

First Sunday of Lent

“The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfills Israel’s vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God’s Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil’s conqueror: he ‘binds the strong man’ to take back his plunder. Jesus’ victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father.” (CCC 539)

This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, February 18: First Sunday of Lent

- Readings: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
 Prayers: Sorrowful 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 † Raymond and Catherine Betlejewski by Ron Betlejewski
 9:00 a.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español)
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and donuts at Our Lady of Grace
 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Wanda Alvesteffer by her family
 11:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus Council #13579 breakfast at St. Mary
 12:00 p.m. Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
 12:30 p.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español) for the people of our parishes
 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 † Bob Hogan by Pat Hogan
 6:15 p.m. Adult Faith Formation at St. Mary

Monday, February 19

- Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 9:30 a.m. Comfort and Grace Sewing at OLG
 9:45 a.m. Holy Family Co-Op at Our Lady of Grace
 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 † Louise Stevens by Marty and Monica Stevens
 12:45 p.m. Cenacle of Life Rosary at Our Lady of Grace
 6:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting at St. Mary

Tuesday, February 20

- Readings: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 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 † Roy McDonald by Troy and Joni Hall
 6:30 p.m. RCIA classes at Our Lady of Grace

Wednesday, February 21: St. Peter Damian

- Readings: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 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
 6:30 p.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español)

Thursday, February 22: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

- Readings: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19
 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 † Francis Lanciaux 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 23: St. Polycarp

- Readings: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus, Jesus Christ Crucified
- 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 † Charles Strouse, Jr. by Maureen McDermott and Charles Strouse, Sr.
 12:45 p.m. Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Mary
 6:00 p.m. Stations, Soup and Book Study at St. Mary

Saturday, February 24

- Readings: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 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 Greg and Penny Russick

Sunday, February 25: Second Sunday of Lent

- Readings: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10
 Prayers: Sorrowful 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 † Julia Gonzales by her family
 9:00 a.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español) for the people of our parishes
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and donuts at Our Lady of Grace
 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the special intentions of Diane Hower by Marty and Monica Stevens
 11:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council #9802 burrito sale at St. Mary
 12:00 p.m. Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
 12:30 p.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español)
 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 the special intentions of Ed and JoAnn Simon on their 64th wedding anniversary

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Satan tempted Adam and Eve successfully with an unlawful desire for food (the forbidden fruit), pride (“your eyes will be opened”), and an unlawful desire for riches, power, and pleasure (“you will be like gods”). It worked with Adam and Eve who sinned. Jesus was tempted, but He did not sin. What did Jesus do right, that we must do when tempted? First, trust in God. Second, be humble and submit to God’s will. Third, be content. Patiently rely on the grace and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Follow the teachings of Jesus in Scripture. Be guided by teachings of the Church. God has given us gifts and blessings. How does Satan tempt you? How do you resist Satan? Talk to your kids about resisting temptation.

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

Rite of Election

Sunday, February 18 St. Mary’s and Our Lady of Grace will celebrate the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at St. Andrew’s Cathedral with Bishop Walkowiak and many other parishes around the Diocese.

We will be presenting to the Bishop six catechumens (unbaptized) for acceptance as the Elect who will receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter Vigil. Please pray for Alaina, Amanda, Jamica, Jaxin, Olivia and Tiovanni as we enter the Lenten Season!

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

February 11, 2018

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,544.00	
General Fund	\$	2,819.50	
Online-Giving	\$	526.48	-\$2,198.02
Heat	\$	75.00	

St. Mary’s Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7,128.75	
General Fund	\$	4,140.68	
Online-Giving	\$	319.30	-\$2,668.77
Restoration	\$	200.00	
Altar Society	\$	343.00	
Votive Candles	\$	338.65	
Poor Box	\$	16.12	
Faith CDs	\$	21.00	

Contribution Counters: Week of February 18
OLG Team 3 - St. Mary Team 4

Mass Attendance: February 11, 2018

OLG 4:00pm:	172	OLG 9:00am:	117
SM 9:00am:	41	SM 10:30am:	192
SM 12:30pm:	150	SM 5:00pm:	170

Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, February 18, 2018
Lourdes Hall, St. Mary’s
11:30am - 2:00pm



Please join the Parish at the Knights of Columbus, Holy Rosary Council Charity Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast. For each \$5.00 donation, you will receive a pancake, egg and sausage breakfast and one Younkers Community Days Coupon booklet (Good for the Younker Community Days Event on March 1st thru March 3rd). All proceeds will go to help the Knights of Columbus with their charity work.



Pray for the holy souls
in purgatory.

**Adult Faith Formation**

TODAY! Sunday, February 18, 2018
following the 5:00pm Mass at St. Mary’s

Q & A with Fr. Matt

Come and ask Fr. Matt those burning questions
you have about the Catholic faith.

Please note: MCC Voucher parents are required to attend.

Plenary Indulgence: Stations of the Cross

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful, who make the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross.

In the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross we recall anew the sufferings, which the divine Redeemer endured, while going from the praetorium of Pilate, where he was condemned to death, to the mount of Calvary, where he died on the cross for our salvation.

The gaining of the plenary indulgence is regulated by the following norms:

- 1.) The pious exercise must be made before stations of the Way of the Cross legitimately erected.
- 2.) For the erection of the Way of the Cross fourteen crosses are required, to which it is customary to add fourteen pictures or images, which represent the stations of Jerusalem.
- 3.) According to the more common practice, the pious exercise consists of fourteen pious readings, to which some vocal prayers are added. However, nothing more is required than a pious meditation on the Passion and Death of the Lord, which need not be a particular consideration of the individual mysteries of the stations.
- 4.) A movement from one station to the next is required.

