

This Week at Our ParishesEaster 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

Monday, April 2

- Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Regina Cæli
- 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 † Angela Bates by
Michael and Patricia Birkhold
- 12:45 p.m. Cenacle of Life Rosary at Our Lady of Grace

Tuesday, April 3

- Readings: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18;
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Regina Cæli
- 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

Wednesday, April 4

- Readings: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Regina Cæli
- 5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
- 6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary
- 6:30 p.m. Santa misa en Santa María (Español)

Thursday, April 5

- Readings: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2a, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Regina Cæli
- 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

Plenary Indulgence Opportunity

Next Sunday, the Sunday of Divine Mercy, a special plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions, a privileged occasion of grace and forgiveness for all people.

For more information, please visit:

www.vatican.va/roman_curia/tribunals/apost_penit/documents/rc_trib_appen_doc_20020629_decree-ii_en.html

Friday, April 6: First Friday

- Readings: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
- Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Regina Cæli
- 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 Mark and Michelle Witzke
by Michael and Patricia Birkhold
- 12:45 p.m. Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
at St. Mary

Saturday, April 7: First Saturday

- Readings: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16ab-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Regina Cæli
- 10:00 a.m. First Saturday devotion: Rosary at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary to make reparation to
the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the
conversion of sinners
- 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 † Bob Ferenz by
Joe Goryl

Sunday, April 8: Divine Mercy Sunday

- Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6;
Jn 20:19-31
- 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 Thelma Betlejewski by
† Ron Betlejewski
- 10:00 a.m. Donuts and fellowship at Our Lady of Grace
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Guild meeting at Our Lady of Grace
- 10:00 a.m. Rosary prayed at St. Mary
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass at St. Mary for † David and Lisa
Somers by Marty and Monica Stevens
- 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 the special
intentions of Max Couch by Christine
Tourcotte
- 7:00 p.m. Grupo de estudio biblico hispano en
Santa Maria



The Our Lady of Grace Women's Guild will meet next Sunday, April 8 following the 9am Mass. All of the women in the parish are invited.

Adult Faith Formation

Sunday, April 15, 2018

6:00pm at St. Mary's

All adults are invited! Topic to be determined.
MCC Voucher parents are required to attend.



Pray for the holy souls in purgatory.



Easter Sunday

“The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by his death, Christ liberates us from sin; by his Resurrection, he opens for us the way to a new life. This new life is above all justification that reinstates us in God’s grace, ‘so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.’ Justification consists in both victory over the death caused by sin and a new participation in grace. It brings about filial adoption so that men become Christ’s brethren, as Jesus himself called his disciples after his Resurrection: ‘Go and tell my brethren.’ We are brethren not by nature, but by the gift of grace, because that adoptive filiation gains us a real share in the life of the only Son, which was fully revealed in his Resurrection.” (CCC 654)

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 Diltz, 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

Welcome to the Church!



A warm welcome goes out to Alaina, Amanda, Jamica, Jaxin, Olivia and Tiovanni!

These six individuals received their sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for them as they continue their Catholic journey.

Sacrificial Offerings & Other Contributions

March 18, 2018

St. Mary’s Church

Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$	7,128.75	
General Fund	\$	4852.00	
Online-Giving	\$	344.30	-1,932.45
Restoration	\$	10.00	
Easter Flowers	\$	135.00	
Faith CD’s	\$	20.00	
Poor Box	\$	57.86	
Catholic Relief Services	\$	280.00	

At the time the bulletin was submitted for printing, contribution amounts were not available for the weekend of March 24 and 25th.

Contribution Counters: Week of April 1
OLG Team 4 - St. Mary Team 2



Our Lady of Grace
• Evelyn Gaudette

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

A favorite passage is John 3:16. “*God so loved the world that He sent His only Son so that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.*” Jesus’ words summarize the love, mercy, power, and wisdom of God. Jesus came, taught, and performed miracle so that people of His day—and us—might believe in God. Jesus founded His Church, the one we participate in today. Two “R” words come to mind: *Rejoice* and *Respond*. We *Rejoice* because we can have a guarantee of a purposeful life now in the Kingdom of God in our midst. We *Rejoice* in a guarantee for eternity for the Next Life. How can we not *Respond* to this Good News? So, *Respond!* See you next week with your family and in the weeks to come.

