

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The *fruits* of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence; it fosters reciprocity and remains disinterested and generous; it is friendship and communion: “Love is itself the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest” (CCC 1829)

This Week at Our Parishes

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 † Doris Marshall by Phillip Hoos

Monday, September 11

- Readings: Col 1:24 – 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
- 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 † Victims of Terrorism
- 5:30 p.m. Catholic Daughters of the Americas potluck meeting at Our Lady of Grace

Tuesday, September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

- Readings: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
- 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 Elizabeth Hulka
- 6:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry training at St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting at St. Mary

Wednesday, September 13: St. John Chrysostom

- Readings: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13; Lk 6:20-26
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

This Week at Our Parishes

Thursday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- Readings: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11;
Jn 3:13-17
- 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 Osbaldo Anguiano on his Birthday by Graciela Muñiz
- 6:30 p.m. Evangelization class at St. Mary (Spanish)

Friday, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

- Readings: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Optional Sequence Stabat Mater; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- 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 the special intentions of Ruth Stevens on her birthday by Marty and Monica Stevens

Saturday, September 16: St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

- Readings: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 6:43-49
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Nancy Panozzo by Hazel Paulic-Johnson

Sunday, September 17: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9;
Mt 18:21-35
- 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 † Helen Rogers Fredrickson who would have been 100 years old today and was a member of OLG by Bill Rogers
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for the people of our parishes
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and donuts 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 † Bill and Edna Fohlbrook by Anne Olson
- 11:30 a.m. Altar Society elections at St. Mary
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for † Leo Makarewicz by Jon and Chris Stewart
- 2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class at St. Mary
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Marty Neff by Denny and Marilyn Chandonnet
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation at St. Mary
- 6:15 p.m. RCIA Inquiry meeting at Our Lady of Grace

Bulletin Advertisements

THANK YOU! The advertisements that appear in this bulletin completely defray all publishing costs which the church would otherwise incur. Please patronize the sponsors on the back of this bulletin and thank them for their kind generosity.

St. John Chrysostom became bishop of Constantinople in 397. He was an outstanding preacher, thus named “golden-mouthed”. He defended the poor, sought reform of the clergy, and was twice exiled due to royal opposition. He authored ascetical, apologetic and polemical treatises as well as letters. He died Sept. 14, 407.

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

OLG Women's Guild Meeting

Today, Sunday, September 10 following the 9am Mass

Altar Serving Training

There will be an altar server training today, 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 attend today's training. New servers may start serving immediately at any Mass. You will be added to the next schedule that will start November 5th.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Confirmation program for students in 8-12th grade starts TODAY, September 10th! There will be a mandatory parent meeting at 2pm in Lourdes Hall followed by the first class. Students must attend every class.

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 today, September 10th and on the 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!

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, ext. 11 or ext. 12. **All are welcome!**

Pray for the holy souls in purgatory.



Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Noon - 5:00pm

Did you know? In 1923, it was the priests at St. Mary's, Fr. Kryan Whalen and Fr. William Ducey, who helped start Our Lady of Grace parish and that the very first "Italian Spaghetti Dinner" was held during the last week of April, 1924. Who would have ever thought that 94 years later, we would be collaborating again, this time to help raise funds to benefit two awesome charities: **Project Rachel and Muskegon County Right to Life.**

Come and join the fun!

Music provided by Plain Jane Glory.

Have you learned how to play Bocce Ball yet? If not, there will be another chance today following the 9am Mass at OLG. Bring a friend and learn how to play this fun and exciting yard game!

Even the name "Bocce Ball" is fun to say!

Volunteer sign up sheets are out in the East hallway this weekend at Our Lady of Grace. 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!

Timeless Treasures will be hosting a drawing this year for a beautiful quilted wall hanging. It is an abstract cross made in natural colors. To purchase a ticket, please contact Charlene Matteson, Nancy Cereska or any Timeless Treasures representative.

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 can be "sponsored" in memory of a loved one too.** 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.

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 - Thursday: 9am - 12 Noon and 1-5pm



Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

September 10, 2017

We all have heard of the power of prayer. Today's Gospel certainly validates that. And prayer is best done together with other believers. Hear this: "if *two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them* by my heavenly Father. For where *two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*" Picture a family gathered in prayer around the dinner table. The father asks God to guide him in decisions he faces at work. The mother thanks God for the blessings of home and food. One child prays for the Spirit to guide the school-aged ones in wisdom for upcoming tests. One little child thanks God for his mommy, daddy, and their puppy. The father then reminds the family of today's Gospel, Jesus seated at that table, listening, with His Spirit enabling. They close with an Our Father and have dessert. Is that family yours? Do you want it to be? How can you improve your own family prayer?

