

# 6th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:19

## St. Mary's Catholic Church

406 E. Savidge St.

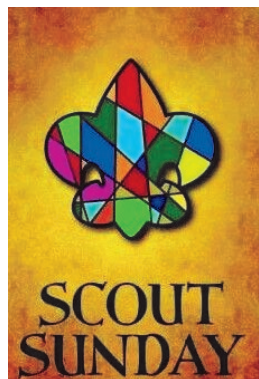
Spring Lake, MI 49456

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday



GOD AND FAMILY



### Pastor

**Rev. Dave Gross**

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### Deacon

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### Music Director

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### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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

### Daily Masses

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m. School in Session

Friday - 8:00 a.m. Summer & No School

### Reconciliation

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

\*\*Wednesday 5:30-6:00 p.m.

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

**\*\*Wednesday Evening Reconciliation**

**Cancelled June through August**

### Sacrament of the Sick

Last Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

### St. Mary's School

#### Principal

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years.

Anne Lesar Family

Thank you Fr. Dave for celebrating Anne's funeral Mass; Diane Murray and Mike Wilson for the beautiful music and songs, St. Mary's Women's Club for their attendance and support, volunteers who provided the food and served at the luncheon, and all the St. Mary's parishioners who gave their friendship and love to Anne over the many



**Scout Sunday 2017** - A scout is reverent. This year we recognize Scout Sunday a few days after the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting in America. Today, some scouts from St. Mary's Cub Scout Pack 3014 along with area Boy Scouts attend mass together to celebrate with their Akelas: God, parents, teachers, priests, Scout Leaders as well as any adult that supports each boy's learning. That means you!

On behalf of the Pack members, thank you, Spring Lake Catholic community, for your prayers and support.

If you would like more information on joining scouting please contact John Prokopec at john\_prokopec@hotmail.com or 616-402-8285.



**A Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser for St. Mary's Youth Athletic Program** will be held on Sunday **February 19th** after the 9am & 11am masses. A free will donation is requested for this great breakfast with 100% of the proceeds going to the Youth Athletic Program. This is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 2975. Please come and join us for a great breakfast!

**Attention Men:** Looking for a way to actively live a bolder, more authentic life? Join us for the **12th annual Building a Legacy Catholic Men's Conference** on Saturday, **March 11, 2017**, at West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids. This is a dynamic day of spiritual development and fellowship that you won't want to miss. For more information go to [www.buildingalegacy.org](http://www.buildingalegacy.org) or call Robert at 616.258.8530.

**An Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group** meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven. Contact Susan Thorpe at 248-310-2312 for more information.



**Free Cancer Support Group Hosted by Bluebird Cancer Retreats of West Michigan.** Have you had a cancer diagnosis, are you currently receiving treatment, or in recovery from cancer? Are you looking for a way to place this significant turning point in the context of your life?

The Bluebird Support group offers a safe place to share, learn and connect. This group is free to the public, for adults with any type of cancer during any stage of cancer. Registration is not necessary. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Bluebird Cancer Retreat offices, 917 W. Savidge, Suite 36, Spring Lake, Michigan.

Questions should be directed to Renee Denslow, Bluebird Cancer Retreats Executive Director, [rdenslow@bluebirdmi.org](mailto:rdenslow@bluebirdmi.org) or 616-847-0839.



**Perpetual Adoration** Volunteers Needed: Sunday, 11 a.m.- noon, Monday 2-3 a.m. (until October), plus Monday 3-4 a.m., Thursday 11-noon, Friday noon-1 p.m., Saturday, 2-3 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 5-6 p.m. & 6-7 p.m. **Second person needed:** Sunday 2-3 p.m. Monday 3-4 a.m., Wednesday, 8-9 p.m. Thursday 6-7 p.m., Friday, 7-8 a.m., Saturday, 10 p.m.-11p.m.

**Please do not park in the chapel spaces during Masses. Thank you.**

Reminder: When the Grand Haven Public Schools are closed the Chapel is closed. You will receive a call.

Call coordinators, Joan Blasky 842-5776 or Adele Croft 760-4485 if you are able to help.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Michael Mize by Ron & Gail Bazany

### Tuesday, February 14

8:00 a.m. +Anthony Windberg by His Children, Tom, Rose & Mike

### Wednesday, February 15

8:00 a.m. +George & Rose Donner by Cal & Rita Braun

### Thursday, February 16

8:00 a.m. +David Glueck by Thomas Sanocki

### Friday, February 17

9:00 a.m. For an End to Violence in the World

### Saturday, February 18

4:30 p.m. +Bill Paul by Helen Paul

### Sunday, February 19

9:00 a.m. +Gordon Vink by Mr. & Mrs. Butch

11:00 a.m. +Darin Klein by Jerry Klein

### Scripture Readings - February 19, 2017

Lv: 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps:103: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1Cor: 3:16-23 Mt: 5:38-48

Our sponsor of the week is **LP TREE SERVICE**. Thank you to all of our sponsors. You make it possible for us to receive the bulletin at no charge. Please remember to patronize our bulletin ad sponsors.

