

This Week at Our ChurchesSunday, 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 Botello-Mendez 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**

Monday, December 10

Readings: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 9:30am Comfort and Grace sewing group
 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 the special intentions of the Birkhold family by Mike and Pat Birkhold**
 12:45pm Cenacles of Life Rosary prayed at OLG
 12:45pm St. Mary's Homeschool Co-op at OLG
 6:30pm ESL at Our Lady of Grace

Tuesday, December 11: St. Damasus

Readings: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10a-c, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 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 the special intentions of Gary and Denise Dunn by Marty and Monica Stevens**
 6:30pm RCIA at Our Lady of Grace
 6:30pm Knights of Columbus council #9802 meeting at St. Mary

Wednesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18b-19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 5:00pm Mañanitas-nochecitas en Santa María
 6:15pm Religious Ed classes at Our Lady of Grace
 7:00pm **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español)**
 8:00pm Convivencia en Lourdes Hall

Thursday, December 13: St. Lucy

Readings: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 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 in reparation for the sins of the clergy by the Rosary Chapter of lay Dominicans**

Friday, December 14: St. John of the Cross

Readings: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 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 healing of Carol Allman by Mike and Pat Birkhold**
 7:00pm Grupo de Oracion

Saturday, December 15

Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 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 † Paul Valliere by Bernadette Young**

Sunday, December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Zep 3:14-18a; (Ps) Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
 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 of our parish**
 10:00am Coffee and Rolls at Our Lady of Grace
 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 María (Español)
 12:30pm **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for † Yahir Jesus Gonzalez by the Gonzalez familia**
 4:00pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
 4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary
 5:00pm **Holy Mass at St. Mary for the intentions of Johanna Ripka by Marleah Kooi, Joseph, and David**



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, 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, Juana Ramirez, Jane Alviar,
Pat Fodrocy, and Maria Beegle

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

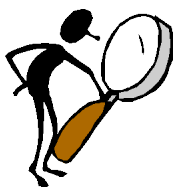
Phil Hoos, Dorothy Bauer, Eugene Rewalt, Arlene LeBeau,
Carolene McIntosh, Pat Simonson, Jackie Blake, Gene Gianetti,
Jr., Rosalie Venn, Alyce Donalson, Lucille Radke,
and Kathy Hale

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

“Christ Jesus always did what was pleasing to the *Father*, and always lived in perfect communion with him. Likewise Christ’s disciples are invited to live in the sight of the Father “who sees in secret,” in order to become “perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (CCC 1693)



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.

Sacrificial Offerings and Other Contributions**November 18, 2018**

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75
General Fund \$ 9,476.70
Online Giving \$ 1,412.15
Shortage \$ 1,783.90
CCHD \$ 2,383.40
Building & Restoration \$ 154.00

November 25, 2018

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75
General Fund \$ 7,888.00
Online Giving \$ 1,482.75
Shortage \$ 3,302.00
CCHD \$ 89.00
Retirement for Religious \$ 55.00
Donuts \$ 147.09
Candles \$ 791.10
Building & Restoration \$ 50.00
Flower Fund 163.00
Food Baskets \$ 125.00

December 2, 2018

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75
General Fund \$ 10,873.00
Online Giving \$ 844.30
Shortage \$ 955.45
Building & Restoration \$ 1,383.93
Flower Fund \$ 1,391.00
Donuts/Breakfast \$ 38.57
Retirement for Religious \$ 20.00
World Mission Sunday \$ 6.00

Contribution Counters: Week of December 9
Team 3

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

Mass Attendance: December 2, 2018

4:00pm 166	9:00am (OLG) 146
9:00am (SM) N/A	10:30am 227
12:30pm 160	5:00pm 202



Pray for the souls in purgatory.
Reza por las almas del purgatorio



Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

El miércoles 12 de Diciembre es la festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. La Misa será en español a las 7pm en Santa María.

Previamente tendremos las tradicionales mañanitas-nochecitas desde las 5pm y la después de la Misa una convivencia, todos son bienvenidos a traer un platillo. Se les anima a los niños vestirse como San Diego y a las niñas como Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe o como inditas.



Wednesday, December 12th is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be Mass, in Spanish, at St. Mary's, at 7pm. Prior to Mass, songs will be sung in the church, starting at 5pm. After the Mass there will be a potluck in Lourdes Hall. You are welcome to bring a dish to pass. There will be a dress-up contest for children- girls are encouraged to come dressed as Our Lady of Guadalupe, boys are encouraged to come dressed as St. Juan Diego.

† Prayer and Sympathy †

Please keep the family and friends of John Soyars, Jr., and Lawrence "Larry" Garzelloni in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their loved ones.

John was remembered in a funeral Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 5th, at Our Lady of Grace, with Fr. Matt Russick presiding.

Larry was remembered in a funeral Mass on Thursday, Dec. 6th, at Our Lady of Grace, with Fr. Matt Barnum presiding

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Congratulations

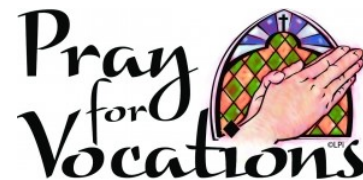
Education Endowment Raffle Winner!

December 30, 2018

\$100.00 Kacey Kersman

50/50: \$26.00 Alice Stieghner

The next drawing will be held January 27th, after the 10:30am Mass, at St. Mary. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact the parish office.



Midnight Mass and concert to be broadcast live from the cathedral on FOX 17 and online

Midnight Mass and the Prelude of Carols with Brass, Strings and Choirs on Christmas Eve will be broadcast live from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on FOX 17 (check your local listings) and online on the diocesan website, dioceseofgrandrapids.org, and Facebook page ([Diocese of Grand Rapids](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids)). The concert begins at 11 p.m. and Mass begins at Midnight.

There will be a replay of Midnight Mass on FOX 17 at 8 a.m. Christmas morning.

The live broadcast of Mass from the cathedral is a ministry provided by our diocese for more than 60 years.

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

Holy Days of Obligation Mass Schedule

Holy Day	Date	Time	Location	Language
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	

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

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Luke tells us, “The word of God came to John in the *desert*.” Why the desert? Because *the desert is quiet* and *John was open to God’s word and listening for it*. We need not wonder why we cannot hear God speaking to us personally. What a cacophony of noise and action our life is! Music and news coming out of electronic speakers of every kind. Traffic sounds. Kids. The opinions of friends and neighbors spoken to us. Facebook. *This Advent, build in quiet time*. A room with a closed door. Late at night or early in the morning. Zero noise. Just quiet. Read a passage from the Bible. Better yet, simply ask God what He thinks about the challenges of the day that you face. *The word of God will come to you in the quiet place you choose*.

Thank You!

Thank you to those all those who helped clean St. Mary’s church this past week!

Special thanks to: Kathy, Mary Ann, Cheryl, Chet, Jim, Bob, Gary, Barbara, Gene, Barb, John, & Jean. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

¡Reserva el día!

Próximos eventos en Español en la Diócesis

Misión Guadalupana (8 – 11 de Diciembre, 2018)
Formación Litúrgica (12 de Enero, 2019)
Conferencia de Familias (16 de Febrero, 2019)