

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus is the Father’s Emissary. From the beginning of his ministry, he ‘called to him those whom he desired;...And he appointed twelve, whom also he names apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach.’ From then on, they would also be his ‘emissaries’ (Greek apostoloi). In them, Christ continues his own mission: ‘As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.’ The apostles’ ministry is the continuation of his mission; Jesus said to the Twelve: ‘he who receives you receives me.’” (CCC 858)

### This Week at Our Parishes

#### Sunday, January 14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Joan Weaver by Jamie Gustin
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for the people of our parishes
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and donuts at OLG
- 10:00 a.m. Women’s Guild meeting at OLG
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Marty Neff by his family
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Edward Hayes and for the special intentions of Mary Lou Hayes and family by Ron and Kathy Cron

#### Monday, January 15

- Readings: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 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 † Frances Wright by Marva Paul.
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Council meeting at St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. RCIA classes at Our Lady of Grace
- 6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language classes at OLG

#### Tuesday, January 16

- Readings: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 8:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Michael McDermott, Sr. by Jody Gubach

#### Wednesday, January 17: St. Anthony

- Readings: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
- 6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)

#### Thursday, January 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

- Readings: 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-14; Mk 3:7-12
- Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 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 † Bob Ferenz by Judy McAlister
- 6:30 p.m. Evangelization Group at St. Mary

#### Friday, January 19: March for Life in Washington, D.C.

- Readings: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 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 † Tony and Kathy Sass by Ed and Jo Ann Simon

#### Saturday, January 20: St. Fabian and St. Sebastian

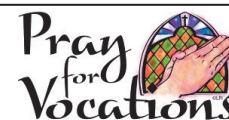
- Readings: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:30-31
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 3:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Elsie Gust and Stella Shunta by Dan and Pam Shunta

#### Sunday, January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Readings: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Michael Wright by Darlene Homfield, JoAnn Rillma and Judy Nauta
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish) for the people of our parishes
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and donuts at OLG
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Tom Carlson by Kay Carlson
- 12:00 p.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 12:30 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)
- 4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the special Intentions of Richard and Paulette Couch by Christine Tourcotte



The Our Lady of Grace Women’s Guild will meet TODAY, Sunday, January 14th following the 9am Mass. All the women in the parish are invited.



We praise you for your goodness, O God. Strengthen us to live in love and service to others after the example of your Son. Help to see our vocations as a journey toward you. Make us faithful signs of your presence in our midst.

Amen.

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 RequestsPlease keep these individuals in your prayers

Diane Williams, Mike and Patti Birkhold, 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, Vivian Smith,  
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,  
Ruth Ruby, 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;  
Private 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;  
Noah Sweet, U. S. Army; Elias Vihtelic, US Navy

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

January 14, 2018

*Followers and Leaders.* As Christians, especially as Catholic parents, we must be both. In today's Gospel, Andrew, the other disciple, and Peter became followers of Jesus. They sat at Jesus' feet at evening fires, listening to Jesus. They heard His preaching to the crowds. They came to know his proclamations and teachings. And after the Ascension, they and others became leaders of the Church of Jesus. So too must we as parents. We must *first be disciples, and learn from Jesus*. Then, we must *lead our children of all ages to in turn become followers of our Messiah*. It is never too soon. It is never too late. We model our faith, hope, and charity for our children.

Palms for Ash Wednesday

It's hard to believe but Lent starts in a month!  
Please return your 2017 palms to church so they may be  
burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.  
Baskets are located at entrances at both churches.

Ash Wednesday Mass

February 14, 2018

12:10pm Mass at St. Mary  
6:30pm Mass at Our Lady of Grace  
6:30pm Mass at St. Mary (Spanish)

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

January 7, 2018

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,544.00	
General Fund	\$	6721.00	
Online-Giving	\$	1072.40	+2249.40
Christmas	\$	495.00	
Heat	\$	25.00	
Solemnity of Mary	\$	130.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$	10.00	

St. Mary's Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7,128.75	
General Fund	\$	9987.36	
Online-Giving	\$	882.30	+3740.91
Restoration	\$	2931.89	
Candles	\$	575.51	
Poor Box	\$	106.00	
Faith CDs	\$	10.00	

St. Mary: December 31, 2017

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	7,128.75	
General Fund	\$	4098.24	
Online-Giving	\$	579.30	-2451.21
Christmas	\$	120.00	
Solemnity of Mary	\$	107.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$	10.00	
Restoration	\$	50.00	
Heat	\$	20.00	

Contribution Counters: Week of January 14  
OLG Team 3 - St. Mary Team 3

Pray fervently to end abortion, artificial birth control,  
euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research.

Mass Attendance: January 7, 2018

OLG 4:00pm:	169	OLG 9:00am:	123
SM 9:00am:	49	SM 10:30am:	175
SM 12:30pm:	180	SM 5:00pm:	192

Contribution Envelopes

If you haven't received yours yet or have any questions,  
please call the parish office. The office is open  
Monday - Thursday, 9am - Noon and 1pm - 5pm.  
We are closed on Fridays and when Muskegon Public  
Schools are closed due to weather conditions.

### Religious Education News

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 in this volunteer position, please contact Kacey Kersman at 231-722-2803, ext. 16 or dre@stmarysmuskegon.org or dre@olgmuskegon.org.

### Cantors Needed!!!

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 more cantors to lead the congregation in song during Sunday Masses. If you are interested, please talk to the pianist or cantor after Mass, or call the parish office for more information.

### News from the Diocese

#### Mass for Life

Bishop Walkowiak will celebrate the Mass for Life on Monday, January 22nd, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, with a reception to follow. This date will mark the 45th Anniversary of the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion in the United States. This year there will be a few brief testimonies at the end of Mass pertaining to the power of prayer around the theme of abortion.

