

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“All Christ’s faithful are to direct their affections rightly, lest they be hindered in their pursuit of perfect charity by the use of worldly things and by an adherence to riches which is contrary to the spirit of evangelical poverty.” (CCC 2545)

This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
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 OLG for † Michael Wright by Darlene Homfield, JoAnn Rillma and Judy Nauta
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. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Tom Carlson by Kay Carlson
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 the special Intentions of Richard and Paulette Couch by Christine Tourcotte

Monday, January 22: Day of Prayer

- Readings: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration at OLG
11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at OLG for the legal protection of unborn children
6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language classes at OLG

Tuesday, January 23: St. Vincent and St. Marianne Cope

- Readings: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
8:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
8:30 a.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Frances Wright by Marva Paul
6:30 p.m. RCIA classes at Our Lady of Grace

Wednesday, January 24

- Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
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, January 25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

- Readings: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18
Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Glen and Rose Saum, by Louise Scheibner and Delores Klamfoth
6:30 p.m. Evangelization Group at St. Mary

Friday, January 26: St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops

- Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Bob Ferenz by Judy McAlister

Saturday, January 27: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

- Readings: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
3:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Ed McMahon by Mary Dunkel
5:00 p.m. RTL Billboard Campaign collection at OLG

Sunday, January 28: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
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 † Clark Hoolihan by Jason and Jamie Gustin
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. RTL Billboard Campaign collection at OLG
10:00 a.m. RTL Billboard Campaign collection at St. Mary
10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the special intentions of Eugene Hower, Jr. by Marty and Monica Stevens
11:30 a.m. RTL Billboard Campaign collection at St. Mary
11:30 a.m. Knights Council #9802 Burrito Sale at St. Mary
11:30 a.m. Knights membership drive at St. Mary
11:30 a.m. Educ. Endowment raffle and donuts at St. Mary
12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)
1:30 p.m. RTL Billboard Campaign collection at St. Mary
4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for Kristina French by Dave and Jane Tomczak
6:00 p.m. RTL Billboard Campaign collection at St. Mary
6:00 p.m. Knights membership drive at St. Mary



Knights of Columbus Fundraiser
Council #9802
Sunday, January 28th
11:30a.m. – 3:30p.m.
St. Mary’s Lourdes Hall
Burritos

Education Endowment Raffle

Sunday, January 28, 2018
11:30am at St. Mary’s
Coffee and donuts will be served.

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

Phil Hoos, Frank and Nancy Cereska, Evelyn Smith,
Diane Williams, Mike and Patti Birkhold, Larry Gilbert,
Fred Kenny, Jr., Yvonne Petersen, Delores Zakroczemski,
John Potter, Ellis Dilts, Rose Marie Mikesell, Ron Betlejewski,
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, 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

Dorothy Bauer, Eugene Rewalt, Arlene LeBeau,
Carolene McIntosh, Pat Simonson, Jackie Blake, Shirley Sterritt,
Ruth Ruby, Gene Gianetti Jr., Rosalie Venne, Alyce Donaldson,
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

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

January 21, 2018

Have you made New Year's resolutions? Given today's Gospel readings, the Church is giving us one for 2018: *Hear Jesus' call to discipleship—to us, today! And recommit.* Last week, in John's Gospel, Andrew and a second follower, hear Jesus ask them, "*What are you looking for?*" In this week's Gospel from Mark, Jesus calls two sets of brothers who abandoned their jobs as fishermen and unreservedly followed Jesus. Jesus calls you, today! So—"What are you looking for" as you follow Jesus? Perhaps the answer is in next week's Gospel from Mark. *You seek Jesus' teaching with authority* to guide your life. Renew your commitment to discipleship. Discuss this with your spouse. Parents, discuss another of Jesus' questions as a family: "*Who do you say that I am?*"

† Prayer and Sympathy †

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

David was remembered in a Memorial Service on Monday, January 15 at Sytsema Chapel with Rev. Mark Green presiding.

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

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

January 14, 2018

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,544.00	
General Fund	\$	3359.00	
Online-Giving	\$	437.40	-1747.60
Heat	\$	30.00	

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7,128.75	
General Fund	\$	6802.99	
Online-Giving	\$	269.30	-56.46
Restoration	\$	20.00	
Heat	\$	25.00	

Contribution Counters: Week of January 21
OLG Team 4 - St. Mary Team 4

2017 Contribution Statements

2017 Contribution statements were mailed this past week to those parishioners whose contributions were greater than \$200.00. If you did not receive yours or if you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

Contribution Envelopes

If you haven't received yours yet or have any questions, please call the parish office. The office is open Monday - Thursday, 9am - Noon and 1pm - 5pm. We are closed on Fridays and when Muskegon Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions.

Thank you Prince of Peace!

Our Middle School Youth Group enjoyed a "Lock-In" hosted by Prince of Peace Church on January 12th -13th. Thirty-two students from the two youth groups enjoyed their time together doing faith-filled activities, such as a Prayer Service at Midnight in their pajamas.



If you would like to join our Middle School Youth Group, please contact Kacey Kersman at 722-2803, ext. 16.

Mass Attendance: January 14, 2018

OLG 4:00pm:	174	OLG 9:00am:	124
SM 9:00am:	45	SM 10:30am:	211
SM 12:30pm:	164	SM 5:00pm:	205

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

Religious Education News

The Director of Religious Education is currently looking for an energetic person to assist in the Middle School Youth Group program. If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact Kacey Kersman at 231-722-2803, ext. 16 or dre@stmarysmuskegon.org or dre@olgmuskegon.org.

Cantors Needed!!!

