

This Week at Our ParishesSunday, March 18: Fifth Sunday of Lent, Third Scrutiny

- Readings: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
- Prayers: Sorrowful 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 † Raymond and Catherine Betlejewski by Ron Betlejewski
- 9:00 a.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español)
- 10:00 a.m. Donuts and fellowship at Our Lady of Grace
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Bob Ferenz by the LaCombe family
- 11:30 a.m. Altar Society meeting 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 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 † Ernest Bisson, Jr. by the Perigard family

Monday, March 19: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 9:30 a.m. Comfort and Grace Sewing Ministry at OLG
- 9:45 a.m. Holy Family Co-Op at Our Lady of Grace
- 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 the healing of John and Jane Petersen by Michael and Patricia Birkhold
- 12:45 p.m. Cenacle of Life Rosary at Our Lady of Grace
- 6:30 p.m. English as a Second Language classes at OLG

Tuesday, March 20

- Readings: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 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 OLG
- 6:30 p.m. RCIA classes at Our Lady of Grace
- 7:00 p.m. NFP Introduction at St. Mary

Wednesday, March 21

- Readings: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- 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
- 6:15 p.m. Religious Education classes at OLG
- 6:30 p.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español)
- 6:45 p.m. Finance Council meeting at OLG

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying "Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord." St. Joseph is the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.

Thursday, March 22

- Readings: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- 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 † Bill and Edna Fohlbrook by Anne Olson
- 12:45 p.m. Mother of Perpetual Help devotion at St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. Taller de Oración y Vida at Santa María

Friday, March 23: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

- Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus, Jesus Christ Crucified
- 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 the special intentions of Michael and Susan Duquet by Michael and Patricia Birkhold
- 12:45 p.m. Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Mary
- 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Mary. Children are welcome to walk the Stations with Fr. Matt

Saturday, March 24

- Readings: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 10:00 a.m. Baptism Prep Class at St. Mary (Español)
- 3:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Grace
- 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLG
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Mass at OLG for † Joseph Wisneski by his family

Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- Readings: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47
- Prayers: Sorrowful 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 the people of our parishes
- 9:00 a.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español)
- 10:00 a.m. Donuts and fellowship at Our Lady of Grace
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Francis Lanciaux by William and Benita Mikesell
- 11:30 a.m. Education Endowment drawing and donuts at St. Mary
- 11:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus #9802 burrito sale at St. Mary
- 12:00 p.m. RCIA Retreat at Our Lady of Grace
- 12:00 p.m. Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
- 12:30 p.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español) et María del Refugio Gonzalez y Lilia Zuniga by Ismael Zuniga
- 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 † Shelly Taylor by Christine Tourcotte

Fifth Sunday of Lent

“The desire to embrace his Father’s plan of redeeming love inspired Jesus’ whole life, for his redemptive passion was the very reason for his Incarnation. And so he asked, ‘And what shall I say? “Father, save me from this hour”? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour.’ And again, ‘Shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?’ From the cross, just before ‘It is finished’, he said, ‘I thirst.’” (CCC 607)

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

Lynne Wood, Phil Hoos, 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

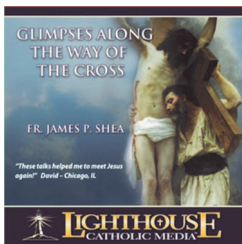
Dorothy Bauer, Eugene Rewalt, Arlene LeBeau,
Carolene McIntosh, Pat Simonson, Jackie Blake, Shirley Sterritt,
Gene Gianetti Jr., Rosalie Venne, Alyce Donalson,
Lucille Radke, Kathy Hale & Tillie Standage

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;
1st 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

Faith CD:

Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross



In these beautiful talks, Msgr. James Shea guides us along the Stations of the Cross, teaching us how to better open our hearts to the suffering of Jesus on his way to Calvary. Weaving together the insights of keen believers like Caryll Houselander, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, and Dr. James Edwards, these meditations take us into the

depths of Christ’s agony, and back out again into the relief and joy of what his sacrifice means for us.

Faith CDs are located in St. Mary’s narthex and Our Lady of Grace East hallway. Suggested donation is \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Please make checks payable to the church.

