

This Week at Our Churches

Sunday, August 26: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Angelus
8:30am Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
9:00am **Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for †
Thelma Betlejewski by Ron Betlejewski**
9:00am **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for the
people of our parish**
10:00am Coffee & rolls at Our Lady of Grace
10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary
10:30am **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † David and
Lisa Somers by Jim and Shirley Somers**
11:30am K of C # 9802 burrito sale at St. Mary
12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
12:30pm **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for †
Micaela Pérez by Dolores Olivares**
4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary
5:00pm **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Mary Jane
Mitchel by Benita Mikesell**

Monday, August 27: St. Monica

Readings: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Angelus
11:00am Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Grace
11:40am Confessions at Our Lady of Grace
12:10pm **Holy Mass at OLG for Rich & Karen
Surmont on their wedding anniversary
by their children**
12:45pm Cenacle of Life Rosary at Our Lady of Grace
1:00pm Timeless Treasures at OLG Rectory

Tuesday, August 28: St. Augustine

Readings: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Angelus
11:00am Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Grace
11:40am Confessions at Our Lady of Grace
12:10pm **Holy Mass at OLG for the intentions of
Adam Sprang in honor of his birthday by
Jon & Chris Stewart**

Wednesday, August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Readings: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Angelus
5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
6:00pm Confessions at St. Mary
6:30pm **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español)**

Thursday, August 30

Readings: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Prayers: Luminous 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 † Sgt. 1st Class Dan
Scheibner by Louise Scheibner**
12:45pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help devotion at St. Mary
6:30pm Taller de Oración y Vida en Santa Maria

Friday, August 31

Readings: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
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, September 1

Readings: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Angelus
10:00am Rosary—First Saturday Devotion at St. Mary
10:30am **Holy Mass at St. Mary—First Saturday**
1:00pm Quinceañera
3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Grace
3:00pm Confessions at Our Lady of Grace
4:00pm **Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Bob
Ferenz by Char Wiersma**

Sunday, September 2: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,
Angelus
8:30am Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
9:00am **Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for the
people**
9:00am **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español)**
10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary
10:30am **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Michael Varela
by Dave & Jane Tomczak**
12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa Maria (Español)
12:30pm **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español)**
4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary
5:00pm **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Mary Jane
Mitchel by Benita Mikesell**

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

Religious Education News

Registration for the 2018-2019 Religious Education program will begin next weekend, September 2nd. Please see the Religious Ed bulletin board for registration forms. Forms can be turned into the office or placed in the offertory basket.

Please see page 3 of this bulletin for important information about Confirmation classes.

Religious Education News

Registraziones para 2018-2019 de Educación Religiosa empezaran el próximo fin de semana, 2 de septiembre. Por favor vea la pizarra de Educación Religiosa para tomar una forma de registración y la puede regresar a la oficina o en la canasta de colecta.

Por favor vea la paguina 3 para información importante sobre clases de Confirmación

Prayer Line

St. Mary: 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

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 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, Jim Young, and Christine Stewart

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; and Kelsi Corriveau, Air Force

The Theological Virtues: Hope

“Christian hope takes up and fulfills the hope of the chosen people which has its origin and model in the *hope of Abraham*, who was blessed abundantly by the promises of God fulfilled in Isaac, and who was purified by the test of the sacrifice. “Hoping against hope, he believed, and thus became the father of many nations.” (CCC 1819)

ESL: Students & Volunteers

ESL is looking for new students interested in learning or improving their English skills and as well as volunteer tutors. Classes meet on Mondays from 6:30-8pm at Our Lady of Grace. Classes begin Monday, September 10th. Call 231-766-5744 or 231-343-8147 or email eslmuskegon@hotmail.com if you are interested in tutoring or being a student.

Sacrificial Offerings and Other Contributions

August 19, 2018

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75
General Fund \$ 9,433.63
Online Giving \$ 1,416.55
Shortage \$ 1,822.57
Assumption \$ 1,262.00
Restoration \$ 40.00
Poor Box \$ 25.00
Donuts \$ 35.75

Contribution Counters: Week of August 26
Team 4

Mass Attendance: August 19, 2018

4:00pm 139 9:00am 135
10:30am 199 12:30pm 197
5:00pm 152

Catholic Foundation of West Michigan Events

Legacy Giving Workshop: Sept. 13, at Cathedral Square Center. An overview of exactly what “legacy giving” is and what it means within our faith community and our everyday lives. RSVP by September 7 by email events@catholicfoundationwm.org or call 616.459.4508.

