



St. Mary's Catholic Church
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CONFIRMATION
FEBRUARY 24, 2019

CATHEDRAL
OF
ST. ANDREW



Bode Anspach
Peyton Balavitch
Madilynn Boerger
Kyan Bohn
Hyden Botbyl
Lauren Cavalier
Caroline Clark
Chloe Ely
Andrew Fielstra
Victoria Fouchea
Rosie Galloway
Tanner Guczwa
Judith Harvey

Annabella Henderson
Alec Hoffman
Robyn Hunt
Lucy Hylant
Zebulun James
Jennifer Judge
Jacob Kotkowicz
Carolyn Ladd
John Leonard
Luke Meredith
Emma Nicles
Sydney Noorman
Connor Payne

Connor Peterson
Thomas Rasmussen
Phoebe Ryan
Evelyn Safranski
Maddox Schaner-Follett
Collin Shippy
Clare Stempky
Chase Taylor
Alaina Wahl
Landon Wiedenhoef
KayLynn Young

Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 04	
8:00 a.m.	+Jim Milas by Karen Munster
Tuesday, March 05	
8:00 a.m.	For an Increase In Vocations
Wednesday, March 06	
8:00 a.m.	S.I. Theresa Marshall by Helen Paul
Thursday, March 07	
8:00 a.m.	+Dorothy Bruhn by Bill & Marcia Palermo
Friday March 08	
9:00 a.m.	For Peace in Our World
Saturday, March 09	
4:30 p.m.	+John Leonard by Rita Milas
Sunday, March 10	
9:00 a.m.	+Paul Michaud by Alice Michaud
11:00 a.m.	+Herman Spahr by Mike & Peggy Secory

Liturgical Assignments

03/09-10/2019

4:30 pm: Mike Grillo, Alex Hoisington, Coltrane Bodbyl-Mast, Sydney Noorman, Joe Burns, Irene & Sam Barbera, Joe Burns, Diane Carmode, John & Jill Conroy, Amy Giroux, Mike Grillo, Karen Mead, Kathy Struve, Need Volunteer

9:00 a.m. Ann English, Carolyn & Lindsay Ladd, Garrett Abel, Michael Zambiasi, Ann English, Bridget Fogel, Anne Fuller, Barb Griffith, Julie Kieft, Sharon Mesker, Bonnie Schmitt, Alice Szpieg, Michael Zambiasi, Need 2 Volunteers

11:00 a.m. Bill Dunn, Zeb James, Travis Throop, Layla Weiss, Joe VonWahlde, Janet Cox, Bill Dunn, Mary Sue Farmer, Sharon Vink, Need 7 Volunteers

Ushers: Tom Twa, Mark Brininstool, Austin Twa, Jim Kauppila, Dan Schmitt, Cal Braun, Carl Mesker, Bob Reichel, Dick Scholler, Kathy Reminder, Tom Palarz, Greg Pastotnik, Mike McMaster, Frank Marciniak, Mert VanDoorne, Marc Harris

Our First Fruits to God

02/24/2019

Online Giving \$3,631.50
Adult Envelopes..... \$12,080.00
Kids Coins\$28.37
Loose Contributions\$995.00
Total Support..... \$16,734.87

Education Center Debt.....\$834,908.80

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Goal \$2,000,000.00
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Pledges \$1,292,392.03
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Received \$1,056,345.85

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

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

Welcome to all our guests and visitors who have joined us this weekend, and to those who might not be regular attendees of St. Mary's. To make sure that you are aware, and to remind all our regular attendees, the song numbers are posted on each side of the church to help you join in the singing. Although we welcome small children to participate in our liturgies, if they get exceptionally difficult or disruptive, we have a cry room available in the back of church and the gathering space has a video feed of the Mass to use for "cooling off" time as well. We also provide a nursery service during Sunday morning Masses as well in the Extension Room near the South Gathering Space entrance. Everyone is encouraged to leave the sanctuary in silence and save loud conversations for the Gathering Space or the gym (where we offer coffee and donuts after most Sunday Masses). We are all members of the Body of Christ, and our celebration of the Mass is made more complete by your presence and participation. Thank you for joining us this Sunday, and I hope and pray that you find it to be a spiritually enriching experience!

Lent

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, and we begin another 40 days of preparation for the

celebration of our Lord's Passion, death, and Resurrection. As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, I would suggest reading daily from the 6th chapter of Luke's Gospel and meditating on how well we carry out Jesus' instructions. Ash Wednesday itself is a day of fasting and abstaining from eating meat. The fasting regulation technically ends after you turn 59, but the abstinence has no upper age limit. We would like to make it easier to avoid eating meat on the first three Fridays of Lent by providing a soup supper following the Stations of the Cross. After the supper there will be a 3-part series on the Sacrament of Penance that I encourage everyone to stay to experience.