Do you have a good voice and the desire to serve the Lord with your talent? If so, we need you! Our Lady of Grace church is currently looking for more cantors to lead the congregation in song during Sunday Masses. If you are interested, please talk to the pianist or cantor after Mass, or call the parish office for more information.

Spaghetti Dinner Update

The 2017 Spaghetti Dinner and Music Festival was another success. Your efforts raised \$8,000!! Muskegon County Right to Life and CCWM Project Rachel will each receive \$4,000. Thank you EVERYONE for all your hard work and support!

Presentation on Human Suffering

Based on
An Apostolic Letter of St. Pope John Paul II
"On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering"
Presented by Deacon Bill Cook
February 4 and 11, 2018
3:00pm at St. Mary's

Palms for Ash Wednesday

Please return your 2017 palms to church so they may be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Baskets are located at entrances at both churches. Please return your palms by February 11th.

Ash Wednesday Mass

February 14, 2018

12:10pm Mass at St. Mary
6:30pm Mass at Our Lady of Grace
6:30pm Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)



Parishioner In Need

A parishioner is in need of the following items:



One twin bed
Two Dressers
End Tables



Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted to purchase paint, wall board, light fixtures, wiring and flooring. Please call the Russicks at 616-516-3580 if you can supply any of these items. Please make checks payable to OLG.

A HUGE thank you to the people who have provided a twin bed, a washer and a dryer and monetary donations. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

Mobile Food Pantry Ministry

The parishes of Our Lady of Grace and St. Mary's are in need of someone to organize the Mobile Food Pantry Ministry. If the Lord is calling you to this ministry please contact the parish office. Training will be provided.

Catholic Men's Conference

March 10, 2018

West Catholic High School, Grand Rapids

Mark your calendars and register now for the upcoming 13th Annual Building a Legacy Catholic Men's conference. It will be a day of dynamic speakers, powerful faith development and reinvigorating fellowship. This year's theme "Behold the Man" is designed to give all attendees an opportunity to encounter the One Man who changes hearts and transforms lives - Jesus Christ. The lineup features outstanding speakers: evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, founder of *That Man is You* Steve Bollman, musician Chris Muglia and youth breakout leader Justin Fatica. To register, go to buildingalegacy.org. Questions? Call Deacon Jim at 616-292-0422. Early registration ends February 23 and is limited...don't miss out!



Right to Life Billboard Campaign

This campaign is an opportunity for you to donate to help fund five pro-life billboards in Muskegon County. Billboards will be located at:

- ◆ M-46 @ Maple Island Road facing west
- ◆ Seaway .1 mile north of Laketon facing north
- ◆ M-120 .5 mile north of Beattie Road facing east
- ◆ Henry @ Hackley facing north
- ◆ I-96 .6 mile east of Fruitport exit facing east

Parish Right to Life representatives will be collecting money after the Masses on January 27th and 28th. Please be generous!

Sacrament of Marriage

Stressful or Sacramental?

If you are a parishioner planning a summer or autumn wedding, be sure to contact the parish office to make an appointment with the pastor or deacon. Preparation takes about six months. **The date of your wedding will be scheduled at this first meeting.** Many couples make the mistake of first scheduling (and making deposits) for a reception hall, D.J. and caterer before they meet with the priest. Then they discover that the church or priest is not available for a specific date. Don't let this be you! The sacrament is the most important part of your wedding day - start your planning with the pastor.

Catholic Friends

Dear Parishioners: "Catholic Friends" is a new opportunity for adults in their 30's-50's to build a stronger community of friendship & faith at St. Mary's and Our Lady of Grace parishes. All adults in their 30's-50's are welcome to join us for any and all events! Current events include:

- Wednesday, January 24, 6:00-8:00pm @ Pigeon Hill: Have a beer, play some games, get to know each other, share ideas for future get-togethers.
- Thursday, February 1, 5:30pm@ the Art Museum's Post Card Exhibit, maybe grab a bite to eat after! (Museum entry is free Thursdays after 4:00pm!)
- Saturday, February 24: (time/location tbd) Book Discussion of Fr. Matt's Christmas present to us, "Saints For Our Times." (Extra copies are in the back of Church).

Please email CatholicFriendsMuskegon@gmail.com or call/text Amy Paquin at 616-443-1760 for more information.

Candlemas

Friday, February 2, 2018

The parish office has seven candles in clear glass with an etched cross for sale for \$10.00 each and four candles in red glass with an etched cross for sale for \$5.00 each. These candles are 8-day candles. First come-first served! If you would like to purchase a candle, please contact the parish office. White 6-day candles in plastic are also available for purchase for \$5.00 each. Candles will be blessed at the end of 12:10pm Mass on February 2nd at St. Mary's. Please place your candle(s) in front of the low altar before Mass.

St. Blaise: Blessing of the Throats

Saturday, February 3, 2018
10:30am, St. Mary

St. Blaise was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, St. Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. This date is also First Saturday, therefore the rosary will be prayed at 10am followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Throats at 10:30am.



Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9am - Noon, 1pm - 5pm
Closed on Friday's

Office Closures

If Muskegon Public Schools are closed due to weather and road conditions, the parish office will be closed. Please check your local news first before venturing out to the parish office.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you!



Council #13579, Holy Rosary Council will conduct a membership drive after the 10:30am and the 5:00pm Masses on Sunday, January 28th at St. Mary's. Please consider joining our council.

For more information, visit <http://www.kofc.org>; <https://www.facebook.com/KofC-13579-516798665016987> or contact Mike Lewis at 231-206-1028.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, giving alms or by participating in special events that observe the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Bishop Walkowiak will celebrate the Mass for Life on Monday, January 22nd at 7pm at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, with a reception to follow. This year there will be a few brief testimonies at the end of Mass pertaining to the power of prayer around the theme of abortion.

A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.