammy Begerow

Sunday, September 3: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
- 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 † Thelma Betlejewski by Ron Betlejewski
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for the people of our parishes
- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for the special intentions of Doris Marshall by Phillip Hoos
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Rosemary Sleak by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dennis

St. Augustine was born in Tagaste, north Africa. After a dissolute life, he received baptism at age 33 from St. Ambrose. He was elected bishop of Hippo and combatted Manichees, the Donatists and Pelagius. He is most noted for his *Confessions* and *City of God*. He also wrote over 500 homilies which are now extant. He is considered a founder of monastic life in the West, his Rule is observed by some 100 religious communities today. He is one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church; called the “Doctor of Grace”. He died in 430.

The memorial of the **Passion of St. John the Baptist** originates in the celebration of the dedication, perhaps on the 29th, of the church of St. John at Sabaste (Samaria) where, according to tradition, John the Baptist was buried by his disciples.

Bulletin Advertisements

The week of Sept 4th, Michael Lenz, a representative from our bulletin publisher, Diocesan Publications, will be seeking new and renewing present parish bulletin ads. If you are interested in advertising please call the parish office for contact information. We feel this is an excellent opportunity for local businesses to increase their visibility in the community. Advertising in the bulletin allows this publication to be printed each week at no cost to the parish.

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

First Friday
Devotion

Friday, September 1
St. Mary's Church

11:00am: Eucharistic
Adoration and Rosary

12:10p.m:
Communion Service

Please note: The
Sacrament of
Reconciliation will not be
available during First
Friday devotion.

First Saturday
Devotion

will not be offered
on 9/2/17.



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

**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.

All are welcome!

Mass Attendance: August 20, 2017

OLG 4:00pm: 189	OLG 9:00am: 181
SM 9:00am: 20	SM 10:30am: 176
SM 12:30pm: 161	SM 5:00pm: 168

Mass Attendance: August 13, 2017

SM 9:00am: 58	SM 10:30am: 257
SM 12:30pm: 115	SM 5:00pm: 158



Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Noon - 5:00pm

Proceeds from the festival will benefit

Project Rachel and

Muskegon County Right to Life

Music provided by Plain Jane Glory!

Volunteer sign up sheets are out in the East Hallway this weekend at OLG. They will be at St. Mary's next weekend. There are many volunteer opportunities available from Monday, 9/18/17 through Sunday, 9/24/17.

Please sign up to volunteer as many hands make light work!

Our collective efforts will benefit

two wonderful charities!

Room Sponsorship is available this year. A business, family, individual or a group of friends may "sponsor" a room by notifying the parish office. Rooms available for sponsorship include: St. Francis Room: \$250.; Ava Maria Room: \$250.; Main Dining Room: \$500. and the Music Tent: \$500. As part of our thank you, sponsors will receive complimentary dinner tickets.

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!

Thank you to everyone who helped spread the word and dispersed advertising posters to area businesses. There are a few left so be sure to get some today if you haven't yet brought one to your favorite business!

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



Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

August 27, 2017

Jesus' question in this Sunday's Gospel spans the millennia. Jesus asks *YOU*, today: "*Who do YOU say that I am?*" This is not a rhetorical question. We cannot ignore responding. So respond: "Who do you say I (Jesus) am?" How easy to say it with our "head." We say who Jesus is in the Creed: "The Only Begotten Son of God...for us and for our salvation He came down from heaven." *But in our heart—in our innermost being where our strongest commitments lie—Who do we say Jesus is to us?* The One who *redeemed* us with His death on the Cross, for which we are grateful? The One who we receive in the *Eucharist*, in which we deeply believe? The One who we *serve* in the needy we encounter, including within our family and friends? *What is your response?* After Mass today, discuss your response with your spouse, then discuss it with your children. Consider sharing your response with your adult children. Jesus asks you, today: "Who do you say that I am?"

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. Coffee and rolls will be served outside by the court.

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!

Christian Social Concerns Collection for August

Canned fruits, canned corn and green beans.

For questions, please call Maria Langley at 739-7156

Mobile Food Pantry News

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the August 12th Mobile Food Pantry at OLG. We served over 110 families, what a great success! We had a wonderful group of volunteers and a very nice sunny day...Thank you Lord! Our next Mobile Food Pantry will be at OLG on December 9th at 10:00am. Please watch for future announcements and sign-up.

On a personal note, Marilyn and I have coordinated the Mobile Food Pantries at OLG since 2011. The one in December will be the last one we will manage. If there is anyone that might want to continue this endeavor, the trucks for 2018 need to be scheduled sometime in September or October through Muskegon County Cooperating Churches (MCCC). We will be happy to assist and help anyone in the continuation of this ministry. Typically we have had them in April, August and December at OLG and coordinated them with Fellowship Reformed. Their months were January, May, June and September. If you are interested to continue this ministry, please contact the parish office at 722-2803. ~ Denny Chandonnet

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

August 20, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,096.15	
General Fund:	\$	3608.00	
On-line Giving	\$	907.40	
Assumption of the BVM	\$	1250.00	+669.25

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	6,538.46	
General Fund	\$	4292.20	
On-line Giving	\$	434.30	
Assumption of the BVM	\$	89.00	-1722.96
Restoration	\$	20.00	

St. Mary's Church: August 13

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	6,538.46	
General Fund	\$	4971.84	
On-line Giving	\$	259.30	-1307.32
Restoration	\$	85.00	
Poor Box	\$	25.00	

Contribution Counters: Week of August 27
OLG Team 3 - St. Mary Team 3

Altar Serving Training

There will be an altar server training on Sunday, September 10th at 2:00pm at St. Mary's. All youth interested in becoming a server, or for those who would like a refresher, please contact the parish office by Noon on Thursday, September 7th at 722-2803, ext. 11 or ext. 12 or by email to secretary@stmarysmuskegon.org.

