

This Week at Our ChurchesSunday, August 5: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;  
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35  
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Angelus  
8:30am Rosary prayed at St. Mary  
9:00am Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Bob Ferenz  
by Chip and Jan Bialik  
9:45am Coffee & rolls at St. Mary  
10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary  
10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Brian Somers  
by Tom and Shirley Somers  
12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa Maria (Español)  
12:30pm Santa Misa en Santa Maria (Español) for  
the people of our parish  
4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary  
4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary  
5:00pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for the intentions of  
the Hale Family by Kathy Hale

Monday, Aug 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;  
Mk 9:2-10  
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Angelus  
9:30am Comfort and Sewing Group at OLG  
11:00am Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary  
11:40am Confessions at St. Mary  
12:10pm Holy Mass at St. Mary  
1:00pm Timeless Treasures at OLG Rectory

Tuesday, August 7: St. Sixtus II and Companions & St. Cajetan

Readings: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-23, 29;  
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Angelus  
11:00am Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary  
11:40am Confessions at St. Mary  
12:10pm Holy Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, August 8: St. Dominic

Readings: Jer 31:1-7; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Mt 15:21-28  
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Angelus  
5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary  
6:00pm Confessions at St. Mary  
6:30pm Santa Misa en Santa Maria (Español) for  
Jerry and Angela Kosmeder on their  
anniversary by Mike DeMars

Thursday, August 9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23  
Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Angelus  
11:00am Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary  
11:40am Confessions at St. Mary  
12:10pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Adolph  
Charron by Benita Mikesell  
6:30pm Taller de Oración y Vida en Santa Maria

Friday, August 10: St. Lawrence

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26  
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Angelus  
11:00am Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary  
11:40am Confessions at St. Mary  
12:10pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Frank Gawron  
by Benita Mikesell

Saturday, August 11: St. Clare

Readings: Hb 1:12-2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20  
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Angelus  
3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary  
3:00pm Confessions at St. Mary  
4:00pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for the intentions  
of Bob Gust in honor of his 90th birthday  
by his family

Sunday, August 12: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2;  
Jn 6:41-51  
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Angelus  
8:30am Rosary prayed at St. Mary  
9:00am Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Bob Ferenz  
by Chip and Jan Bialik  
9:45am Coffee & rolls at St. Mary  
10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary  
10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Aleigha  
Hawking Berry by the Gajeski family  
12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa Maria (Español)  
12:30pm Santa Misa en Santa Maria (Español) for  
the people of our parish  
4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary  
4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary  
5:00pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Richard  
Whalen by Geddy Whalen

*A Reminder*

Our Lady of Grace is having the church roof replaced, and construction began on July 25th. The project should take about four weeks to complete. Therefore, through August 22 ALL Masses will be held at St. Mary's. There will be NO 9am Spanish Mass on Sundays during this time. Otherwise the Mass schedule will remain the same. The parish office will be open during construction!

Nuestra Señora de Gracia esta en construcción desde el 25 de Julio para reparar el techo. Este Proyecto tomara alrededor de cuatro semanas. Por este motivo desde el 25 de Julio — 22 de Agosto TODAS las Misas serán en St. Maria. NO abra Misa de 9:00am en Español durante este tiempo. Todas las demás Misas mantendran el mismo horario. La oficina parroquial estará abierta durante el tiempo de construcción.

**Prayer Line**

St. Mary: Benita Mikesell, 231-803-4425  
 or Jean Gawel, 231-670-5073  
 Our Lady of Grace: Anna Mogdics, 231-670-5073

**Prayer Requests**

**Please keep these individuals in your prayers**

Jenny Visconti, Jim & Darleen Breen, Juliana Prow, Bob Hoos, Robert Hill, Jr., Lynne Wood, Frank & Nancy Cereska, Evelyn Smith, Diane Williams, Larry Gilbert, Fred Kenny, Jr., Yvonne Peterson, 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, and Jim Young

**Please pray for our homebound parishioners**

Ruth Stevens, Jim Dalum, Rose Ann Bird, Bernice Brown, Rosemary Keefe, Betty Reilly, and 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 Venn, Alyce Donalson, Lucille Radke, and Kathy Hale

**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, US Air Force; Andrew Shadowski, US Army; Major Adam Shaw; Staff Sgt. Casey Sowa; Master Sgt. April Sowa; Elias Vihtelic, US Navy; Kelsi Corriveau, Air Force.

