

# Second Sunday of LENT



**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
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#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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

#### **Daily Mass**

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. & Friday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: See Bulletin

#### **Reconciliation**

Wednesday 7:30-7:50 a.m.

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

Saturday 3:30-4:10 p.m.

#### **St. Mary's School**

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## Worship in Our Parish

### Mass Schedule

Monday, March 01	8:00 a.m. Holy Hour
Tuesday, March 02	9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Zysk & Maka Families by Helen Paul +David Gauthier by Mark & Michelle Gauthier
Wednesday, March 03	8:00 a.m. +M/M Bruce Covey by Darlene Kildea-Pahl
Thursday, March 04	9:00 a.m. +Roy C. Graves by Annella Graves
Friday March 05	9:00 a.m. S.I. Dr. Gregory Sobczak by Jimmy O'Hearn
Saturday, March 06	4:30 p.m. S.I. Rose Marie Knudsen & Family by Rose Marie Knudsen
Sunday, March 07	9:00 a.m. +Joyce Berns by The Women's Club 11:00 a.m. St. Mary's Parish Family

### Liturgical Assignments

4:30 pm:

9:00 a.m.

**All positions are  
volunteer only  
due to  
COVID-19**

11:00 a.m.

Ushers:

Make sure to sign up for the Mass you plan on attending. We are limited to 25% capacity. Use the website to register, [www.stmarysl.org](http://www.stmarysl.org) or phone the parish office, 616-842-1702.

## Our First Fruits to God

02/21/2021

Online Giving ..... 5,179.00  
Adult Envelopes..... \$16,279.00  
Loose Collection ..... \$215.00  
Total Support..... \$21,673.00

Education Center Debt .....\$187,960.24

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign  
Outstanding Pledges ..... \$25,927.00

CSA 2020 Goal ..... \$141,072.00  
Pledged to Date..... \$124,101.00  
Online Pledges..... \$22,775.00  
Total Pledges ..... \$146,875.00  
Over Goal ..... \$5,803.00  
Participating Families ..... 490

If you are 72 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

### Church Seating and Registration

As you probably noticed if you were in attendance last weekend, we have changed the seating arrangement in the church to every other pew throughout all the church. With the number of local cases going down, more people getting vaccinated, and a need for greater seating, it made sense to make the most of every bit of space we have available. Our goal is to host as many people each weekend as we can, safely! You are no longer asked to register for weekday Masses, but I am urging everyone to please register for weekend Masses. There are two registration spots for each Mass, the regular church and the overflow area. Unless you have a reason to sit in the gathering space or gym, do not register for the overflow unless the main church is full. If you register for the main church, please do your best to arrive at least 5 minutes early. After this time, we will try to get as many people as possible from the overflow into the church. For those who are concerned about registering, please know that we are not sharing the registration lists with anyone, but we are only using the information to determine the number of chairs, ministers, and hosts needed for the Mass and to email the group if we discover that someone who attended a given Mass learned later that he or she tested positive for the coronavirus.

Thankfully, we have only had to do this twice so far. Thank you for your continued cooperation and patience! One day soon I pray that we can all be back together in the church for Mass!

### School Webathon

This weekend is our first St. Mary's School Webathon. If you are reading this before 6 pm on Saturday evening, please tune in to join us for this special event. You can go to our parish website [www.stmarysl.org](http://www.stmarysl.org) for the link to view it. If you are reading this after Saturday evening, then I would encourage you to check out the replay of the event on our website. Most of the content was put together by our students, and after seeing some of the videos they submitted, I am truly amazed by their talents and grateful that God has given us this platform to showcase them. Of course, we are also trying to raise money to replace the revenue lost from the parish festival, auction, Gratitude Gala, and Race for Education. If you are able to make a donation, no matter how big or small, it would go a long way toward helping our children receive the best Catholic education possible. A huge thank you goes out to Erin Charnley and Lindsey Lieto, our co-chairs, for all of the hard work and many hours that they volunteered to make this event such a success!

