

This Week at Our Churches

Sunday, September 23: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8;
 Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37
 Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
 Angelus
9:00am Santa Misa en Santa María (Español)
 10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary
**10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Alexander
 Michael Alviar by the Alviar family**
**11:00am Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for the
 people of our parish**
 12:00pm Spaghetti Dinner begins at Our Lady of Grace!
 12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
12:30pm Santa Misa en Santa María (Español)
 2:30pm Confirmation Class at St. Mary
 4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary
**5:00pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for in reparation for
 the sins of the clergy by the Rosary chapter of
 Lay Dominicans**

Monday, September 24

Readings: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
 Angelus
 8:00am Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
 8:40am Confessions at St. Mary
9:00am Holy Mass at St. Mary

Tuesday, September 25

Readings: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44;
 Lk 8:19-21
 Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
 Angelus

Wednesday, September 26: Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Readings: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163;
 Lk 9:1-6
 Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
 Angelus

Thursday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul

Readings: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:7-9
 Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
 Angelus
 6:30pm Taller de Oración y Vida en Santa María

Special Mass at Cathedral

Bishop Walkowiak is inviting all healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, students, caregivers, trustees and any engaged in the care of the sick and infirm), along with your family and friends, to attend the **Mass of Christ the Healer** at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on **Sunday, October 14, at 10 a.m.** A special blessing for all healthcare professionals will take place during the Mass and a reception will immediately follow the Mass in the Cathedral's Parish Center.

Friday, September 28: St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companians

Readings: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
 Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
 Angelus
 10:30am Rosary prayed for priests in Lourdes Hall
 11:00am Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
 11:40am Confessions at St. Mary
12:10pm Holy Mass at St. Mary

Saturday, September 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

Readings: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5;
 Jn 1:47-51
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
 Angelus
 12:00pm Anniversary at St. Mary
 3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Grace
 3:00pm Confessions at Our Lady of Grace
**4:00pm Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace in reparation
 for the sins of the clergy by the Rosary
 Chapter of Lay Dominicans**

Sunday, September 30: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6;
 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
 Angelus
**9:00am Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Thelma
 Betlejewski by Ron Betlejewski**
**9:00am Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for the
 people of our parish**
 10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary
 10:00am Coffee and rolls at Our Lady of Grace
**10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for the intentions of
 John and Jean Gawel by their friends**
 11:30am Knights of Columbus #9802 burrito sale at
 St. Mary
 12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
**12:30pm Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) in
 reparation for the sins of the clergy by the
 Rosary Chapter of the Lay Dominicans**
 2:30pm Confirmation Class at St. Mary
 4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
 4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary
**5:00pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Betty, Larry, Bob
 and Barb Cologna by Kathy Hale**

Religious Education News

Ya estamos registrando para las clases de Educación Religiosa 2018-2019. Por favor tome una forma de la pizarra de Educación Religiosa, la puede regresar a la oficina o en el canasto de colecta. La junta de padres para niños que van hacer la Primera Comunión ser el miércoles 3 de Octubre en Nuestra Señora de Gracia a las 6:30pm este también será el ultimo día para registrase.

Registration for the 2018-2019 Religious Education program is going on now. Please see the Religious Ed bulletin board for registration forms. The parent meeting for First Holy Communion will be Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Grace. October 3rd is also the last opportunity to register for Religious Ed classes.

Prayer Line

St. Mary: Benita Mikesell, 231-803-4425
 or Jean Gawel, 231-798-8493
 Our Lady of Grace: Anna Mogdics, 231-670-5073

Prayer RequestsPlease 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, Jim Young,
 Christine Stewart, and Roger Tomczak

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; 1st 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; and Kelsi Corriveau, Air Force

† Prayer and Sympathy †

Please keep the family and friends of Thomas Wright and
 Michael Byrnes, V, in your prayers as they mourn the
 passing of their loved ones.

Thomas was remembered in a funeral Mass on Tuesday,
 Sept. 18th, at St. Mary's, with Fr. Matt presiding.

Michael was remembered in a funeral Mass on Thursday,
 Sept. 20th, at St. Mary's, with
 Fr. Don Lomasiewicz presiding.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let your perpetual
 light shine upon them. May their souls, through the
 mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Sacrificial Offerings and Other Contributions

September 16, 2018

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75
 General Fund \$ 8,876.81
 Online Giving \$ 1,071.55
 Shortage \$ 2,724.39
 Restoration \$ 40.00
 Donuts \$ 35.50

Contribution Counters: Week of September 23:
 Team 8

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

Mass Attendance: September 16, 2018

4:00pm 148	9:00am (OLG) 135
9:00am (SM) 65	10:30am 198
12:30pm 154	5:00pm 176

The Theological Virtues: Charity

"Jesus makes charity the *new commandment*. By loving his own "to the end," he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love." And again: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (CCC 1823)

Are You Searching For...

A deeper relationship with God?

A sense of belonging to a faith community?

A greater fulfillment of your mission in life?

Have you been curious...

Ever wonder about the difference between Catholic & Protestant Bibles?