Medicaid and Social Security Luncheon: Thursday, Sept. 20th at Cathedral Square Center. This free event is for those who are recently retired or thinking about retirement. The schedule is as follows and you can attend one or both sessions. From 11am-12:15pm, Medicaid presentation, by Bob Callery, Regional Coordinator, Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program, Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan. Lunch will be from 12:15-12:45pm. From 12:45-1:30pm there will be a Social Security presentation by Sabrina Fitzgerald, Social Security Administration Claims Specialist. Rsvp by Sept 12 by email events@catholicfoundationwm.org or call 616-459-4508.

Catholic Business Leaders’ Forum: Friday, October 12, 2018 from 7-9am, with presenter Mark Murray, Vice Chairman of Meijer. Visit CatholicFoundationWM.org and click the “Events” link on the home page to RSVP for this opportunity to gather with Catholic professionals to gain business acumen insights from prominent Catholic leaders, through the lens of our shared Catholic faith.

Anuncios

¡Estoy escribiendo un libro! Necesito de sus historias y vivencias de tu llegada a este país. ¿Cómo la fe te mantuvo fuerte? Si quieres ser parte de este libro por favor comunícate con Dolores Olivares al 231-457-8197.

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.

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse ends in controversy. Some of Jesus' disciples could not understand "feed on me" (from last week's Gospel) and left. Jesus turns to His faithful disciples and asks where they stand. Peter—hopefully speaking for us modern day disciples—affirms trust in God saying, "You have the words of eternal life." Fortunately, we can fast-forward to the Last Supper and hear Jesus' consecration of the bread and wine into His Precious Body and Blood—the "Bread of Life"—and "whoever eats this bread will live forever." The controversy continues. Some Catholics today mirror the skeptical disciples who turned away from Jesus, doubting the Real Presence. Remember Jesus' words to His disciples, "This is the work of God... believe." And guide your children, younger and older, to the depth of your own belief.



**Sunday,
September 23rd!**

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. Order forms are available in the back of church and at the office. The deadline for Pre-Orders is **September 9th.**

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! This is a great opportunity for a **middle or high school student** to get **service hours!** Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church!

Ticket packets are available! 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.

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! Sign-up in the back of church!

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

¡Considera ser parte de este gran evento! Recuerda 5 minutos de Oración 5 horas de voluntariado y el festival sera un exito!

- Hay muchas necesidad de voluntarios en diferentes areas.
- Puedes ayudar a vender o comprar boletos.
- Este año tambien podemos poner una pre-orden para salsa y albondigas



CSA 2018 Parish Goals

Our Lady of Grace: \$35,407

St. Mary: \$43,011

+100% participation

To date 140 families, representing 56% of Our Lady of Grace’s households, have contributed \$31,730, or 90% of OLG’s goal. 156 families, representing 28% of St. Mary’s households, have contributed \$30,264.25, or 70% 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.

Feasibility study update – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who filled out a feasibility study survey – YOUR input is appreciated! Over the next few weeks, based on the gathered feedback, the Steier Group will prepare a final recommendation for Bishop Walkowiak as to whether the diocese should proceed with a capital campaign to address the identified needs facing our diocese. Once Bishop Walkowiak reviews the report and makes a final decision, the decision will be announced. Please pray for Bishop Walkowiak and the diocese as these important decisions are made.

Actualización sobre el estudio de viabilidad – ¡Gracias!

Gracias a todos los que han contestado la encuesta para el estudio de viabilidad. ¡Agradecemos sus comentarios! Durante las próximas semanas, el Grupo Steier preparará una recomendación final para el Obispo Walkowiak basado en la información recopilada de la encuesta, para decidir si debemos continuar con una campaña de capital para atender a las necesidades identificadas en nuestra diócesis. El Obispo Walkowiak revisará el reporte y cuando haya tomado una decisión final, se la anunciará. Por favor, oren por nuestro Obispo Walkowiak y la diócesis durante este proceso importante de toma de decisiones.

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.

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.

Mount Mercy Academy Alumnae Association will be celebrating our 100yr anniversary on Sunday, October 14th at the former Mount Mercy Academy. Mass will begin at 10am in the chapel followed by breakfast and a guest speaker. The cost is \$10.00. Reservations are due Sept. 30th and seating is limited. Please contact Kathy at 616-914-4895 for more information.