**The Theological Virtues: Faith**

“The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it: “All however must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks.” Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation: “So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men,. I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.” (CCC 1816 )

**Mass Attendance: July 29, 2018**

4:00pm 178                      9:00am 121  
 10:30am 233                    12:30pm 149  
 5:00pm 176

**Sacrificial Offerings and Other Contributions**

**July 22, 2018**

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75  
 General Fund \$ 7,505.74  
 Online Giving \$ 1,746.70  
**Shortage \$ 3,420.31**  
 Air Conditioning \$ 85.00  
 Donuts \$ 49.51  
 Restoration \$ 20.00  
 Altar Society \$ 30.00

**July 29, 2018**

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75  
 General Fund \$ 16,262.31  
 Online Giving \$ 1,066.70  
**Overage: \$ 4,656.26**  
 Donuts \$ 62.50  
 Restoration \$ 85.00  
 Altar Society \$ 30.00  
 Air Conditioning \$ 60.00

Contribution Counters: Week of August 5  
 Team 1

**\*\*Because of the merger effective July 1, 2018, please make all checks out to St. Mary . Thank you!\*\***

**Retrouvaille. The Other Alternative to Divorce**

Did you know that according to the State of Michigan there were 28,916 divorces in the State in the year 2016?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse?

Rediscover healing and love and find hope by attending Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i). The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. **The next Retrouvaille weekend is September 28th.** The next weekend will not be scheduled until March. Please don't wait, rooms will fill quickly.

For more information, to register or to sponsor a couple:

616.752.7004 | [retrograndrapids@gmail.com](mailto:retrograndrapids@gmail.com)  
|retrouvaille.org|

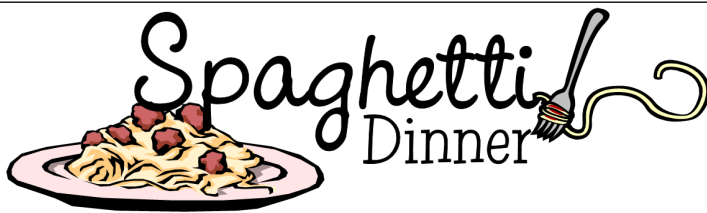
P.O. Box 26 Grandville, Michigan 49468



Do you feel called to the permanent diaconate?

The process of forming the next cohort of permanent deacons will begin soon. To be considered, an applicant must be a Roman Catholic man at least 35 years of age, an active member of his parish, and live within the diocese. He must be in good health, of sound moral character, mature faith, regular practice in the sacramental life of the Church, and have a sense of vocation to service. If married, he must be in a strong, valid, Catholic marriage for a minimum of five years and have the support of his wife and family. If unmarried, he must be willing and able to commit to celibacy. Applicants should be no older than in their early sixties. Those admitted should be prepared to commit themselves to the formation process for at least the next four years, beginning in the fall of 2019. Applicants should have a substantial history of active service to their parish, have the written approval of their pastor, and meet various other admission requirements. There are no special educational requirements.

The deadline for inquiries is December 2018. All men who are interested in more information and/or applying should contact the Office of Diaconate Formation for an appointment: 616-288-0910.



Ticket packets are available starting this weekend! All ticket packets are at St. Mary's due to the roof work at Our Lady of Grace. Be sure to pick yours up and sell those tickets! If you do not find your ticket packet, and would like one, please call or stop by the parish office.

This year you can Pre-Order meatballs, 10 for \$8, and spaghetti sauce, one quart for \$5! Pre-Orders must be paid for at the time of ordering. You can pick up a form and pay at the parish office or after Masses. The deadline for Pre-Orders is September 9th.

There are several leadership positions available. Three positions that are new this year are Bocce Ball, Tarantella, and Pigeage instructors. No experience is necessary—you will be taught the game, dance, or wine-making-method before hand!

We are also looking for toys and games for a special children's raffle. You can bring donations to the parish office.

We need LOTS of volunteers, both in the days and weeks leading up to the dinner as well as during the dinner. There are a wide range of jobs available, so you will be able to find something that works best for you and your family! Watch for sign-up sheets in the back of church!