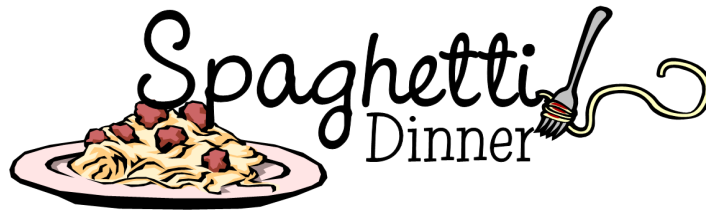
Ever wonder why priests cannot marry?

Ever wonder about the Catholic moral life?

RCIA classes are beginning soon! The classes are for the unbaptized, those baptized Christians from a Protestant or Evangelical background, as well as those baptized Catholic who have not received their First Holy Communion.

Sessions will be held Tuesday evenings at Our Lady of Grace campus at 6:30pm. Please contact Lucrezia Esteban at 231-638-1354 or lesteban@comcast.net for more information.

See you TODAY, from Noon to 5pm, at the:



Bring your friends and have a great time!

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 or contact Andrew & Alaina Wollner at 734-531-9191 for more information.

¡Reserva el día!

Próximos eventos en Español en la Diócesis

- Conferencia Catequética (28 – 29 Septiembre, 2018)
- Retiro de Quinceañeras (3 de Noviembre, 2018)
- Día de Liderazgo (17 de Noviembre, 2018)
- Misión Guadalupana (8 – 11 de Diciembre, 2018)
- Formación Litúrgica (12 de Enero, 2019)
- Conferencia de Familias (16 de Febrero, 2019)

Please note that because of the priest convocation this week Mass on Monday, September 24th will be at 9am at St. Mary, and no Masses will be celebrated Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. The normal daily Mass schedule will resume on Friday, September 28th.

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Last week's Gospel was a turning point for Jesus, literally and figuratively. He turns to the ultimate mission for His life on earth: His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. In last week's Gospel, Jesus predicted the fulfillment of His mission—and Peter rebuked Him. Again this week, Jesus predicts the His mission in Jerusalem—and the Apostles were busy focusing on which of them was the greatest. (If I was Jesus, I'd be saying to myself, "And I hand-picked these guys?") Today's society is not so different from the Apostles. So many deny Jesus, or ignore Him. So many are so self-absorbed that they miss the love, mercy, and direction Jesus offers us. If only we would reach out to Jesus. If only we could lead our family to Him and to His Church. Give it a try!

Irish Dinner /Music concert fundraiser

West Michigan's Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is once again inviting you to an entertaining evening of great Irish music! The talented Irish music group, Blackthorn, who has recently been inducted into the Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame, will be performing after a delicious dinner at St. Jude Parish on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:30pm with music at 7:30pm.

This event benefits Catholic Charities of West Michigan Baby Pantry and Help Pregnancy Crisis Aid.

\$40 per person includes dinner and concert. (Beer and wine available at cash bar)

St. Jude Parish is located at 1110 Four Mile Rd NE, in Grand Rapids.

Contact 616-363-8257 or grmilaoh@earthlink.net for more information or to purchase tickets.

If you have a year book from St. Mary's school for any year from 1931-1934, and are willing to help someone out with a genealogy endeavor, please call Neel Zoss at 616-298-8644.

Parish Ministry & Catechetical Conference

Open to any Adult

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Location: West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Keynote Speaker: Nancy Bird

After September 21st cost is \$50.00 per person and there is no group discount.

Registration /Information: Register online at www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org or email mverner@dioceseofgrandrapids.org

Questions, call 616-246-0588

Conferencia Catequética y Pastoral

Abierta a cualquier adulto.

Fecha: Sábado, 29 de septiembre, 2018

Horario: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Lugar: West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Orador principal: Nancy Bird

Después del 21 de septiembre, el costo por persona será \$50 y no habrá descuento para grupos.

Información para registrar: Registrar en línea a www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org o por correo electrónico a mverner@dioceseofgrandrapids.org

Si tiene preguntas, se puede llamar a 616-246-0588

Food Truck

Mark your calendars: the next Food Truck will arrive on Saturday, October 13th. Volunteers are needed to help with this important ministry! Sign ups will begin next weekend!

Christian Social Concerns

Collection for September:

Canned Soup, Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit



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

Are you discerning the priesthood?

Gifted and Called is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the Office of Priestly Vocations. Each month, young men (ages 16 – 35) are invited to gather and discern God's will for their lives.

Time for prayer and reflection will be held monthly on the 2nd floor of Cathedral Square Center from 4 -5 p.m.

This year's Gifted and Called discernment opportunities are offered on the following Sundays: Oct. 7, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 7, and May 5.

Feel free to show up or call to let us know you are coming at 616-288-0910.

Questions, email Fr. Ron Hutchinson (rhutchinson@dioceseofgrandrapids.org) or Fr. Stephen Durkee (sdurkee@dioceseofgrandrapids.org)

Vianney Visit

The annual Vianney Visit is taking place November 15-17. This road trip to St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul Minnesota is hosted by Fr. Ron Hutchinson and Fr. Stephen Durkee. The trip allows young men, ages 16-24, to visit the seminary, see what college life is like, and think about the priesthood as a vocation.

All transportation, accommodations, and meals will be provided at no cost. To register, please call: 616-288-0910.

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.