

The Second Sunday of Lent

“This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”

Matthew 17:5



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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

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Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 13

8:00 a.m. +James LeMieux
by Yvonne Richards

Tuesday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of
Pat & Cathy Kennedy

6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Family

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 a.m. +Diana Gorny
by Sylvia Worel

Thursday, March 16

8:00 a.m. For an End to Abortion

Friday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of
St. Mary's School

Saturday, March 18

4:30 p.m. +Caroll Stout
by Her Family

Sunday, March 19

9:00 a.m. +Paul Michaud
by Alice Michaud

11:00 a.m. +Anna McCabe
by Margie Clark

Liturgical Assignments

03/18-19.2017

4:30 pm: Rita Dyke, Coltrane Bodbyl-Mast, Alex Hoisington, Katherine Muntean, Michael Goodwin, Joe Burns, Diane Carmode (req sub), Barbara Eskew, Arinda Howell (req sub), Cathy Kennedy, Wendi & Gary Kujawski, Karen Mead, Kristin Padula, Fr. Ken, James Walkenhorst

9:00 am: Lou Draeger, Grant Kieft, Rebecca & Elizabeth Koratich, Gloria Draeger, Bill Berns, Diane & David Burel, Rob Clark, Bridget Fogel, Lee Ann Frame, Anne Fuller, Jake & Ben Lutz, Joe Popiel, Michael Zambiasi

11:00 am: Amy Giroux, Ethan & Jack Stempky, Travis Throop, Greg Stempky, Bill & Patti Bernesser, Bill Dunn, Suzanne James, Lance Kilinski, Mary LaGuire (req sub), David Lukasik, Ray Murray, Cheri & Rob Shippy, Mitchel Tennyson

Ushers: Tom & Austin Twa, Mark Brininstool, Jim Kauppila

Scripture Readings 03.19.17

Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9
Rom 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42

Our First Fruits to God

Sunday 03/05/2017

Online Giving \$3,335.00
Adult Envelopes \$14,071.50
Kids Coins \$25.13
Loose Contributions \$1,650.87
Total Support \$19,082.50

Education Center Goal \$5,500,000.00
Education Center To Date \$3,027,150.84

Renovation Goal \$90,000.00
Renovation To Date \$83,384.14
(Inc. CSA over)

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

A Word From The Pastor

We are once again beginning the CSA campaign here at St. Mary's. This is how we do our part to help the diocese provide important services like education and training of priests, outreach to the poor, support for Catholic education, business guidance for our parishes, and many more items. Our assessment from the diocese has increased by \$269 this year, to \$126,317. I am asking that everyone please do their part so that we can reach our goal quickly and not drag the campaign out any longer than necessary. If we can get to our target in the next month, then we can avoid utilizing the services of the Milito Group to make phone calls again, and every penny that we collect over our goal will be returned to our parish so that we can pay off our renovation and construction debt. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this campaign!

This Friday marks the celebration of St. Patrick! Somehow, for one day of the year, everyone seems to be of Irish descent. Although I haven't been able to figure out exactly why, there is a huge desire to eat corned beef and cabbage and drink green beer on the 17th of March. Of course, that presents a bit of a dilemma this year, as the 17th falls on a Friday in Lent, and we pious

Catholics are not permitted to eat meat. Therefore, no corned beef for us, and cabbage isn't good by itself and just doesn't go as well with fish. So, I have been asked by a few people if Bishop Walkowiak was going to give a dispensation in order to allow everyone to partake of the hallowed corned beef. Well, the long-awaited answer has come in, and unfortunately the answer is no! But wait, don't lose hope my friends, canon law can still come to your rescue on this one.

While Bishop Walkowiak has chosen not to issue a blanket dispensation to allow Catholics to partake of their favorite processed meat this Friday, canon law does allow pastors to issue dispensations on an individual basis, but not for the entire congregation. Therefore, I have the ability to give a dispensation, or to transfer the obligation to another day, to allow someone to eat meat on Friday the 17th so that their celebration of St. Patrick can be complete. I only have this authority for a person who is residing within or visiting the parish boundaries, however. Please also note that the general rule is that there must be a just cause for granting any dispensation.

