

“AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,  
NO PROPHET IS ACCEPTED  
IN HIS OWN NATIVE PLACE.”

- LUKE 4:24



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## St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

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Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Daily Mass

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: See Bulletin

### Reconciliation

Wednesday 7:30-8:00 a.m.

\*\*Wednesday 5:30-6:00 p.m. (September-May)

Saturday 3:30-4:15 p.m.

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4TH  
SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME

## Worship in Our Parish

### Mass Schedule

Monday, February 04  
8:00 a.m. +Tom DePew  
by Diane & Ray Murray

Tuesday, February 05  
8:00 a.m. +Nik Barbera  
by Rita Dyke

Wednesday, February 06  
8:00 a.m. +Ruthann & Jeff Milner  
by M. Stevens

Thursday, February 07  
8:00 a.m. +Marc Palermo  
by Bill & Marcia Palermo

Friday February 08  
9:00 a.m. St. Mary's Staff & Students

Saturday, February 09  
4:30 p.m. +Edward & Eileen Schuh  
by Sam & Irene Barbera

Sunday, February 10  
9:00 a.m. +Isabelle Kinney  
by The Kinney Family  
11:00 a.m. +Darin Klein  
by His Family

### Liturgical Assignments

02/09-10/2019

4:30 pm: Rita Dyke, Chandler & Sydney Noorman, John Henry Leonard, J.C. Howe, Joe Burns, Diane Carmode, John & Jill Conroy, Rachel Lohman, Karen Mead, Kathy Struve, Dawn Stubbs, Theresa & David VanVeelen, Need Volunteer

9:00 a.m. John Bilski, Isabel Kubiak, Carolyn & Lindsay Ladd, Barbara Burke, Rob Clark, Carl & Betty Doering, Gloria & Lou Draeger, Ann English, Lee Ann Frame, Anne Fuller, Kristin Padula, Bonnie Schmitt, Michael Zambiasi

11:00 a.m. Ray Murray, Lily Clare Winter, Zeb James, Travis Throop, Joe Von Wahlde Patti & Bill Bernesser, Mary Sue Farmer, Amy Giroux, Suzanne James, Lance Kilinski, Ray Murray, Cheri Shippy, Mitchel Tennyson, Sharon Vi nk, Henry Werksma

Ushers: Terry Johnson, Joe Mead, Mike Brown, Fred Kromer, Steve Boyink, Chris Jarvis, Bill Berns, Bob Glavich, Scott VanStrate, Jim Milanowski, E. Jack Gardner, Scott Hunt, Ken Michlitsch, Joe Garzelloni, John Brook, Charles Gardner, Kirk Antekeier

## Our First Fruits to God

01/20/2019

Online Giving ..... \$3,475.00  
Adult Envelopes..... \$12,284.00  
Kids Coins .....\$44.47  
Loose Contributions ..... \$1,331.91  
Total Support..... \$17,135.38

Education Center Debt.....\$863,799.65

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign  
Goal ..... \$2,000,000.00  
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign  
Pledges ..... \$1,278,012.49  
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign  
Received ..... \$1,023,047.57

January 27 offertory will be available next week due to the weather.

If you are 70 ½ or older and need to take a required minimum distribution from an IRA, gifts to St. Mary's Church are qualified charitable distributions and can save you tax dollars. To find out more on how to take advantage of this tax provision, please speak with your tax consultant or investment advisor.

## A Word From The Pastor

### News and Cancellations

I would like to thank Msgr. Lou Staker for filling in for me this weekend and giving me an opportunity to get away for (another) vacation. This time I'm seeking warmer weather, especially after the cold of this past week. I am sure that Msgr. Staker will do a wonderful job, and I just hope that you will want me back next weekend. It is always good to get some different perspectives on homilies. I will be out through Friday, so if you need to contact me, please leave a voicemail or email, and I will return your message sometime after next Saturday. If it is an emergency, please call the emergency number on the bulletin cover and Barb will try to find a priest for you.

After the winter storm of this past week and the cancellations, I wanted to make clear to everyone our policy regarding closing the church and office. First of all, Mass is NOT automatically cancelled when there is no school. The considerations that go into closing the school are different from those involving the church. I will always try to celebrate Mass, regardless of the weather conditions, but there are times when we may have to cancel for safety reasons. Even if Mass is not cancelled, I am pleading with everyone to make sure that you use good

judgment to determine if it is safe or prudent for you to come to church. If the local officials are urging everyone to stay off the roads, then please, stay off the roads. I also must consider our maintenance staff and their ability to get the sidewalks and parking lots cleared. Finally, as was the case this past Monday, on the days when Fr. Ken or another priest is scheduled to be the celebrant, I must also consider their ability to get to St. Mary's safely. If Mass is cancelled, the intention for that Mass will be made up at another time. Thank you for your understanding!

