

# 7th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:48



## 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.

### Pastor

**Rev. Dave Gross**

[frdgross@grpriests.org](mailto:frdgross@grpriests.org)

**Emergency Number: 616-604-4105**

### Deacon

**Rev. Mr. Bill Charron**

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### Parish Office

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### Parish Secretary

**Barbara Wyatt**

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**Dorothy Raha**

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### Family & Adult Faith Formation

**Jim Penrice/Adults**

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616-842-2840

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### Music Director

**Diane Murray**

[dmurray@stmarysl.org](mailto:dmurray@stmarysl.org)

### 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

**Steve VanHammen**

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#### School Office

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#### Administrative Assistant:

**Ann Pendery**

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#### School Secretary

**Mary Peel**

[mpeel@stmarysl.org](mailto:mpeel@stmarysl.org)

#### Preschool Director

**Kara Polega**

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## Worship in Our Parish

### Mass Schedule

#### Monday, February 13

8:00 a.m. +Doug Knight  
by Jean Knight

#### Tuesday, February 14

8:00 a.m. +John Marod  
by Edward and  
Phyllis Dault, Jr.

#### Wednesday, February 15

8:00 a.m. +Raymond McCabe  
by Margie Clark

#### Thursday, February 16

8:00 a.m. +Dorothy Bruhn  
by Bill & Marcia  
Palermo

#### Friday, February 17

9:00 a.m. +Marie Windberg  
by Her Family

#### Saturday, February 18

4:30 p.m. +Charli Flanagan  
by Her Family

#### Sunday, February 19

9:00 a.m. +Donna Boerma  
by Her Family  
11:00 a.m. St. Mary's Parish Family

### Liturgical Assignments

2.25/26.2017

**4:30 pm:** Rita Dyke, Kate, Charles & Lucy Leonard, Joe Burns, Irene & Sam Barbera, Jennifer Brininstool, Diane Carmode, Barbara Eskew, Arinda Howell, Bob McCann, Karen Mead, Fr. Ken, James Walkenhorst (req sub), Need Volunteer

**9:00 am:** Gretchen Clark, Caroline Clark, Elizabeth & Rebecca Koratich, Lee Ann Frame, Rob Clark, Maryvic Cuison, Carl & Betty Doering, Julie Kieft, Ben & Jake Lutz, Carl & Sharon Mesker, Joe Popiel, Bonnie Schmitt

**11:00 am:** Ray Murray, Jake & Joseph Westhoff, Alex Hoisington, Carol Hunt, Bill & Patti Bernesser, Janet Cox, Wendy Ely (req sub), Lance Kilinski, Gerry Larson, David Lukasik, Kathee Quinn, Cheri & Rob Shippy (req subs), Dave Young

**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.

## Scripture Readings 2.26.17

Is 49:14-15 Ps 62:2-3, 6-9  
1 Cor 4:1-5 Mt 6:24-34

### A Special Thank You

The family of Athena Trombly thanks you for your prayers. Athena is recovering from surgery and is doing quite well. All your prayers and positive thoughts were greatly appreciated.

### Our First Fruits to God

#### Sunday 02/05/2017

Online Giving .....	\$2,901.00
Debits .....	\$1,230.00
Adult Envelopes.....	\$11,611.45
Kids Coins.....	\$39.87
Loose Contributions.....	\$2,086.50
Total Support.....	\$17,868.82

Education Center Goal.....	\$5,500,000.00
Education Center To Date.....	\$3,015,635.42

Renovation Goal .....	\$90,000.00
Renovation To Date .....	\$83,134.14
	(Inc. CSA over)

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

## A Word From The Pastor

I would like to begin by offering a huge thank you to all of the volunteers and attendees who made last weekend's Tri-Cities Unity Auction such a tremendous success! The generosity of the St. Mary's community never ceases to amaze me. In all, over \$100,000 was raised, but we are still tabulating the final total. Fricano Place proved to be a hit as the location for our event, and we are grateful to Ted and Jennifer for welcoming us to their place of business. So many people helped by offering their time and expertise, and even more opened their wallets to help provide a Catholic education to all who want it for their children. We have a beautiful new building, but that won't do us any good unless there are young people to teach. Although the cost of education continues to rise, it is our goal that finances will never be an obstacle to attending our school. Events like this help to achieve our objective, and I hope that even more people will be able to join us next year!

Michael Goodwin, our seminarian intern, has hit the ground running. He met hundreds of

people in his first week in our parish, and I have given him until July to learn everyone's name. Honestly, I have been impressed by his desire to learn, but more importantly, by his desire to serve God and His people wherever he encounters them. I am sure that the next six months will go quickly for all of us, but I am grateful that we have Michael here with us so that we can learn from each other.

This Saturday we held a retreat for all of our second-grade students who are preparing to celebrate their first reconciliation this upcoming Friday evening. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to reflect on the great gift of reconciliation that Jesus has left us, and to consider the ways that we need to change the way that we are living our lives. While most second-graders have no serious sins to confess, we hope that by learning to celebrate and appreciate this sacrament at a young age, they won't fear it and they will feel more at ease taking advantage of God's sacramental forgiveness on a regular basis.

