

Week of December 23rdSunday, 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

Monday, December 24

Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 4:00pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people of our parish (Children's Mass)
 7:00pm Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for the people of our parish
 7:00pm Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for the people of our parish

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas

Readings: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 12:00am Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people of our parish
 8:15am Rosary prayed at Our Lady of Grace
 9:00am Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for the people of our parish
 10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people of our parish

Wednesday, December 26: St. Stephen

Readings: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22
 Prayers: Glorious 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 † Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Scheibner by Louise Scheibner

Thursday, December 27: St. John

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 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 Fr. Matt

Friday, December 28: The Holy Innocents

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 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 an end to the slaughter of abortion and in thanksgiving for the closing of the Muskegon abortion center six years ago by Marty and Monica Stevens

Saturday, December 29: Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 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 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

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Education Endowment Correction:

The next Education Endowment Raffle drawing will be held December 30th, after the 10:30am Mass, in Lourdes Hall.

Parish Office Hours: Octave of Christmas

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.
 If you have a sacramental emergency please call the Emergency Line: 231-670-3017.

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



"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."
 Luke 1:45

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](#)). 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.

Evangelization Clip
 by Deacon Jim Schiltz


Ever see the movie, *The Nativity Story*? It captures God breaking into human history, messiness included. Mary was engaged to Joseph in an arranged marriage. They hardly knew each other. Then a problem pregnancy came along with family and neighbors looking down on Mary and Joseph. God had previously sent His Angel to Zechariah, Mary, Elizabeth, and Joseph, so they knew “the power of the Most High overshadowed Mary.” Mary and Joseph listened to God’s Messenger and carried out the will of God for them, for the whole world—and for us. “The Word was made flesh and dwelled among us.” How are you at listening in prayer to God? Listen for His Plan and to the teachings of Jesus. God’s “messenger” for us is Scripture and the Church. Listen!

Mass Attendance: December 16, 2018

4:00pm 207	9:00am (OLG) 151
9:00am (SM) N/A	10:30am 227
12:30pm 193	5:00pm 189



Calling All
Angels and Shepherds!



All Children interested in participating in the Posada on Christmas Eve should meet in the church basement of St. Mary’s 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.

Sacrificial Offerings and Other Contributions

December 16, 2018

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75
 General Fund \$ 11,624.26
 Online Giving \$ 891.55
Shortage \$ 156.94
 Immaculate Conception \$ 125.00
 Retirement for Religious \$ 350.00
 Flower Fund \$ 311.00
 Candles \$ 107.53
 CCHD \$ 20.00
 Food Baskets \$ 300.00
 Building & Restoration \$ 55.00
 Christmas \$ 200.00

December 23, 2018

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75
 General Fund \$ Not available at
 time of printing
 Contribution Counters: Week of December 23
 Team 4
 Contribution Counters: Week of December 30
 Team 5

Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24

4:00pm St. Mary (Children’s Mass)
 7:00pm Our Lady of Grace
 7:00pm St. Mary (Español)

Tuesday, December 25

12:00am Midnight at St. Mary
 9:00am Our Lady of Grace
 10:30am St. Mary



Lighthouse CDs

Lighthouse CDs make great stocking stuffers! Check out the kiosk in the narthex at St. Mary and the east hallway at Our Lady of Grace!

Featured this month:

The Face of God—St. Mother Teresa
 Mother Teresa of Calcutta is known through out the world as a woman totally committed to the Gospel. In the first presentation she explains the infinite value of God’s gift of life; in the second presentation, she emphasizes the Eucharist and our call to imitate Christ by loving each other unconditionally. A bonus segment is provided by Dr. Scott Han on Understanding the Eucharist.

Week of December 30thSunday, December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

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 † Sue Westenfelder by Greg and Penny Russick

10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary

10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for the intentions of John and Jean Gawel by their friends

11:30am Education Endowment Raffle and donuts 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

Monday, December 31: Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Prayers: Joyful 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 Antoni and Bridget Germano by Matt and Amy Koczur

12:45pm Cenacles of Life Rosary prayed at St. Mary

5:00pm Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for the people of our parish

Tuesday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Readings: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people of our parish

12:10pm Holy Mass at Our Lady of Grace for the people of our parish

Wednesday, January 2: Sts. Basil and Gregory

Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

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, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Readings: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

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, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Readings: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

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 † Brian and David Somers by Jim and Shirley Somers

Saturday, January 5: St. John Neumann

Readings: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus

10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary

10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for First Saturday

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

Sunday, January 6: The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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 in reparation for the sins of the clergy by the Rosary Chapter of Lay Dominicans

9:00am Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for the people of our parish

10:00am Breakfast 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 Shirley Somers

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

12:30pm Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for the intentions of Epifanio Méndez 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 intentions of the Hale family by anonymous

Please Note:

The 12:10pm Mass on Monday, Dec 31st is at St. Mary. Adoration will begin at 11am, with confessions heard starting at 11:40am

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

-Miguel and Angelita Valdez



Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!
¡Feliz Navidad & Feliz Año Nuevo!



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

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 31

5:00pm St. Mary (Español)

Tuesday, January 1

10:30am St. Mary

12:10pm Our Lady of Grace



Pray for the souls in purgatory.

Reza por las almas del purgatorio



Scam Alert!/Estafa

Please be aware of a scam from 'St. Mary's Prayer Center Ministry.' This ministry is NOT associated with our parish, or any other parish or school in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. If you receive a call, please do not respond to this request.

Hay una estafa que se está haciendo por teléfono diciendo que son parte de El Ministerio de Oración de Santa María. Este ministerio no está asociado con nuestra parroquia, o cualquier otra parroquia o escuela en la Diócesis de Grand Rapids. Si recibe una llamada telefónica, por favor no responda a esta petición.

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; 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

Evangelization Clip

by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Today, we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus Mary, and Joseph. And very importantly, our own holy family. Hear this: God calls us to be holy! How do we do that? Fathers, God has given you privilege, honor, and responsibility. Respect your children. Love them. Listen to them. Really hear them. Guide them. Mothers, your authority over your children does not end with providing for their everyday needs. Be like Jesus' Mother was to Her Son. Treasure each child, the fruit of your womb. Parents, at your child's baptism, you promised to be the first and best teachers of the faith. Children, respect and listen to your father and your mother. You have life because they loved you even before you were born. Accept them as God's gift to you. They help guide your life. We all must be people of prayer, guided by Scripture, and nourished by Sunday mass and the Sacraments. In Jesus alone is wisdom for daily life.