Mass Attendance: September 3, 2017

OLG 4:00pm: 153	OLG 9:00am: 158
SM 9:00am: 55	SM 10:30am: 217
SM 12:30pm: 105	SM 5:00pm: 139

† Prayer and Sympathy †

Please keep the family and friends of Doris Marshall in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their loved one.

Doris was remembered in a funeral Mass on Thursday, September 7 at St. Mary's.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Christian Social Concerns Collection for September

Canned soup, cereal and peanut butter.

For questions, please call Maria Langley at 739-7156

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions
September 3, 2017
Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,544.00	
General Fund:	\$	5173.00	
On-line Giving	\$	967.40	-596.40
Catholic Charities USA	\$	1672.26	Hurricane relief
8/27 Donuts	\$	41.00	

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7128.75
General Fund	\$	Not available

Contribution Counters: Week of September 10
 OLG Team 5 - St. Mary Team 1

Altar Society

The St. Mary's Altar Society will meet on September 17 following the 10:30am Mass.

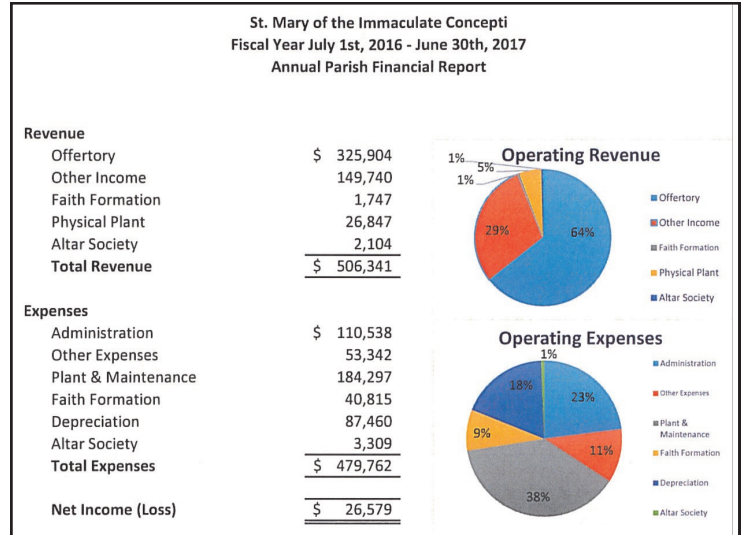
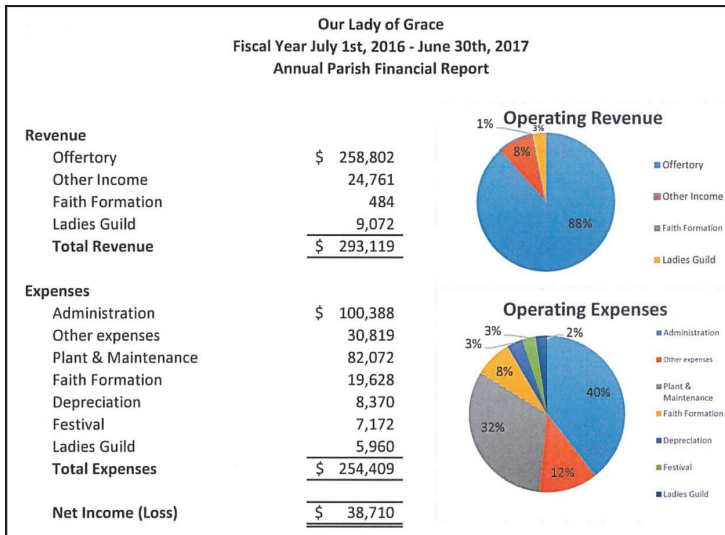
Religious Education News

CCD classes for grades Kindergarten - 5th will begin **Wednesday, October 11**. Classes will be held from 6:15pm - 7:30pm at the OLG campus. To register, please see the Religious Education board at your parish. Registration forms are also available on the parish website under *Faith Formation*. Forms may be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the offertory basket during Mass. A **Registration Round-Up** will also be held on Wednesday, October 4 at OLG from 6-7:30pm.

First Communicants and RCIA Students

A mandatory parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4 at Our Lady of Grace.

