

This Week at Our ChurchesSunday, December 2: First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
 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 † Alfred Bilger by Martha Bilger**
 10:00am Breakfast at Our Lady of Grace
 10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary
 10:30am **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Bob Moblo by Mary Jo Moblo**
 11:30am St. Mary's Usher Meeting at St. Mary
 12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
 12:30pm **Santa Misa en Santa María (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 the intentions of Mary Jane Duguay by Christine Tourcotte**

Monday, December 3: St. Francis Xavier

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 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 Our Lady of Grace for † Clarence and Catherine MacKain by Mike and Pat Birkhold**
 12:45pm Cenacles of Life Rosary prayed at OLG
 6:30pm Follow the Light to Christmas at OLG

Tuesday, December 4: St. John Damascene

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 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 for † Katy Engle by Cheryl Tuttle**
 6:30pm RCIA at Our Lady of Grace
 7:00pm Exposition, Adoration, and Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe with K of C council #13579

Wednesday, December 5

Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 6:15pm Religious Ed classes at Our Lady of Grace

Thursday, December 6: St. Nicholas

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 10:00am **Holy Mass at St. Mary in reparation for the sins of the clergy by the Rosary chapter of Lay Dominicans**

Friday, December 7: St. Ambrose

Readings: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 10:30am Rosary prayed for priests in Lourdes Hall
 11:00am Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
 11:40am Confessions at St. Mary
 12:10pm **Holy Mass at St. Mary for the intentions of Orson and Willodean Poley by Mike and Pat Birkhold**
 6:30pm **Holy Mass at Santa María (Español)**

Saturday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 9:00am **Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace**
 10:30am **Holy Mass at St. Mary**
 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 † Melvin Doremire by Greg and Penny Russick**

Sunday, December 9: Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
 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 intentions of Sr. Geneva Marie Schaub, O.P. by Lucrezia Esteban**
 10:00am Coffee and Rolls at Our Lady of Grace
 10:00am Women's Guild meeting at Our Lady of Grace
 10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary
 10:30am **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Bob Ferenz by Rose Olsen, Bob and Barb Vogel**
 12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
 12:30pm **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for Ramón Vargas and Concepción Sosa by the Mendez-Botello family**
 4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
 4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary
 5:00pm **Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people of our parish**

Attention!

Please do not touch the thermostats at either church! They are set up to run at the appropriate times to maximize warmth and minimize interruptions during Mass! Thank you for your cooperation.

¡Atención!

Favor de no tocar el termostato en ninguna de las Iglesias. Están programados para maximizar su temperatura y minimizar interrupciones durante la Misa. Gracias por tu cooperación

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 Dilts,
 Rose Marie Mikesell, Ron Betlejewski, Ben Offrink, John
 McCormick, Sotero Leyton, Billie Leonard,
 Gloria Cline, Pat Hogan, Jeff Kenny, Ron Faino, Jose Alcahuter,
 Christine Siedlecki, Ralph Alvesteffer, Bill Forton,
 William & Benita Mikesell, Christine Stewart,
 Roger Tomczak, Lyle Robbins, Mary Jane Duguay, Julian Pita,
 Omar Morales Garzon, and Juana Ramirez

Please pray for our homebound parishioners

Ruth Stevens, Jim Dalum, Rose Ann Bird, Bernice Brown,
 Rosemary Keefe, Betty Reilly, Johanna Ripka, and
 Bob & Shirley Sterrit

Please pray for our parishioners who are in care

Phil Hoos, Dorothy Bauer, Eugene Rewalt, Arlene LeBeau,
 Carolene McIntosh, Pat Simonson, Jackie Blake, 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

Life in Christ

“The Symbol of the faith confesses the greatness of God’s gifts to man in his work of creation, and even more in redemption and sanctification. What faith confesses, the sacraments communicate: by the sacraments of rebirth, Christians have become “children of God,” “partakers of the divine nature.” Coming to see in the faith their new dignity, Christians are called to lead henceforth a life “worthy of the gospel of Christ.” They are made capable of doing so by the grace of Christ and the gifts of his Spirit, which they receive through the sacraments and through prayer.” (CCC 1692)



Pray for the souls in purgatory.

Reza por las almas del purgatorio



Sacrificial Offerings and Other Contributions

November 18, 2018

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75
 General Fund \$
 Online Giving \$ 1,412.15

November 25, 2018

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75
 General Fund \$ Not available at
 Online Giving \$ time of printing

Contribution Counters: Week of December 2:
 Team 2

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

Mass Attendance: November 25, 2018

4:00pm N/A	9:00am (OLG) N/A
9:00am (SM) N/A	10:30am N/A
12:30pm N/A	5:00pm N/A

St. Mary’s Prolife Team

A Prolife team is being formed to support and coordinate Father Matt’s and parish prolife activities. We will focus on the intrinsically evil acts of abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia, and contraception. If you would like to be a member of the Prolife team, contact Mike Birkhold at 269-501-3107



Our Parish is Looking for a High School Youth Group Leader!