Our parish food pantry has now finished serving the community from its former location and is in the process of moving into the former elementary school building. I am extremely grateful to the Twa family for volunteering to do much of the renovation work in the new space. I am also thankful for all of the work that Earl Martin, our plant manager, has put into supervising this project and for the fact that he took much of the stress away from me. In two weeks, if all goes as planned, we will have a beautiful new space to serve those who depend on us to help them get enough food to eat. Once again, the tremendous generosity of the people of the St. Mary's is on display. Keep an eye on the bulletin for more information regarding how we can work together to fully stock our pantry!

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

Fr. Dave

**At a Glance**

**Monday, February 20**

- 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Adoration Holy Hour RCIA

**Tuesday, February 21**

- 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Junior Choir

**Wednesday, February 22**

- 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
- 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
- 3:30 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

**Thursday February 23**

**Food Pantry Closed**

- 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

**Friday February 24**

- 6:00 p.m. 1st Reconciliation

**Saturday, February 25**

- 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of the Sick
- 3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 5:30 p.m. St. Martin's Kids Soup & Bread Sale

**Sunday, February 26**

- 10:00 a.m. St. Martin's Kids Soup & Bread Sale
- 12:00 p.m. St. Martin's Kids Soup & Bread Sale

**Scrip Scoop**

**What's for Dinner?**

Don't feel like cooking dinner? Stop by the Scrip table and grab some dining cards! Here's a peek at what we have to offer:

**Dining Cards:** Applebee's, Arbys, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, Culver's, Dining Concepts, Great Lakes Chili Dogs, Little Caesar's, Olive Garden, Panera Bread, Papa Murphy's, Pizza Hut, Qdoba, Starbucks, Subway, Sweet Temptations, Village Baker, and Wendy's.

All cards are activated and ready to use just like cash. Great for yourself or to give as gifts.

You may pay by check or cash. You can purchase Scrip after mass in the Gathering Space.

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

**The Principal's Corner**

If you are interested in sending your child (ren) to St. Mary's School, please contact our school office for information on registration as well as our website: [www.stmarysl.org](http://www.stmarysl.org). We would love to give you a tour of our new school and show you all the wonderful learning that takes place on a daily basis. If you are concerned about the cost of tuition, any new family to a Catholic school in the Diocese is eligible for the Bishop's "Welcome Scholarship" fund. Preschool students receive \$250, while students entering grades K-8 will receive \$750 for the first year. We also have scholarship money available from our own St. Mary's Scholarship fund that is raised from our two golf outings and the Tri-Cities Unity Auction, along with a few other events held throughout the year.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Unity Auction last Saturday evening. I would especially like to thank Jennifer Brown and Andrea Henderson along with their Auction Committee members for putting together this fun event. A big thank you goes out to our Platinum Sponsors: Fricano's Place (where the event was held); Raha Builders; Elzinga Volkers; Lake Michigan Endodontics; Lakeshore Orthodontics; Stan's Bar; Aspen Dental; J. Morgan Jewelers. I would also like to thank our other sponsors and everyone who donated items for this auction. The auction was a huge success. We hope to have the total amount raised for Catholic education soon. We'll share this information with you when the final numbers are in.

God Bless.  
Steve VanHammen, Principal

**What an exciting time at Muskegon Catholic Central!** Find out why at the Crusader Forum on Monday, **February 27** at 6:30 pm in the 7-12 Cafeteria. Mr. Ken Rasp, President of MCC, will speak about what makes MCC spiritually, academically, and socially a 'special place.' Learn about MCC's re-branding process, the new fresh look of MCC, the future strategic plans and direction of the school. Learn about the 2017-2018 school year registration incentives for 9th-12th grade students. Open to ALL parents, alumni, community members, and visitors.

**Service Opportunity**

**Soup Kitchen volunteer 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)

**Family Perspective**

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking / driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be *family* to others.

**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.

"A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk."

Pope Francis, Address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress.

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

**The Knights of Columbus Council 2975 - Lenten Fish** are back beginning every Friday, March 2 - April 14. Join us for **all you can eat** Baked or Fried Fish, One trip for Shrimp, French Fries, Baked Potato, Mac and Cheese, Vegetable, Cole Slaw, Roll, Beverage and Desert. **We are Family Friendly - No Alcohol.** Adults only \$10, kids 6 to 10 only \$5 and under 6 free. The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fries are Fridays from 5 - 7 pm at the Council Hall located 1416 Washington, Grand Haven MI.

### Faith Formation K-6

**LENTEN PREPARATIONS** – Beginning with March 8, Reconciliation will be offered to grades 3-6 during Faith Formation class times. Each class has been assigned a particular date. Please check the calendar of the Faith Formation page of our parish website to find out when your child's class will be attending this Sacrament. We are helping the children understand why we do what we do during Lent. Please help them to make faith based choices on what to sacrifice, do extra and pray about during the upcoming days of Lent.