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

March 11, 2018

Our Lady of Grace

Budgeted Weekly Amount:	\$	5,544.00	
General Fund	\$	4,462.05	
Online-Giving	\$	532.40	-549.55
Easter Flowers	\$	225.00	
Catholic Relief Services	\$	1,014.00	

St. Mary’s Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7,128.75	
General Fund	\$	4,093.88	
Online-Giving	\$	392.30	-2,642.57
Heat	\$	20.00	
Restoration	\$	131.00	
Easter Flowers	\$	277.00	
Altar Society	\$	15.00	
Catholic Relief Services	\$	1,599.68	

Contribution Counters: Week of March 18
OLG Team 2 - St. Mary Team 4

Mass Attendance: March 11, 2018

OLG 4:00pm:	204	OLG 9:00am:	113
SM 9:00am:	45	SM 10:30am:	246
SM 12:30pm:	135	SM 5:00pm:	160



Altar Society

The St. Mary’s Altar Society will meet today, Sunday, March 18th following the 10:30am Mass. All the women in the parish are invited.

Easter Flower Memorials

It’s not too late to get your Easter Flower Memorial envelope in to the office. Please be sure to print the names of your loved ones on the envelope as you would like them to appear in the memorial booklet. Last day to turn in your envelope is **today, Sunday, March 18th.**

Did you forget your envelope today? Call the office and leave a message of your name and the name(s) of your loved one(s): 231-722-2803, ext. 11.

Religious Education News

The Religious Education office is in need of bite-size, individually wrapped candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt. Donations may be dropped off at the office, Monday-Thursday, 9am-Noon and 1-5pm or brought to CCD class. Thank you for your generosity!

Pray for the holy souls in purgatory.

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

God made seven Covenants with His Chosen People. All were kept by God. All were broken by His People. Finally, around seventh century BCE (Before Christian Era), the prophet Jeremiah prophesied God's final, unbreakable Covenant (Jer 31:31, today's First Reading). Unbreakable, because that Covenant was between God and His Son Jesus, on our behalf. We are included in that Covenant. In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals that He will be "glorified" meaning that He will suffer, die, and be raised again. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus revealed that God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life. That is the "Good News." Pass it on. Praise the Lord for His gift of Eternal Life for us.

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

for 10:30am Mass only

Jesus personally relates to us. In today's Gospel of the resuscitation of Lazarus, we see a very personal Jesus. He wept. Jesus spoke as a friend to Mary and Martha, yet proclaimed the Good News, "Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Jesus made sure the sisters of Lazarus build their faith on the rock of His teaching, as He asked, "Do you believe this?" The sisters "got it," saying, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God." How important for each of us to have a personal relationship with Jesus. We are His brothers and sisters, friends, sons and daughters of God our Father. Pass it on to your family.



St. Mary's

- Maria Burger
- Hilary and Michael Willacker, Jr.

Census 2018

The Holy Family traveled over 90 miles for Census 1, but for Census 2018, you only need to travel to the nearest church pew! The parish office is currently taking a census to update the parishioner database and we are asking ALL parishioners to fill out a Census Card and turn it in.

Census Cards are located in the pews. You can drop your filled out card in the offertory basket during any Mass or in the box in the East hallway at OLG or in the box in the Narthex at St. Mary's.

If you have moved or changed your phone number, this is a great opportunity to notify the parish office. Even if you don't have any information to change, please fill out a card. We are marking each record in our database as cards come in to get an accurate parishioner count. Don't be left out!

When filling out a Census Card, please only list your children who are under the age of 18. Any person 18 and older should register with the parish as an adult.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Lent with the Saints

"My hope is in you," Psalm 39:7

I believe, Lord, but let me believe more firmly. I hope, Lord, but let me hope more surely. I love, Lord, but let me love more warmly. I repent, Lord, but let me repent more deeply. Give me humility, meekness, chastity, patience and charity. Teach me goodness, knowledge and discipline. Give me your love together with your grace and I will be rich enough. My God, my Jesus, my all in all. Amen.

-St. Anthony Claret

Lent 2018

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 23 at St. Mary's at 6:00pm

Children will walk the Stations with Fr. Matt.

Extra Confession Opportunity

Monday, March 26 at St. Mary's at 6:30pm

Triduum & Easter 2018

Holy Thursday: March 29

Mass at 7:00pm at St. Mary's (bi-lingual)

Altar of Repose from 8:00pm - Midnight at St. Mary's

(Please note: The 12:10pm Mass will NOT be celebrated.)

Good Friday, March 30

Service at 3:00pm at St. Mary's (bi-lingual)

(Please note: The 12:10pm Mass will NOT be celebrated.)

Easter Vigil, March 31

Mass at 8:30pm at St. Mary's (bi-lingual)

(Please note: The 4:00pm Mass will NOT be celebrated.)

