

This Week at Our Churches

Sunday, September 8: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
 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) † Petra Rios by Dalia VandenBosch**
 10:00am Women's Guild meeting at Our Lady of Grace
 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 † the grandparents of Marty and Monica Stevens**
 12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
 12:30pm **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for the people of our parish**
 4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary
 5:00pm **Holy Mass at St. Mary for † Key Miller by Christine Tourcotte**
 6:00pm Confirmation class at St. Mary

Monday, September 9: St. Peter Claver

Readings: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
 Prayers: Joyful mysteries, Divine Mercy chaplet, Angelus
 9:00am Comfort and Grace sewing group at OLG
 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 † Leo and Agnes Maat by Mike and Patti Birkhold**
 7:00pm RCCES clase en Santa María

Tuesday, September 10

Readings: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
 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 † Gene Gianetti by Mr. and Mrs. Lauretti**

Wednesday, September 11

Readings: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13b; Lk 6:20-26
 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)**

Strong Volunteers Needed!

Help is needed to move many heavy items from the OLG rectory basement to the Timeless Treasures room on Monday, September 16th, at 9am. Your muscles are very much needed and appreciated!

Thursday, September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Readings: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
 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 † William and Rosemary Tillson by Mike and Patti Birkhold**
 6:30pm EESA en Santa María

Friday, September 13: St. John Chrysostom

Readings: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
 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 the success of the efforts of the St. Mary Parish Pro-life Team by Mike and Patti Birkhold**

Saturday, September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Readings: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 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 15: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32
 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 Renee Baldwin by Jon Stewart**
 9:00am **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español)**
 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 the special intentions of Ruth Stevens on her 90th birthday**
 12:00pm Rosario se reza en Santa María (Español)
 12:30pm **Santa Misa en Santa María (Español) for the intentions of Adan Marcelo Gutierrez on his 3 year presentation by the Gutierrez family**
 4:15pm Confessions at St. Mary
 5:00pm **Holy Mass at St. Mary for the people of our parish**
 6:00pm Adult Faith Formation at St. Mary
 6:00pm RENEW small group leaders meeting at St. Mary

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

Man's Freedom

"Freedom characterizes properly human acts. It makes the human being responsible for acts of which he is the voluntary agent. His deliberate acts properly belong to him."
(CCC 1745)

The parish office is back to regular office hours:
9am-Noon & 1-5pm, Monday—Thursday.

Sacrificial Offerings and Other Contributions

August 25, 2019

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75

General Fund \$ 9,042.76

Online Giving \$ 1,473.55

Shortage \$ 2,156.44

Collection for the Society of the Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier
\$ 1,904.55

Assumption \$ 130.00

CRS \$ 20.00

Donuts \$ 29.00

Building and Restoration Fund \$ 40.00

Altar Society \$ 10.00

September 1, 2019

Budget Weekly Amount \$ 12,672.75

General Fund \$ Not available at

Online Giving \$ time of print

Contribution Counters: Week of September 8:

Team 2

Mass Attendance: August 31 / September 1, 2019

4:00pm 146

9:00am (OLG) 158

9:00am (SM) 57

10:30am 232

12:30pm 171

5:00pm 165

Healing Our Church:**Discussion Groups Coming Soon**

Come together for six weeks in small groups with fellow parishioners to pray and reflect on the clergy abuse crisis and to envision a path forward as a Roman Catholic family of faith. Each session is only 90 minutes. RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization, has designed this healing process.

Please pray for the success of this initiative and watch for more information in the coming weeks about registration.

Adult Faith Formation: Church Teaching on Marriage, Divorce, & Annulments

The first Adult Faith Formation session for the 2019-2020 school year will be Sunday, September 15th at 6pm at St. Mary's Church.

*Attendance is required for MCC Voucher parents.

