

This Week at Our ParishesSunday, April 8: Divine Mercy Sunday

- Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Regina Cæli
- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Donuts and fellowship 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 † David and Lisa Somers by Marty and Monica Stevens
- 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 the special intentions of Max Couch by Christine Tourcotte
- 7:00 p.m. Grupo de estudio biblico hispano en Santa Maria

Monday, April 9: The Annunciation of the Lord

- Readings: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Regina Cæli
- 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 parents who will say "yes!" to life as Mary, the Mother of God did.
- 12:45 p.m. Cenacle of Life Rosary at Our Lady of Grace
- 6:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters of the Americas at OLG
- 6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language classes at OLG

Tuesday, April 10

- Readings: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Regina Cæli
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. RCIA classes at Our Lady of Grace
- 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus #9802 meeting at St. Mary

Wednesday, April 11: St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

- Readings: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Regina Cæli
- 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 María (Español)

St. Stanislaus assisted the poor as bishop of Cracow. He was slain by the oppressive and savage king, Boleslaus II the Bold in 1079. He is the patron of Poland.

Thursday, April 12

- Readings: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Regina Cæli
- 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 † Vivian Smith by Tom and Jan Herder
- 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, April 13: St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr

- Readings: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Regina Cæli
- 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 Leo and Agnes Maat by Michael and Patricia Birkhold
- 12:45 p.m. Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Mary

Saturday, April 14

- Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Regina Cæli
- 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 † Bob Ferenz by Bruce and Janine Ferenz

Sunday, April 15: Third Sunday of Easter

- Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Regina Cæli
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
- 9:00 a.m. Baptism and Holy Mass at OLG for the people of our parishes
- 9:00 a.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español) para † Isabelle Rios by Dalia VandenBosch
- 10:00 a.m. Donuts and fellowship 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. Altar Society meeting at St. Mary
- 12:00 p.m. Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
- 12:30 p.m. Bautismo y Santa misa en Santa María (Español) para † Miguel Padilla by his family
- 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 † Alicia Devries by Geddy Whalen
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Faith Formation at St. Mary

As a deacon, **St. Martin I** served at the imperial court in Constantinople. He combated the emperor Constans II (reigned 641-668) over the Monothelite belief that Jesus had only a divine will and so was not truly human. As pope, he was forced from Rome to Constantinople where he was tried for treason and later exiled to Crimea. He died there from starvation and ill-treatment. He was the last pope to be martyred.

Divine Mercy Sunday

“The transmission of the Christian faith consists primarily in proclaiming Jesus Christ in order to lead others to faith in him. From the beginning, the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Christ: ‘We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard,’ and they invite people of every era to enter into the joy of their communion with Christ: “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete.” (CCC 425)

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

Lynne Wood, Phil Hoos, Frank and Nancy Cereska, Evelyn Smith, Diane Williams, 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, 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, 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; Sgt. 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; Elias Vihtelic, US Navy



“Look into My Heart and see there the love and mercy which I have for humankind, and especially for sinners. Look, and enter into My Passion.”

Jesus to St. Faustina (Diary entry #1663)

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

March 25, 2018

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,544.00	
General Fund	\$	4,484.61	
Online-Giving	\$	637.40	-421.99
Easter Flowers	\$	330.00	
Catholic Relief Services	\$	40.00	
Votive Candles	\$	228.05	
3/18 Donuts	\$	40.00	
Faith CDs	\$	15.40	

St. Mary’s Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7,128.75	
General Fund	\$	5,046.39	
Online-Giving	\$	664.30	-1,418.06
Restoration	\$	160.00	
Easter Flowers	\$	35.00	
Donuts	\$	30.50	
Catholic Relief Services	\$	20.00	

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

April 1, 2018

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,544.00	
General Fund	\$	4,738.65	
Online-Giving	\$	537.40	-267.95
Catholic Relief Services	\$	20.00	
3/25 Donuts	\$	40.44	

St. Mary’s Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7,128.75	
General Fund	\$	7,163.80	
Online-Giving	\$	584.30	+619.35
Restoration	\$	965.75	
Poor Box	\$	25.00	

**Contribution Counters: Week of April 8
OLG Team 5 - St. Mary Team 3**



St. Mary’s Altar Cloth Project

Are you handy with a needle and thread? Would you like to help create fine linens for our refurbished altar? The new surface is wider and deeper than before, so new linens are required. If you are willing to learn the technique, please call Kathy Brink at (231) 773-2252.

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

“Peace be with you,” Jesus says twice in today’s Gospel passage. How strong or how wanting is your sense of peace in your daily life today? One key to peace is *forgiving*. Forgive all offenders, including yourself. Few will ask for forgiveness, yet bestow it as a free gift that is worth much to *your peace of mind*. Forgiving releases anger and bitterness in your heart. Jesus said to forgive “77 times” (Mt 18:22). Biblically, *seven* denotes *completeness*. Complete forgiveness takes both mind and heart. Forgiving in your mind is logical, yet our heart may remain hurt. So some of those “77 times” are repeats in your mind until your heart is soothed. Forgiveness is most complete in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So, *peace will be with you*.