If we must cancel Mass or close the parish office, an announcement will be made via the My Parish App (download it for free today from the App store), Facebook, and the local TV and radio stations with the school closing announcements. We may or may not be able to include an announcement on the parish phone system and/or webpage. If the weather looks treacherous, please check one of these sources before coming to St. Mary's.

### Catholic Schools Week

We had a great kickoff for Catholic Schools Week at Mass last weekend, but then the school week began with three snow days. I

am writing this article on Tuesday, so I don't know exactly how much school we are going to have, but every day that our kids are together is an important opportunity to learn about Jesus. There are many great things going on at St. Mary's School, and we are blessed to have the chance to educate so many children in the faith. I must apologize that I failed to mention Muskegon Catholic High School as we began Catholic Schools Week. We have several parish children attending there continuing to grow and learn the faith through their high school experience. Thank you for your dedicated and ongoing support for Catholic schools, especially ours here at St. Mary's; it is making a big difference for the children of our parish!

May God bless you and those you love throughout the upcoming week!

Fr. Dave

## This Week in Our Parish

### At a Glance

Monday, February 04  
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel  
 6-7:30 p.m. Adult Education Series  
 7:00 p.m. RCIA  
 7:00 p.m. Adoration Holy Hour

Tuesday, February 05  
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel  
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
 10-11:30 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Wednesday, February 06  
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel  
 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation  
 3:30-4:45 p.m. Children's Choir  
 4:30 p.m. Elementary FF  
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Reconciliation  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. 7-12 Open Gym  
 7-8:30 p.m. 7-12 Faith Formation

Thursday, February 07  
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel  
 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday, February 08  
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel  
 5:30-8 p.m. Formed Family Fun Night

Saturday, February 09  
 3:30-4:15 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, February 10

### Scrip Scoop

Would you be interested in donating gift cards for the Tri-Cities Unity Auction? You can purchase scrip, and let the volunteers know it's a donation for the auction.

New to the Cash and Carry box...\$25 Ulta Beauty.  
 Great Lakes Chili Dog cards are no longer in the Cash and Carry box.

For more information on gift cards, please go to: <https://www.stmarysl.org/scrip.html>, or call the Scrip office.

Jennifer Grossman & Marci Hamilton  
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### Scripture Readings 02.10.19

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8      Ps 138:1-5, 7-8  
 1Cor 15:1-11      Lk 5:1-11

### Evangelization Clip

Next Sunday is World Marriage Day. Do you want a test of your own attitudes in your marriage? Try using today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 13, about the most powerful force for changing the world, **love**. One point for each positive: Are you **patient, kind, not jealous, not pompous, not inflated, not rude, not selfish, not quick-tempered, not moody, and truthful**? Do you **bear and endure struggles** that come into family life? Do you believe in the **goodness of your spouse**? Are you **hopeful** as you seek what is best for your marriage? How many of the thirteen questions get a positive response? More importantly, how committed are you to improving on some of your self-assessed "negatives?" How do you best evangelize your spouse? By doing what it takes to get him or her to heaven!



**St. Mary's Senior Group, "The Young @ Heart"** invites all men and women; age 55 or older to a monthly potluck on the second Thursday of each month, September through June.

**The February's potluck will be on Thursday, February 14th**, at 12 noon in Rooms A-B-C of St. Mary's, Activity Center, Spring Lake. Please bring a hot dish, cold dish or dessert to share. Table settings and beverages will be provided. Bring a friend if you want to, all are welcome. Following the potluck, there will be BINGO for those who would like to participate. Please check for school closings on the day of the potluck. When weather conditions cause the Grand Haven Schools and/or Spring Lake Schools to be closed, St. Mary's Senior Potluck will be canceled. If you have questions, please call Warren & Joyce Anderson at 842-8649.



### EXPOSE YOUR BUSINESS! Only 5 spots remaining!

Tri-Cities Unity Auction holds a fundraising event which captures over 300 people in one evening! Be one of the few that gets this opportunity to display your logo and show support for Catholic Education! Check us out online at [www.tricityunityauction.org](http://www.tricityunityauction.org) or email us at [tricityunityauction@gmail.com](mailto:tricityunityauction@gmail.com). This is your chance to support the Catholic youth in our community

### Sanctity of Life



*Every Life is Worth Living!* This ministry promotes the sacredness and inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

"We are created to walk with and support one another; we don't need to fear reaching out in love. Help your friend experience the strength of God's message that resounds throughout time: 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10)."

"What to Do When a Friend Is Considering Abortion", [www.usccb.org/l-o-v-e](http://www.usccb.org/l-o-v-e)

To become involved with the Sanctity of Life Ministry please contact Mary Bilski at 616-846-5751 or [mjbilski@att.net](mailto:mjbilski@att.net).