Evangelization Clip
by Deacon Jim Schiltz

Some people *make things happen*, others *allow things to happen*, and still others *wonder, "what happened?"* Today's Gospel is a "make things happen" exhortation. Jesus is exhorting us to stand for Him against family and friends who are weak in their own commitment: give those people a reason, with the example of your life (and words concisely chosen and timely delivered), to base their lives on the teachings and Jesus and His Church. Today's Gospel is also an exhortation to lay a foundation for, and commitment to, prayer and Scripture every day. "Sit down and decide," Jesus says. *Make things happen in your discipleship with Jesus.* Take opportunities as they arise to be an evangelizer. Remember St. Francis's challenge to us: "*Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.*"

Christian Social Concerns

Collection for September:

Canned soup, Mac & cheese, and canned fruit



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!

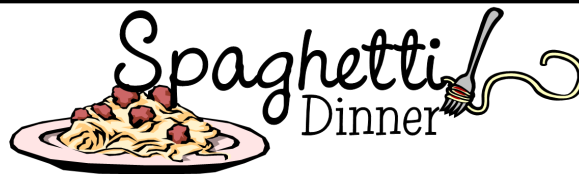
Honoring Our Lady of Fatima: Sr. Angela's Visit

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Parish is hosting a series of events honoring and reflecting on Mary, Our Lady of Fatima. As part of this series, Sr. Angela will be visiting Grand Rapids. This very unique community faith event is open to all members of the community, October 3-8.

Sr. Angela de Fátima Coelho, M.D., is the individual called by Pope Benedict XVI to become Postulator for the Cause of Canonization of the two youngest children (St. Jacinta and St. Francisco) who encountered our Blessed Mother in Fatima. Sister is the Catholic Church's first female postulator in church history. She successfully led the process to canonize Jacinta, Francisco, and is now serving, at Pope Francis' request, as vice-postulator for the cause of canonization of Sister Lucia. Sr. Angela de Fátima Coelho is a medical doctor and a faculty member at the University of Porto. In 1995, she joined the Religious Congregation of The Alliance of Holy Mary.

For a schedule of all pf Sr. Angela's public events, please visit St. Anthony's website at www.saparish.com.

Take some posters and
hang them around town!



Let's make this the best
Spaghetti Dinner yet!!!

We need LOTS of volunteers, both in the days and weeks leading up to the dinner as well as during the dinner. There are a wide range of jobs available, so you will be able to find something that works best for you and your family! This is a great opportunity for a middle or high school student to get service hours! Sign-up sheets available at both churches.

Ticket packets are available! Be sure to pick yours up and sell those tickets! If you do not find your ticket packet, and would like one, please call or stop by the parish office.

We are taking pre-orders for meatballs and sauce. Order forms are available at both churches and the parish office.

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!

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. 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. 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.

Are You Discerning the Priesthood?

Gifted and Called is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the diocesan 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 at St. Robert Catholic Church in Ada from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Men are also personally invited to attend the 6 p.m. Sunday Mass.

This year's Gifted and Called discernment opportunities are offered on the following Sundays: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 15, Apr. 19, and May 17.

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

Questions, email Fr. Stephen Durkee
(sdurkee@dioceseofgrandrapids.org)

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. If you are interested please call or email Lucrezia, our RCIA Coordinator, to set up a meeting prior to September 30th. She can be reached at 231-722-2803 or dre@stmarysmuskegon.org.

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 registrase.

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.

Generous University Scholarships & Opportunity for a Free College Visit:

Attention high school seniors! You are invited to participate in the 2019 Ave Maria University Michigan Fly-In, which is a FREE college visit to AMU TH, Oct. 1 – SUN, Nov. 3, including airfare, lodging, food, etc. Limited spots available! For more information or to apply for the Fly-In, visit www.avemariafoundation.org.

AMU is offering the Michigan Scholarship (\$28,000 over 4 years) and the Michigan Homeschool Scholarship (\$36,000 over 4 years) to local Catholic students, making an authentic Catholic education truly affordable. Additi3n institutional and federal aid also available.

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.