## Parish Events

### Monday, February 13

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

7:00 p.m. Adoration Holy Hour RCIA

### Tuesday, February 14

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

9:30 a.m. Bishop Barron Series

4:00 p.m. Junior Choir

### Wednesday, February 15

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

7:30 a.m. Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. Junior Choir

4:15 p.m. K-6 Faith Formation

5:30 p.m. Reconciliation

6:30 p.m. 7-12 Grade Open Gym

7:00 p.m. 7-12 Faith Formation

7:00 p.m. Divine Comedy Series

### Thursday February 16 Food Pantry Open

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

8:30 a.m. MCC Retreat

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

### Friday, February 17

### Saturday, February 18

8:30 a.m. First Reconciliation Retreat

3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Sunday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



## Scrip Scoop

Surprise your ~~Sweethearts~~  
with Scrip

From the classic dinner and a movie date night, to the kid's Valentine's party or a sporting goods shopping spree, celebrate this Valentine's Day with scrip! Check out just a few of the gift cards we have available:

Amazon \* Bath & Body Works \*  
Celebration Theatre \* Dick's Sporting  
Goods Dining Concepts \* Family Video \*  
Goodrich Theatre \* iTunes \* Leppinks \*  
Meijer \* Olive Garden \* Orchard Market \*  
Starbucks \* Sweet Temptations \* Target \*  
Top Butcher Shoppe \* Village Baker \*  
Walgreen's \* Walmart

Scrip can easily be purchased after  
Masses and at the Parish Office. Thank  
you!

Lynn Daugherty & Laura McKenna  
Scrip Coordinators  
scrip@stmarysl.org, 842-1702

**Don't let the daily grind of life get the best of your Marriage.** Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? Rediscover healing and love and find hope by attending Retrouvaille. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. **The next Retrouvaille weekend is Feb. 24-26, 2017.** For more information, to register or to sponsor a couple, call 616.752.7004, email [retrograndrapids@gmail.com](mailto:retrograndrapids@gmail.com) or visit [retroouvaille.org](http://retroouvaille.org).

**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 Eucharist to you.

## Youth Ministry

**March 25th (SHINE RALLY @ WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL)** Annual middle school youth rally. National Catholic speakers and bands will be on hand. Price and travel information to come soon.

### Chris Iwan

Coordinator of Middle School and High School Youth Ministry  
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## Adult Faith Formation

The final session of "A New Year's Retreat With Dante's 'Divine Comedy'" will be presented this Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the Abbey. **Recorded versions of each of these sessions, along with the handouts, are available in the Adult Faith Formation section of the parish website ([stmarysl.org](http://stmarysl.org)).**

**"Why Be Catholic?"** This five part series from Catholic apologist Tim Staples will be presented on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM in Meeting Room B/C February 28 through March 28. This series is designed for people from all faith perspectives; whether one is an atheist or agnostic, a non-Christian, a Protestant Christian or a Catholic, the sessions will offer answers to anyone interested in the question "Why Be Catholic?"

**Coming in Lent:** On Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, March 8 through April 12, we'll pray Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, then watch and discuss Fr. Albert Haase's video series "**Saying Yes: What is God's Will for Me?**" **Fr. Haase will also be here in person** to give a parish mission the evenings of March 19, 20 and 21. St. Patrick/St. Anthony Parish is bringing him here; the mission will take place at St. Mary's due to the construction in their church building. Each evening Fr. Haase will speak in the church from 7:00-8:00 PM, followed by refreshments in the Gathering Space from 8:00-9:00 PM. **If you could help serve refreshments on any of these evenings, please contact Jim Penrice at the parish office.**

**Soup Kitchen service opportunity:** We would like to recruit a group of volunteers from St. Mary's to serve once a month at Supper House, located at 2500 Jefferson in Muskegon Heights. The time commitment would be once a month, the third Wednesday of each month from 3:45-6:00 PM. Our group would also be expected to make a financial contribution of some kind to Supper House. If you are interested in being involved in this work of mercy please contact Christian Yoshonis at [christianyoshonis@gmail.com](mailto:christianyoshonis@gmail.com)

**RCIA** meets every Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the meeting room off the sacristy. Parishioners are always welcome, to meet our catechumen and candidates and to gain new insights into the faith. **Audio recordings of all RCIA meetings and Sunday Dismissal sessions are available in the Adult Faith Formation section of the parish website ([stmarysl.org](http://stmarysl.org)).** **If you can't join us in person, please listen in!**

Jim Penrice, Director of Faith Formation  
Phone: (616) 842-1702/[jpenrice@stmarysl.org](mailto:jpenrice@stmarysl.org)

## Faith Formation K-6

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Retreat** - Saturday, February 18 from 9:00-noon. All 1 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (both Faith Formation and St. Mary's School) should plan on attending with a parent.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation** - will take place on Friday, 2/24 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. There will be 3 priests available. Families are encouraged to celebrate this Sacrament.