Lent focuses on the three practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are three activities which help us to center ourselves on putting God first in our lives. Obviously, Mass is the highest form of prayer we can offer. If you have not made weekly Mass a priority before now, I strongly encourage you to do so. Although Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of obligation, attending is a great way to begin the Lenten Season. Mass will be held at 9 am and 6:30 pm, and there will be a Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Ashes with our Faith Formation classes at 4:30 pm as well. All are welcome to attend,

and any baptized Christian is welcome to receive ashes as a mark of repentance for sins.

St. Mary's School

This Saturday is our third "School Mass" in which our students take a more active role in the liturgy, and we encourage everyone to attend in their school uniforms for visibility. We have an amazing school community filled with bright, talented, and faith-filled children. If you have elementary school-age children, please consider sending them to St. Mary's. Contact the office to arrange a tour, and if finances are a concern, please know that generous financial aid is available.

Ministry Fair

Please remember to come to the Activity Center gym after all the Masses this weekend to see all of the different ministries and activities that are going on in our parish. Some are seeking volunteers, but others are simply looking for more people to get involved. Don't miss this opportunity!

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

Fr. Dave

This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, March 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, March 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, March 06
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
 3:30-4:45 p.m. Junior Choir
 4:30 p.m. Liturgy Service with Ashes for Faith Formation

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

Friday, March 08
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 10:15-11 a.m. Catholic Children's Story Hour

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

Sunday, March 10
Blood Drive
Daylight Savings Time



Ash Wednesday is on March 6th. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. A liturgy with ashes for faith formation students will be held at 4:30 p.m.

There are many opportunities to serve at the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Feel free to sign-up. Thank you.

The Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, March 13. The rosary will be prayed in the chapel at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. Our guest speaker in March will be Beth O'Laughlin. Beth is an attorney with Warner, Norcross & Judd out of their Holland office. She will discuss the importance of being prepared. There are certain documents that everyone, young and old alike should know about. Do you have an advance directive, who would you choose as your patient advocate, power of attorney, wills, etc. These are important questions. Ms. O'Laughlin will take questions and explain how everything works. She is providing us with a service and not looking for new clients. Her presentation will be followed by a short meeting. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend.

Yearly contribution statements are available in the Gathering Space. If you don't find yours please call the parish office and one will be provided for you.



Our next blood drive is March 10. We have all heard that the need for blood is **urgent**. Red Cross is going through some restructuring and has unfortunately had to cut back on the amount of units from this blood drive. Currently this drive is full and some of you who were automatically signed in have been removed from this drive. Please check after Masses this weekend if you are still scheduled for **March 10** or contact Chris Jarvis at 616 402-1598. You can also check on line at www.redcrossblood.org.



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

The March potluck will be on Thursday, March 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. 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. If you get the answering machine, please leave a message and we will return your call.



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 for details and to register. Questions? Call Deacon Jim at 616-292-0422.

Pray For Peace In Our World



Scripture Readings 03.10.19

Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-15
 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

Family Perspective

Today Jesus tells us: "Why do you see the speck in someone else's eye but miss the log in your own eye?" It's always easier to try to change someone else than face the things in ourselves which need change. What a waste of time for we can't change anyone but ourselves.



The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry's are back! They will be every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday (3/8 through 4/19). The menu includes all you care to eat baked and fried fish, shrimp (one trip only for shrimp), baked potato and French fries, mac & cheese, vegetable, rolls, cole slaw, beverage and dessert. Adults are \$10, kids 6-10 are \$5 and under 6 are free. Serving from 5-7 p.m. at 1416 Washington St., Grand Haven. Hope to see you there.

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.

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 an abortion facility. Our local spring campaign will take place from March 6 through April 14. Tri Cities Right to Life has adopted a day to pray outside the Heritage Clinic for Women in Grand Rapids at 320 East Fulton St. on **March 21** between 1 and 5PM.

To become involved with the Sanctity of Life Ministry please contact Mary Biłski at 616-846-5751 or mjbiłski@att.net.



Please pray for the family of Herman Spahr (father of Phil Spahr).

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

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

*"Stop judging and you will not be judged.
Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.
Forgive and you will be forgiven.
Give, and gifts will be given to you..."* (Luke 6: 37-38).

We are told quite pointedly the way to *see*. We are all blinded by our judgements of one another. It is difficult to take the log out of our own eye. As Catholics we are very blessed to have the sacrament of reconciliation to assist our *seeing*. By praying for the grace and discernment, God will help us to *see* and give us the strength to remove the plank.