### Lent

As we continue to repent and turn our hearts to Christ during this Lenten Season, I want to remind everyone that we have several opportunities each week for individual reconciliation, for adoration on Sunday evening and Monday morning, for virtual Stations of the Cross, and for individual devotions that you can undertake to strengthen your relationship with God. Don't let these 40 Days go to waste or slip away from you!

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

Fr. Dave

## This Week in Our Parish

### At a Glance

Monday, March 01  
8:00 a.m. Adoration & Holy Hour

Tuesday, March 02

Wednesday, March 03  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation  
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation

Thursday, March 04  
9:00 a.m. Pantry

Friday, March 05  
5:00 p.m. Virtual Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 06  
10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation  
3:00-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, March 07  
6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Eucharistic Adoration



**Please plan on donating at our next drive on March 7, 2021.**

There are a few openings still available in the afternoon. As a reminder you must sign up for the drives, there are no standing reservations. If you haven't signed up yet please contact Chris Jarvis at 616 402-1598 or you may do so on line at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

The schedule for Sunday, **May 16, 2021** is posted on the Red Cross web site and there are plenty of openings.

*The Red Cross is following FDA blood donation eligibility guidance for those who receive a COVID-19 vaccination. If you receive a vaccine, knowing the name of the manufacturer (e.g. Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson and Johnson) is important in determining your eligibility. [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)*



### Scrip Scoop

**Are you planning a sunny getaway for Spring Break?** Be sure to use Scrip for all your vacation planning. There is Scrip available for airlines and hotels. Go to the Scrip website to search for the best deals. <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/>

For more information on the Scrip program, please visit our website or email the Scrip office.

\* Rite Aid Gift cards are no longer available in the Cash and Carry box, they can be special ordered.

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Are you ready for the K of C Annual Lenten Fish Fry's? You're in luck! But, due to Covid-19 and to keep everyone safe, the K of C, #2975, will host only **"Drive-**

**thru"** this year. The weekly Lenten Fish Fry's begins **Friday, February 19 through Good Friday, April 2** from 5-7 p.m. at: 1416 Washington, Grand Haven. The menu includes our delicious Fried fish, Fries, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter, \$10/dinner -- cash and credit cards accepted. You don't even have to call ahead or get out of your car, you place your order from your car and we'll bring it right to you.

**A portion of this year's proceeds will benefit Special Olympics, Area 12, in honor of Linda & Tim McGraw who passed away and were parishioners of St. Mary's.**

Hope to see you there.

### 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

**Would you be willing to pray for one hour to end abortion?** *40 Days for Life* is a pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of praying, fasting, and holding a peaceful vigil in front of the abortion facility located at Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street in Grand Rapids. This is the only free-standing surgical abortion facility still operating in our community. Dozens of area churches have adopted a day of prayer and our adopted day is Thursday **March 5th** to pray at the peaceful vigil. At least two individuals are needed for each hour of the vigil from 7 AM to 7 PM. Easy signups are available at [www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids](http://www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids) or contact: [info@tricitiestryghttolife.org](mailto:info@tricitiestryghttolife.org) or call 616.201.7813



**SAVE THOSE D&W FRESH MARKET AND FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS!**

For every \$150,000 of D&W or Family Fare receipts collected the school will earn \$1,000! **Simply send in your entire, original receipt to the school office or drop them in the plastic container in the church gathering space.**

**We will take care of the rest!**

**Pray For Peace In Our World**



### Scripture Readings 03.07.21

Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19: 8-11  
1Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

### 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.

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished.**"

*USCCB Cherished, Chosen, Sent*

To find out more about the Life Ministries contact Mary Bilski, 616-846-5751 or [mjbilski@att.net](mailto:mjbilski@att.net).