Servers get the BEST seats in the church! They also carry the cross, the processional candles, hold the book for the priest when he is not at the altar, carry the incense and censer, assist the priest when he receives the gifts from the people, wash the hands of the priest, ring the bells and assist the priest and deacon as necessary.

Servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with appropriate reverence. They should have already received their first Holy Communion and normally receive the Eucharist whenever they participate in the liturgy. It is helpful to know how to genuflect, make the Sign of the Cross, and know the prayers and dialogues of the Mass.

Formation will include instruction on the Mass and its parts and their meaning, the various objects used in the liturgy (their names and use), and the various functions of the server during the Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

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.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us (Fifth Petition)**A. The gift of counsel.**

There are, indeed, some possessed of great wisdom and fortitude who yet, being overconfident of their own powers, do not act wisely nor do they succeed in accomplishing what they intend: "Purpose is strengthened by counsel." (Proverbs 20:18) We must observe, however, that the Holy Spirit who gives strength also gives counsel, for every good counsel in the matter of man's spiritual welfare comes from the Holy Spirit. Now, man needs counsel when he is in trouble, just as he needs to consult a physician when he is sick. So when his soul is sick through sin he must seek counsel in order to be healed. That the sinner needs counsel is indicated in the words of Daniel: "Let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, O King, and redeem thou thy sins with alms." (Daniel 4:24) hence, it is a very good counsel against sin that a man give alms and show mercy. For this reason the Holy Spirit teaches sinners to make this petition and to pray, *Forgive us our trespasses*. We owe God that which we take away from His right, and God's right is that we do His will in preference to our own. Hence, we deprive God of His right when we prefer our own will to His, and this is sin. Therefore sins are our debts, and the Holy Spirit counsels us to ask forgiveness of our sins. For this reason we say, *Forgive us our trespasses* [literally, debts]. Regarding these words, we may consider the following points: a) Why do we make this petition? b) When is it fulfilled? And c) What is required of us that it may be fulfilled?

B. Reasons for asking forgiveness

From this petition we gather two things that we need in this life:

- A. **That we may be ever fearful and humble**, for there have been some so presumptuous as to assert that it is possible for man by his own powers to live here below without committing sin. But this has been given to none except Christ (who had the Spirit without measure) and the Blessed Virgin (who was full of grace, in whom there was no sin, and "of whom," St. Augustine says, "in the matter of sin, it is my wish to exclude all mention whatsoever") (De Nat. et Grat., 36) To no other saint has this been granted without their incurring at least venial sin: "If we say that we have not sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (1 John 1:8) This is confirmed by this fifth petition, for we cannot doubt that it is proper even for holy men to recite the Our Father, which includes the petition, *Forgive us our trespasses*; and, therefore, all acknowledge and confess themselves to be sinners or debtors. If, then, you are a sinner, you must be fearful and humble yourself.
- B. **That we should ever live in hope**, for even though we are sinners, we must not despair, lest despair lead us to various and greater sins. Thus the Apostle says, "who despairing have given themselves over to licentiousness, unto the working of all uncleanness." (Ephesians 4:19) It is, therefore, most profitable for us to hope always, since however great a sinner a man may be, he should hope that God will forgive him if he is thoroughly contrite and converted. This hope is strengthened in us when we pray, *Forgive us our trespasses*. The Novatians, however, destroyed this hope, for they said that those who sin once after being baptized never receive mercy. But this is not true, if Christ spoke the truth when He said, "I forgave thee all the debt because thou besoughtest me." (Matthew 18:32) Consequently, whenever you ask for mercy you shall receive it, provided you ask with repentance for your sin. Accordingly this petition gives rise to fear and hope, because every sinner who is contrite and confesses his sin receives mercy; and hence the need of this petition.

C. When is this petition fulfilled?

As regards the second point, we must observe that in sin there are two factors: the fault by which God is offended and the punishment due to the fault. The fault, however, is remitted through contrition which includes the intention of amendment and atonement: "I said: I will confess my transgressions to the Lord; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin." (Psalm 32:5) Hence man must not despair, seeing that contrition together with the intention of confessing suffices for the forgiveness of sin. Possible someone will object, "If sins are forgiven when a man is contrite, why does he need a priest?" I reply that in contrition God forgives the fault and commutes eternal punishment into temporal; but the debt of temporal punishment remains. (Summa Theologica, Supplement Q. 5, Article 2) Hence if a man were to die without confession—not because he refused it, but through being prevented—he would go to Purgatory, the punishment of which is very great, as St. Augustine says. Accordingly, when you confess your sin, the priest absolves you from this punishment by the power of the keys to which you have submitted in confession. For this reason Christ said to His apostles, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." (John 20:22, 23) Hence, if a man confesses once, some part of this punishment is taken away, and likewise when he confesses a second time. In fact, it may be that he confesses the sin so often that the whole punishment is remitted. Moreover, the successors of the Apostles devised another means for the remission of this punishment, namely, the granting of indulgences (Summa Theologica, Supplement Q. 25) which avail those who are in a state of grace as much as is claimed for them and as indicated by the grantor. That the Pope can do this is sufficiently clear. For many are the good deeds of holy men who have never sinned, at least not mortally, which deeds were done for the common good of the Church. Likewise the merits of Christ and of the Blessed Virgin are, as it were, the Church's treasure. Thus the Sovereign Pontiff and those whom he delegates for the purpose, can allocate these merits wherever the need occurs. Consequently, sins are remitted not only as to their guilt by contrition, but also as to their punishment by confession and by indulgences.