

The 40 Days OF LENT



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Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday-7:00 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 16
8:00 a.m. For the People of Tennessee

Tuesday, March 17
8:00 a.m. +Margaret Payne
by Richard Kirby

Wednesday, March 18
7:00 a.m. +Elizabeth Cook
by The Smith Family

Thursday, March 19
8:00 a.m. +Victor & Mary Scott
by Stan & Margaret Scott

Friday March 20
9:00 a.m. +Joan Strange
by Tina & Rita Dyke

Saturday, March 21
4:30 p.m. +Noel Boyle & Joe Rahrig
by Eileen & Bob Grunstra

Sunday, March 22
9:00 a.m. +JoAnn McNew Yemm
by Fred McNew
11:00 a.m. +Marshall Graves, Jr.
by Annella Graves

Liturgical Assignments

03/21-03/22/2020

4:30 pm: Mike Grillo, Jack Biros, Meredith Sakel, Need Server, Kathy Struve, Joe Burns, Diane Carmode, Mike Grillo, Cathy Kennedy, Gary Kujawski, Rachel Lohman, Karen Mead, Kathy Struve, Need 3 EM's

9:00 a.m. Need Sacristan, Kendra Kieft, Garrett Abel, Faith Clark, Fred McNew, Bill Berns, Maryvic Cuison (req sub), Carl & Betty Doering, Lou & Gloria Draeger, Lee Ann Frame, Bonnie Schmitt, Ray & Debbie Taetsch, Michael Zambiasi

11:00 a.m. Need Sacristan, Magnolia Weiss, Gabriella Padula, Travis Throop, Bill Dunn, Bill & Patti Bernesser (req subs), Bill Dunn, Wendy Ely, Suzanne James, Lance Kilinski, David Lukasik, Kristin Padula, Cheri Shippy, Mitchel Tennyson, Sharon Vink

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

Our First Fruits to God

03/08/2020

Online Giving\$2,671.00
Adult Envelopes.....\$10,578.60
Kids Coins\$47.63
Loose Contributions\$1,220.13
Total Support.....\$14,517.36

Education Center Debt.....\$451,631.48

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Goal\$2,000,000.00
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Pledges\$1,551,759.63
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Received\$1,464,422.85

CSA 2020Goal\$141,072.00
Pledged to Date.....\$000.00
Over Goal\$000.00
Participating Families0

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

CSA

As I have announced the last two weeks, it is once again time to support the Catholic Services Appeal for our diocese. I hope that the video at Mass last weekend got across how many different people benefit from the contributions you make to this cause. The list of people and events that benefit from this appeal is long. All our beautiful liturgies at the Cathedral are possible due to your generosity. I am grateful every time I can tell someone considering applying for a declaration of nullity of a previous marriage that there is no cost to them whatsoever, thanks to CSA. The diocesan offices also help to manage our Catholic school and provide assistance with marketing and enrollment. These items, in addition to educating our future priests and serving the poor through Catholic Charities, would not be possible without your contribution.

This year we are hoping to wrap up the appeal in a month and half. Our goal is \$141,072, which represents a 2.53% increase from last year. If everyone responds, we can easily reach this target. Remember that every dollar over this amount comes back to the parish and will help us pay off the Mosaic Restoration and Education Center. You can pay all at once or spread your pledge over 10

months, but I am asking that you please return your pledge card by the end of the month so that we can put this behind us for the rest of the year! Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Corona Virus Concerns

Not much has changed since my announcement at the beginning of Mass and the writing of this column. The virus continues to spread slowly across our country, but there are no confirmed cases in Michigan. As I said at the Masses, if you are sick, please be prudent and considerate of others and stay home from Mass. If you are sick you are dispensed from the obligation to attend, although, if possible, you should watch Mass on television. If your illness is mild and you decide to attend Mass, please do not dip your fingers in the holy water stoups at the entrances and do not receive the Precious Blood from the chalice. You should also refrain from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace and from holding someone else's hand during the Our Father. Please take these concerns seriously so that we can prevent the spread of all disease, not just the corona virus.

