

This Week at Our ParishesSunday, 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
- 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 Maria 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

Monday, March 26

- Readings: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 9:30 a.m. Comfort and Grace Sewing Ministry at OLG
- 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 † Julia Gonzales by her family
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary

Tuesday, March 27

- Readings: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- 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 for † Marie Addicott by Monica Stevens

Wednesday, March 28

- Readings: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- 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. CCD: First Communion class only at OLG
- 6:30 p.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español) para † Osvaldo Torres por su familia

Holy Thursday, March 29: Paschal Triduum begins

- Readings: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Mary (bi-lingual) for the people
- 8:00 p.m. Altar of Repose at St. Mary

Good Friday, March 30

- Readings: Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus, Jesus Christ Crucified
- 3:00 p.m. Service at St. Mary (bi-lingual)

Holy Saturday, March 31

- Vigil Readings: Gn 1:1—2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35; Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ps 19:8-11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Pss 42:3, 5; 43:3-4
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
- 10:00 a.m. Baptism Prep class at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Vigil practice at St. Mary
- 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. Mary for the people

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 1

- Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Regina Cæli
- 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
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people of our parishes
- 12:00 p.m. Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
- 12:30 p.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español) para la gente de nuestras parroquias

Please Note

There will not be a 9am Mass in Spanish or a 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday at St. Mary's.

### Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence

The paschal fast is observed on Good Friday and continues, where possible, until the Easter Vigil itself to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more deeply in his resurrection. The abstinence from meat is observed on Good Friday.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

“Acclaimed as son of David, as the one who brings salvation (Hosanna means ‘Save!’ or ‘Give salvation!’), the ‘King of glory’ enters his City ‘riding on a donkey.’ Jesus conquers the Daughter of Zion, a figure of his Church, neither by ruse nor by violence, but by the humility that bears witness to the truth. And so the subjects of his kingdom on that day are children and God’s poor, who acclaim him as had the angels when they announced him to the shepherds. Their acclamation, ‘Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord,’ is taken up by the Church in the ‘Sanctus’ of the Eucharistic liturgy that introduces the memorial of the Lord’s Passover.” (CCC 559)

### 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;  
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;  
Elias Vihtelic, US Navy

## Plenary Indulgence Opportunity: Adoration of the Cross

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful, who in the solemn liturgical action of Good Friday devoutly assist at the adoration of the Cross and kiss it.

To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and pray for the intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. It is further required that all attachment to sin, even venial sin, be absent.

## Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

March 18, 2018

### Our Lady of Grace

|                          |    |          |         |
|--------------------------|----|----------|---------|
| Budgeted Weekly Amount:  | \$ | 5,544.00 |         |
| General Fund             | \$ | 4,790.00 |         |
| Online-Giving            | \$ | 1,097.40 | -343.40 |
| Easter Flowers           | \$ | 45.00    |         |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$ | 22.00    |         |
| Heat                     | \$ | 20.00    |         |
| 3/11 Donuts              | \$ | 33.25    |         |
| Poor Box                 | \$ | 50.00    |         |

### St. Mary’s Church

|                        |    |                                   |
|------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| Budgeted Weekly Amount | \$ | 7,128.75                          |
| General Fund           | \$ | Not available at time of printing |

Contribution Counters: Week of March 25

OLG Team 3 - St. Mary Team 1

### Mass Attendance: March 18, 2018

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| OLG 4:00pm: 187 | OLG 9:00am: 153 |
| SM 9:00am: 48   | SM 10:30am: 221 |
| SM 12:30pm: 167 | SM 5:00pm: 173  |

### 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](http://catholicinformationcenter.org/Bible)



### RCIA News

As we begin Holy Week, please pray for our catechumens who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil:  
Alaina, Amanda, Jamica,  
Jaxin, Olivia and Tiovanni

**Evangelization Clip**

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

So how was your Lent? Two standouts for me. *First*, hearing *God so loved the world that He sent His only Son so that all who believe might have life in Him*. That John 3:16 passage moved from my head (a passage in Scripture) to my heart (God's unconditional, abiding love and providing for my eternal life). *Second*, from the Matthew Kelly series, Best Lent Ever, Day 25: "I have an opportunity to look in the mirror and to see who God says that I am. I try to remind myself the words in Scripture that I am wonderfully and fearfully made. And because of that, I'm always going to be good enough." Please come celebrate Holy Week with us: Holy Thursday, the establishment of the Eucharist and priesthood; on Good Friday, the Passion of the Christ; and on Holy Saturday, the proclamation of Jesus' Resurrection and welcome our newest Catholics. Come as a family. Talk about what you observe.

**Annual Knights of Columbus  
TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**

Knights of Columbus Council #706 will be collecting money after the 4pm and the 9am Masses at Our Lady of Grace on April 14/15 for the Mentally Impaired. 80% of the money collected remains in the Muskegon Area.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, please make your check out to:

K of C Council #706

with "Tootsie Roll Drive" in the memo line and mail it to:

2915 Fairfield, Muskegon, MI 49441

or drop it in the basket after the Masses.

**CSA 2018 Parish Goals**

Our Lady of Grace: \$35,407

St. Mary: \$43,011

**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**

"Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Give me your grace, good Lord God, to walk the narrow way that leads to life; to bear the cross with Christ; to have continually in mind the passion that Christ suffered for me; to give him thanks unceasingly for his benefits, and to buy back the time that I before have lost. Amen.

