

**This Week at Our Churches**

**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) for † Inocencio Gutierrez by the Gutierrez Family**  
 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, September 3: St. Gregory the Great**

Readings: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30  
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus  
 10:30am **Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people**

**Tuesday, September 4**

Readings: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37  
 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 Our Lady of Grace**

**Wednesday, September 5: St. Teresa of Calcutta**

Readings: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44  
 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)**

**Religious Education News**

Registraziones para 2018-2019 de Educación Religiosa empiezan hoy, 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

**Religious Education News**

Registration for the 2018-2019 Religious Education program will begin THIS 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.

**Thursday, September 6**

Readings: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-6; Lk5:1-11  
 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 for the intentions of Monica Stevens by Marty Stevens**  
 12:45pm Our Lady of Perpetual Help devotion at St. Mary  
 6:30pm Taller de Oración y Vida en Santa María

**Friday, September 7**

Readings: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39  
 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 the Mikesell children, that they may return to the faith by Benita Mikesell**  
 7:00pm Grupo de Oración en Santa María

**Saturday, September 8**

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus  
 1:00pm Private Party at St. Mary  
 3:00pm Eucharistic Adoration with Praise and Worship Music at Our Lady of Grace  
 3:00pm Confessions at Our Lady of Grace  
 4:00pm **Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for † Bernadette Wisneski by her family**

**Sunday, September 9: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37  
 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 † Raymond & Catherine Betlejewski by Ron Betlejewski**  
 9:00am **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for the people of our parish**  
 10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary  
 10:00am Coffee and rolls at Our Lady of Grace  
 10:00am Women's Guild meeting at Our Lady of Grace  
 10:30am **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Marty Neff by his family**  
 12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)  
 12:30pm **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) por las intenciones de Petra Rios by Dalia Vandebush**  
 4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary  
 4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary  
 5:00pm **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † the grandparents of Marty and Monica Stevens**

The office will be closed Monday, Sept. 3rd, in observance of Labor Day.  
 Mass on Labor Day will be at 10:30am at St. Mary's.

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 RequestsPlease 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, Jim Young, Christine Stewart, and Roger Tomczak

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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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 unfolds from the beginning of Jesus’ preaching in the proclamation of the beatitudes. The *beatitudes* raise our hope toward heaven as the new Promised Land; they trace the path that leads through the trials that await the disciples of Jesus. But through the merits of Jesus Christ and of his Passion, God keeps us in the “hope that does not disappoint.” Hope is the “sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...that enters...where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.” Hope is also a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation: “Let us...put on the breastplate of faith and charity, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.” It affords us joy even under trial: “Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation.” Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire.” (CCC 1820)

Sacrificial Offerings and Other Contributions

August 26, 2018

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75

General Fund \$ 8,665.64

Online Giving \$ 1,281.55

Shortage \$ 2,725.56

Assumption \$ 60.00

Restoration \$ 150.00

Air Conditioning \$ 20.00

One at a Time Ministry \$5.00

Donuts \$ 31.23

Contribution Counters: Week of September 2  
Team 5

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

Mass Attendance: August 26, 2018

4:00pm 191

9:00am (OLG) 139

9:00am (SM) 49

10:30am 205

12:30pm 151

5:00pm 192

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

**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.

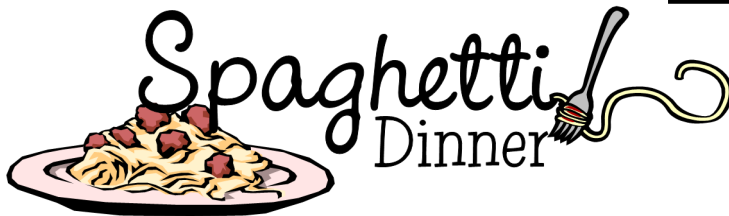
¡Ya estamos registrando para la Confirmación! Las formas están disponibles en el pizarrón de Educación Religiosa y en la oficina parroquial. Los estudiantes elegibles para tomar la clase de Confirmación deben tener 14 años o listos para empezar a cursar el Octavo año escolar. Las clases empezarán el 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

***Integrity.*** A quality of utmost importance in our world today. In today's Gospel, Jesus pointed toward such sin as *evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, adultery, greed, malice* and more. Jesus called the Jewish elders *hypocrites*. He defined hypocrites by quoting Isaiah: *People who honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Christians are to be scrupulously honest in all we say and do.*

Knowing that children learn from our example, parents should be people of great integrity in all their relationships, at work, and in the community. What better way to evangelize than to than to be known as a Christian and be a person of impeccable integrity. Think of this "test", and pass it on to your children: *"If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"*



**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.

Thank you to all who have shared their photos, especially of Spaghetti Dinners long past! Anyone with digital photographs is asked to email them to Jaime at [jgustin@fruitportschools.net](mailto:jgustin@fruitportschools.net) so the photos can be included in the slide show for the Spaghetti Dinner

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.

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

## Parish Ministry & Catechetical Conference

Open to any Adult

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Time: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Location: West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Keynote Speaker: Nancy Bird

Cost: \$40 per person – **registration and payment must be received together. Parish/School Registration Option** – Register six people together from the same parish/school for \$200.00 **on or before September 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00**

Registration /Information: Register online at [www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org](http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org) or email [mverner@dioceseofgrandrapids.org](mailto:mverner@dioceseofgrandrapids.org)

Questions, call 616-246-0588

**After September 21<sup>st</sup> cost is \$50.00 per person and there is no group discount.**

## Conferencia Catequética y Pastoral

Abierta a cualquier adulto.

Fecha: Sábado, 29 de septiembre, 2018

Horario: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Lugar: West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Orador principal: Nancy Bird

Costo: \$40 por persona – se debe recibir el pago con el registro. Opción para parroquias/escuelas – registre a seis personas juntas de la misma parroquia/escuela para \$200 antes de las 4:00 p.m. el 21 de septiembre.

Información para registrar: Registrar en línea a [www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org](http://www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org) o por correo electrónico a [mverner@dioceseofgrandrapids.org](mailto:mverner@dioceseofgrandrapids.org)

Si tiene preguntas, se puede llamar a 616-246-0588

**Después del 21 de septiembre, el costo por persona será \$50 y no habrá descuento para grupos.**

## 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.

## 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.

Do you feel that our world needs prayers? Please join St. Michael the Archangel Church Thursday, September 13th for the Rosary at 5:30pm and Holy Mass at 6pm in response to our Blessed Mother's request at Fatima that we pray for the conversion of sinners. A time of fellowship will follow immediately after

## Bulletin Advertising

This week, Michael Lenz, a representative from our bulletin publisher, Diocesan Publications, will be seeking new and renewing present parish bulletin ads. If you are interested in advertising please call the parish office for contact information. We feel this is an excellent opportunity for local businesses to increase their visibility in the community. Advertising in the bulletin allows this publication to be printed each week at no cost to the parish.

## Christian Social Concerns

Collection for September:

Canned Soup, Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit



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

## Eucharistic Adoration with Praise and Worship Music

There will be Adoration next Saturday, September 8th from 3-4pm at Our Lady of Grace, with Contemporary Praise and Worship music. Please join us for this



## 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.