### Communion to the Sick and Homebound

If you are unable to attend Mass on a temporary or long-term basis, contact Barb in the parish office at 616-842-1702 or [parishoffice@slstm.org](mailto:parishoffice@slstm.org).

Our Homebound Ministry team will be happy to bring Communion to you.



**The 14th Annual Building a Legacy Catholic Men's Conference** will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids. It will be a day of dynamic speakers, powerful faith development and reinvigorating fellowship. This year's lineup includes Elvis Grbac, Matt Fradd and Matthew Leonard with Mass celebrated by Bishop David Walkowiak.

See [www.buildingalegacy.org](http://www.buildingalegacy.org) for details and to register. Questions? Call Deacon Jim at 616-292-0422. Early registration ends February 22 and is limited. Don't miss out.

### Pray For Peace In Our World



Please pray for the family of Marty Greene (husband of Barbara).

May he rest in peace in the arms of the Lord. Amen.

### Faith Formation PS-6 PS- GD 6: Faith Formation:

In today's readings we hear Paul in 1 Corinthians express in his most beautiful manner the greatest of the virtues, *"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love (1 Cor 13.13)*. This past week due to the severe weather our Faith Formation Service Rally was canceled, but we intend to reschedule. This service activity intends to be an expression of the love of Christ that Paul preaches. Our Faith Formation's Service Rally will support Kid's Food Basket. Students have been collecting food donations to create Trail Mix for needy children ever since this past Christmas. The generous amount of food collected will provide countless nutritional snacks for hungry children. Thank you for all your donations. St. Mary's Faith Formation seeks to do our best to embody Paul's call to love and demonstrate kindness while not seeking our own interest but servicing the needs of others (1 Cor 13.4-5).



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Preschool - Grade 12: Wednesday Faith Formation Classes** are currently underway every Wednesday, but *new students are always welcome*. Your prayers are appreciated for our catechists, students and families.

**Adult Education Series on Prayer** will continue Monday, **February 4**, studying the Little Rock Bible Study series, *"On Praying the Scriptures"* from 6-7:30pm in the Youth Room -- based on Pillar IV of the Catholic Catechism. The series will continue through May. All are welcome to join on any Monday night throughout the series.

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### Youth Ministry

**Mission Trip to Knoxville, TN (June 25-30th) UPDATE!** Good news! We still have some open spots for this amazing trip! Please email or call asap. In February we will make one final push to fill all spots and start preparing for this great adventure. Mission Trip is open to all 9th grade-College age students as of fall 2019.

**Steubenville Summer Conference (July 19-21st) UPDATE!** A small number of spots are open. What a great way to wrap up your summer before heading back to all the challenges we face in this world. Make sure to contact me asap for availability. This is also open to all 9th-College age students as of the fall of 2019.

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*"If our life is poured out in useless words, we will never hear anything, never become anything, and in the end, because we have said everything before we had anything to say, we shall be left speechless at the moment of our greatest decision."*

Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude

### St. Mary's Christian Service



**Pantry News....** Girl Scout Troop 4061 under the leadership of Sheila Hunt and Samantha Cutler has provided a happy addition to the Pantry. Their idea was to keep children busy while their parents were served. The scouts designed and made a library case that is stocked with various levels of books for children to read, coloring books, craft & art supplies along with sheets to take home and color. These scouts are both from the parish & community. I am thankful for this gift it is a welcomed addition to the Pantry.

**St. Mary's Central Food Pantry** is an ongoing weekly ministry which appreciates and needs your support. Thank you on behalf of those who benefit. **This week's list includes:** Canned meats, saltines, Hamburger Helper, applesauce, coffee, sugar, kidney beans, syrup, mayo, ketchup, bar soap, shampoo, and dish detergent. We thank you on behalf of those served.

Smiles and Blessings  
Dorothy E. Raha  
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### Adult Faith Formation

**Bible Study** is back! We meet from 9:30-11am in the B/C room. We take a look at the coming Sunday reading, guided by reflections that can be found on Formed.org scripture series for year C.

**Formed Family Film night Feb. 8 at 6:00 pm.** The Film "God with Us" will be projected onto the gym wall. It runs an hour and 28 minutes. "God with us" can be found on Formed.org which parents can access by going to our parish website. Formed suggested age for viewing is for 7+. But, don't fret if your child is under 7. We're working on opening Room B and the nursery. Help is needed to set up and clean up at the end. The goal is to have minimum of both. Also, children monitors are needed in the gym for parents sharing in fellowship. Let's have some fun hanging out with family, whether that's with your kids watching a flick or in God's basement with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

**Tap'd Theology at TED's:** We are planning on meeting at TED's at the end of March or early April to hear Fr. Dave give a short Theology lesson. We are also planning on having an anonymous question box which Father will try and answer during the second half. Please pray for the room to come together at TED's.