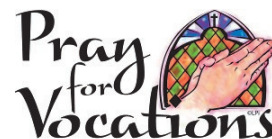
Easter Sunday, April 1

9:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace

10:30am Mass at St. Mary's

12:30pm Mass at St. Mary's (Español)

(Please note: The 5:00pm Mass will NOT be celebrated.)



Merciful God, as we approach the Easter mysteries, purify us in mind, body, and spirit through our penitential practices. May we experience anew the reconciliation gained through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Give us faithful servants, ordained and lay, who will teach, inspire and lead us. Amen.



Pray for our priests and 26 seminarians.



Catholic Q & A

Q: Do the consecrated bread and wine cease to be the Body and Blood of Christ when the Mass is over?

A: No. During the celebration of the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, and this they remain. They cannot turn back into bread and wine, for they are no longer bread and wine at all. There is thus no reason for them to change back to their "normal" state after the special circumstances of the Mass are past. Once the substance has really changed, the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ "endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist" (Catechism, no. 1377). Against those who maintained that the bread that is consecrated during the Eucharist has no sanctifying power if it is left over until the next day, St. Cyril of Alexandria replied, "Christ is not altered, nor is his holy body changed, but the power of the consecration and his life-giving grace is perpetual in it" (Letter 83, to Calosyrius, Bishop of Arsinoe [PG 76, 1076]). The Church teaches that Christ remains present under the appearances of bread and wine as long as the appearances of bread and wine remain (cf. Catechism, no. 1377)

Biblical Training Institute for Michigan Catholics

The Catholic Information Center, in collaboration with the Diocese, is pleased to announce the launching of the *Biblical Training Institute for Michigan Catholics*. This institute is designed to help Catholics:

- Learn about scripture from biblical experts
- Develop a deep understanding and love of sacred scripture
- Develop skills in leadership and small group facilitation
- Grow as Bible Study leaders in their parish
- Become joyful bearers of the Good News, sharing the Word with the world!

The one-year Institute consists of four conferences meeting on Saturday—April 14, June 16, September 8 and November 10 from 8:30am—3:00pm. The cost of the Institute is \$240.00 for all four conferences or \$75.00 per conference. The Institute will be held at the Catholic Information Center. Registration deadline is April 4, 2018.

For more information and to register, visit:
catholicinformationcenter.org/Bible

Legacy Giving

A doctor and lawyer were having a conversation during a party. While they were talking, a woman approached the doctor and complained about a sore leg. The doctor told her to take aspirin, apply cold compresses and keep it elevated. Once she walked away, the doctor turned to the lawyer and said, "I think I ought to send her a bill, don't you?" The lawyer replied, "Yes, you should." The next day, the doctor sent the woman a bill... and the lawyer sent one to the doctor.

As humans, we often think first about looking out for ourselves – and can quickly default to using our own strength and ambition to do so – but the Lord's way is always best. Psalm 24:1 says "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." This verse reminds us that God is the rightful Owner of everything and He knows how to best care for it. His desire is that we would instead cultivate an awareness of how to accomplish His purposes in our lives – to see as He sees. How would seeing through Jesus' eyes change the way we live?

Consider how living with greater attention to Christ's purpose could look in each of the following areas:

- Your time. Becoming wise with our use of time often requires an adjustment in priorities. Learning to say 'no' to some good things in favor of Jesus' best for us can be difficult but worthwhile.
- Your talents. What unique abilities can you honor Christ with? He created you with specific gifts to do special work for Him. Recognizing, developing and using them for His glory is your gift back to Him.
- Your resources. Where should you be investing your hard-earned dollars? Providing for the future of your family and leaving a legacy by including the Diocese of Grand Rapids or The Catholic Foundation of West Michigan in your Will are wisely planted seeds that will bear much lasting fruit (John 15:16).

To learn more about how you might leave a legacy gift to the Church, contact Mark Morrow, Executive Director, Catholic Foundation of West Michigan at 616-475-1251 or mmorrow@catholicfoundationwm.org.

Visit CatholicFoundationWM.org to learn more about our Catholic community foundation.

CSA 2018 Parish Goals

Our Lady of Grace: \$35,407

St. Mary: \$43,011

Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker

Composed by Pope St. Pius X

O Glorious St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations, to work with gratitude and joy, in a spirit of penance for the remission of my sins, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God, to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties, to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account that I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thine example, O Patriarch, St. Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death. Amen