

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Lord grieves over the rich, because they find their consolation in the abundance of goods. ‘Let the proud seek and love earthly kingdoms, but blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.’ Abandonment to the providence of the Father in heaven frees us from anxiety about tomorrow. Trust in God is a preparation for the blessedness of the poor. They shall see God.” (CCC 2547)

This Week at Our Parishes

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

Monday, September 4: Labor Day

- Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 10:00 a.m. Communion Service at Our Lady of Grace

Tuesday, September 5

- Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
- 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.
- 6:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry training at St. Mary

Wednesday, September 6

- Readings: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

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.

Mass Attendance: August 27, 2017

OLG 4:00pm: 166	OLG 9:00am: 149
SM 9:00am: 42	SM 10:30am: 233
SM 12:30pm: 131	SM 5:00pm: 185

This Week at Our Parishes

Thursday, September 7

- Readings: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
- 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) for the special intentions of Doris Marshall by Phillip Hoos
- 6:30 p.m. Evangelization class at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour at St. Mary (Spanish)

Friday, September 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Readings: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6abc; Mt 1:1-16, 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 † Tom Carlson by Kay Carlson
- 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal at St. Mary

Saturday, September 9: St. Peter Claver, Priest

- Readings: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 1:30 p.m. Wedding at St. Mary
- 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 10: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20
- 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 † Nancy Panozzo by Mary Belmonte
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for † Petra Rios by Dalia VandenBosch
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and donuts at OLG
- 10:00 a.m. Women’s Guild meeting at OLG
- 10:00 a.m. Bocce 101 at OLG Bocce Court
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Don and Ann 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 of our parishes
- 2:00 p.m. Altar Server training at St. Mary
- 2:00 p.m. Parent meeting for Confirmands at St. Mary
- 2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class # 1 at St. Mary
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the special intentions of Doris Marshall by Phillip Hoos

St. Peter Claver was a Catalanian Jesuit who served in the Columbian mission in Cartagena. For 38 years he was devoted to caring for African slaves, baptizing over 300,000. He called himself “the slave of the slaves forever.” He is patron of Colombia and of all missions to black peoples. He died Sept 8, 1654.

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.

All are welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS

Education Endowment Raffle Winners!

August 27, 2017

50/50: \$14.00 Mary Sandford

1st Prize: \$100.00 Eileen Nordhoff

Tickets for the upcoming school year will be on sale in September. Watch for the Mass announcement!



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 Narthex this weekend at St. Mary's. They will be at OLG 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. Joseph Private Dining Room: \$150.;

St. Francis Dining Room: \$250.; St. Thérèse Lisieux Dining Room: \$250.; Ava Maria Main Dining Room: \$500. and the St. Cecelia 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



**The parish office will be closed on
Monday, September 4th.**



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

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

September 3, 2017

Paul tells us today in his Letter to the Romans, “Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.” We live in a fabulous world, a truly information and electronic age. The volume of data available to us is mind-boggling. Two sources of teaching and information—the best of them all—is the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We must follow our formed and informed conscience. Obviously, Paul ran into moral relativism in his day, just as it abounds today, and even can control our society. We discern what is the will of God in prayer and reflection. The website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB.org) is remarkable. Reference it. Access it with your spouse and kids. Be informed. Seek “the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect” for your life and for that of your family.



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 September 10th and 17th. 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 September**

Canned soup, cereal and peanut butter.

For questions, please call Maria Langley at 739-7156

Sacrament News: August

Baptisms at St. Mary's

Saul Benitez, child of Manuel and Alejandra
Brandon Hernandez, child of Alfonso and Idania
Anabella Sanchez, child of Jose and Odilia

Weddings at St. Mary's

Dayne Robinson and Jacqui Bernhardt
Rocky Ybarra and Vickie Miller



Our Lady of Grace

- Zenaida Cruz and her children Jordan, Kristopher and Christian

St. Mary's

- Chris Anderson

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

August 27, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,544.00	
General Fund:	\$	3602.80	
On-line Giving	\$	627.40	-1313.80
Candles	\$	199.01	
Faith CDs	\$	34.00	

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7128.75	
General Fund	\$	4247.79	
On-line Giving	\$	754.30	-2126.66
Restoration	\$	50.00	
Candles	\$	769.03	
Poor Box	\$	27.60	
Faith CD's	\$	30.00	
Donuts	\$	23.00	
Altar Society	\$	15.00	

Contribution Counters: Week of September 3
OLG Team 4 - St. Mary Team 4

OLG Women's Guild Meeting

Sunday, September 10 following the 9am Mass

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 con't.)

