

This Week at Our ChurchesSunday, August 12: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2;
Jn 6:41-51
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Angelus
8:30am Rosary prayed at St. Mary
9:00am Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Raymond and
Catherine Betlejewski by Ron Betlejewski
9:45am Coffee & rolls at St. Mary
9:45am Women's Guild meeting at St. Mary
10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary
10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Aleigha
Hawking Berry by the Gajeski family
12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa Maria (Español)
12:30pm Santa Misa en Santa Maria (Español) for
the people of our parish
4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary
5:00pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Richard
Whalen by Geddy Whalen

Monday, August 13: Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

Readings: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Angelus
1:00pm Timeless Treasures at OLG Rectory

Tuesday, August 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Readings: Ez 2:8—3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Prayers: Sorrowful 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
6:30pm Holy Mass at St. Mary
6:30pm Knights of Columbus # 9802 at St. Mary

Wednesday, August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10bc, 11-12ab, 16;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Angelus
12:10pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Joey Hekkema
by the Hekkema family
5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
6:00pm Confessions at St. Mary
6:30pm Santa Misa en Santa Maria (Español) for
the people of our parish

Thursday, August 16: St. Stephen of Hungary

Readings: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21—19:1
Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Angelus
11:00am Serra Club meeting at St. Mary
11:00am Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
11:40am Confessions at St. Mary
12:10pm Holy Mass at St. Mary
6:30pm Taller de Oración y Vida en Santa Maria

Friday, August 17

Readings: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; (ps) Is 12:2-6;
Mt 19:3-12
Prayers: Sorrowful 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 † Mary Jane
Mitchel by Benita Mikesell

Saturday, August 18

Readings: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
Mt 19:13-15
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Angelus
1:00pm Quinceanera at St. Mary
3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
3:00pm Confessions at St. Mary
4:00pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Nancy Ann
Gajeski by Paula Lynn McCollum

Sunday, August 19: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Angelus
8:30am Rosary prayed at St. Mary
9:00am Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people of our
parish
9:45am Coffee & rolls at St. Mary
10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary
10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Marty Neff by
his family
12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa Maria (Español)
12:30pm Santa Misa en Santa Maria (Español) for †
Enrique and Miguel Padilla by their family
4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary
5:00pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Joseph Whalen,
Jr. by Geddy Whalen

Reminder

While Our Lady of Grace is having the roof replaced ALL Masses are being held at St. Mary. There will be NO 9am Spanish Mass on Sundays during this time. Otherwise the Mass schedule will remain the same. The parish office will be open during construction!

Durante el tiempo de reparación del techo de Nuestra Señora de Gracia todas las Misas se celebraran en Santa Maria No habrá Misa de 9:00am en Español durante este tiempo. Todas las demás Misas mantendrán el mismo horario. La oficina parroquial estará abierta durante el tiempo de construcción.

Prayer Line

St. Mary: Benita Mikesell, 231-803-4425

or Jean Gawel, 231-670-5073

Our Lady of Grace: Anna Mogdics, 231-670-5073

Prayer Requests**Please 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, 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, and Jim Young

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; Kelsi Corriveau, Air Force.

The Theological Virtues: Hope

“Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.” “The Holy Spirit...he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.” (CCC 1817)

Please Note:

The office will be closed on Wednesday, August 15th, in observance of the Holy Day of Obligation.

Sacrificial Offerings and Other Contributions

August 5 2018

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75

General Fund \$ 8,830.96

Online Giving \$ 2,189.20

Shortage \$ 1,652.59

Restoration \$ 1,324.00

Contribution Counters: Week of August 12
Team 2

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

Mass Attendance: August 5, 2018

4:00pm 149

9:00am 158

10:30am 199

12:30pm 146

5:00pm 210

Holy Day of Obligation: Wednesday, August 15th

August 15th is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be three Masses, all at St. Mary. For other local Mass times, please see the Deanery page.

August 14th, Vigil Mass

6:30pm

August 15th

12:10pm

6:30pm en Español

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:

Sept. 28-30 at the Holiday Inn in Troy

Oct. 5-7 at the Augustine Center in Petoskey

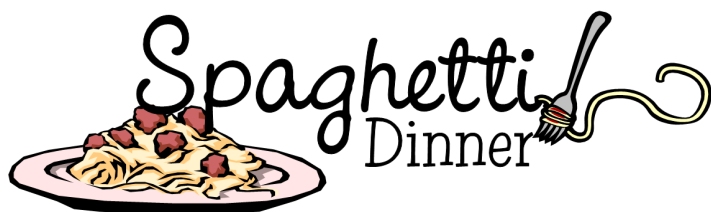
Nov. 2-4 at the Saginaw Center for Ministry in Saginaw

Space is limited, apply today at www.wwme.org or contact Andrew & Alaina Wollner at 734-531-9191 for more information.

Confirmation Classes

Registration for Confirmation Classes is going on now! Registration forms are available on the Religious Ed bulletin board and in the office. Students must be going into 8th grade or 14 years of age. Classes begin September 9th and are mandatory. Please turn your registration form in to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Registration forms must be received before the first class.

¡Ya estamos registrando para la Confirmación! Las formas están disponibles en el pizarrón de Educación Religiosa y en la oficina parroquial. Los estudiantes elegibles para tomar la clase de Confirmación deben tener 14 años o listos para empezar a cursar el Octavo año escolar. Las clases empezaran el domingo 9 de Septiembre en St. María. Todas las clases son mandatorias. Las formas de registración deben entregarse antes de la primera clase.