### Evangelization Clip

For a moment, depart from your current time and place. You are James, brother of John. Peter is with you. Jesus led all of you up a high mountain. You encountered Him for many months as the Son of Man. There, transfigured, clothes dazzlingly white, you see Him as the Son of God. Then you see two conversing with Jesus. You know them to be Moses and Elijah. Amazing! Surreal! Powerful! Out of this world! You hear Peter mumbling words about tents. **You, James, see Jesus transfigured, but you know you are transformed.** You will never again see Jesus again in the same light.

OK, now you are back. This transfigured-on-the-mountain Jesus—**you see Him today as the priest at Mass holds up the Eucharist! Allow Jesus in the Eucharist to transform you.** You will never be the same again. And pass it on to your kids.



Please pray for the family of John VanVeelen (father of David VanVeelen).

May he rest in peace in the arms of the Lord. Bring comfort and support to his family as they grieve in the days and months ahead.

## Faith Formation K-6

### Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

These disciples had a life-changing experience that day. They could only after this experience look at Jesus with new eyes. God had revealed to them that Jesus was his Son. Can you imagine God the Father revealing this to you? This must have taken some time for them to fully absorb it. I think they might have questioned each other, Is this real? Did we hear that correctly? They must have taken some comfort that they experienced this together and Jesus was available to talk to about it.

### Family Time:

What would your reaction be to an experience like this?  
Would you be able to believe this really happened?  
Do you believe that God can speak to the silence of your hearts?  
Do you believe that you are Gods beloved child? (You are)  
What keeps you from this belief?

For your reflection on this Gospel close your eyes and be still. Allow God to speak to you and call you, His Beloved. You are His beloved and precious child.

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## Adult Faith Formation

**Bible study:** We are **currently on break** till further notice. Hoping that Covid cases stabilize in the area. Please pray and fast for the health of the people on the lakeshore.

**Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom:** If you are interested in a Bible study by **Ascension Press**, then please follow the link to sign up: [www.stmarysl.org/parish-news](http://www.stmarysl.org/parish-news). **THIS COURSE IS CURRENTLY REMOTE.**

**RCIA:** If you know anyone wanting to become Catholic, then please have them contact me or Fr. Dave. RCIA is currently distant learning. **The Catechumens will become Elect this Sunday at the Cathedral.**

**RCIC:** If for any reason you have a child that has missed a sacrament, then please send me an email.

**Blog:** To read some previous posts please follow the link: [www.stmarysl.org/news-adult-ff](http://www.stmarysl.org/news-adult-ff)

**Men's Ministry:** Some men in the parish will be reading a **slew of Epistles this Lent.**

**Women's Ministry:** We are taking the launch of this adventure a little slower than we would have dreamed. It's giving us an opportunity to learn more about the program. "There is a time for everything." Visit [walkingwithpurpose.com](http://walkingwithpurpose.com) for more information. Please contact me if you would like to be added to an email list. We will hopefully begin soon.

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## St. Mary's Christian Service



**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:** cereal, Juice, fruit/applesauce, soups, canned chicken/tuna, kidney & chile beans, pasta sauce, ketchup, Hamburger Helper, Ramen Noodles, taco/pizza fixings, dish detergent, kleenex, razors, gluten & sugar free foods appreciated. We thank you on behalf of those served. **Monetary gifts and Scrip are welcomed.** Please place donations in with your offertory or turn in to the parish office so your gifts can be recorded on your contribution statement for tax purposes. Please mark "Christian Service".

**Recently St. Mary's School Student Council sponsored "Jean's Day" raising \$126.00 for Christian Service.** We thank the students kindly for this gift. We will purchase fresh fruit and snacks for the family shelf. Parishioners, please note Christian Service has provided Lenten materials for you at the Church entrances (Prayer Before the Crucifix Holy Card, two versions of The Way of the Cross). May they help you on your Spiritual Lenten Journey.

**Please mark your calendars for the "Easter Basket Food Drive", weekend of March 13 & 14.** Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin. Easter Sunday is **April 4**. Thank You.