#### Plenary Indulgence for March for Life Participants

Christian faithful who participate in the 2018 March for Life may receive a plenary Indulgence. In order to receive the Indulgence while attending the March for Life you must be detached from sin, pray for the Pope's intentions and, within a few days, make a sacramental confession and receive the Eucharist.

The elderly, sick, and those unable to leave home will be able to receive a plenary Indulgence if they fulfill the same requirements as those of the pilgrims while spiritually joining themselves to the March and offering prayers and their own physical sufferings to God.

If you are not able to complete all of the requirements necessary for a plenary Indulgence you may still be granted a partial Indulgence.

#### Nine Days for Life

Since the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision 45 years ago, more than 58 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and the lives of millions of parents have been shattered. In prayerful recognition of these lost and broken lives, the U.S. Bishops invite Catholics and others nationwide to participate in Nine days of prayer, penance and pilgrimage (Jan. 18-26). Please visit: <http://uscbb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm> for details or to receive the daily novena in English and Spanish each day by email, text, or through their app.

### Mobile Food Pantry Ministry

The parishes of Our Lady of Grace and St. Mary's is in need of someone to organize the Mobile Food Pantry Ministry. If the Lord is calling you to this ministry please contact the parish office. Training will be provided.

### Parishioner In Need

A parishioner is in need of the following items:



One twin bed  
Two Dressers  
End Tables



Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted to purchase paint, wall board, light fixtures, wiring and flooring. Please call the Russicks at 616-516-3580 if you can supply any of these items.

A HUGE thank you to the people who have provided a twin bed, a washer and a dryer and monetary donations. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.



### Right to Life Billboard Campaign

This campaign is an opportunity for you to donate to help fund five pro-life billboards in Muskegon County. Billboards will be located at:

- ◆ M-46 @ Maple Island Road facing west
- ◆ Seaway .1 mile north of Laketon facing north
- ◆ M-120 .5 mile north of Beattie Road facing east
- ◆ Henry @ Hackley facing north
- ◆ I-96 .6 mile east of Fruitport exit facing east

Parish Right to Life representatives will be collecting money after the Masses on January 27th and 28th. Please be generous!

### Muskegon County Right to Life Memorial & Prayer Walk

Saturday, January 20, 2018  
1:00 p.m.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
1215 E. Apple Ave.



Pro-lifers will walk 1/2 mile to the closed abortion clinic to pray and walk back to the church. Refreshments will be served at the church. January 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions legalizing in utero murder (abortion on demand) in the United States.

Upcoming Knights of Columbus Activities

Councils #13579 and #9802  
St. Mary's Church

Mark your new parish calendars!

January 28: Membership Drive  
All Masses

March 17: St. Patrick's Dinner  
6:00pm

June 17: Renewal of Wedding Vows  
10:30am and 12:30pm Masses

For more information about the Knights of Columbus,  
please call one of the contacts listed on  
the front of the bulletin.

Our Lady of Grace

- Don Cantu
- Michael DeMars

Flu Season

Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people sick with the flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. A person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or possibly their nose.

Concerning the exchange of some form of the sign of peace in the Communion Rite, it is worth noting that the GIRM does not mandate a particular manner for how this is to be done.

If one does not wish to shake hands at this time, then a suitable gesture, such as a nod of the head or a verbal exchange of peace, would be gracious and fitting and in keeping of protecting oneself from certain misery.

If a person knows that they have the cold or flu it may, for the good of others, be better not to shake hands, but rather choose another suitable gesture.

Sacrament of Marriage

Stressful or Sacramental?

If you are a parishioner planning a summer or autumn wedding, be sure to contact the parish office to make an appointment with the pastor or deacon. Preparation takes about six months. **The date of your wedding will be scheduled at this first meeting.** Many couples make the mistake of first scheduling (and making deposits) for a reception hall, D.J. and caterer before they meet with the priest. Then they discover that the church or priest are not available for a specific date. Don't let this be you! The sacrament is the most important part of your wedding day - start your planning with the pastor.

CONGRATULATIONS  
Education Endowment Raffle Winner!

December 31, 2017

\$100.00 Phil Hoos

Join us for coffee, donuts & the next drawing  
following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on  
**January 28, 2018** in Lourdes Hall.

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

Catholic Men's Conference

March 10, 2018

West Catholic High School, Grand Rapids

Mark your calendars and register now for the upcoming 13th Annual Building a Legacy Catholic Men's conference. It will be a day of dynamic speakers, powerful faith development and reinvigorating fellowship. This year's theme "Behold the Man" is designed to give all attendees an opportunity to encounter the One Man who changes hearts and transforms lives - Jesus Christ. The lineup features outstanding speakers: evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, founder of *That Man is You* Steve Bollman, musician Chris Muglia and youth breakout leader Justin Fatica. Most Rev. David Walkowiak will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, go to [buildingalegacy.org](http://buildingalegacy.org). Questions? Call Deacon Jim at 616-292-0422. Early registration ends February 23 and is limited...don't miss out!

Candlemas

Friday, February 2, 2018

The parish office has seven candles in clear glass with an etched cross for sale for \$10.00 each and four candles in red glass with an etched cross for sale for \$5.00 each. These candles are 8-day candles. First come-first served! If you would like to purchase a candle, please contact the parish office. White 6-day candles in plastic are also available for purchase for \$5.00 each. Candles will be blessed at the end of 12:10pm Mass on February 2nd at St. Mary's. Please place your candle(s) in front of the low altar before Mass.

St. Blaise: Blessing of the Throats

Saturday, February 3, 2018  
10:30am, St. Mary

St. Blaise was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. Since the eighth century, St. Blaise has been venerated as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. This date is also First Saturday, therefore the rosary will be prayed at 10am followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Throats at 10:30am.