As we enter the Lenten season, let us follow the path of our 2nd graders who just celebrated their *First Reconciliation* on February 22. Please know of our prayers for you all as we ask you to continue to prayer for our children in our Faith Formation as well as our school.

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.

NEW Adult Education Opportunity Introducing Ignatian Spirituality and Lectio Divina: On **Monday, March 5**, all our welcome to join this prayer and faith-filled event based on Pillar IV of the Catholic Catechism. The session will be held from **6-7:30pm** in the Youth Room.

Catholic Children's Story Hour - Featuring St. Patrick and other GREEN Saints: Meets this Friday, **MARCH 8**, following the Children's 9:00am School Mass. The Story Hour will next continue as regularly scheduled on the 2nd Friday of the month. Held in Meeting Rooms ABC, the Story Hour will run from 10:15-11:00am and include St. Patrick and Green themes with a snack and social time. Adults with small children are encouraged to attend. All are welcome!

Cathy Pearce |

Director of Elementary Faith Formation

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Adult Faith Formation

Bible study: We are going to change it up and start watching some videos on Formed.org; starting with some on the **Liturgy** before Lent. Once **Lent** starts, **March 6** (!), we will start a series on **St. Peter** that can be found on **Formed.org**.

Tap'd Theology at Ted's: We went to Ted's and got into the room! We also had a really nice meeting with Ted and now have a date set, **April 25th**. During the Octave of Easter! So we can celebrate in the party room. In the mean time we are working on a topic and hopefully you are getting some questions ready for the anonymous question box and reviewing Ted's menu in order to optimize your Easter celebration.

Lent is coming. May we all have a luminous Lent. I have a few topics in mind, but would love to hear from YOU and what YOU would like to hear about. Send me an email or stop in Tuesday afternoons.

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Director of Adult Faith Formation

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Youth Ministry

Lenten Retreat Saturday March 9th @ Camp Blodgett. 7-12 Graders Kick off Lent in style! This will be an amazing opportunity to take a break from all the noise and worries of everyday life! Our retreat will be mostly led by our High School Peer Ministry Team! Come and witness amazing speakers, **Seth Alfaro:** Seth gave his life over to Jesus Christ and His church after suffering a injury that put him in coma for three weeks. Doctors say that Seth is a walking miracle. His story will have you on the edge of your seat! **Martha Bellamy:** Former professional ballet dancer who came down with a muscle disease that makes it challenging even to walk. Now she spends her time building her relationship with God. Martha now says the disease was the best thing that could have happened to her. **Dr. Danielle Koestner:** Local family doctor who had a crisis pregnancy when she was 16. Her courage during this crisis has taught her amazing lessons in life and how to live your faith when your young!

There will also be skits and faith sharing from our peer ministry team!
Cost: \$45. per person (make checks to St. Mary's)

Chris Iwan

Coordinator of Middle School and High School Youth Ministry

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St. Mary's Christian Service

Christian Service News - Pantry Numbers.... Last week **February 28** we were blessed to serve **29 Families**.



Thank you for your generosity to the Christian Service 2nd collection the weekend of February 24, 2019. Your gifts totaled **\$2,655.90**. The Madonna featured on the collection envelope is the "Madonna of the Street".

St. Mary's Central Food Pantry is an ongoing weekly ministry which appreciates and needs your support. **This week's list includes:** cereal, pancake mix, jelly, canned meats, kidney/chile beans, baked beans, boxed potatoes, taco/pizza fixings, canned fruit, treats for the "Family Shelf", deodorant, and dish detergent. We welcome *gift cards*. You may drop them in the collection basket with your name & address for credit on your church statement. We thank you on behalf of those served. Stop in any Thursday and say Hi. You are always welcomed.

Our Parish Pantry shops at Feeding America. The most important item we purchase there is, **Shelf Life Milk**. If you would like to make a donation to our account the number is: **01406** (must be included with your donation). The address is: **Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank**, 864 West River Center Dr., Comstock Park, Michigan 49321-8955. Your donation to this account is appreciated. **Note:** at this time, I am no longer notified of your donation unless you give permission to inform me.

Hospice Volunteer Training to be offered March 12th & 19th from 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM (must attend both sessions). To register, or for more information, please contact Kristyn Ireland at (616) 847-5215. Or kireland@noch.org. We currently have patients in the Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Nunica, Muskegon area seeking volunteers.

Smiles and Blessings Dorothy E. Raha
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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
 CWO5 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
 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
 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
 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
 Nash Nichols
 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

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