

**This Week at Our Churches**

**Sunday, August 25: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;  
Lk 13:22-30  
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 healing of Joe Langley, Jr. by Linda Predko  
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  
10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Paul Goralski by Gregory Goralski  
11:30am K of C #9802 burrito sale at St. Mary  
12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)  
12:30pm Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for † Epifanio Méndez by the Méndez family  
4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary  
5:00pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for the intentions of the Storey family by Matt and Amy Koczur

**Monday, August 26**

Readings: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22  
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 † Doris and Ted Birkhold by Mike and Patti Birkhold  
7:00pm RCCES clase en Santa María

**Tuesday, August 27: St. Monica**

Readings: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26  
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 Alberto and Maria Guerrero on their 58th Wedding Anniversary

**Wednesday, August 28: St. Augustine**

Readings: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32  
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) for † Juana Ramirez by the Botello family

**Thursday, August 29: Passion of St. John the Baptist**

Readings: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mk 6:17-29  
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 living and deceased members of the former St. Jean Baptiste Parish  
6:30pm EESA en Santa María

**Friday, August 30**

Readings: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13  
Prayers: Sorrowful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus  
10:30am Rosary prayed for priests in Lourdes Hall  
11:00am Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary  
12:10pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Darius Hardy by Geddy Whalen

**Saturday, August 31**

Readings: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30  
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

**Sunday, September 1: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14  
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 healing of Leni Anderson  
9:00am Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) †Ramón Vargas y Concepción Sosa by the Botello family  
10:00am Rosary prayed at St. Mary  
10:30am Holy Mass at St. Mary for the intentions of Jim and Shirley Somers in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary by Dave and Jane Tomczak  
12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)  
12:30pm Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for † Juan y Miguel Briseño y Carmen Villaruel by Concepción Arias  
4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary  
5:00pm Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people of our parish

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**

-Donald and Patricia Wescott



*Save the Dates*

**HOLY FAMILY RADIO'S**

FALL PLEDGE DRIVE

**SEPTEMBER 16-20**

HOLYFAMILYRADIO.NET

**Prayer Line**

St. Mary: Benita Mikesell, 803-4425;  
Jean Gawel, 798-8493; or Dolores Olivarez, 457-8197  
Our Lady of Grace: Anna Mogdics, 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.,  
Delores Zakroczemski, John Potter, Ellis Dilts, Rose Marie  
Mikesell, Ben Offrink, John McCormick, Sotero Leyton, Billie  
Leonard, Gloria Cline, Pat Hogan, Jeff Kenny, Jose Alcahuter,  
Christine Siedlecki, Ralph Alvesteffer, Bill Forton, William &  
Benita Mikesell, Lyle Robbins, Mary Jane Duguay, Julian Pita,  
Omar Morales Garzon, Daniel J. Wright, Jade Seledón, Judy  
Grimm, Maria Beegle, James Alviar, Baby Luke Lee, Pamela  
Bentley, Tom Korabik, Hortencia Gutierrez,  
Michael Muenstermann, Helen Sampson, Michael DeMars, Lola  
Somerville, the Kotecki family, Jo Ann Muenstermann,  
and John F. Ramirez

**Please pray for our homebound parishioners**

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

**Please pray for our parishioners who are in care**

Eugene Rewalt, Arlene LeBeau, Carolene McIntosh,  
Pat Simonson, Jackie Blake, Rosalie Venn, Alyce Donalson,  
Lucille Radke, Kathy Hale, Gloria Lack, Nancy Mahoney,  
Jim Nordhoff, and Ardis Drabik,

**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; Kelsi Corriveau, Air Force;  
Sgt. Dustin Sparks, Army National Guard;  
and Sebastian Archer, Navy

**Sacrificial Offerings and Other Contributions****August 11, 2019**

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75  
General Fund \$ 8,936.25  
Online Giving \$ 1,473.55  
**Shortage \$ 2,262.95**  
Donuts: \$ 32.00  
Poor Box \$ 25.00  
Assumption \$ 50.00  
Building and Restoration \$ 265.00

