

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.’ But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or ‘out of the depths’ of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted, humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that ‘we do not know how to pray as we ought,’ are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. ‘Man is a beggar before God.’” (CCC 2559)

This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, November 5: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Mal 1:14b – 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3;
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12
- 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 by 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. Champurrado and Chicharrones for sale at St. Mary’s
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the special intentions of Stanley and Marion Sanford for their 65th wedding anniversary
- 11:30 a.m. Champurrado and Chicharrones for sale at St. Mary’s
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 1:30 p.m. Champurrado and Chicharrones for sale at St. Mary’s
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Rosemary Sleak by Paula Martin
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Confirmands and Sponsors at St. Mary

Monday, November 6

- Readings: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
- 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 † Marie Peterson by Jody Gubach
- 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting at OLG
- 6:30 p.m. RCIA classes at OLG
- 6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language at OLG

Tuesday, November 7

- Readings: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1cde, 2-3; Lk 14:15-24
- 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 † the neediest soul in purgatory by Anonymous
- 7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Andrew’s

This Week at Our Parishes

Wednesday, November 8

- Readings: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 6:15 p.m. Religious Education classes at OLG
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)

Thursday, November 9

- Readings: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Prayers: Luminous 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 † Herman and Mary Eller by Richard and Marlene Eller
- 6:30 p.m. Evangelization class at St. Mary (Spanish)

Friday, November 10

- Readings: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
- 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 † Rose Hower by Marty and Monica Stevens

Saturday, November 11

- Readings: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 3:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Rita Sander by Beverly Schaub and family

Sunday, November 12: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13
- 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 Jeanette and William Phillips
- 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 Our Lady of Grace
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Brian Somers by Ralph and Rita Horan
- 11:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus #9802 Burrito Sale at St. Mary
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Rosemary Sleak by Beverly Schaub

Catholic Charities Double Match Day

November 11 and 12, 2017

CCWM will be at both parishes to collect funds that will be double matched by Meijer’s. For example, for a \$5.00 donation, Meijer’s will double match it by donating \$10.00, making it a \$15.00 donation. Please give generously!

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

Dorothy Bauer, Fred Kenny, Jr., Michael McDermott,
Yvonne Petersen, 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, 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, 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;
Fireman 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

Christian Social Concerns

Food Collection

We are in need of many items to fill the
Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

Canned fruits, corn, green beans, peanut butter, cereal,
boxed stuffing, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes,
dish soap, bar soap, toilet paper and
monetary donations for meat certificates.

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

Praise and Worship

Come and Adore the Lord!

Thursday, November 16, 2017

7:00 - 8:00pm

Our Lady of Grace



Set aside an hour to be
with the Lord!

Praise and worship the Lord
through adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament,
contemporary song, and
reflection.

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Imagine having one minute in an elevator with Jesus. What would you ask? How would Jesus respond? If you had just read the Gospel for today, you might say, "Jesus, what quality do You most wish us to have, and what negative do You dislike the most?" Based on today's Gospel, Jesus would say this. "The *quality I most like is integrity*, which is consistency between words and actions. The *enemy of integrity is hypocrisy*. A hypocrite pretends to be what he or she is not, or appears to take on a virtue that he or she in fact lacks." The elevator door opens, Jesus smiles at you, exists, and you are by yourself. Now what? That evening, you try an *Examination of Consciousness* to see how you might lack some integrity or claim a virtue you might lack. Ask yourself, "How can I improve?" Know that Jesus really wants us to be good people. Talk about integrity and hypocrisy with your spouse and children. (Do you dare ask your spouse or a very close friend if you are a person of integrity, or show signs of hypocrisy? Be adventurous. Go ahead and ask!)

Mass Attendance: October 29, 2017

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| OLG 4:00pm: 182 | OLG 9:00am: 146 |
| SM 9:00am: 99 | SM 10:30am: 229 |
| SM 12:30pm: 159 | SM 5:00pm: 198 |

† Prayer and Sympathy †

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

Tori was remembered in a Memorial Service on
Thursday, November 2 at Systema Funeral Home
with Deacon Bill Cook presiding.

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.

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

October 29, 2017

Our Lady of Grace

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| Budgeted Weekly Amount: | \$ 5,544.00 | |
| General Fund: | \$ 4563.00 | |
| On-line Giving | \$ 627.40 | -353.60 |
| World Mission Sunday | \$ 35.00 | |
| Nov 15 and Nov 22 Donuts | \$ 111.96 | |

St. Mary's Church

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

Contribution Counters: Week of November 5
OLG Team 3 - St. Mary Team 1

Mass Schedule Change

Starting Wednesday, November 8, the Thursday night Mass celebrated in Spanish will be moved to Wednesday night. The Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m.

Confessions will be heard at 6 p.m.

Cambio de horario de misa

A partir del miércoles, 8 de noviembre, la misa del jueves por la noche que se celebra en español se trasladará a la noche del miércoles. La misa se celebrará a las 6:30 p.m.

Las confesiones serán escuchadas a las 6 p.m.