If you would like to be able to eat corned beef in order to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on

Friday, I am willing to transfer your obligation to abstain from eating meat to either Thursday or Saturday. In order to receive this permission, please ask me in person after Mass or anytime this week, send me an email, or call me on the phone. You must contact me directly, please don't assume you have permission, and this is given only to aid your celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

I have good news for everyone who lives south of the river in St. Patrick's territory or is a St. Patrick parishioner as well. Since St. Patrick is the titular saint of the parish, his memorial is celebrated there as a solemnity, which automatically removes all forms of fasting and penance on that day. Therefore, you don't need special permission to eat meat that day. Technically, this would also include "visiting" their parish boundaries for your Friday meal. I would just encourage you to offer a special prayer that day, or even to attend Mass in honor of St. Patrick! Who says that canon law never cuts anyone a break!

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

Fr. Dave

At a Glance

Monday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 14

- 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
- 9:30-11:00 a.m. Why Be Catholic?
- 4:00 p.m. Junior Choir

Wednesday, March 15

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer & Film

Thursday March 16

Food Pantry Open

- 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
- 5-8:00 p.m. Diocesan Wide Reconciliation
- 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday March 17

- 6-7:30 p.m. Adoration/Confessions/ Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18

- 3-4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, March 19

- 7-8:30 p.m. Fr. Albert Haase

PARISH MISSION WITH FR. ALBERT HAASE IN PERSON 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 donate cookies and/or help serve refreshments on any of these evenings, please contact Jim Penrice at the parish office. CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE—** Please call Pam Hill at 842-8230 ext. 125 to register ahead of time.

Town Hall Meeting on Suicide, Part 2. Monday, **March 27, 2017,** 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Grand Haven Community Center. Hosted by Extended Grace. Continuing the Community Conversation. Questions? Contact Barbara Lee at 616-502-2078 or barbara@extendedgrace.org.

St. Mary's Christian Service



Parishioners please help us RESTOCK OUR PANTRY SHELVES! St. Mary's

Central Food Pantry is an ongoing weekly ministry which appreciates and needs your support. Please remember us when you shop. **Our needs are:** canned potatoes, canned tuna/stew, regular coffee, cake/cookie mix, Jelly, fruit/applesauce, dry spaghetti pasta, green beans/corn, pasta sauce, **soups**, shampoo, deodorant & Kleenex. **Monetary, gifts and Scrip are welcomed.** It helps with purchasing fresh meats and so on. 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".

Christian Service is once again distributing **Easter Food Baskets on Holy Thursday!** Please **Help** us fill them. We are planning on 50! Please refer to today's bulletin insert for details. Call Dorothy with questions at 616-842-2602.

Operation Rice Bowl helps families around the world through CRS' development projects. **25% of all monies donated here, at St. Mary's will remain here** to help the pantry purchase food for those in need, including members of our own parish. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of the church

Lenten Worship Aids St. Mary's Christian Service Ministry has purchased Lenten Worship Aids for you and your family to assist in your travels through this Lenten Season. Located at the Church entrances you will find: Stations of the Cross 3-D Stand-up, Pocket Size Stations of the Cross, and Holy Cards with "Prayer Before The Crucifix". We ask God's Blessings as we walk the Way of the Cross together.

Smiles and Blessings,
Dorothy E. Raha
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Lenten Fish Fry's

Knights of Columbus 2975 Grand Haven. March 3-April 14 from 5-7 p.m.
Muskegon Catholic Central 1145 W. Laketon March 3-April 7 from 4:30-7 p.m.
Ravenna Community Fish Fry St. Catherines' Hall March 3-April 7 from 5-7:30 p.m.
Check stmarysl.org for more details.

Family Perspective

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

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.

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering."

Visit www.goo.gl/fySEYp for 10 ways to care for loved ones approaching life's end. USCCB Respect Life Program

To become involved with the Life Ministry please contact Mary Bilski at 616-846-5751 or mjilski@att.net.