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.



Happy Easter!

The Resurrection as Transcendent Event

“O truly blessed Night,” sings the *Exsultet* of the Easter Vigil, “which alone deserved to know the time and the hour when Christ rose from the realm of the dead!” But no one was an eyewitness to Christ’s Resurrection and no evangelist describes it. No one can say how it came about physically. Still less was its innermost essence, his passing over to another life, perceptible to the senses. Although the Resurrection was an historical event that could be verified by the sign of the empty tomb and by the reality of the apostles’ encounters with the risen Christ, still it remains at the very heart of the mystery of faith as something that transcends and surpasses history. This is why the risen Christ does not reveal himself to the world, but to his disciples, “to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people.” (CCC 647)

To read more about the Resurrection, please see the Catechism of the Catholic Church 648-658.

Catholic Q & A

Q: What are appropriate signs of reverence with respect to the Body and Blood of Christ?

A: The Body and Blood of Christ present under the appearances of bread and wine are treated with the greatest reverence both during and after the celebration of the Eucharist (cf. *Mysterium Fidei*, nos. 56-61). For example, the tabernacle in which the consecrated bread is reserved is placed “in some part of the church or oratory which is distinguished, conspicuous, beautifully decorated, and suitable for prayer” (*Code of Canon Law*, Can. 938, §2). According to the tradition of the Latin Church, one should genuflect in the presence of the tabernacle containing the reserved sacrament. In the Eastern Catholic Churches, the traditional practice is to make the sign of the cross and to bow profoundly. The liturgical gestures from both traditions reflect reverence, respect, and adoration. It is appropriate for the members of the assembly to greet each other in the gathering space of the church (that is, the vestibule or narthex), but it is not appropriate to speak in loud or boisterous tones in the body of the church (that is, the nave) because of the presence of Christ in the tabernacle. Also, the Church requires everyone to fast before receiving the Body and Blood of Christ as a sign of reverence and recollection (unless illness prevents one from doing so). In the Latin Church, one must generally fast for at least one hour; members of Eastern Catholic Churches must follow the practice established by their own Church.

Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/the-real-presence-of-jesus-christ-in-the-sacrament-of-the-eucharist-basic-questions-and-answers.cfm>

Prayer for Easter



O Risen Jesus,
may I always seek and find you,
think about you, speak to you
and do everything
for your honor and glory.
Be always my hope, my peace,
my refuge and my help
in whom my heart is rooted,
so that I may never
be separated from you.
Amen.

- St. Bonaventure

Easter: Celebrating Our Covenant Love

The Church’s greatest feast and most important rites are celebrated on Easter. New members are initiated into God’s covenant family by plunging into the waters of baptism and emerging into a new life of covenant fellowship, their way lit by baptismal candles and their journey nourished by the meal of bread and wine.

Covenant love is not the romantic love we so often hear about in the media, but the hard, costly, difficult love that sustains relationships by seeking the good of the other person even when it hurts. Jesus chose fidelity to God’s ways though it cost him his life. Then God chose fidelity to Jesus by giving him new life after death. The resurrection is the pledge of God’s faithful love, revealing that not even death can break our covenant relationship with God.

What happened on the first Easter was a complete surprise to the disciples. The Jesus that they had known and who had died was suddenly experienced as alive again. This new life, described as resurrection, was not just a restoration of one’s former life—a resuscitation from the dead. The prophets Elijah and Elisha had brought people back to this life, as had Jesus for the daughter of Jairus, the son of the widow of Nain, and Jesus’ beloved friend Lazarus. (See CCC 646) Although their return from the dead left them temporarily alive, they would die again. But Jesus’ resurrection was a new life that would not be subject to death again. It was eternal life, permanent and undying existence in the presence of God forever.

“Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the ‘Feast of feasts,’ the ‘Solemnity of solemnities,’ just as the Eucharist is the ‘Sacrament of sacraments’ (the Great Sacrament). The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him.” (CCC #1169)

St. Mary’s Altar Cloth Project

Are you handy with a needle and thread? Would you like to help create fine linens for our refurbished altar? The new surface is wider and deeper than before, so new linens are required. If you are willing to learn the technique, please call Kathy Brink at (231) 773-2252.



Easter Story

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