**August 18, 2019**

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75  
General Fund \$ 8,077.29  
Online Giving \$ 2,809.55  
**Shortage \$ 1,785.91**  
Assumption \$ 758.00  
Air Conditioning \$ 20.00  
Building and Restoration \$ 80.00  
Donuts \$ 34.63

Contribution Counters: Week of August 25:  
Team 8

**Mass Attendance: August 18, 2019**

4:00pm 168	9:00am (OLG) 160
9:00am (SM) 51	10:30am 209
12:30pm 123	5:00pm 219

**Classes de ESL Muskegon**

Las clases de Ingles como Segundo idioma empezarán el próximo 9 de septiembre de 6:30-8:00pm.

Si estás interesado favor de llamar al (231) 766-7257 o (231) 343-8147.

English as a second language begin on September 9th, at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Grace. Tutors are also needed – you do **not** need to know another language.

If you are interested please call (231) 766-7257 or (231) 343-8147.

**Man's Freedom**

“God willed that man should be left in the hand of his own counsel (cf. *Sir* 15:14) , so that he might of his own accord seek his creator and freely attain his full and blessed perfection by cleaving to him” (*GS* 17 1).” (*CCC* 1743)

**Job Openings at the Diocese**

The Diocese of Grand Rapids is seeking a Raiser's Edge Database Administrator. This position is responsible for data management, analytics, reporting, and serving as the support for the Raiser's Edge database. The Diocese is also looking for a full-time Admissions Advocate for the Office of Catholic Schools.

Please go to [www.grdiocese.org/employment/](http://www.grdiocese.org/employment/) to find out more information and how you can apply.

**Evangelization Clip**  
by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Think about the painting of Jesus knocking at the door based on Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Interestingly, this door has no outside handle and can only be opened from the inside to let Jesus in. Who is on the inside? You and me. Jesus seeks a relationship with us. Will you open the door for Jesus and let Him in? Jesus will not force us to open the door and awaits our response. Perhaps family members or friends are ignoring Jesus knocking at the door of their hearts. Witness to those people. Listen to them. Determine how you can build a bridge for Jesus seeking a relationship with them. Encourage them to open a door for Jesus. Today, tomorrow, and every day, open the door for Jesus.

**Christian Social Concerns**

Collection for August:

Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste,  
& Toothbrushes



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

Thank you!

**Weekend Retreat for Men**

Men of the diocese, reserve the weekend of Sept. 6-8 for **River of Life: Flowing from our Baptism**, an opportunity to explore the calling of our Christian tradition.

**Location:** St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, Michigan

**Cost:** Suggested donation is \$185; includes all meals, lodging and retreat materials

**To register:** Call John Teeple, 616-443-5034; call St. Francis Retreat Center, 866-669-8321; or register online at [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws)

**The Society of the Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier**

*Fr. Carlos spoke at some of the Masses this weekend about the Society of the Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier. More information about the Society is below. If you forgot your donation this week, please use one of the Mission envelopes, available in the pews, and place your donation in next weekend's collection, or bring it to the parish office. Your generosity is appreciated!*

The Society of the Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier is a Society of Apostolic Life founded on September 26, 1887 by Rev. Fr. Jose Mariano Bento Martins in Goa, India. It is the first indigenous society in India, with a charisma to be pioneering missionaries. The members of the Society serve the population of India and have opened missions and parishes in Nepal, England, USA, Germany, Italy, Australia and Africa. Today, there are about 354 priests and about 35 lay brothers and more than 200 Seminarians in different stages of priestly formation. The main work of the Society is among the Non-Christian people in India and Nepal. The Society intends to make headways in the areas where the church has not yet been established. The Society engages in works of social uplift and development without discrimination of caste class or creed. It has successfully transformed two missions into a diocese, with a strong Christian presence and vocations. This Society is a growing Society. Young men full of enthusiasm look forward to carry the banner of the Risen Lord to bring joy and healing to the suffering humanity in the most remote areas of India and Nepal. The congregation has so far two of its members as Bishops.