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Kacey Kersman, DRE, at 231-722-2803 x 16.

Upcoming Event

On December 4th there will be an hour of Adoration at St. Mary’s from 7-8pm. The Knights of Columbus Council #13579 will lead a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe. We hope you are able to join us!



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Office of the Bishop

November 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits 31,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests – women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

During the 2018 World Day for Consecrated Life, Pope Francis remarked, “There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds.” This analogy has certainly born out within the life of the Church in the United States. Senior religious were the roots that established Catholic schools, hospitals, and social service agencies – allowing generations of Catholics to flourish. Today, the example of older religious inspires younger members to persevere in mission and ministry.

Yet many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members. Most elder religious served for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you give what you can. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God’s blessing on our nation’s elderly religious.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak

Bishop of Grand Rapids

Noviembre 2018

Estimados amigos en Cristo,

Pronto nuestras parroquias llevarán a cabo la colecta anual del Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Esta campaña anual beneficia a más de 31,000 hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes católicos de órdenes religiosas – mujeres y hombres que han dedicado su vida en servicio a los demás.

El Papa Francisco, durante la Jornada Mundial de la Vida Consagrada en 2018, destacó que “no hay crecimiento sin raíces y no hay florecimiento sin brotes nuevos.” Esta analogía ha sido comprobada en la vida de la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos. Los miembros mayores de órdenes religiosas fueron la base de las escuelas católicas, hospitales y agencias de servicio social, y permitieron el progreso de generaciones de católicos. Hoy día el ejemplo de los religiosos mayores inspira a los miembros más jóvenes a perseverar en su misión y ministerio.

Sin embargo, muchas comunidades religiosas luchan para poder cuidar a sus miembros ancianos. La mayoría de los religiosos mayores recibieron estipendios muy bajos que dejaron una gran carencia en los fondos para su jubilación. Los crecientes costos de la atención médica y los ingresos reducidos agravan la lucha por ofrecer una atención adecuada. Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos proporciona fondos vitales para recetas médicas, enfermeros y más. También ayuda a los institutos religiosos a establecer estrategias de jubilación a largo plazo que permitan continuar sirviendo al Pueblo de Dios.

Reconozco que esto es una de muchas causas nobles en necesidad de ayuda; solo les pido que donen lo que puedan. En agradecimiento por el servicio fiel de los religiosos mayores, les pido que se unan a mí para brindar apoyo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos y rogar a Dios que derrame sus bendiciones en los religiosos de avanzada edad en nuestra nación.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Reverendísimo David J. Walkowiak

Obispo de Grand Rapids

The Immaculate Conception: Patronal Feast of the United States of America
& Holy Day of Obligation

Even though the Immaculate Conception falls on a Saturday this year, it is still a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule is below. Please note that if you choose to attend the 4pm Saturday Mass on Saturday, December 8th to fulfill this obligation, you will also need to attend Mass on Sunday, December 9th in order to fulfill your Sunday obligation—there are no 2 for 1s :)!

Holy Days of Obligation Mass Schedule

Holy Day	Date	Time	Location	Language
Vigil of the Immaculate Conception	Friday, December 7th	6:30 PM	St. Mary	Español
Immaculate Conception	Saturday, December 8th	9:00 AM	Our Lady of Grace	
		10:30 AM	St. Mary	
Christmas Eve	Monday, December 24th	4:00 PM	St. Mary	
		7:00 PM	St. Mary	Español
		7:00 PM	Our Lady of Grace	
Christmas	Tuesday, December 25th	Midnight	St. Mary	
		9:00 AM	Our Lady of Grace	
		10:30 AM	St. Mary	
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary	Monday, December 31st	5:00 PM	St. Mary	Español
Solemnity of Mary	Tuesday, January 1st	10:30 AM	St. Mary	
		12:10 PM	Our Lady of Grace	

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Don't blow it like the innkeeper did. Picture yourself in this setting. The year is about 1 of the new Christian Era (CE) in Bethlehem, David's city. You are an innkeeper with rooms in your home for travelers. With all the men coming to register for the Census, you are pretty full. A man and his pregnant wife ask for a room. You say no and close the door. What just happened? *You blew the opportunity to have the Savior of the world born in your very home!* Well, back to here and now. Don't blow the opportunity to prepare for a deeper relationship with the Newborn Savior on December 25. *Pick up a publication offered you by the Parish. Read it each day of Advent. Best of all, read it as a family.* Study it and talk about it. Make time for what's important. This is important.

Christian Social Concerns

We are still collecting laundry detergent for the Christmas Food Baskets.

Monetary donations are also accepted.

If you place your monetary donation in the offertory basket, please

label the

envelope 'Food Baskets'.

Donations may be placed on the pew in the narthex at St. Mary or by the office at OLG.

