

**This Week at Our Parishes****Sunday, May 6: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;  
1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Regina Cæli

8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace

8:30 a.m. K of C Silver Rose Devotion at St. Mary

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Thelma Betlejewski  
by Ron Betlejewski

9:00 a.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español) for the  
people of our parishes

10:00 a.m. Breakfast at Our Lady of Grace

10:00 a.m. Women's Guild Meeting at Our Lady of Grace

10:00 a.m. K of C Silver Rose Devotion at St. Mary

10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary

10:30 a.m. Holy Mass and May Crowning at St. Mary  
for the Communicants

12:00 p.m. K of C Silver Rose Devotion 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  
† Guillermo Contreras & Jose Luis Perez  
by their 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 † Beverly Carney  
by Bella Whalen

**Monday, May 7**

Readings: Acts 14:5-18, Ps 115:1-5, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Regina Cæli

9:30 a.m. Comfort and Grace Sewing Group

11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration at OLG

11:40 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG

12:10 p.m. Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace

12:45 p.m. Cenacle of Life Rosary at Our Lady of Grace

6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language potluck at OLG

**Tuesday, May 8**

Readings: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

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 Our Lady of Grace

6:00 p.m. Quinceañera Program at Our Lady of Grace

6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council 9802 at St. Mary

**Wednesday, May 9**

Readings: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

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

6:30 p.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español)

**Thursday, May 10: St. Damien de Veuster**

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

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

12:45 p.m. Mother of Perpetual Help devotion  
at St. Mary

6:30 p.m. Taller de Oración y Vida at Santa María

6:30 p.m. Quinceañera Program at OLG

**Friday, May 11**

Readings: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-12; Jn 15:12-17

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 † James  
Muensterman by JoAnn Muensterman

12:45 p.m. Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
at St. Mary

**Saturday, May 12**

Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Regina Cæli

3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at OLG

3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG

4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Bernadette Wisneski  
by her family

**Sunday, May 13: The Ascension of the Lord**

Readings: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;  
1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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 † Pat McKinley by  
her family

9:00 a.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español)

10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary

10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the special  
intentions of Gene & Diane Hower for their  
60th wedding anniversary by their children

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 intentions of  
Dr. Kevin Kiley by Daryl Barnum

7:00 p.m. Grupo de estudio biblico hispano en  
Santa María

**Ave Maria University Seeking Volunteer Football Scouts**

Do you enjoy high school football? Would you like to help young Catholic men have an opportunity to attend an authentic Catholic university and play football? If so ... Ave Maria University (AMU) could use your help! AMU is developing a scout network in Michigan to help identify Catholic football players from all schools in this area. Scholarships are available.

For more details, please contact Dr. Gary Jackson, Michigan Scout Coordinator, at [gjackson@avemariafoundation.org](mailto:gjackson@avemariafoundation.org) or 734-516-9615.

*Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion last weekend and this weekend!*

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Human virtues* are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith. They make possible ease, self-mastery, and joy in leading a morally good life. The virtuous man is he who freely practices the good.

The moral virtues are acquired by human effort. They are the fruit and seed of morally good acts; they dispose all the powers of the human being for communion with divine love. (CCC 1804)

### Make Your WHY a Way of Life!

Here are several "whys" your grown children or grandchildren need to hear from you:

*Have you told them WHY they mean so much to you?*

*Have you told them WHY you embraced faith?*

*Have you told them WHY you have certain personal values?*

Many individuals are excited to learn they can easily turn their WHY into action by supporting a ministry or cause that aligns with their values. For instance, a gift in your Will is a simple way to communicate your WHY to the next generation and create a legacy of your Catholic faith in the process. Call Mark Morrow, Executive Director of The Catholic Foundation of West Michigan at 616.475.1251 to learn more!