D. What is required of us?

As regards the third point, we must observe that on our part we must forgive our neighbor his offenses against us, which is why it is added, *As we forgive those who trespass against us*. Otherwise God would not forgive us: "Man to man reserves anger; and does he seek remedy of God? (Sirach 28:3) "Forgive and you shall be forgiven." (Luke 6:37) Thus this petition alone is made conditional, by our saying, *As we forgive those who trespass against us*. For if you do not forgive, you will not be forgiven. You might say, "I will say the first part (*forgive us*) but I will omit what follows (*as we forgive those who trespass against us*)." Do you then seek to deceive Christ? Be sure that you do no such thing, since Christ, who made this prayer, remembers it well, and therefore He cannot be deceived. If, therefore, you say the words with your lips, fulfill them in your heart. But someone may ask whether one who does not intend to forgive his neighbor, ought to say *As we forgive those who trespass against us*. It seems not, since his words would be a lie. I answer that he does not lie, for he does not pray in his own person, but in that of the Church, who is not deceived; hence the petition is expressed in the plural. Observe, however, that forgiveness is twofold. There is the forgiveness of those who are perfect, when he who is offended seeks out the offender: "Seek peace." (Psalm 34:14) The other forgiveness applies to all in general—namely, that we forgive those who ask to be forgiven: "Forgive your neighbor if he has hurt you, and then shall your sins be forgiven you when you pray." (Sirach 28:2) This lead us to another beatitude: *Blessed are the merciful*, for mercifulness makes us show mercy to our neighbor.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. (Sixth Petition)

Some, although they have sinned, desire forgiveness of their sins and for this reason confess them and repent—yet they do not strive as much as they ought in order not to sin again. In this they are inconsistent: on the one hand they deplore their sins by repenting of them, while on the other hand, by sinning again they have more sins to deplore. Thus we read, "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean, take away the evil of your devices from before my eyes, cease to do evil." (Isaiah 1:16) Hence as stated above, Christ in the foregoing petition taught us to ask forgiveness of our sins, while in this petition He teaches us to ask that we may be able to avoid sin—that is, that we be not led into temptation and thus fall into sin: *And lead us not into temptation*. Three questions arise here: a) What is temptation? B) How and by whom is man tempted? And c) How is he freed from temptation?

A. The nature of temptation

To tempt is nothing else but to try or to prove, so that to tempt a man is to prove his virtue. (Summa Theologica, I, Q. 114, article 2; II-II, Q. 97, article 1) Now, a man's virtue is tried or proven in two ways, corresponding to two things required by it. One requirement concerns doing good, in that virtue enables him to do good deeds; the other requirement is that he avoid evil: "Depart from evil and do good." (Psalm 34:14) Accordingly a man's virtue is tried sometimes as regards his doing good, sometimes as regards his avoiding evil:

1. **Regarding the doing of good.** A man is sometimes tried in his readiness to do good deeds (for instance, to fast and the like) because your virtue is great when you are ready to do good. Thus God sometimes tempts a man, not that the man's virtue is unknown to Him, but that all may know it and take it as an example. In this way God tempted Abraham (Genesis 22) and Job, (Job 1) and it is thus that He often sends trials to the righteous, in order that by bearing trials in patience their virtue may be made manifest and they may themselves advance in virtue: "The Lord your God proves you, that it may appear whether or not you love Him," (Deuteronomy 13:3) Thus, God tempts man by inciting him to good deeds.
2. **Regarding the doing of evil.** A man's virtue is also tried by inducing him to evil deeds. If he offers strong resistance and does not consent, his virtue is great; whereas if he yields to the temptation, he is devoid of virtue. In this way no man is tempted by God, for as it is said, "God cannot be tempted to evil things; and Himself tempts no man." (James 1:13)

B. The sources of temptation

Man is tempted by his own flesh, by the Devil, and by the world:

1. **The flesh tempts man in two ways:**
 - a. **The flesh instigates man to evil**, since it always seeks its own gratification—namely, carnal pleasures in which sin often occurs. For a man who indulges in carnal pleasures neglects spiritual things: "Everyone is tempted...by his own lust." (James 1:14)
 - b. **The flesh entices man from good**, for the spirit, for its own part, would always delight in spiritual goods, but the flesh encumbers and hinders the spirit: "The corruptible body is a load upon the soul." (Wisdom 9:15) "I delight in the law of God after the inward man, but I behold another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members." (Romans 7:22, 23) This temptation that comes from the flesh is most grievous since our foe, the flesh, is united to us; and as Boethius says, "No plague is more harmful than an enemy in the household." Therefore, we must be on the watch against it: "Watch and pray lest you enter into temptation." (Matthew 26:41)