-St. Thomas More

**Holy Week 2018****Monday, March 26**

At Our Lady of Grace

Adoration at 11:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:40am

Holy Mass at 12:10pm

At St. Mary's

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:30pm

(Extra opportunity!!)

**Tuesday, March 27**

At Our Lady of Grace

Adoration at 8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 8am

Holy Mass at 8:30am

**Wednesday, March 28**

At St. Mary's

Adoration at 5:30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 6:00pm

Holy Mass at 6:30pm (Español)

**Holy Thursday: March 29**

At St. Mary's

Holy Mass at 7:00pm (bi-lingual)

Altar of Repose from 8:00pm - Midnight

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

**Good Friday, March 30**

At St. Mary's

Service with Veneration of the Cross at 3:00pm (bi-lingual)

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

**Easter Vigil, March 31**

At St. Mary's

Holy Mass at 8:30pm (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 9am Mass in Spanish and the 5:00pm Mass will NOT be celebrated.)



### Catholic Q & A

**Q:** Why are some of the consecrated hosts reserved after the Mass?

**A:** While it would be possible to eat all of the bread that is consecrated during the Mass, some is usually kept in the tabernacle. The Body of Christ under the appearance of bread that is kept or "reserved" after the Mass is commonly referred to as the "Blessed Sacrament." There are several pastoral reasons for reserving the Blessed Sacrament. First of all, it is used for distribution to the dying ( Viaticum), the sick, and those who legitimately cannot be present for the celebration of the Eucharist. Secondly, the Body of Christ in the form of bread is to be adored when it is exposed, as in the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, when it is carried in eucharistic processions, or when it is simply placed in the tabernacle, before which people pray privately. These devotions are based on the fact that Christ himself is present under the appearance of bread. Many holy people well known to American Catholics, such as St. John Neumann, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Katharine Drexel, and Blessed Damien of Molokai, practiced great personal devotion to Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament. In the Eastern Catholic Churches, devotion to the reserved Blessed Sacrament is practiced most directly at the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, offered on weekdays of Lent.

### Triduum with the Saints

#### Holy Thursday

"This is my body, given for you." Luke 22:19

Lord Jesus Christ, I approach your banquet table in fear and trembling, for I am a sinner, and dare not rely on my own worth, but only on your goodness and mercy. May your body and blood, which I intend to receive, although I am unworthy, be for me the remission of my sins, the washing away of my guilt, the end of my evil thoughts and the rebirth of my better instincts. Amen. -St. Ambrose

#### Good Friday

"By his wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24

Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life. By your anguish and labor we come forth in joy. Through your goodness despair turns to hope. Through your gentleness we find comfort in fear. Your warmth gives life to the dead. Your touch makes sinners righteous. In your mercy heal us, in your love and tenderness remake us, in your compassion bring grace and forgiveness. May your love prepare us for the beauty of heaven. Amen. -St. Anselm of Canterbury

#### Holy Saturday

"Your Life is hidden with Christ in God." Colossians 3:3

Gracious and holy God, give us wisdom to perceive you, intelligence to understand you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate on you, and a life to proclaim you. Amen.

-St. Benedict

### The Easter Triduum

The Three Most Sacred Days

The Easter Triduum (Latin: three days) is the most ancient and central celebration of the Church's liturgical year. The Church no longer considers these days as a part of Lent but instead has made them into a special liturgical season all its own. The three days recall Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples (Holy Thursday), his crucifixion and death (Good Friday) and his resurrection (the Easter Vigil and Easter Day). Then for the fifty days of the Easter season we bask in the joy of Christ's resurrection and the promise that the relationship with God begun on earth cannot be stopped by death but will be transformed into new life with God forever.

During these three days, we immerse ourselves at home and at church in the most sacred memory of our relationship with God. The paschal mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection is the heart of what God wants to tell us about God's own self and about ourselves in relation to God. As we remember Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, we come face to face with the mystery of our own dying and rising.

On Holy Thursday, the Church celebrates Jesus' final meal with his disciples and the institution of the Eucharist with the establishment of the priesthood. The regular Eucharistic ritual is enhanced by the rite of foot-washing, recalling how Jesus washed his disciples' feet (John 13:1-20). Following the Prayer after Communion, the Holy Eucharist is transferred to a secondary altar and kept in a tabernacle there for adoration. This is called the Altar of Repose. When the celebration has ended, the main altar is stripped and any crosses in the church are removed or veiled if possible. The faithful are encouraged to adore the Blessed Sacrament for a period of time during the night at the Altar of Repose. From midnight onward, however, the adoration should be made without external solemnity, for the day of the Lord's Passion has begun.

Good Friday is the only day of the year on which Mass is not said. The altar is bare, and the liturgy consists of proclaiming the passion story from John's Gospel, intercessions, veneration of the cross and a communion service with bread consecrated on Holy Thursday. Some parishes might also have a meditation on the Way of the Cross or meditations on the seven last words of Christ.

The Great Vigil of Easter echoes the early Christian ritual that lasted through the night to celebrate the Eucharist at dawn. Only the Eucharist itself is older than the Easter Vigil liturgy. This service re-enacts the passage from death into life. On this night, we celebrate our deliverance by Christ our Passover and look forward to the day when we shall see him face to face. Its four parts are: the lighting of the Easter candle, the scripture readings recounting the story of our salvation, the initiation of new converts, culminating in the celebration of the Eucharist.