

This Week at Our ChurchesSunday, 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 † Martyr Neff by his  
family**

12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)

12:30pm **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for †  
Yahir Jesús González by the González 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**

Monday, December 17

Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:3-4b, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

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 in reparation  
for the sins of the clergy by the Rosary  
Chapter of lay Dominicans**

12:45pm Cenacles of Life Rosary prayed at OLG

6:30pm ESL at Our Lady of Grace

Tuesday, December 18

Readings: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

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  
intentions of Judy Grimm by the Women's  
Guild**

6:30pm RCIA at Our Lady of Grace

Wednesday, December 19

Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17;  
Lk 1:5-25

Prayers: Glorious mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Angelus

6:15pm Religious Ed classes at Our Lady of Grace

Thursday, December 20

Readings: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Prayers: Luminous mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Angelus

11:00am Serra Club at St. Mary

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**

6:00pm Confessions at St. Mary

Friday, December 21: St. Peter Canisius

Readings: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;  
Lk 1:39-45

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  
Cheryl Mackay by Mike and Pat Birkhold**

Saturday, December 22

Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 SM 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd;  
Lk 1:46-56

Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet,  
Angelus

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 † Paul  
Valliere by Rose Marie Mikesell and family**

Sunday, December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10;  
Lk 1:39-45

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 Pat Fodrocy by the Women's  
Guild**

10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary

10:30am **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Alexander  
Michael Alviar by the Alviar family**

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  
Eugene Rewalt by Kathleen Rewalt**

Extra Opportunity for Confession

Thursday, December 20th  
6:00pm at St. Mary  
English and Spanish

Oportunidad Extra para Confesarte

El jueves 20 de diciembre  
a las 6:00pm en Santa María  
Español y ingles

*Gaudete*  
*Sunday*



**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, 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; 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

**Life in Christ**

“Incorporated into *Christ* by Baptism, Christians are “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” and so participate in the life in the Risen Lord. Following Christ and united with him, Christians can strive to be “imitators of God as beloved children, and walk in love” by conforming their thoughts, words and actions to the “mind...which is yours in Christ Jesus,” and by following his example.” (CCC 1694)



Pray for the souls in purgatory.

Reza por las almas del purgatorio

**Sacrificial Offerings and Other Contributions**

**December 9, 2018**

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75

General Fund \$ 9,533.34

Online Giving \$ 1,999.55

**Shortage \$ 1,139.86**

Immaculate Conception \$ 1,237.00

Retirement for Religious \$ 3,199.68

Flower Fund \$ 220.00

Donuts/Breakfast \$ 36.05

Building & Restoration \$ 125.00

Contribution Counters: Week of December 16

Team 4

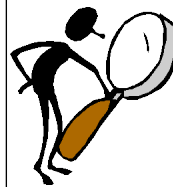
**\*\*Because of the merger effective July 1, 2018, please make all checks out to St. Mary . Thank you!\*\***

**Mass Attendance: December 9, 2018**

4:00pm 222                      9:00am (OLG) 132

9:00am (SM) N/A              10:30am 263

12:30pm 203                      5:00pm 161

**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.

**Are you discerning the priesthood?**

Gifted and Called is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the Office of Priestly Vocations. Each month, young men (ages 16 – 35) are invited to gather and discern God’s will for their lives.

Time for prayer and reflection will be held monthly on the 2nd floor of Cathedral Square Center from 4 -5 p.m.

This year’s Gifted and Called discernment opportunities are offered on the following Sundays: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 7, and May 5.

Feel free to show up or call to let us know you are coming at 616-288-0910.

Questions, email Fr. Ron Hutchinson  
(rhutchinson@dioceseofgrandrapids.org) or Fr. Stephen  
Durkee (sdurkee@dioceseofgrandrapids.org).



## Calling All Angels and Shepherds!



Parents, if your child would like to participate in the Children's Christmas Eve Mass Posada please RSVP to [dre@stmarysmuskegon.org](mailto:dre@stmarysmuskegon.org).

All Children should meet in the church basement of St. Mary's Church at 3:30 P.M. Mass will begin at 4:00pm. Parents should let their child know where they are seated for Mass. Your child will join you immediately following the performance.

Please contact Kacey Kersman,  
[dre@stmarysmuskegon.org](mailto:dre@stmarysmuskegon.org),  
with any questions!



## **WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**

Joseph & Bridgette Zappacosta & their children  
Vincent & Camilla

### CSA 2018 Parish Goals

Our Lady of Grace: \$35,407

St. Mary: \$43,011

+100% participation

As a reminder, if you have not yet responded to the Catholic Services Appeal, please do so as soon as possible. In our world there is always significant need, and your contribution will provide funding to outreach ministries and programs that enable our Church to help those who are seeking faith enrichment, education and support.

Thank you, we are grateful for your prayerful consideration.

## Wedding Banns

The following engaged couples will be married at St. Mary Parish in 2019. Should you know that they are not at liberty to enter into the sacrament of marriage, please contact the parish office.

Las siguientes parejas comprometidas se casarán en la parroquia St. Mary en 2019. Si sabe que no tienen la libertad de ingresar al sacramento del matrimonio, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

Matthew Mills & Karissa Kalisz

Nathan Goodman & Ariel Ahern

J. Guadalupe Aguilar Palomino & Paula Esmeralda  
Torres Mulato

Patrick Giddings & Francesca Cerniglia

Omar Gómez Herrera & Azucena Liseth Serrato  
Gazcon

## 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](http://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	Notes
Christmas Eve	Monday, December 24th	4:00 PM	St. Mary	Children's Mass
		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	

### Parish Office Hours

Regular office hours are Monday—Thursday,  
9am-Noon and 1pm-5pm

#### **Winter Weather:**

If Muskegon Public Schools are closed due to bad weather/road conditions, the office will be closed.

#### **Christmas Octave:**

The office will be open December 27th, from 9am-Noon.

Other than that, the office will be closed from

December 24th– January 1st.

Regular hours will resume on January 2nd.

### Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

“What should we do?” people asked John the Baptist.

**Would should parents do?** Pray for each child by name! Use the Prayer of the Holy Spirit. Parents grow in faith by reading and reflecting on Scripture. Come as a family to weekly mass weekly and receive the Eucharist. Come to Reconciliation. Pray at mealtime and evening prayers as a family. Parents should speak to God about their adult children, giving thanks as well. Don't preach, but invite them to join you in the Christmas mass.

**Would should children do?** Obey their parents; parents seek only the best. Pray, especially for wisdom (and always before tests). Parents, what is your legacy for your children? I hope that each child, young or adult, will know that they are loved and valued; that each will be people of faith and prayer, and live in the grace of God.

### 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