Scrip Scoop

We were so happy to share the Scrip program with all of you last week! Here are some numbers from the week:

- Total sales for the week: \$17,881.00
- Total new families who purchased Scrip: 15
- Total in our Tuition Fund: \$76.62!

We are encouraging you all to turn in your blue Scrip registration forms to the Scrip table this weekend. We'll be raffling off some Scrip gift cards, including a \$50 Meijer card! The drawing will be Monday, **March 13th**. There are extra registration forms and order forms at the Scrip table if you need them.

Thank you!

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



Please pray for the families of Lou Corsiglia (husband of Arlene Corsiglia) and Lucille Siemion (mother of Mike & John Siemion). May they rest in peace in the arms of the Lord. Amen.

Youth Ministry

St. Mary's Confirmation Mass, Sunday April 30th 3pm @ St. Andrews Cathedral

Youth Room: Our youth room has moved to the old science room! This has opened up a lot more space and opportunities for us. We look forward to having a regular weekly **Open Youth Room** coming in March!

6-8th Grade "SHINE YOUTH RALLY" Saturday March 25th @ West Catholic High School. Diocesan Middle School Youth Rally includes, great music, skits, games, open gym, pizza and Mass with the Bishop! Transportation: St. Mary's bus (leaving at 12:30pm returns at 9pm) Cost: \$25 per (bring friends no matter what church) This event has always brought in a large crowd. Be sure to sign up ASAP!

Steubenville Conference Update! June 23-25th 2017 Open 9-12th grade as of summer 2017 If you have any interest please let me know ASAP. As of now we are full, but we can put in for more tickets if needed. Please don't delay.

Mission Trip Update, July 11-16th 2017 Open to all 8-12th grade as of summer 2017 **Final payments due April 1st** We have a few openings! Don't miss this trip of a lifetime!

Chris Iwan

Coordinator of Middle School and High School Youth Ministry
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Faith Formation K-6

KIDS COINS –Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! All those coins that were dropped in the basket during January and February raised \$340.02! With that money we were able to purchase **2 bricks** for the walkway to the new Education Center. The remaining \$40.02 was donated to the Mary Seat of Wisdom campaign. March Kids Coins will be donated to The Muskegon Rescue Mission – Did you know that \$123 can help 63 people seeking help? Kids – you are awesome servants of God, making big changes with your little coins!

1st Communion Retreat – will be on Saturday 3/25. We will begin promptly at 9:00 and end at noon. An email will be sent to all 2nd graders (school and Faith Formation) regarding the details.

1st Communion – will take place at all Masses during April 29-30.

RICE BOWL – 5 weeks left to fill your bowl. Collection will take place at the 4/19 Faith Formation Mass and the weekend of 4/22-4/23, during regular Mass times. The bowls (or checks) should be placed in the Kids Coins basket. It would be very helpful if you count the coins yourself and make out a check, payable to St. Mary's (please put Rice Bowl in the memo section).

Yours in Faith,

Wendi Kujawski

Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation
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Adult Faith Formation

"Why Be Catholic?" This five part series from Catholic apologist Tim Staples is presented on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM in Meeting Room B/C 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?" **Recordings of our discussion period after watching the film are available in the "Audio Downloads" section of Adult Faith Formation at stmarysl.org.**

Lenten Evening Prayer, followed by Fr. Albert Haase's video series **"Saying Yes: What is God's Will for Me?"** Wednesday evenings March 8 -April 12, 7:00 PM in the church.

"Walking to Jerusalem" began Ash Wednesday. 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

Jim Penrice, Director of Faith Formation

Phone: (616) 842-1702/jpenrice@stmarysl.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.

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

Our sponsor of the week is **CONROY LAW, PLC**. You make it possible for us to receive the bulletin at no charge. Please remember to patronize our bulletin ad sponsors.

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.

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
Carolyn Cibor
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
Jerry Kennedy
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 Senkowicz
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
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.
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.