

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Before we make our own this first exclamation of the Lord’s Prayer, we must humbly cleanse our hearts of certain false images drawn ‘from this world.’ *Humility* makes us recognize that ‘no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him,’ that is, ‘to little children.’ The *purification* of our hearts has to do with paternal and maternal images, stemming from our personal and cultural history, and influencing our relationship with God. God our Father transcends the categories of the created world. To impose our own ideas in this area ‘upon him’ would be to fabricate idols to adore or pull down. To pray to the Father is to enter into his mystery as he is and as the Son has revealed him to us.” (CCC 2779)

This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pro-Life Sunday

- Readings: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25: 4-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32
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 OLG for † Thelma Betlejewski for Ron Betlejewski
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for the people of our parishes
10:00 a.m. Parish Breakfast at Our Lady of Grace
10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Tom Carlson by Gene and Barb Greenwood
12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for † Inocencio Gutierrez and Salud Alvarado by the Gutierrez family
2:30 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 † Rosemary Sleak by Larry and Julia Dennis

Monday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

- Readings: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:2, 16-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 9:00 a.m. Comfort and Grace Sewing Ministry at OLG
9:45 a.m. Holy Family Co-Op at OLG
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 family
6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language at OLG

Tuesday, October 3

- Readings: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56
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 † Leoné Misze by Kathy Misze

This Week at Our Parishes

Wednesday, October 4: St. Francis of Assisi

- Readings: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 6:30 p.m. Parent Meeting for First Communicants at OLG
7:00 p.m. Parent Meeting for RCIA Candidates at OLG
7:00 p.m. Choir practice at St. Mary

Thursday, October 5: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

- Readings: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
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 † Henry Agens by his family
6:30 p.m. Holy Hour at St. Mary (Spanish)
6:30 p.m. Evangelization class at St. Mary (Spanish)

Friday, October 6: St. Bruno and Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

- Readings: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
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 † members of the Gehrholz family by Jacqueline Caughey
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal at St. Mary

Saturday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary

- Readings: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Grace
2:00 p.m. Quinceanera at Our Lady of Grace
3:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
3:30 p.m. Wedding at St. Mary
4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Rita Sander by Jo and Lucrezia Esteban

Sunday, October 8: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43
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 OLG for † Nancy Panozzo by Diane Panozzo
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for the people of our parishes
10:00 a.m. Fellowship and donuts at Our Lady of Grace
10:00 a.m. Women’s Guild meeting at OLG
10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Wanda Alvesteffer and † Marty Neff by their families
12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for † Jose Antonio by Jose Ruiz and Karina Ortiz
2:30 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 † Rosemary Sleak by Dave and Jane Tomczak

October is Respect Life Month

Pray fervently to end abortion, artificial birth control, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research.

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

Kevin Visscher, Delores Zakroczemski, John Potter, 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, 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, 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



Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions
September 24, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount: \$ 5,544.00
General Fund: \$ 5222.05
On-line Giving \$ 627.40 +305.45
Hurricane Irma Relief \$ 1111.00

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount \$ 7128.75
General Fund \$ 3886.78
On-line Giving \$ 754.30 -2487.67
Restoration \$ 80.00
Altar Society \$ 10.00
Hurricane Irma Relief \$ 1491.32

Contribution Counters: Week of October 1
OLG Team 3 - St. Mary Team 4



Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival

All proceeds will benefit
Muskegon Right to Life and Project Rachel
Stay tuned for more information.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the
Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival a success.

A special thank you goes out to
Dan and Kelly Harris for sponsoring
the Ave Maria Main Dining Room.



Mass Attendance: September 24, 2017

OLG 4:00pm: 180	OLG 11:00am: 91
SM 9:00am: 80	SM 10:30am: 206
SM 12:30pm: 138	SM 5:00pm: 154

White Mass

Sunday, October 15, 2017
10:00 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Andrew

Bishop Walkowiak wishes to invite all Healthcare
Professionals (doctors, nurses, students, caregivers,
trustees and any engaged in the care of the sick and
infirm), along with your family and friends, to attend
the Mass of Christ the Healer. A reception will follow
the Mass in the Cathedral's Parish Center.

† Prayer and Sympathy †

Please keep the family and friends of Roy McDonald and
Rosemary Kellogg in your prayers as they mourn
the passing of their loved ones.

Roy was remembered in a funeral Mass on
Thursday, September 28 at Our Lady of Grace. Rosemary
will be remembered in a funeral Mass on Saturday,
October 7th at Our Lady of Grace.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine
upon them. May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

First Friday
Devotion

Friday, October 6
St. Mary's

11:00am: Eucharistic
Adoration and Rosary

11:40a.m: Sacrament of
Reconciliation

12:10p.m: Holy Mass

First Saturday
Devotion

Saturday, October 7
St. Mary's

10:00am: Rosary
10:30am: Holy Mass



Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Jesus looks into the mind, heart, and actions of two brothers, responding to their father's request for help. One initially says "no" but in the end, does what his father asks. The other son says "yes" but in the end ignores his father's request. One quality lacking in both is integrity. Integrity is consistency between words and actions. While it is best to get it right the first time, reconciliation to the better way is better than going astray. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is for all of us as we seek that better way. Today's Psalm 25 is our call, "Remember your mercies, O Lord." As we pray, "Remember Your compassion, Lord," so must we have compassion on the defenseless infant in a mother's womb. Today is Right to Life Sunday. Our nation and world supports abortion on demand, yet God in Hebrew Scripture and Jesus in Christian Scripture is all about life and love. One way a family can support the Right to Life is to discuss why we, as parents, are pro-life. We must be people of integrity, seeking God's life and love and passing that on.