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Last week's Gospel began a five-week study of a chapters in Scripture, John 6, known as Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse. *Jesus came into our world to save us, to establish the Kingdom of God in our midst, to provide for our eternal life, and then to return to the Father to await us.* Jesus Himself is a sign of that Kingdom and God's promise of Eternal Life. Jesus' miracles—healing, casting out demons, and last week's Gospel of Jesus' feeding five thousand—were/are signs that He is God and can do all things. Pay great attention in the next four weeks to Jesus' Bread of Life discourse. Hear Jesus carefully develop who He is: "I am the bread of life", the Eucharist. Hear Jesus tell us that "whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Come to Jesus. Bring your family with. *Receive the Eucharist, the Bread of Life.*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Looking for marriage enrichment that will take your marriage from good to great? Or from great to even better? Look no further! Worldwide Marriage Encounter, the original Catholic marriage enrichment weekend, has been enriching marriages for 50 years. Upcoming weekends:

Sept. 28-30 at the Holiday Inn in Troy

Oct. 5-7 at the Augustine Center in Petoskey

Nov. 2-4 at the Saginaw Center for Ministry in Saginaw

Space is limited, apply today at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or contact Andrew & Alaina Wollner at 734-531-9191 for more information.

Calling all Our Lady of Grace parishioners,  
past and present!

The Spaghetti Dinner committee is putting together a slideshow for this year's dinner, and need to borrow your photographs! Please bring your photos showing the good times and hard work that have made the Spaghetti Dinner a wonderful event for over 90 years (!) to the parish office. Please include your name and number so that the photos may be returned to you.





## CSA 2018 Parish Goals

Our Lady of Grace: \$35,407

St. Mary: \$43,011

+100% participation

To date 130 families, representing 50% of Our Lady of Grace's households, have contributed \$31,155, or 88% of OLG's goal. 140 families, representing 25% of St. Mary's households, have contributed \$27,536.25, or 64% of St. Mary's goal. Please keep in mind that any amount raised over our goal is returned to the parish. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.

Thank you for your gifts to CSA 2018. Your generous support will fund essential diocesan ministries that support our seminarians, provide training for teachers and faith formation staff, as well as assist our brothers and sisters in need.

If you have not made your contribution or turned in your pledge card, please do! If you prefer, you can donate online at:

[www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/CSA](http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/CSA).

## Christian Social Concerns

Collection for August:

Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste &  
Toothbrushes



Please leave your donation on the pew in the narthex at St. Mary's or by the office at Our Lady of Grace.

## Bishop Walkowiak wants your feedback!

**Feasibility study update –  
We want to hear from you!**

The diocesan-wide planning study is off to a GREAT START! The first town hall meetings have gone well and everyone had a chance to learn more about the proposed campaign goals and give their feedback. Please consider attending one of these remaining meetings:

Tuesday, August 7, 5:30 p.m.  
Christ the King,  
9596 N. Reed Rd., Howard City, 49329

Wednesday, August 8, 5:30 p.m. (English), 7 p.m. (en Español)  
Our Lady of the Lake  
480 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Holland, 49424

Monday, August 13, 5:30 p.m.  
Prince of Peace  
1110 Dykstra Rd., N. Muskegon, 49445

Thursday, August 16, 5:30 p.m. (English), 7 p.m. (en Español)  
Cathedral Square Center  
360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids, 49503

If you prefer, go online to [dioceseofgrandrapids.org/feasibility](http://dioceseofgrandrapids.org/feasibility) and click "Take the Planning Study Survey" to learn more and provide comments. The password is *Study*.

**Actualización sobre el estudio de viabilidad –  
¡Queremos escuchar su opinión!**

¡El estudio de planificación para la diócesis ha tenido un gran comienzo! Las primeras reuniones públicas han ido bien y cada participante tuvo la oportunidad para aprender más sobre los objetivos propuestos de la campaña y ofrecer sus pensamientos. Por favor, considere asistir a una de las reuniones restantes:

Martes, 7 de agosto, 5:30 p.m.  
Christ the King  
9596 N. Reed Rd., Howard City, 49329

Miércoles, 8 de agosto, 5:30 p.m. (inglés), 7 p.m. (español)  
Our Lady of the Lake  
480 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Holland, 49424

Lunes, 13 de agosto, 5:30 p.m.  
Prince of Peace,  
1110 Dykstra Rd., N. Muskegon, 49445

Jueves, 16 de agosto, 5:30 p.m. (inglés), 7 p.m. (español)  
Cathedral Square Center,  
360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids, 49503

Si usted prefiere contestar la encuesta en línea, visite la página web [dioceseofgrandrapids.org/feasibility](http://dioceseofgrandrapids.org/feasibility) y haga clic en "Take the Planning Study Survey" para aprender más y dar sus comentarios. La contraseña es *Study*.