

This Week at Our ParishesSunday, 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
- 4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 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

Monday, January 29

- Readings: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- 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 † Frances Wright by Darlene Homfield, JoAnn Rillma and Judy Nauta
- 12:45 p.m. Cenacle of Life Rosary at Our Lady of Grace
- 6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language classes at OLG

Tuesday, January 30

- Readings: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 8:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Grace
- 8:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Julia Gonzales by her family
- 6:30 p.m. RCIA classes at Our Lady of Grace

Wednesday, January 31: St. John Bosco, Priest

- Readings: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-17; Mk 6:1-6
- 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. Santa misa en Santa Maria

Thursday, February 1

- Readings: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12d; Mk 6:7-13
- 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 † Tony and Kathy Sass by William and Benita Mikesell
- 12:45 p.m. Mother of Perpetual Help devotion at St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. Taller de Oración y Vida at Santa María

Friday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord; First Friday

- Readings: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 11:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 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 † Peggy Shields by William and Benita Mikesell
- Candles for home altars will be blessed at Mass.
- 12:45 p.m. Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Mary

Saturday, February 3: St. Blaise; First Saturday

- Readings: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 10:00 a.m. First Saturday Devotion: Rosary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass for reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the conversion of Sinners. Throats will be blessed at Mass.
- 3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Grace
- 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Michael McDermott, Sr. by Dennis and Marilyn Chandonnet

Sunday, February 4: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
- 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. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Marty Neff by his family
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation on Human Suffering at St. Mary
- 4:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary

Mass Attendance: January 21, 2018

OLG 4:00pm: n/a	OLG 9:00am: n/a
SM 9:00am: 54	SM 10:30am: 199
SM 12:30pm: 156	SM 5:00pm: 176

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Christ’s whole earthly life-his words and deeds, his silences and sufferings, indeed his manner of being and speaking—is Revelation of the Father. Jesus can say: ‘Whoever has seen me has seen the Father’, and the Father can say: ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ Because our Lord became man in order to do his Father’s will, even the least characteristics of his mysteries manifest ‘God’s love...among us.’ “ (CCC 516)

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Think about people in your life who speak with authority. Teachers. Judges. Police officers. Parents. Their authority was founded on documented Truth. We could not interpret that Truth to suit our needs. In today’s Gospel, we hear the testimony of people who actually heard Jesus teach. They tell us, “He taught them as one having authority.” Jesus was God. Authority gets no greater than God. We must listen to Jesus in Scripture. Jesus gave His teaching authority to the Church He founded. He made Peter its head. Today, the Church teaches with the authority of God, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Listen. Pass those teachings on to our children. There simply is no “wobble room” for moral relativism in Jesus and His Church speaking with authority.

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 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

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

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions
January 21, 2018**Our Lady of Grace**

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,544.00	
General Fund	\$	6117.00	
Online-Giving	\$	991.48	+1564.48
Heat	\$	132.00	
Votive Candles	\$	244.00	
Faith CDs	\$	4.00	
1/14/18 Donuts	\$	27.00	

St. Mary’s Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7,128.75	
General Fund	\$	5068.88	
Online-Giving	\$	653.48	-1406.39
Restoration	\$	90.00	
Heat	\$	560.00	

Contribution Counters: Week of January 28
OLG Team 5 - St. Mary Team 1

2017 Contribution Statements

2017 Contribution statements were mailed two weeks ago 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.

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)

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



To Fr. Matt and Our Parish Family,
Thank you dear friends for all of your support and generous hospitality during this difficult time in our lives. Your thoughtful presence and prayers have touched our family deeply and will always be remembered with love.

With much love and gratitude,
Tom and Shirley Somers and family



Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

Religious Education

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, please contact Kacey Kersman at 231-722-2803, ext. 16 or email her at dre@stmarysmuskegon.org or dre@olgmuskegon.org.

Music Ministry

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 cantors to lead the congregation in song during the 4:00pm Saturday and the 9:00am Sunday Masses. If you are interested, please talk to the pianist or cantor after Mass, or call the parish office for more information.

Bereavement Ministry

Deacon Bill Cook is looking for two volunteers from each parish to help start a grief support ministry. If you are interested, please call Deacon at 231-329-9504.

Liturgy Helpers

St. Mary's is in need of Lectors, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Sacristans for the 10:30am and 5:00pm Masses. If interested, please call the parish office.

Mobile Food Pantry Ministry

We 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.

Environment Sacristan

St. Mary's is in need of someone to care for the sanctuary plants and flowers as well as other environmental elements during specific liturgical seasons. If interested, please call the parish office.

One At A Time Ministry

Please see the letter in the next column that explains this opportunity. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Greg Russick at 231-755-0180.

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! We met for the first time last Wednesday. Current events include:

- 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 and First Friday

Friday, February 2, 2018

St. Mary's Church

11:00am: Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary

11:40am: Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:10pm: Holy Mass

The parish office has candles available for purchase. Candles will be blessed during Mass. Please place your candle(s) in front of the low altar before Mass starts.

St. Blaise and First Saturday

Saturday, February 3, 2018

St. Mary's Church

10:00am: Rosary

10:30am Holy Mass with Blessing of the Throats



One At A Time Ministry



Dear Parish Family,

Many of you will remember Fr. Matt's homily of October 22nd, following his sabbatical in Spain. He had the privilege of saying Mass for a group of Sisters. When they offered him a stipend, he declined and they replied "May God pay you", asking God to bless him for his gift of service. God is presenting such an opportunity to His people at Our Lady of Grace and St. Mary's. A ministry is forming called 'One At A Time'. It is a collective effort to reach out to our parishioners who need a helping hand...one at a time. Named in honor of Mr. Roy McDonald, this ministry has already worked alongside Roy and another couple in our parishes, to provide home repairs, renovations and the support necessary to allow them to live with dignity.