But if the pious exercise is made publicly and if it is not possible for all taking part to go in an orderly way from station to station, it suffices if at least the one conducting the exercise goes from station to station, the others remaining in their place.

Those who are "impeded" can gain the same indulgence, if they spend at least one half an hour in pious reading and meditation on the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please note: To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. It is further required that all attachment to sin, even venial sin, be absent.

(Taken from *The Enchiridion of Indulgences*. Sacred Apostolic Penitentiary, 1968, freecatholicbooks.com/books/indulgences.pdf.)

The Hidden Power of Forgiveness

In this Faith CD, Jeff Cavins unmask the trap of unforgiveness that prevents so many from living in the freedom of God's peace and halts spiritual progress. He explains with clarity how forgiveness frees not only the one who is forgiven, but also the forgiver. Included is a bonus segment from the presentation *Anger and Forgiveness* by Dcn. Dr. Bob McDonald. Faith CDs are located in St. Mary's narthex and Our Lady of Grace East hallway. Suggested donation is \$4.00 each. Please make checks payable to the church.

Lent 2018

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent

6:00pm

- February 23 St. Mary
 March 2 Our Lady of Grace
 March 9 St. Mary (Español)
 March 16 Our Lady of Grace
 March 23 St. Mary*

*Children will walk the Stations with Fr. Matt.

Come for the Stations, Stay for the Soup!

Friday, February 23

Stations at 6:00pm

Soup served at 6:30pm

St. Mary's

Soup will be provided by Catholic Friends, followed by a book discussion of "*Saints for Our Times*." Everyone is invited to soup and to participate in the book discussion. If you have not gotten your copy yet, copies are still available in the East hallway at OLG and the narthex at St. Mary's.

Catholic Friends is an opportunity for parishioners of St. Mary's & Our Lady of Grace who are in their 30's-50's to build Community and Faith. Have ideas, suggestions, questions, or want more info? Call/text Amy Paquin at 616-443-1760 or email her at CatholicFriendsMuskegon@gmail.com

Lent with the Saints

"Do not bring us to the time of trial." Matthew 6:13

I know too well that I am weak and changeable. I know the power of temptation against the strongest virtue. While I hope in you, I am sheltered from all misfortune, and I am sure that my trust shall endure, for I rely upon you to sustain this unflinching hope. Amen.

-St. Claude de la Colombière

Catholic Q & A

Q: Does the bread cease to be bread and the wine cease to be wine?

A: Yes. In order for the whole Christ to be present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—the bread and wine cannot remain, but must give way so that his glorified Body and Blood may be present. Thus in the Eucharist the bread ceases to be bread in substance, and becomes the Body of Christ, while the wine ceases to be wine in substance, and becomes the Blood of Christ. As St. Thomas Aquinas observed, Christ is not quoted as saying, "*This bread is my body*," but "*This is my body*" (*Summa Theologiae*, III q. 78, a. 5).

Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/the-real-presence-of-jesus-christ-in-the-sacrament-of-the-eucharist-basic-questions-and-answers.cfm>

February 18, 2018

My dear friends in Christ,

Lent is a time in which we reflect upon our relationship with Christ and look for ways to enter into it more fully. It is a time to set aside distractions and focus more intently on our spiritual life. The best place to begin is with the sacrament of reconciliation. Through this sacrament the Lord reaches out to shower us with His mercy and compassion.

Let us reflect on the ways in which we have not lived up to our Christian vocation and seek the Lord's help to do better. Just as we seek Him during these 40 days, He is also seeking us. He knows our sins and our failings and loves us anyway. He desires for us to be near to Him which is why He offers us this sacrament.

While there are many opportunities to receive the sacrament of penance throughout the year, a special opportunity will be made available this Lent through "The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance." During this event on Thursday, March 15, almost every church in our diocese will be open for the sacrament of reconciliation from 5 – 8:00 p.m. See the diocesan website dioceseofgrandrapids.org for locations and details.

I encourage you to join us for this special evening; it is never too late to seek the gift of God's mercy which brings serenity and peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

"The Light is ON for You"
Thursday, March 15th
Confessions will be heard from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at St. Mary's.

Febrero 18, 2018

Mis queridos amigos en Cristo,

La Cuaresma es un tiempo en el cual reflexionamos sobre nuestra relación con Cristo y buscamos maneras para adentrarnos en ella más profundamente. Es un tiempo para alejar las distracciones y enfocarnos más intensamente en nuestra vida espiritual. El mejor espacio para empezar es el sacramento de la reconciliación. A través de este sacramento el Señor derrama sobre nosotros su misericordia y compasión.

Reflexionemos sobre la manera en que no hemos vivido de acuerdo a nuestra vocación cristiana y busquemos la ayuda del Señor para hacerlo mejor. Así como lo buscamos durante estos 40 días, Él también nos está buscando. Él conoce nuestros pecados y defectos y aun así nos ama. Él desea que estemos cerca de Él y por esa razón nos ofrece este sacramento.

Aunque hay muchas oportunidades para recibir el sacramento de la penitencia durante todo el año, habrá una oportunidad especial esta cuaresma a través de "La Luz está Encendida para ti: Una Tarde de Penitencia". Durante este evento, el día **Jueves 15 de Marzo**, casi todas las Iglesias de nuestra diócesis estarán abiertas para ofrecer el sacramento de la reconciliación de 5 PM a 8 PM. Vea nuestro sitio WEB en dioceseofgrandrapids.org para encontrar lugares y más detalles.

Los invito a participar en esta noche especial, nunca es demasiado tarde para buscar el don de la misericordia de Dios que trae serenidad y paz.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Reverendísimo David J. Walkowiak
Obispo de Grand Rapids

"La luz está Encendida para ti"
Jueves, 15 de marzo
Las confesiones serán escuchadas desde las 5:00 p.m. – 8:00pm en Santa María.