*"The bread you store up belongs to the hungry; the cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor." St. Basil the Great*

St. Mary's Christian Service Ministry  
Smiles and Blessings Dorothy E. Raha  
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## Youth Ministry

"Yet even now," says the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." -Joel 2:12-13

Lent: Week One is underway! How are you returning to the Lord? How are you making Him more a part of your life?

### 2021 Confirmation Students

The next due date is **March 3** when Lessons 18-21 are due. Don't forget that your 15 Questions and Interview with your sponsor are due **February 28!**

Only a few more lessons until you are finished with *Chosen!* Don't forget that once you finish the workbook to print off the certificate and send that into the Parish office.

Our next Zoom meeting is not until **March 21**. Keep your eyes and ears open for potential retreat dates for Confirmation. More information to come.

### 9-12th Graders

We will continue our Lenten Study on the Prodigal Son this Wednesday, **March 3** over Zoom. Please remember to get in your media release forms if you haven't yet. Contact Tim if you need the forms emailed to you again.

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## As a Prayerful Community

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

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

MMN3 Trenton Blanchard, USN  
 LCPL Benjamin Bosse  
 Major Ken Brakora, USAF  
 Lt. Col. Jason Braun, USAF  
 PVT Brian Brennan, USA  
 MA1 Jason Bruemmer, USN  
 Capt. Catherine  
 Cassleman, AF Reserve  
 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  
 SSG 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  
 CMSgt. Michael J. Rozneck. USSF  
 LCPL Kyle James Russell, USMC  
 Jonathan Schmitt  
 First Class IT, USN  
 Capt. Matteson Smith, USA  
 Major Max Smith, USA  
 Capt. Ann Trombly, USAF  
 PFT Austin Van Strate  
 Major L. Brandon Wohlschlegel,  
 Army Ranger.

We also pray for all  
 first responders and  
 law enforcement officers  
 who put their lives on the line to  
 keep us safe at home.

Jamie Anderson  
 Chase Anspach  
 Nancy Arzuaga  
 Cristy Barnes  
 Shelly Becklin  
 Billy Bergenson  
**Mark Bethke**  
 Dan Bouma  
 Marisa Brizzalara  
 Dave Brown  
 Gustavo Carrerro  
 Carolyn Cibor  
 Raymond Cibor  
 Millie Conran  
 Danielle  
 DC  
 Mark Dean  
 John & Patti DeJonge  
 Sharon DeWitt  
 Mark Dinneweth  
 Jim Donnelly  
 Lisa & Dick Dorato  
**Ed**  
 Jennifer Edinger  
 Theresa Farnelli  
 Caren Fann  
 Jack Gardner  
 Ernie Grabman

Paul Grantz  
 Russ Greenbauer  
 Carrie Baldus Gross  
 Tom Gullo  
 Janet Hall  
 Oliver K. Hawkins  
 Linda Howe  
 Jack  
 Keki Jahs  
**Jeff**  
 Karen  
 Nicholas Karlsons  
 Kathleen  
 Kathleen Kennedy  
 Lance Kilinski  
 Beatrice Kotecki  
 Don Martin  
 Janelle Martin  
 Bill Mason  
 Jim McHugh  
 Melissa  
 Margie Meyer  
 Lisa Meyers  
 Susan Millett  
 Wendy Murray  
 Jacob Murray  
 Lydia Napieralski  
 Janie & Ron P

Bill Palermo  
 Helen Paul  
 Marlene Perry  
 Jennifer Porter  
 Linda Quaine  
 Val Race  
 Jack Richards  
 Ayden Riggs  
 Teresa Rivera  
 Helen Rozneck  
 George Sadowski  
 Esperanza Sanchez  
 Kathie Saurbaugh  
 Christopher Schippers  
 Tony Schippers  
 Nancy Senkowitz  
 Rodney & Donna Sorn  
 Cathy Staeven  
 Linda Traynor  
 Charles VanderLaan  
 Ric VanWeelden  
 Alan Walczak  
 Eileen Westerhoff Young  
 Alan Williams  
 Richard Wilson  
 Sara Wolcott Family  
 Zachary Zimmerman