**PARENT COMMUNICATION** – While on the website, take a few minutes to look over your child's grade updates. Each week/month the site is updated on what the classes have been doing. Our volunteer teachers work very hard to prepare meaningful, fun lessons for the children in their care. Perhaps you can take a few minutes to respond to their emails, letting them know how much you appreciate their effort and love. A little act of kindness can go a long way.

**1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION** – will take place on Friday 2/24 from 6:00-7:30. Fr. Dave, Fr. Chuck (St. Pat's) and Fr. Norm Droski (retired) will be celebrating with us. Families should plan on attending with their child and are encouraged to participate in this Sacrament as well. You may leave as soon as your child is finished.

**KIDS COINS** – Jan./Feb. collections will be used to purchase a brick in the walkway to the new education center.

**RICE BOWLS** – will be going home this week. Please help your child find a special place to keep their bowl. Also, please help them earn extra coins to put in the box. Collections will take place after Easter. Additional bowls will be available at the church entrances.

Yours in Faith,  
Wendi Kujawski  
Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation  
616-842-2840, [wkujawski@stmarysl.org](mailto:wkujawski@stmarysl.org)

### Adult Faith Formation

All seven sessions of "**A New Year's Retreat With Dante's 'Divine Comedy,'**" 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.** Our tenth annual "**Walking to Jerusalem**" project begins Ash Wednesday, March 1. Participants try to walk a collective distance of 2283 miles (the land distance from Spring Lake to Jerusalem) during Lent, with weekly meditations sent by email. To register or for more information email Jim Penrice at [jpenrice@stmarysl.org](mailto:jpenrice@stmarysl.org)

Bishop Robert Barron's six-part video series "**Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness**" will be the subject of our RCIA sessions starting this week. All are welcome, Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the meeting room next to the sacristy. **Audio recordings of RCIA meetings and Sunday Dismissal sessions are available in the Adult Faith Formation section of the parish website ([stmarysl.org](http://stmarysl.org)).**

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

### 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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[www.facebook.com/stmaryslym](http://www.facebook.com/stmaryslym)

Our sponsor of the week is **LAKESHORE FAMILY CARE.** You make it possible for us to receive the bulletin at no charge. Please remember to patronize our bulletin ad sponsors.

### St. Mary's Christian Service

**Many Thanks** to our wonderful *Funeral Lunch Teams* who hosted lunches these past weeks. This is a very *special ministry* to members of our parish family who have lost a loved one. **Dishes....**Ladies if you are looking for your empty dish from your donation to a funeral lunch, you will find it on the white table outside of the Center Kitchen.

**FYI...Relocation of our Parish Pantry.** Thank you, to the volunteers who worked tirelessly on Thursday evening, February 16, packing up the entire Pantry. Friday, Paul, Jim and Tom Twa and crew began the task of dis-assembling the cabinets, which will be reassembled and reinforced in the new space. The volunteer painters are doing a beautiful job! On Monday morning March 6 our plan is to restock shelves. Please call Dorothy at 616-842-2602 if you can HELP. Your continued support of prayers and monetary gifts are appreciated.

*Sincerely, St. Mary's Christian Service Board Members (Roger & Leslie Boerma, Rita Brook, Alice Diedrich, Judy Oakes, Gary Willoughby, Mueril Tuggle and Dorothy E. Raha).* We strive to be good Stewards and use wisely what is entrusted to us. Asking God's continued blessing upon you and your families.

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

## As a Prayerful Community

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

Chase Anspach  
 Thomas Antekeier  
 Vincent Antonich  
 Nik Barbera  
 Logan Boon  
 Tom Burke  
 Dan Coulier  
 John Dark  
 Alice Diedrich  
 Jennifer Edinger  
 Theresa Farnelli  
 Joe & Frank Fendt  
 Darci Ferguson  
 Don Ferguson  
 Chuck Gardner  
 Michelle Gauthier  
 Jenni Gesiakowski  
 James Gibson  
 Marilyn Glueck  
 Paul Grantz  
**Bob Green**  
 Charlie Hall  
 Margo Hall  
 Lin Johnson  
 Violet Korecki  
 Fred Kromer  
 Ridge Matthews  
 Jeanne McHugh  
 Jim McHugh

Michael Mize  
**Jacob Myers**  
 Jamie Noorman  
 Bill Palermo  
 Ayden Riggs  
 Val Race  
 Dorothy Raha  
 Cindy Richards  
 Helen & Larry Rozneck  
 Ruth  
 Christopher Schippers  
 Devon Schwalm  
 Nancy Senkowitz  
 Edward Siemion  
 CDR. Mike Smith  
 Marian Stefanich  
 Ruth Stevens  
 Linda Traynor  
 Athena Trombly  
 Christine VanAelst  
 Eileen Westerhoff Young  
 Alan Williams  
 Mike Wurm  
 Amy Wygmans  
 Ted Youn

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

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, Sr

A Scott Lange USAF, USMC  
 SPC Henry T. May, USA  
 Andrew McCabe, Coast  
 Guard Helicopter Rescue  
 LTCOL Tess McCann, USAF  
 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.