### 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

Juliana Prow, Bob Hoos, Robert Hill, Jr.,  
Lynne Wood, 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

Phil Hoos, 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;  
1<sup>st</sup> 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

## Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

April 29, 2018

### Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,544.00	
General Fund	\$	3,348.04	
Online-Giving	\$	637.40	-1,558.56

### St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7,128.75	
General Fund	\$	5,206.48	
Online-Giving	\$	484.30	-1,437.97
Restoration	\$	210.00	
Donuts 4/29	\$	32.65	

Contribution Counters: Week of May 6  
OLG Team 4 - St. Mary Team 3

## Mass Attendance: April 29, 2018

OLG 4:00pm: 171	OLG 9:00am: 168
SM 9:00am: 32	SM 10:30am: 193
SM 12:30pm: 387	SM 5:00pm: 175

## CONGRATULATIONS Education Endowment Raffle Winner!

April 29, 2018

\$100.00 Patti Blaske

50/50: \$21.00 Demetrio Martinez

Please join us for coffee, donuts & the next drawing  
following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on  
May 27, 2018 in Lourdes Hall.

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

## Annual Spring Banquet

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Our Lady of Grace

Social Hour: 6:00pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

Dinner will be catered by Ted Cerniglia  
Entertainment by Plain Jane Glory  
Tickets are \$8.00 and will be on sale after the  
4pm and 9am Masses this weekend.

Sponsored by the OLG Women's Guild



**Catholic Q & A**

**Q: Why do we call the presence of Christ in the Eucharist a "mystery"?**

**A:** The word "mystery" is commonly used to refer to something that escapes the full comprehension of the human mind. In the Bible, however, the word has a deeper and more specific meaning, for it refers to aspects of God's plan of salvation for humanity, which has already begun but will be completed only with the end of time. In ancient Israel, through the Holy Spirit God revealed to the prophets some of the secrets of what he was going to accomplish for the salvation of his people (cf. Am 3:7; Is 21:28; Dan 2:27-45). Likewise, through the preaching and teaching of Jesus, the mystery of "the Kingdom of God" was being revealed to his disciples (Mk 4:11-12). St. Paul explained that the mysteries of God may challenge our human understanding or may even seem to be foolishness, but their meaning is revealed to the People of God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit (cf. 1 Cor 1:18-25, 2:6-10; Rom 16:25-27; Rev 10:7). The Eucharist is a mystery because it participates in the mystery of Jesus Christ and God's plan to save humanity through Christ. We should not be surprised if there are aspects of the Eucharist that are not easy to understand, for God's plan for the world has repeatedly surpassed human expectations and human understanding (cf. Jn 6:60-66). For example, even the disciples did not at first understand that it was necessary for the Messiah to be put to death and then to rise from the dead (cf. Mk 8:31-33, 9:31-32, 10:32-34; Mt 16: 21-23, 17:22-23, 20:17-19; Lk 9:22, 9:43-45, 18:31-34). Furthermore, any time that we are speaking of God we need to keep in mind that our human concepts never entirely grasp God. We must not try to limit God to our understanding, but allow our understanding to be stretched beyond its normal limitations by God's revelation.

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>

 **Pray for our bishop, our priests, our 26 Seminarians, and for the Catholic Church.** 

**Evangelization Clip**

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Visualize Jesus standing before you, His eyes looking directly into yours, saying to you, "I chose you to be my disciple before you ever considered following me. I have appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." Remarkable! So you ask Jesus, how do I "go and bear fruit that will remain" and what is this fruit? Perhaps Jesus would tell you the "fruit" is your spouse and children coming to know Jesus as their Lord, Savior, and friend. That "fruit" will remain for eternity. (That process is best done as active Catholics, wouldn't you agree?) We "bear fruit" by the example of our lives and by encouraging them. So, pass it on!

**High School Graduates!**

If you would like to participate in the Graduation Mass at Our Lady of Grace on June 9th or St. Mary's on June 10th, please email Kacey Kersman for a form!