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### Perpetual Adoration

**Volunteers Needed:** Sunday 9-10 a.m., 10-11 a.m., Midnight-1 a.m., Wednesday 3-4 a.m. Saturday 2-3 a.m., 5-6 a.m., 2-3 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.

**Urgent: Second person needed:** Sunday Noon - 1 p.m. & 6-7 p.m., Monday 2-3 a.m., 2-3 p.m. Tuesday 6-7 a.m., Wednesday 8-9 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 1-2 p.m., 5-6 p.m. Thursday 1-2 p.m., Friday, 10-11 a.m., Saturday 10-11 p.m.

**Call coordinators,** Joan Blasky 616-842-5776 or Adele Croft 616-414-7638 if you are able to help.

**Reminder: When Grand Haven schools are closed the Chapel is closed. You will receive a phone call or message.**

## As a Prayerful Community

*Pray for our Military Personnel who serve our country with pride and valor.*

*We remember those who have asked to be listed in the bulletin for our prayers.*

LCPL Benjamin Bosse  
 Major Ken Brakora, USAF  
 Lt. Col. Jason Braun, USAF  
 PVT Brian Brennan, USA  
 MA1 Jason Bruemmer, USN  
 CW05 Tracy T. Byers, USMC  
 Capt. Catherine Cassleman, USAF  
 Major Jim Cassleman M.D., USAF  
 Capt. Rick Cassleman, USAF  
 Courtney Clark, Peace Corps,  
 SSGT Johnathan Cox II, USAF  
 PFC Zachary J. Crevier, USA  
 Specialist Ryan Diedrich, USA  
 SGT Scott Diedrich, USMC,  
 LT Darcy M. Dubuc, MD, USN  
 SGT Justin Ebidon, USMC  
 SFC Jacob Frame, Green Beret  
 SGT Jacob Gardner, USMC  
 Airman Jacob Green, USAF  
 CDR Brent Jackson USN  
 MGy Sgt Daniel Kauppila, USMC  
 Airman Basic Zachary Kennedy, USAF  
 SGT Adam Ketner, USMC  
 Capt Devin J. Kolenic, USMC  
 Airman 1st Class Scott Lange USAF  
 SPC Henry T. May, USAF

Andrew McCabe, Coast Guard Helicopter Rescue  
 Lt. Col. William F. Ratledge, USAF  
 Lt. Col. Kenneth Rossman, USMC  
 SMSgt. Michael J. Rozneck, USAF  
 LCPL Kyle James Russell, USMC  
 Jonathan Schmitt  
 First Class IT, USN  
 Sgt. Josh Sherman, USA  
 Capt. Matteson Smith, USA  
 Major Max Smith, USA  
 Capt. Ann Trombly, USAF  
 PFT Austin Van Strate  
 Major L. Brandon Wohlschlegel, Army Ranger.

Chase Anspach  
 Cristy Barnes  
 Aaron Bodbyl-Mast  
 Bruce  
 Joan Burke  
 Gustavo Carrerro  
 Nancy Carter  
 Carolyn Cibor  
 Millie Conran  
 Daniele  
 D.C.  
 Sharon DeWitt  
 Sarah & Doug Edgar  
 Jennifer Edinger  
 Ellen  
 Caren Fann  
 Joe & Frank Fendt  
 Vanessa Fox  
 Charles Gardner  
 Ernie Grabman  
 Paul Grantz  
 Bob Green  
 Barb Greene  
 Janet Hall  
 Stephen B. Hess  
 Christopher Howe  
 Gregory Howe  
 Jack  
 Lin Johnson

Nicholas Karlsons  
 Kathleen Kennedy  
 Mary Ann Kihnke  
 Violet Korecki  
 Fred Kromer  
 Baby Paul Langeres  
 Bruce MacDonald  
 Bill Mason  
 Ridge Matthews  
 Jim McHugh  
 Melissa  
 Margie Meyer  
 Lisa Meyers  
 Susan Millett  
 Jeff Moorehouse  
 Jacob Myers  
 Jamie Noorman  
 Ted Ostradick  
 Bill Palermo  
 Helen Paul  
 Val Race  
 Ayden Riggs  
 Tegan Rose  
 Helen & Larry Rozneck  
 George Sadowski  
 Esperanza Sanchez  
 Christopher Schippers  
 Michelle Scott  
 Nancy Senkowicz

Edward Siemion  
 Roger Shoestring  
 Cathy Staeven  
 Maureen Stubbs  
 Dave VanSice  
 Alan Walczak  
 Eileen Westerhoff  
 Young  
 Alan Williams  
 Sara Wolcott Family  
 Amy Wygmans  
 Ted Youn  
 Ed & Jane Zahurak  
 Ron & Phyllis Zant  
 Zachary Zimmerman