Ticket packets are available! All ticket packets are at St. Mary's due to the roof work at Our Lady of Grace. Be sure to pick yours up and sell those tickets! If you do not find your ticket packet, and would like one, please call or stop by the parish office.

This year you can Pre-Order meatballs, 10 for \$8, and spaghetti sauce, one quart for \$5! Pre-Orders must be paid for at the time of ordering. You can pick up a form and pay at the parish office or after Masses. The deadline for Pre-Orders is September 9th.

There are several leadership positions available. Three positions that are new this year are Bocce Ball, Tarantella, and Pigeage instructors. No experience is necessary—you will be taught the game, dance, or wine-making method before hand!

We are also looking for toys and games for a special children's raffle. You can bring donations to the parish office.

We need LOTS of volunteers, both in the days and weeks leading up to the dinner as well as during the dinner. There are a wide range of jobs available, so you will be able to find something that works best for you and your family! Watch for sign-up sheets in the back of church!

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

We are midway through the Bread of Life Discourse in John's Gospel. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Jesus gave us a *sign* of the Eucharist in miraculously *feeding the five thousand*. Jesus' *teaching* on Bread of Life is comprehensive and meticulous. At the *Last Supper*, He gave us *Himself, the Bread of Life, the Eucharist*. Remember, the Bread of Life is integrated with Jesus' teachings, principles on which He founded the Church, and life eternal with His Father at the end of our earthly sojourn. As Church, Father Jim Wyse in his book *Choosing to Have a Future* sees *four pillars* in the Acts of the Apostles: 1) *Telling the Gospel story*, 2) *Working together as community/parish*, 3) *Worshipping God*, and 4) *Helping those in need*. The Bread of Life is food for the journey and empowers every aspect of our personal, family, and parish life.

Retrouvaille. The Other Alternative to Divorce

Did you know that according to the State of Michigan there were 28,916 divorces in the State in the year 2016?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse?

Rediscover healing and love and find hope by attending Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i). The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. The next Retrouvaille weekend is September 28th. The next weekend will not be scheduled until March. Please don't wait, rooms will fill quickly.

For more information, to register or to sponsor a couple:

616.752.7004 | retrograndrapids@gmail.com
| retrouvaille.org
P.O. Box 26 Grandville, Michigan 49468



Annual Men's Retreat

September 7-9, 2018

St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI

"From Chaos to Order: A Scriptural Guide to Building a Life-Giving Community"

The retreat runs from dinner on Friday to lunch on Sunday. Register by calling 517-669-8321 or online at www.stfrancis.ws. Rooms are limited. The suggested donation for the retreat is \$175.



CSA 2018 Parish Goals

Our Lady of Grace: \$35,407

St. Mary: \$43,011

+100% participation

To date 135 families, representing 54% of Our Lady of Grace's households, have contributed \$31,455, or 89% of OLG's goal. 146 families, representing 27% of St. Mary's households, have contributed \$28,709.25, or 67% 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.

Adult Confirmation

If you are an adult who has never been confirmed in the Catholic faith, we encourage you to prepare for and receive this Sacrament. Please contact Deacon Bill Cook for more details: 231-329-9504.

Christian Social Concerns

Collection for August:

Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste &
Toothbrushes



Please leave your donation on the pew in the narthex at St. Mary's or by the office at Our Lady of Grace.

Bishop Walkowiak wants your feedback!

Feasibility study update – Final dates to attend town halls

Only two more town hall meetings remain for the feasibility study. All of them have been well received and provided everyone in attendance a chance to find out more about the proposed campaign goals and give their feedback. If you haven't yet participated, please consider attending one of these remaining meetings:

Monday, August 13, 5:30 p.m.

Prince of Peace

1110 Dykstra Rd., N. Muskegon, 49445

Thursday, August 16, 5:30 p.m. (English), 7 p.m. (en Español)

Cathedral Square Center

360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids, 49503

If you prefer to respond online go to dioceseofgrandrapids.org/feasibility and click "Take the Planning Study Survey" to learn more and provide comments. The password is *Study*.

Actualización sobre el estudio de viabilidad – Las últimas fechas para asistir a reuniones públicas

Solo quedan dos reuniones públicas para el estudio de viabilidad. Todas han sido bien recibidas y han dado a cada persona presente la oportunidad de aprender más sobre los objetivos propuestos de la campaña y dar sus comentarios. Si usted aún no ha participado, por favor, considere asistir a una de las reuniones restantes:

Lunes, 13 de agosto, 5:30 p.m.

Prince of Peace

1110 Dykstra Rd., N. Muskegon, 49445

Jueves, 16 de agosto, 5:30 p.m. (inglés), 7 p.m. (español)

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Si usted prefiere contestar la encuesta en línea, visite la página web dioceseofgrandrapids.org/feasibility y haga clic en "Take the Planning Study Survey" para aprender más y dar sus comentarios. La contraseña es: *Study*.

Interested in the Catholic Faith, or Know Someone Who Is?

St. Mary's will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches through the RCIA process. Join us for an inquiry gathering and pizza on Sunday, September 9th, at 6:15pm at St. Mary's in Lourdes Hall. Please let us know you plan to attend by calling the parish office at 231-722-2803.