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dre@olgmuskegon.org



**Our Lady of Grace**

- Josie Guerrero
- Francisco Alvarez

**St. Mary's**

- Shane Kamps
- Paul & Macia Robaskiewicz



**Pray for the holy souls in purgatory.**



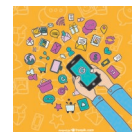
After living a long and full life, Matilda "Tillie" Standage, a long time parishioner at Our Lady of Grace, has passed away. The funeral will be held sometime this summer, and details will be published in the bulletin. Please pray for the repose of Tillie's soul and for comfort for her loved ones.

**Do you know how to have 'The Talk' with your kids?**

It's a topic many parents try to avoid, but it doesn't have to be difficult. Join us for 'Parents, Kids, and Porn: The Conversation.'

The free webinar will be shown twice:  
**Tuesday, May 15th, at Noon**  
**Tuesday, May 22, at 8pm**  
*Register at: [bit.ly/ParentsKidsandPorn](http://bit.ly/ParentsKidsandPorn)*

The webinar will help parents initiate age-appropriate discussion with their kids on how to approach technology, social media, and pornography.



The Office of Family, Youth, and Young Adults is sponsoring discussion and a live viewing of the webinars. Both will take place at Cathedral Square Center during the live webinar time, with discussion to follow.

## Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

### **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.

### **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, downtown Muskegon, 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.



## CSA 2018

Our Catholic faith is a gift that unites our parish family with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids and in the universal Church. We all are pilgrims on a journey of faith, striving daily to become disciples of Christ through our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. When we give to CSA, we are supporting individuals and families in our parishes, in our communities, and beyond.

With your generous response to date, OLG has reached 29% of the CSA goal, with 40 households responding. St. Mary has reached 15% of the CSA goal, with 25 households responding. Thank you for your stewardship! Our goal is 100% participation, which means a completed pledge card from every household. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible.

### CSA 2018 Parish Goals

Our Lady of Grace: \$35,407

St. Mary: \$43,011

+100% participation

## CSA 2018 Fast Fact: Prison and Jail Ministry

The Prison and Jail Ministry has been offered by the Diocese of Grand Rapids for over 40 years. Currently the ministry serves 23 Correctional Facilities throughout our 11 counties. These Correctional Facilities include jails, prisons and juvenile detention centers. This ministry has over 150 active priests, deacons and volunteers who bring messages of Hope to those incarcerated within our diocese. They bring these messages of hope through Prayer, Holy Communion, Bible Study and RCIA. Your CSA gift helps support this outreach effort to our incarcerated brothers and sisters, who desire to begin, strengthen and walk further in their Journey with Christ and His Church.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Missionary Image

We invite ALL to visit the traveling Missionary image of Our Lady of Guadalupe which is coming to the Muskegon area May 3 - May 21, 2018. This image is one of four digital reproductions of the tilma of Juan Diego, commissioned by the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. They have traveled the world bringing many signs, wonders, conversions, healings and graces. The images have manifested signs such as detections of a heartbeat of an unborn baby in her womb (confirmed by doctors and nurses with stethoscopes) and the shedding of tears of oil and holy glitter. These are not just images. They represent the spiritual presence of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

### Schedule:

May 3rd - 8th at St. Thomas, call 231-733- 2440

May 5th, Healing Mass 8:30 AM at Sacred Heart

May 9th, 9:30 am Mass at MCC

May 9th - 12th, 8:30am Mass at Prince of Peace

May 9th - 12th, Mission at Prince of Peace

6:30pm- 9pm Wed-Fri & 1-4 pm Sat

May 11th, 5pm Mass at Prince of Peace

May 13th, 5pm Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima at St. Michael

May 14th, 8:30 am Mass at St. Michael

May 14th - 21st, at St. Michael, call 231-733- 2440

May 18th, 9am Children's Mass at St. Mary (Spring Lake)

May 19th, 8:30 am Mass followed by devotions at Sacred Heart

For more information, call Gail Smith 231-722- 4035