Education is a major area of focus. The Society manages primary and secondary schools, colleges, technical and engineering institutions. Its members operate in small teams in a variety of social outreach programs; manage orphanages and health care centers in rural areas. Their programs include rehabilitation of migrant people, adult literacy classes, and specific welfare for women, and training for social workers. The Society also provides emergency aid for those dealing with earthquakes or tsunamis. Recently, the Kolkata Province has undertaken new missions in North-East India, close to China border, among the tribal. It is a challenging mission for the Society to bring about transformation in the lives of these people in these remote areas. Your assistance will go a long way to bring the good news of Jesus to these simple villagers.

## Parish Ministry & Catechetical Conference Conferencia Catequética y Ministerios Pastorales

**Date & time / Fecha y Horario:** Saturday, September 28, 2019, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

**Keynote Speaker / Presentador principal:** Mike Patin

**For more information:** All adults are welcome to attend. Register online at <https://grdiocese.org/parish-ministry-conference/> or email [mverner@grdiocese.org](mailto:mverner@grdiocese.org). Registration is \$40 before Sept. 20, with a group rate available. Registration is \$50 after Sept. 20, and no group rate is available. If you have questions, please call 616-243-0491.

**Para más información:** Registros en línea visite la página <https://grdiocese.org/parish-ministry-conference/>. O por correo electrónico envíela a [mverner@grdiocese.org](mailto:mverner@grdiocese.org). La registraci3n tiene un costo de \$40 antes del 20 de septiembre calificando para tarifa de grupo. Si te registras despu3s del 20 de septiembre no nos dan tarifa de grupo y el costo es de \$50. Si tiene preguntas, puede llamar a 616-243-0491.



The parish office will be accepting donations (small toys, stuffed animals) as prizes for the children's games. Donations for the Silent Auction are also being accepted. New items only, please. Thank you!

### Grief Educational Series

Not interested in a grief support group? Then this might be for you. Designed for the bereaved to gain valuable coping tools and support without having to sit in a circle and share.

Join Gwen Kapcia and Keri Verwolf for a 4 week educational series on grief for the adult mourner. Different topics discussed each week. The series will take place on Wednesdays, September 4-25 at the Lee Chapel, with two sessions available. 1st session from 2-4pm; 2nd session 5:15-7:15pm. Space is limited, please RSVP at 231-855-6688 or [KeriV@sytsemafh.com](mailto:KeriV@sytsemafh.com)



### Mass and Picnic with Home-school Families

Home-school families in the diocese are invited to join Bishop Walkowiak for the celebration of a back to school Mass on

Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Grand Rapids. Bring a packed lunch and gather for a picnic after Mass at John Ball Park in Grand Rapids (weather-permitting).

If you have questions, please contact the diocesan Office of Pastoral Services at 616-288-0908.

### Are You, Or Someone You Know, Interested in the Catholic Faith?

St. Mary's Parish 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 a light supper on Sunday, September 15 at 6:15 pm at Lourdes Hall at Saint Mary's. Please let us know you plan to attend by contacting the parish office at 231-722-2803.

### Religious Education News

Ya estamos registrando para las clases de Educaci3n Religiosa 2019-2020. Por favor tome una forma de la pizarra de Educaci3n Religiosa, la puede regresar a la oficina o en el canasto de colecta. La junta de padres para ni3os que van hacer la Primera Comuni3n ser el mi3rcoles 2 de Octubre en Nuestra Se3ora de Gracia a las 6:30pm este tambi3n ser3 el ultimo d3a para registrarse.

Registration for the 2019-2020 Religious Education program is going on now. Please see the Religious Ed bulletin board for registration forms. The parent meeting for First Holy Communion will be Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Grace. October 2nd is also the last opportunity to register for Religious Ed classes.

### 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 8th 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.