

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“The practice of all the virtues is animated and inspired by charity, which ‘binds everything together in perfect harmony’, it is the *form of the virtues*; it articulates and orders them among themselves; it is the source and the goal of their Christian practice. Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love, and raises it to the supernatural perfection of divine love.” (CCC 1827)

**This Week at Our Parishes**

**Sunday, September 17: 24th 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

**Monday, September 18**

- Readings: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
- 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 † John and Betty Gary by the Gary families
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting at St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language at OLG

**Tuesday, September 19: St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr**

- Readings: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-3, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
- 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, September 20: St. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, St. Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

- Readings: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111: 1-6; Lk 7:31-35
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

**This Week at Our Parishes**

**Thursday, September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

- Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
- Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 11:00 a.m. Serra Club meeting at St. Mary
- 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, September 22**

- Readings: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
- 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 † Zachary Alldredge by Jon and Rita Woods
- 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal at St. Mary

**Saturday, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

- Readings: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 8:4-15
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 10:00 a.m. Baptism Prep Class (Spanish) at St. Mary
- 1:00 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 Hazel Paulic-Johnson

**Sunday, September 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- Readings: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 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 † Thomas J. and Patricia S. O’Toole by Margaret O’Toole
- 10:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Marie Peterson by Troy and Joni Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival at OLG
- 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 Olivarez
- 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 † Ene Buckley by Michael Buckley



“Padre Pio” was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina. A Capuchin priest who had received the stigmata, he spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor and intercessor. Despite such notoriety, he would often say, “I only want to be a poor friar who prays.” His life was devoted to the Eucharist and to prayer. He died September 23, 1968 at age 81. Pope John Paul II announced the inclusion of his Memorial in the General Roman Calendar in June, 2002. He is considered the patron saint of civil defense volunteers and Catholic adolescents.

**Altar Society**

The St. Mary’s Altar Society will meet today, September 17 following the 10:30am Mass.

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;  
1<sup>st</sup> 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

Mass Attendance: September 10, 2017

OLG 4:00pm: 171	OLG 9:00am: 157
SM 9:00am: 53	SM 10:30am: 215
SM 12:30pm: 140	SM 5:00pm: 182

Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival

Sunday, September 24, 2017  
Noon - 5:00pm

Come and join the fun!

Music provided by Plain Jane Glory.

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. Therèse 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.



Urgent Need!

"Let all that you do be done in love"... 1 Corinthians 16:14

Next Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, we have a unique opportunity to come together and work in love towards a common goal. The annual Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival has been a time of a fellowship and community in Muskegon for 92 years. As the clustered parishes of St. Mary's and Our Lady of Grace, our common goal this year, approved by members of both parishes, is to support the efforts of Muskegon Right to Life and Project Rachel, which supports post-abortive women... two worthy charities in line with our Catholic beliefs. If these efforts are to be a success, we do indeed need to work together to show God's love to our visitors and to one another.

This weekend is your **LAST OPPORTUNITY** to sign up to give of your time and talents to the Spaghetti Dinner. Keep in mind that the monies earned benefit not individual parishes, but individual people who are in desperate need of our help.

Here are some areas of service that are in **GREAT NEED** of volunteers:

- Pre-Festival Cleaning Bee** – washing trays and pots/pans
- Baking for the Dinner** – pies and cakes, desserts to be served to our guests; if not provided by our parishioners, they will have to be purchased which takes away money that can be donated to our designated charities
- Cupcakes for Games** – prizes for the little ones who do the Cake Walk
- Kitchen Workers on Friday** – making sauce
- Salad and Dessert prep for Sunday** – cutting and packaging
- Kitchen Workers** – Friday and Sunday
- Waiters and Waitresses on Sunday** – Main Dining Room from 2:30pm – 5pm
- Food Serving Line on Sunday** – from 2:30pm – 5pm
- Tray Washers on Sunday**
- Silent Auction on Sunday** – throughout the day
- Children's Games** – 12:00 -2:30pm
- Roaming Raffle Ticket Sales**– 12-2:30pm or 2:30 – 5pm
- Clean up** – from 4pm until finished (usually around 8pm)

PLEASE... Prayerfully consider what **YOU** can do to benefit Muskegon Right to Life and Project Rachel. Bake, bake, bake and sign up to work! The annual Spaghetti Dinner has always been a labor of love. Be a part of this great tradition of service! We will grow closer as a parish community and serve those who are greatly in need of our support. Thank you and God bless!  
Greg and Penny Russick

Happy Birthday and Congratulations!



Congratulations to OLG parishioner and lifelong learner Roy McDonald for receiving an honorary degree from Muskegon Community College. Roy will turn 91 this Tuesday. Happy birthday and way to go Roy!!!

**Request for Help**

We have a parishioner in need of home repairs. Plumbers, electricians, siding, etc. If you can help, please call Greg at 231-755-0180.

Pray for an end to abortion.

**Evangelization Clip**

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

September 17, 2017

How interesting that one of the best things we can do for our spiritual lives is also one of the best things we can do for our physical and mental well-being. Jesus' command to forgive "seventy-seven" times means to forgive always and completely. Unfortunately, the word *forgiveness* implies a two-way street of the offender asking for forgiveness and the one hurt granting that. Unfortunately, it usually does not work that way. We must *make forgiveness a decision of our mind*, over and over again, as often as needed. Our wounded *heart* must and will catch up, at least in time. So be forgiving. It is "good medicine"!

**RCIA Classes for Adults**

Are you searching for...

A deeper relationship with God?

A sense of belonging to a faith community?

A greater fulfillment of your mission in life?

Have you been curious...