Since November of 2016, the following has occurred through the generosity of people from both parishes: Roofing; Siding; Construction; Insulating; Plumbing; Cleaning; Flooring; Painting; Electrical; Furniture; Household goods; Legal Assistance; Help with finances, budgets, organization of bills and other life skills; Donations of building materials and monetary donations.

Until now, participation has been solicited by word of mouth. Today we bring these ideas to you, the parishioners of OLG/St. Mary's, and ask you to prayerfully consider where you fit into the picture. Do you have a few hours to devote to a project? Are you skilled in any of the areas above or others? Are you able to financially support this ministry with a tithe of a few dollars a month or in a special monthly collection? Will you pray that God will direct us as new challenges and service opportunities present themselves?

Let us join together to help those in our parishes who are struggling. God will provide the opportunities to be sure! As you work to serve those in need, "May God pay you" for your generosity of time, talent and treasure.

In Christ's Love,
Your 'One At A Time' Ministry Team



Have questions? Please call Greg Russick @ 231-755-0180.

My dear friends in Christ, Enrollment in our Catholic schools continues to grow, and a new Catholic school is opening this fall! This is good news as we celebrate national Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 2018. Catholic schools in the diocese now serve more than 6,600 students, a number that has increased for three straight years.

I wish to thank the parents who send their children to Catholic schools. To those of you who work or volunteer in our schools, thank you for sharing your talents and Catholic faith with our students; without you the ministry of our Catholic schools would not be possible. I believe Catholic schools, like no other ministry of the Church, offer young people a daily encounter with Jesus Christ accomplished within the context of the highest-quality education.

For that reason, I invite every Catholic in the diocese to support our Catholic schools. If your family is considering Catholic school education, the Welcome Scholarship is being offered again for the 2018-2019 school year. This scholarship is available to all families with children in preschool through 11th grade who were not enrolled in our schools during the 2017-18 school year. Each new student who meets the scholarship criteria is eligible for these awards (\$250 for preschool, \$750 for K-8, and \$1,000 for 9-11). I invite you to prayerfully consider our Catholic schools and find one near you by visiting our schools' website, CatholicSchools4U.org, or by calling our Office of Catholic Schools at (616) 246-0590.

We are committed to offering an excellent education to even more students through our "Catholic Schools: Bridging Faith and Future" strategic plan. Developed over the course of two years and finalized last summer, this plan enhances Catholic culture and mission, programmatic excellence, affordability and accessibility, and stewardship and sustainability among our schools. Already it is bearing fruit in the decision to open the new independent St. Robert Catholic School in Ada this fall.

I am grateful to you for your support of our Catholic school ministry and your continued prayers for the young people of our diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

Mis queridos amigos en Cristo, ¡El número de inscripciones en nuestras escuelas católicas sigue creciendo y una nueva escuela católica se abrirá en el otoño! Esta es una buena noticia mientras celebramos la semana nacional de las escuelas católicas, del 28 de enero al 3 de febrero del 2018. Las escuelas católicas de la diócesis sirven ahora a más de 6,600 estudiantes cuyo número ha ido aumentando durante tres años consecutivos.

Deseo agradecerles a los padres de familia que envían a sus hijos a las escuelas católicas. A cuantos trabajan o son voluntarios en nuestras escuelas: gracias por compartir sus talentos y la fe católica con nuestros estudiantes, sin ustedes el ministerio de nuestras escuelas católicas no sería posible. Creo que las escuelas católicas, como ningún otro ministerio de la Iglesia, ofrece a los jóvenes un encuentro diario con Jesucristo logrado en el contexto educativo de la más alta calidad.

Por esta razón, invito a todos los católicos de la diócesis a apoyar a nuestras escuelas católicas. Si su familia está considerando recurrir a la educación de la escuela católica, la Beca de Bienvenida se ofrece nuevamente para el año escolar 2018-2019. Esta beca está disponible para todas las familias con niños desde preescolar hasta el 11º grado que no se matricularon en nuestras escuelas durante el año escolar 2017-18. Cada nuevo estudiante que reúna los requisitos para la beca es elegible para estos premios (\$250 para preescolar, \$ 750 para K-8 y \$ 1000 para 9-11). Les invito a que opten seriamente por nuestras escuelas católicas y encuentren la más cercana a ustedes visitando el sitio WEB de las escuelas CatholicSchools4U.org, o llamando a la Oficina de Escuelas Católicas al (616) 246-0590.

Estamos comprometidos a ofrecer una educación excelente a muchos más estudiantes a través de nuestro plan estratégico "Escuelas Católicas: Uniendo Fe y Futuro". Este plan se desarrolló en el transcurso de dos años y se concluyó el pasado verano. El plan promueve la cultura y la misión católicas, la programación de la excelencia, la corresponsabilidad y la sostenibilidad entre nuestras escuelas. Los frutos se ven ya en la decisión de abrir en el otoño la nueva escuela católica independiente de San Roberto en Ada.

Les agradezco su apoyo para el ministerio de las escuelas católicas y su continua oración por los jóvenes de nuestra diócesis.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,
Reverendísimo David J. Walkowiak
Obispo de Grand Rapids

Catholic Q & A

Q: Does one receive the whole Christ if one receives Holy Communion under a single form?

A: Yes. Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is wholly present under the appearance either of bread or of wine in the Eucharist. Furthermore, Christ is wholly present in any fragment of the consecrated Host or in any drop of the Precious Blood. Nevertheless, it is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a banquet that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the Kingdom of God is established in its fullness (cf. Eucharisticum Mysterium, no. 32). Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: www.usccb.org