**Women's Guild**

The Our Lady of Grace Women's Guild will meet Sunday, November 12th following the 9am Mass. All the women in the parish are invited.

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

CONGRATULATIONS**Education Endowment Raffle Winners!**

October 29, 2017

50/50: \$24.00 Marne Houghtaling

\$100.00 Kay Ferenz

\$100.00 Rebecca Steighner

Join us for coffee, donuts & the next drawing following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on **November 26th** in Lourdes Hall.

Please contact the parish office to purchase tickets for the \$100.00 drawing.

Beautification Mass for Fr. Solanus Casey

Saturday, November 18, 2017
Ford Field House, Detroit

There are three opportunities to participate in the celebration of this Beautification Mass.

From the Fr. Phil Legacy Project, you can obtain a ticket to the Mass and a seat on the bus for \$80.00. For more info, contact Mary Jo Trenter at 755-4122.

If you already have a ticket, but need transportation, there are two buses leaving from the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

The first is a diocesan-sponsored bus which will depart from Cathedral Square Center (360 Division Ave. S, Grand Rapids) at 10:45 a.m. and return by 11 or 11:30 p.m.

The cost is \$30/person. You can register here:
<https://community.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/fr.-casey>

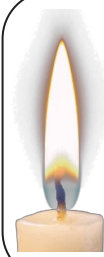
The second is sponsored by St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Kentwood. The bus will depart from the Church (1253 52nd St. SE, Kentwood) at 10 a.m. and return by 10 p.m.

The cost is \$47/person.

Please call Jan Olexa to register at 616-554-7006.

Follow the Light to Christmas

Monday, December 4, 2017



OLG and St Mary's parishioners SAVE THE DATE for the *Follow the Light to Christmas* program.

Sign-up sheets will be available at both parishes the weekend of November 12th. This is a great way to begin the Christmas season. Don't delay. Seating is limited.

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be having a bake sale at Our Lady of Grace after the 4pm Mass on November 18 and the 9am Mass on November 19.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development**Working on the Margins**

Did you know that over 43 million Americans live below the poverty line? A special collection will be taken at all the Masses on November 18th and 19th to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

Designed to address the policies and structures that perpetuate poverty to create sustainable solutions, CCHD empowers poor and marginalized people to join together and make decisions to improve their lives and neighborhoods. 25% of funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. To find out who receives funding from the CCHD collection, watch their "Meet Mary" video and see how your donations break the cycle of poverty:

<https://goo.gl/OouOcf>

2018 Contribution Envelopes

For the upcoming year, we will be using a different company for the contribution envelopes. They will be mailed to parishioners periodically throughout the year. If you have had a change of address in the last year, please contact the parish office at 722-2803, ext. 11 or ext. 12.

Prison and Jail Ministry Christmas Drive

St. Mary's and Our Lady of Grace will be 'visiting' the imprisoned this Christmas by collecting the following items for our local prisons, jails, juvenile detention centers and shelters:

New White Tube Socks

New Plastic Reading Glasses

- Strengths: +1.0 +1.25 +3.0

Travel Size Hygiene Items

- shampoo
- conditioner
- body wash
- moisturizing lotion
- lip balm
- deodorant
- toothpaste



Please bring donation(s) to your parish by Sunday, November 26, 2017.

Mass Schedule

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Grace

| Holiday/Holy Day/Feast Day | Day | Date | Time | Location | Language |
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| Thanksgiving | Thursday | November 25 | 10:00am | St. Mary's | |
| Vigil of Immaculate Conception | Thursday | December 7 | 6:30pm | St. Mary's | Spanish |
| Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) | Friday | December 8 | 9:30am | Muskegon Catholic | |
| | | | 12:10pm | St. Mary's | |
| Our Lady of Guadalupe | Tuesday | December 12 | 6:30pm | Our Lady of Grace | |
| | | | 8:30am | Our Lady of Grace | |
| | | | 9:30am | Muskegon Catholic | |
| 4 th Sunday of Advent | Saturday | December 23 | 4:00pm | St. Mary's | Spanish |
| 4 th Sunday of Advent (Holy Day of Obligation) | Sunday | December 24 | 9:00am | Our Lady of Grace | |
| | | | 10:30am | St. Mary's | |
| | | | 12:30pm | St. Mary's | Spanish |
| Please note: There will not be a 9am Mass in Spanish or a 5pm Mass celebrated at St. Mary's for the 4th Sunday of Advent obligation. | | | | | |
| Vigil of Christmas | Sunday | December 24 | 4:00pm | St. Mary's | |
| | | | 6:30pm | St. Mary's | Spanish |
| Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation) | Monday | December 25 | 6:30pm | Our Lady of Grace | |
| | | | 12 Midnight | St. Mary's | |
| | | | 9:00am | Our Lady of Grace | |
| Mary, the Mother of God (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year) | Monday | January 1 | 10:30am | St. Mary's | |
| | | | 12:30pm | St. Mary's | Spanish |
| | | | 12:10pm | St. Mary's (location change) | |