Women’s Guild



The Our Lady of Grace Women’s Guild will meet today, April 8 following the 9am Mass. All of the women in the parish are invited.



Altar Society

The St. Mary’s Altar Society will meet next Sunday, April 15th following the 10:30am Mass. All the women in the parish are invited.

Plenary Indulgence Opportunity Today!

A plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Pope) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for sin, even venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus.

Divine Mercy Devotions

St. Michael’s

3:00pm: Benediction and Chaplet

Sacred Heart

1:00pm: Confessions

2:00pm: Chaplet followed by Holy Mass

For more info, please visit: http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/tribunals/apost_penit/documents/rc_trib_appen_doc_20020629_decree-ii_en.html

Mass Attendance: March 25, 2018

OLG 4:00pm: 216	OLG 9:00am: 172
SM 9:00am: n/a	SM 10:30am: 264
SM 12:30pm: 256	SM 5:00pm: 212

Mass Attendance: April 1, 2018

SM 8:30pm: 218	OLG 9:00am: 374
SM 10:30am: 369	SM 12:30pm: 347

Adult Faith Formation

Sunday, April 15, 2018

6:00pm at St. Mary’s

Q&A with Fr. Matt

All adults are invited!

Please note: MCC Voucher parents are required to attend.

A meeting for the 2018-19 school year vouchers is upcoming. Parents and MCC student(s) are required to attend this meeting. Please watch the bulletin for the date.

CONGRATULATIONS

Education Endowment Raffle Winner!

March 25, 2018

\$100.00 Deacon Bill Cook

50/50: \$21.00 Mary Jo Moblo

Please join us for coffee, donuts & the next drawing following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on **April 29, 2018** in Lourdes Hall.

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

Annual Knights of Columbus

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Knights of Columbus Council #706 will be collecting money after the 4pm and the 9am Masses at Our Lady of Grace on April 14/15 for the Mentally Impaired. 80% of the money collected remains in the Muskegon Area.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please make your check out to:

K of C Council #706

with “Tootsie Roll Drive” in the memo line and mail it to:

2915 Fairfield, Muskegon, MI 49441

or drop it in the basket after the Masses.



Faith CD:

Giving God the Love We Should



In this series of moving testimonies, Jan Duncan, John Altman, Anthony Mullen and Philadelphia Archbishop Justin Cardinal Rigali show how the most effective and beautiful way to Jesus is through the imitation of His Mother. Our Lady and the Holy Spirit formed the God-Man Jesus Christ, and they also wish to form you so that you

can say, “It is no longer I who live, it is Christ who lives in me.”

Faith CDs are located in St. Mary’s narthex and Our Lady of Grace East hallway. Suggested donation is \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Please make checks payable to the church.



Pray for the holy souls in purgatory.



Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

Contribution Counters

Counters are needed for Our Lady of Grace and St. Mary's. Commitment would be for one Sunday morning or Monday morning a month for OLG. Commitment would be for one Tuesday morning or one Wednesday afternoon a month for St. Mary's. Please call the parish office if interested.

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.

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.

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.

One At A Time Ministry

This ministry provides home repairs, renovations, and the support necessary to allow fellow parishioners to live with dignity. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Greg Russick at 231-755-0180.

Provide a Ride to Mass

We have several parishioners who need a ride to Mass from these areas: North Muskegon, Marquette/Getty, McCracken/Norton, Glenside/Park Terrace and Muskegon Heights. If you can help, please call the parish office for details.

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.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Religious Education News

Thank you to everyone who donated candy for the Easter Egg hunt!

CSA 2018 Parish Goals

Our Lady of Grace: \$35,407

St. Mary: \$43,011

Regina Caeli

by Gregory V

(During Easter Time, the Regina Caeli is prayed in place of the Angelus.)

- V. Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
- R. For he whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.
- V. Has risen, as he said. Alleluia.
- R. Pray for us to God. Alleluia.
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
- R. For the Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Catholic Q & A

Q: If someone without faith eats and drinks the consecrated bread and wine, does he or she still receive the Body and Blood of Christ?

A: If "to receive" means "to consume," the answer is yes, for what the person consumes is the Body and Blood of Christ. If "to receive" means "to accept the Body and Blood of Christ knowingly and willingly as what they are, so as to obtain the spiritual benefit," then the answer is no. A lack of faith on the part of the person eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ cannot change what these are, but it does prevent the person from obtaining the spiritual benefit, which is communion with Christ. Such reception of Christ's Body and Blood would be in vain and, if done knowingly, would be sacrilegious (1 Cor 11:29). Reception of the Blessed Sacrament is not an automatic remedy. If we do not desire communion with Christ, God does not force this upon us. Rather, we must by faith accept God's offer of communion in Christ and in the Holy Spirit, and cooperate with God's grace in order to have our hearts and minds transformed and our faith and love of God increased.

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>

CSA 2018 Fast Fact

Our men in formation for the priesthood represent a critical aspect of the future of our Church. They carry our prayers for their virtue, health, and well-being, but they also are assisted financially as they undertake a rigorous program of seminary education and internship in our parishes. Last year, \$845,000 of CSA donations were used for the education costs of our 26 seminarians. Your CSA support makes this essential formation possible and is a crucial investment in our faith and our parishes.