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion** – Mass and family request forms are now past due! Please get yours to me as soon as possible to assure space at your desired Mass.

**KIDS COINS** – January and February collections will be used to purchase a brick in the walkway to the new Education Center.

**PARENT COMMUNICATION** – Our teachers work very hard to prepare meaningful, interactive lessons for the children in their care. They all want to help build a strong foundation of faith for your child to stand on, while developing a deeper relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I know they would love a reply to their monthly/weekly email. Letting them know how much you appreciate their effort and love is a little act of kindness can go a long way.

**RICE BOWL** – As in past years, we are assisting this worthwhile organization again. Rice Bowls will be sent home with the children on 2/22. Please keep the bowl in a special place at home and help your child earn coins to put into the box. There are additional boxes available at the church entrances. Collection will take place after Easter week.

Yours in Faith,  
Wendi Kujawski  
Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation  
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## A Word From The Pastor

It is good to be back after a week away from the parish, although I already miss the warmer weather I enjoyed. Thanks for all of the prayer for safe travels. This weekend Mr. Michael Goodwin joins me, as he begins his pastoral internship. I am excited to begin showing him the ropes. As I am writing this article from my hotel room while away, it will be rather brief.

This upcoming week will be the last day that our food pantry is open in its current location. After this Thursday we will begin the process of moving all of the shelves and cupboards to the former school building so that we can have everything up and running by March. At our pastoral council meeting two weeks ago, we discussed ways to encourage more social awareness during the upcoming Season of Lent. One thing that we would like to do is encourage more food donations to our pantry. This will work well once we are in the new building and have more storage space. Keep your eyes peeled for more details as Lent approaches.

I also wanted to give you advanced notice of some of the other Lenten opportunities. Beginning March 1, there will be an evening Mass celebrated every Thursday at 6 pm (except for March 16, due to a special 3-hour reconciliation opportunity offered throughout the diocese, when the Mass will be on Tuesday, March 14). On Friday evenings during Lent, reconciliation and adoration will take place from 6-7, and then Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 7 pm. This will give our seminarian an opportunity to offer some preaching and reflection. A communal penance service will be offered on Sunday, March 12 at 3 pm. We will also have additional individual opportunities for reconciliation during the season, so keep checking the bulletin for more details. There are some other things as well, but these are the highlights so that you can mark your calendars.

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

Fr. Dave

## 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

Our relationships on earth are meant to help us and others grow in perfect love. We are meant to depend on one another, to serve each other in humility, and walk together in times of suffering.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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

## Evangelization Clip

The Gospels are filled with common sense, if only we listen and put God's wisdom into the way we live our daily lives. A business writer once said the most successful people he met and interviewed all practiced what is found in Matthew 7:12, "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." That is what people call "the Golden Rule." In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us sound advice. Jesus says, "Be reconciled." So many people take a hurtful offense and allow it to fester into a grudge held for years. Make a decision to move away from such offenses, and keep making that decision until the festering is healed. Jesus also says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes' and your 'No' mean 'No'". Base your life's actions on strong moral teaching found in Scripture and in Church teaching. Live it and pass it on to your family.

## St. Mary's Christian Service



Mary's **Central Food Pantry...** This is our **Last week in this Location.** If you would like to donate **FRESH Fruit/Vegetables this week – I will be in the Pantry Tuesday & Wednesday morning.**

Needs for **this Thursday** are: coffee, juice, canned potatoes, peanut butter, applesauce, cake/cookie mix, pudding snacks for children and dish soap. **Monetary, gifts and Scrip are welcomed and appreciated.** Please place donations in with your offertory or turn in to the Parish so your gifts can be recorded on your Contribution Statement for tax purposes. Please mark "Christian Service". *Please remember the families we serve in your prayers. Please know we will keep you updated on the Progress of the Pantry.*



Student Council \$Dollar **JEANS DAYS!** St. Mary's School Student Council, under the guidance of Mrs. Christine Fojtik, raised **\$472.27 during the last three months** from participation in Jeans Days to benefit the Pantry. The project was promoted throughout the School Year. The goal of the students was to provide **food** for those in need. It is with happy hearts we accept your generous donation.

