

This Week at Our Churches

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

Monday, October 1: St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Readings: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 9:30am Comfort and Grace sewing group at OLG
 11:00am Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Grace
 11:40am Confessions at Our Lady of Grace
 12:10pm Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Robert Surmont by Matthew and Amy Koczur
 12:45pm St. Mary Homeschool Co-op at OLG

Tuesday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels

Readings: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 11:00am Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Grace
 11:40am Confessions at Our Lady of Grace
 12:10pm Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace in reparation for the sins of the clergy by the Rosary Chapter of Lay Dominicans

Wednesday, October 3

Readings: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10-15; Lk 9:57-62
 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 María (Español)

Thursday, October 4: St. Francis of Assisi

Readings: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
 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 all members of the Gehrholz family by Jacqueline Caughey
 6:30pm Taller de Oración y Vida en Santa María

Friday, October 5: First Friday, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Readings: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14; Lk 10:13-16
 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 for † Mary Ann Prentice by Delores Klamfoth
 6:00pm Nueva Vida retiro en OLG

Saturday, October 6: First Saturday, St. Bruno & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

Readings: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 8:00am Nueva Vida retiro en OLG
 10:00am Rosary at St. Mary
 10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for First Saturday
 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 for the intentions of Bishop Walkowiak

Sunday, October 7: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
 Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 9:00am Nueva Vida retiro en OLG
 9:00am Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Raymond & Catherine 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 Breakfast at Our Lady of Grace
 10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Bob Ferenz by Frank and Zosio Piotrowski
 12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
 12:30pm Santa Misa en Santa María (Español)
 2:30pm Confirmation Class at St. Mary
 4:00pm 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
 6:15pm Middle school Youth Group at OLG



Pray for the souls in purgatory.

Reza por las almas del purgatorio



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, 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,
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

The Theological Virtues: Charity

“Fruit of the Spirit and fullness of the Law, charity keeps the *commandments* of God and his Christ: “Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love.”

Christ died out of love for us, while we were still “enemies.” The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our *enemies*, to make ourselves the neighbor of those farthest away, and to love children and the poor as Christ himself.

The Apostle Paul has given an incomparable depiction of charity: “charity is patient and kind, charity is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Charity does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right . Charity is superior bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (CCC 1823 & 1825

Sacrificial Offerings and Other Contributions

September 16, 2018

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75
General Fund \$ N/A
Online Giving \$ N/A

Contribution Counters: Week of September 30:
Team 1

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

Mass Attendance: September 23, 2018

4:00pm 228	11:00am 125
9:00am 95	10:30am 202
12:30pm 182	5:00pm 154

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 sera el próximo miércoles 3 de Octubre en Nuestra Señora de Gracia a las 6:30pm este también será el ultimo día para registrarse.

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 next Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Grace. October 3rd is also the last opportunity to register for Religious Ed classes.

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.

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.

¡Reserva el día!

Próximos eventos en Español en la Diócesis

- 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)

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.

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:

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.

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.

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Jesus promises us, "One who performs a mighty deed in my name...will surely not lose his/her reward." So what is the mightiest deed parents can perform? It is leading their children to Jesus, no matter the age. For little kids, it's spending worshipping Jesus on Sunday as a family and teaching them about how to live, based on what Jesus taught us. For older kids and our adult children, it's showing them how our faith gives us wisdom, direction, and courage for our daily life. A business advisor once wrote that thousands of chief executives in many types of businesses claimed the reason for their success was, "Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you." That's not from the Harvard Business Review. It's Matthew 7:12. Learn from God's word. It never changes nor goes out of style. Live your faith. Pass your faith on.

CSA 2018 Parish Goals

Our Lady of Grace: \$35,407

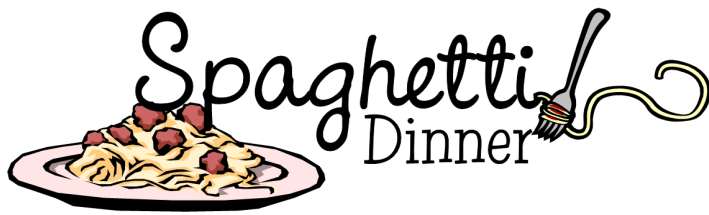
St. Mary: \$43,011

+100% participation

To date 140 families, representing 56% of Our Lady of Grace's households, have contributed \$31,730, or 90% of OLG's goal. 156 families, representing 28% of St. Mary's households, have contributed \$30,264.25, or 70% 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.

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.



Congratulations to the raffle winners!

Grand Prize of \$2,000 - Shirley Dykhoush

2nd Prize of \$500 - Nichol Evans

3rd Prize of \$400 - William Cook

4th Prize of \$300 - Kacey Kersman

5th Prize of \$100 - Dick Miller

5th Prize of \$100 - Jim Haggerty

5th Prize of \$100 - Gene Greenwood

A BIG thank you to all who volunteered their time and efforts to help make the Spaghetti Dinner a success!

Mobile Food Pantry

The next Mobile Food Pantry will arrive on Saturday, October 13th, at 10am, at St. Mary. Volunteers are needed to help with this important ministry! Sign up sheets are available in the east hallway & narthex.

If you have plastic bags you would like to donate, please leave on the pew at either church, or drop them off at the parish office during business hours.

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.