6:30 - 7pm: Parents of First Communicants
 7- 7:30pm: Parents of RCIA Students



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 lead us not into temptation (Sixth Petition con't)

2. **The Devil tempts man** with very great force, for even when the flesh is subdued, another tempter arises - the Devil, against whom we have a mighty struggle. Hence the Apostle says, "Our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness." (Ephesians 6:12) For this reason he is called significantly the Tempter: "Lest haply the tempter has tempted you." (1 Thessalonians 3:5) In tempting he proceeds most cunningly. Like a skillful general about to besiege a fortified city, he seeks out the weak points in the object of his assault and tempts a man in those things in which he sees him to be weak. For this reason, he tempts him in those sins to which, after subduing his flesh, man is most inclined (for instance, to anger, pride, and other spiritual sins): "Your adversary the Devil goes about as a roaring lion seeking to devour." (1 Peter 5:8) The Devil tempts man in two ways:
 - a. **The Devil deceives man:** He does not at once suggest to man something that has an appearance of evil, but something that has a semblance of good. Thereby, at least in the beginning, he turns man from his chief purpose; afterward, it becomes easier for him to induce man to sin, once man has been turned ever so little from that purpose. "Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light." (2 Corinthians 11:14)
 - b. **The Devil enthralls man in his sin:** Having led man on to sin, the Devil so enthralls him as to prevent him from arising out of sin: "The sinews of his testicles are wrapped together." (Job 40:17) The devil, then, does two things: he deceives a man and after deceiving him, enchains him in his sin.
3. **The world tempts man** in two ways:
 - a. **By awakening a desire for earthly goods.** The world tempts man by awakening in him an excessive and unbridled desire for earthly goods. For this reason, the Apostle says that "the desire of money is the root of all evils" (1 Timothy 6:10)
 - b. **By threatening him with persecution.** The world also tempts man by the threats of persecutors and tyrants: "We are wrapped up in darkness." (Job 37:19) "All that would live piously in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Timothy 3:12) "Fear not those that slay the body." (Matthew 10:28)

Accordingly, it is now clear what temptation is and in what way and by whom man is tempted. We now have to see how man is to be freed from temptation.

C. Release from temptation

Here we must observe that Christ teaches us to pray, not that we may not be tempted but that we may not be *led into temptation* - for if man overcomes temptation he deserves a crown. Hence it is said, "Deem it all delight my brethren, when you fall into diverse temptations" and "Son, when you come to the service of God...prepare your soul for temptation." (Sirach 2:1) Again: "Blessed is the man that is patient under temptation, for when he has been proved he shall receive the crown of life." (James 1:12) Hence, Christ teaches us to pray that we not be led into temptation by consenting to it. "Temptation has not come upon you but such as man can bear," (1 Corinthians 10:13) because to be tempted is human, but to consent is devilish. But does God lead a man to evil, so that we should say, *And lead us not into temptation?* I reply that God is said to lead us to evil by permitting us to do evil, to the extent that He withdraws His grace (Summa Theologica I-II, Q. 70, article 3) from man by reason of his many sins, in consequence of which man falls into sin. For this reason we chant, Forsake me not, O Lord, when my strength fails." (Psalm 71:9) Yet He guides man by the fervor of charity, let man be led into temptation, for the very least degree of charity is able to resist any sin whatever: "Many waters cannot quench charity." (Song of Solomon 8:7) He also guides us by the light of our intelligence, by which He teaches us what to do. For, as the Philosopher says, everyone who sins is ignorant. (Ethics, III, 1.) Thus we read, "I will give you understanding and will instruct you." (Psalm 32:8) For this David prayed when he said, "Enlighten my eyes lest I sleep in death; lest my enemy say, I have prevailed against him." (Psalm 13:3,4) This is imparted to us in the gift of understanding. Thus when we do not consent to temptation, we keep our hearts clean, of which it is said: "Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8) It follows from this that this petition brings us to the sight of God, *to which may God lead us all.*

Aquinas, Thomas. "The Lord's Prayer." *The Aquinas Catechism: A Simple Explanation of the Catholic Faith by the Church's Greatest Theologian.* Manchester, NH: Sophia Institute Press, 2000. 151-154



Adult Faith Formation

Sunday, September 17, 2017

6:15pm, St. Mary's Lourdes Hall

All adult parishioners are welcome!

MCC Voucher parents must attend.

Speaker: Mr. Mike Tober on the "Light of Faith"