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.

Humanity for Prisoners

Humanity for Prisoners welcomes Father Greg Boyle to West Michigan on October 12th at Lakeshore Middle School in Grand Haven at 7 p.m. Father Boyle's New York Times Best Seller, "*Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*," describes the creation of Homeboy Industries, the organization he established to create job opportunities for gang members and ex-convicts. His appearance will be a fundraiser for Humanity for Prisoners. Tickets are available online at www.humanityforprisoners.org or at The Bookman in Grand Haven.

Christian Social Concerns Collection for October

Canned fruit, corn, beans, stuffing.

For questions, please call Maria Langley at 739-7156.

Public Square Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 14, 2017
12:00 Noon

St. Mary's Church
In front of the Mary Garden

The Public Square Rosary Rally, sponsored by *America Needs Fatima*, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. Please join in to fervently pray for America and the conversion of sinners as Our Lady of Fatima requested. For more information, please visit <https://americanneedsfatima.org/>



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 6:30pm for persons, aged 18 and older. If interested, please contact Lucrezia Esteban at 231-638-1354 or lesteban@comcast.net for more information.

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



Counters Needed

St. Mary's and Our Lady of Grace are in need of persons to help count the Sunday collection.

St. Mary's

Team 1 needs one person: Commitment would be for one Tuesday a month. **Team 4** needs two people: Commitment would be one Wednesday a month.

Our Lady of Grace

Team 2 needs one person: Commitment would be for one Monday a month. **Team 3** needs two people: Commitment would be for one Monday a month. **Team 4** needs two people: Commitment would be for one Sunday or one Monday a month. **Team 5** needs one person: Commitment would be for one Sunday or one Tuesday a month.

Please call the parish office if interested.
231-722-2803, ext. 11 or ext. 12

Fr. Bernott Education Endowment Raffle

The Education Endowment raffle will be held again this year on the last Sunday of the month, October through June following the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary's.

The raffle subsidizes each parish's assessment to Muskegon Catholic Schools as well as the textbook voucher that is extended to all of our middle and high school students who attend MCC. It also helps to cover costs of the Religious Education program that benefit the children of our parishes.

The first two raffle drawings will be on Sunday, October 29th.
 Tickets are \$10.00 each or six (6) for \$50.00.
 One ticket has ten chances to win \$100.00!!

Tickets will be on sale soon after Masses at both parishes. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the parish office.

Please help support this great legacy of Fr. Bernott and buy tickets - the greatest thing we can do for our children is to pass on the faith!

St. Mary's Hearing Loop

Turn your hearing aid to T-coil and turn up the volume. If you need assistance, please see an usher.



Need-A-Ride

We have four parishioners who are in need of a ride to Mass. If you can help in this ministry, please contact the parish office for more information.

4pm Mass at Our Lady of Grace

Parishioner lives near Barclay and Hackley

4pm or 9am Mass at Our Lady of Grace

Parishioner lives near Whitehall Road and Ruddiman Drive in the North Muskegon area

10:30am Mass at St. Mary's

Parishioner lives near McCracken and Norton

5:00pm Mass at St. Mary's

Parishioner lives by Marquette and Getty

If you could offer a ride, but attend a different Mass, the parishioner might be willing to go to the Mass you regularly attend.

Thank you for your consideration!

Lectors Needed

Lectors are needed at St. Mary's. One person is needed for the 10:30am Mass and six people are needed for the 5:00pm Mass. If your heart says YES!, please contact Monica in the parish office at 231-722-2803, ext. 11 or at secretary@stmarysmuskegon.org.



The Our Lady of Grace Women's Guild will meet next week, Sunday, October 8th following the 9am Mass. All the women in the parish are invited.

"Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life." U.S. Catholic Bishops

Ordinary Care:

When the Kiss of Peace Provokes Distress

You've been holding hands with your neighbor during the Our Father. As it ends you suddenly find your hand being squeezed. Why? Perhaps to convey a special closeness not achieved by handholding alone? You reach out to shake hands at the Kiss of Peace and you are met with a hearty handclasp. Apparently this is calculated to convey enthusiasm. As well-meaning as these sentiments may be, there are many people for whom the hand squeezes and forceful handshakes are actually painful. These include the arthritis sufferers among us. For these, even an ordinary handshake can hurt.

Contrary to what many may think arthritis is not a disease of the elderly. One in five persons older than 18 years of age has arthritis. Two-thirds of those with arthritis are less than 65 years old. It is the number one cause of disability in the U.S. One half of all people over 65 have it. Osteoarthritis is the most common type of arthritis. It is also called degenerative joint disease. It is painful and debilitating. People with this disease usually have joint pain. This pain may be in the hands, and any other place joints are found. It contributes to physical limitations, including standing, bending, walking, kneeling, and climbing stairs. It can make genuflecting difficult if not impossible.

Please exercise care in extending handshakes of introduction and of peace. Think twice about any unnecessary hand squeezing. (Holding hands during the Our Father is not in the Roman Missal, so people are not required to do so.) If someone hesitates or declines to extend his or her hand, do not take it as an insult, it may be because of the inevitable pain.

Be aware also that many arthritic persons cannot kneel, or kneel for prolonged periods of time. If you notice someone half kneeling, half sitting in their pew in front of you, give some thought to sharing your space to accommodate those who need it. It is not only kind, but it is also a corporal work of mercy.

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