*St. Mary's Christian Service Ministry*

Smiles and Blessings,  
Dorothy E. Raha  
[draha@stmarysl.org](mailto:draha@stmarysl.org)/616-842-2602

## February 18/19, 2017

**4:30 pm:** Jackie Twa, Bryce VanDuijn, Brooke & Kennedy Brininstool (req subs), Paul Twa, Danielle Bolthouse (req sub), Jennifer Brininstool (req sub), Joe Burns, John & Jill Conroy, Barbara Eskew, Arinda Howell, Fr. Ken, Kathy Struve, Paul Twa, Dave Young **9:00 am:** Jeanne Kops, Julis & Meah Bajt, Faith Clark, Michael Zambiasi, Beth & Colleen Barraclough, Diane & David Burel, Gloria & Lou Draeger, Bridget Fogel, Cheryl & Dave Gibson, Kristin Padula, Alice Szpieg **11:00 am:** Bill Dunn, Zeb James, Jack & Ethan Stempky, Greg Stempky, Bill Dunn, Mary Sue Farmer, Lance Kilinski, Sandy Mercurio, Susan & Fred Millett, Mitchel Tennyson, Sharon Vink, Carl Wasson, Henry Werksma. **Ushers:** Terry Johnson, Joe Mead, Mike Brown, Fred Kromer, Steve Boyink, Bill Berns, Bob Glavich, Scott VanStrate, Paul Richter, Jim Milanowski, Gene VanStrate, E. Jack Gardner, Scott Hunt, Ken Michlitsch, Kirk Antekeier, Joe Garzelloni, John Brook, Charles Gardner, Chris Jarvis.

### Our 1st Fruits to God Sunday 01/29/2017

Online Giving	\$ 2,495.00
Adult Envelopes	\$ 13,369.50
Kids Coins	\$ 54.45
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,888.50
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>\$ 17,807.45</b>

*Of all your gifts, dear Lord,  
I return a part to you.*

### Education Center Goal

\$5,500,000.00

### Education Center To Date

\$3,009,847.42

### Renovation Goal

\$ 90,000.00

### Renovation To Date

\$ 77,705.91

(Inc. CSA over)

### Pray for those in Military Service

Alice (Harring) Black, CDR USN, LCPL Benjamin Bosse, Capt. Ken Brakora, USAF, USMC, Major Jason Braun, USAF, PVT Brian Brennan, USA, MA1 Jason Bruemmer, USN, CWO5 Tracy T. Byers, USMC, 2nd LT Catherine, Cassleman, USAF, Major Jim Cassleman M.D., USAF, LT. Kristi Cassleman, M.D., USN, 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 SPEC Jayson D. Dubuc, USA, SGT Justin Ebidon, USMC, SFC Jacob Frame, Green Beret, SGT Jacob Gardner, USMC, Airman Jacob Green, USAF, SGT Spencer Howe, USMC, MSGT Daniel Kauppila, USMC, Airman Basic Zachary Kennedy, USAF, SGT Adam Ketner, USMC, Capt. Devin J. Kolenic, SrA Scott Lange USAF, USMC, SPC Henry T. May, USA, Andrew McCabe, Coast Guard Helicopter Rescue, LTCOL Tess McCann, USAF, SFC Erin Marie Miller, USA, SSGT Craig Miller, USA, Lt. Col. William F. Ratledge, USAF, Major Kenneth Rossman, USMC, SMSgt. Michael J. Rozneck, USAF, MMNW Nathan Rudd, N.D. USN, 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, Major L. Brandon Wohlschlegel, Army Ranger.

#### AS A PRAYERFUL COMMUNITY *We remember those who have asked to be listed in the bulletin for our prayers.*

Chase Anspach	Margo Hall	Edward Siemion
Thomas Antekeier	Lin Johnson	CDR. Mike Smith
Vincent Antonich	Violet Korecki	Marian Stefanich
Nik Barbera	Fred Kromer	Ruth Stevens
Logan Boon	Ridge Matthews	Linda Traynor
Tom Burke	Jeanne McHugh	Athena Trombly
<b>Dan Coulier</b>	Jim McHugh	Christine VanAelst
John Dark	<b>Michael Mize</b>	Eileen Westerhoff
Alice Diedrich	Jamie Noorman	Young
Jennifer Edinger	Bill Palermo	Alan Williams
Theresa Farnelli	Ayden Riggs	Mike Wurm
Joe & Frank Fendt	Val Race	Amy Wygmans
Darci Ferguson	Dorothy Raha	Ted Youn
Don Ferguson	Cindy Richards	
Chuck Gardner	Helen & Larry	
Michelle Gauthier	Rozneck	
Jenni Gesiakowski	Ruth	
James Gibson	Christopher	
Marilyn Glueck	Schippers	
Paul Grantz	Devon Schwalm	
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