Ever wonder why priests cannot marry?

Ever wonder about the Catholic moral life?

Ever wonder about the difference between Catholic and Protestant bibles?

RCIA classes are beginning soon! These classes are for the unbaptized, those baptized Christians from a Protestant or Evangelical background, as well as those baptized Catholics who have not received their first Holy Communion.

Sessions will be held Monday evenings at the OLG campus at 6:15pm for persons, aged 18 and older. If interested, please contact Lucrezia Esteban at 231-638-1354 or lesteban@comcast.net for more information.

**Catholic Services Appeal 2017**

Thank you for your gifts to CSA 2017. Your generous response to date:

**Our Lady of Grace**

CSA Goal: \$34,182.00 + 100% participation

119 of 260 families have responded.

80% of the CSA goal has been reached.

**St. Mary's**

CSA Goal: \$43,205.00 + 100% participation

110 of 517 families have responded.

66% of the CSA goal has been reached.

Please continue to pray for the success of CSA 2017.

**Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions**

**September 10, 2017**

**Our Lady of Grace**

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,544.00	
General Fund:	\$	3396.00	
On-line Giving	\$	522.40	-1625.60

**St. Mary's Church**

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7128.75	
General Fund	\$	4734.87	
On-line Giving	\$	362.30	-2031.58
Restoration	\$	240.00	
Poor Box	\$	25.00	

**St. Mary's Church: September 3**

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7128.75	
General Fund	\$	4452.79	
On-line Giving	\$	285.80	-2390.16
Catholic Relief Services	\$	50.00	
Restoration	\$	10.00	
Altar Society	\$	15.00	

**Contribution Counters: Week of September 17**  
OLG Team 1 - St. Mary Team 2

**Adult Faith Formation**

**Today! 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"

**Religious Education Classes**

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.

### **But deliver us from evil (Seventh Petition)**

In the foregoing petitions, our Lord teaches us to seek forgiveness of our sins and how we may avoid temptations. In this petition He bids us pray to be safeguarded from evils. This is a general petition against all evils (namely, sins, sickness and afflictions, as St. Augustine says). Seeing, however, that mention has already been made of sin and temptation, it remains for other evils to be mentioned (namely, the trials and afflictions of this world), from which God delivers us in four ways:

#### **A. God prevents evils**

God prevents the occurrence of evils, but He does not do this often, since the saints are afflicted in this world and since “everyone who would live piously in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” (2 Timothy 3:12) Yet sometimes God does prevent a man from being afflicted by an evil—namely, when He knows him to be unable to bear it (just as a physician does not apply violent remedies to a weak patient): “Behold I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it, for you have little strength.” (Revelation 3:8) In Heaven, however, this will apply to all, seeing that there none will be afflicted: “He shall deliver you in six troubles” (those, that is, of the present life, which is divided into six stages) “and in the seventh, evil shall not touch you.” (Job 5:19) “They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more.” (Revelation 7:16)

#### **B. God comforts the suffering**

He delivers us from afflictions when He comforts us in them. For unless He comforts us, we cannot endure: “We were utterly weighed down beyond our strength.” (2 Corinthians 1:8) “God who comforts the humble, comforts us.” (2 Corinthians 7:6) “According to the multitude of my sorrows in my heart, Your comforts delight my soul.” (Psalm 94:19)

#### **C. God rewards the afflicted**

He bestows so many blessings on those who are afflicted that their evils are forgotten: “After the storm You make it calm.” (Tobit 3:22) Hence such afflictions and trials are not to be feared, since they are easy to bear both on account of the attendant consolations and because of their short duration: “Our present light affliction ever more and more abundantly works out for us an eternal weight of glory,” (2 Corinthians 4:17) because by means thereof we obtain eternal life.

#### **D. God strengthens men through trials**

He delivers us from evil insofar as temptations and trials are conducive to our profit. Thus he does not say, *Deliver us from trials*, but *from evil*, because trials bring the saints a crown, and for that reason they glory in their trials. Thus the Apostle says, “And not only so, but we exult in our tribulations also, knowing that tribulation works patience.” (Roman 5:3) In time of tribulation You forgive sins.” (Tobit 3:13) Thus God delivers man from evil and from trials by turning them to man's profit, which is a sign of very great wisdom, because it is a mark of wisdom to direct evil to a good purpose (and this is the result of patience in bearing trials.) other virtues indeed employ good things, but patience profits by evil things, which is why it is necessary only in evils, i.e., in adversity: “The learning of a man is known by his patience.” (Proverbs 19:11) hence the Holy Spirit by means of the gift of wisdom makes us pray this way, so that we may obtain the beatitude which is the reward of peace. For by patience we obtain peace whether times be good or evil. For this reason, peacemakers are called the children of God because they are like God: just as nothing can hurt God, so nothing can harm them, whether they prosper or suffer. Therefore, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.” (Matthew 5:9)

#### **Amen.**

This is said to ratify all the petitions.

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. 155-157

This concludes the series. We hope you enjoyed it!

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### Televised Sunday Mass

Due to FOX's sports programming, the televised Sunday Mass from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew will not air live on FOX 17 on Sunday, Oct. 1.

You may watch the live broadcast of Sunday Mass on Antenna TV or ThisTV (check local listings). The live webcast can be found at [dioceseofgrandrapids.org](http://dioceseofgrandrapids.org). From the website home page, click on the “Webcast” link on the right side of the screen. You may also watch Mass live on our Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids).

Televised broadcasts of the Sunday 10 a.m. Mass will resume as regularly scheduled on Oct. 8. If you have any questions, please contact the diocesan communications office at 616-551-5629.