After last weekend a few people asked about the Communion Ministers and what

precautions they were taking. I have always encouraged our ministers to wash or sanitize their hands in the sacristy before distributing communion. Beginning with the Sunday Masses this past weekend, I am requiring those who are distributing the Hosts to walk through the sacristy before communion and either wash or sanitize their hands. There is less of a concern with the ministers of the chalice. I wash my hands before each Mass, and for the time being, will not shake anyone's hand at the Sign of Peace. If you have a compromised immune system, I recommend that you choose not to receive the Precious Blood, out of caution. This is a good time to remind everyone that we believe our Lord is present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, in each of the Sacred Species. You are still receiving all of our Lord if you only receive the Host.

Bishop Walkowiak Visit

Just a quick reminder that the bishop will be answering questions brought up during the Healing Our Church groups sessions this upcoming Saturday, March 21, from 10-Noon in the church. All are welcome to attend.

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

Fr. Dave

This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, March 16

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary
7:00 p.m. Adoration & Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.

Tuesday, March 17

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary
9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, March 18

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
3:45 p.m. Junior Choir Practice
4:15-5:30 p.m. Elementary Faith Form.
5:30-6:30 p.m. Reconciliation
6:30 p.m. Open Gym 7-12 FF
7:00 p.m. 7-12 Faith Formation

Thursday, March 19

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary
6:30-8 p.m. Quid Est Veritas
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir Practice

Friday, March 20

8:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary
2:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross
With the School Children
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21

10:00 a.m. Bishop Walkowiak Healing
Our Church Meeting
Reconciliation
3:00-4:15 p.m. Gratitude Gala
6:00 p.m. Gratitude Gala

Sunday, March 22

8 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Embrace Grace Table
6:30-8 p.m. Bible Timeline

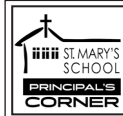
Healing OUR Church with Bishop Walkowiak: Bishop David Walkowiak invites all participants from the *Healing Our Church* process to attend. We will gather in prayer on **Saturday, March 21**, in the Church at **10 a.m.**



Thank You to all of the donors at last Sunday's Blood Drive. We collected **55** units of blood. Since the blood drive started that makes a total of 4,266 units. That is more than 9 barrels of blood. They were prepared to see 72 donors at this drive. This drive would not have been as successful as it was without all the volunteers who helped. Thank you to all of you who helped.



Are you ready for a Fish Fry? You're in luck! Knights of Columbus #2975 will be hosting weekly Lenten Fish Fry's beginning Friday, **February 28 through Good Friday, April 10** from 5-7 p.m. at: 1416 Washington, Grand Haven.
Dinner: \$10 Kids 6-10: \$5 5 and under free
No alcohol, Family Friendly



This week, I am feeling grateful for our **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**. If you

haven't been in the school since March is Reading Month began, you simply must see the festive environment our PTO created to support our efforts. The happy squeals as our students walk under the beachball arches each day are certainly a joyful noise! They have brought to life our "Beach Reading" theme, and we love it! PTO co-chairs, Kate Zick and Lindsey Miller, and their team of volunteers are a responsive, dedicated bunch who jump at the opportunity to make life at St. Mary's special! In a year where ideas and requests come last minute and unexpected, they have risen to every occasion. From reading month decor to teacher appreciation and Family Fun Night gift baskets, the PTO works hard to ensure that our school family thrives. Thank you PTO!

Also, let me take this opportunity to thank all the parishioners who plan to join us in just one week for our first ever Gratitude Gala. It is going to be a lovely evening to celebrate what makes St. Mary's School SOAR!

Ms. Katie Doyle, Principal St. Mary's School



The Embrace Grace Ministry will be having a fundraiser after all Masses the weekend of March 14-15. Lovely small religious candles for \$10! Please stop by to support our ministry!



Scrip Scoop

It's almost time for March Madness! Are you having a party or going out to a local pub/restaurant to enjoy the game? The cash and carry box have the gift cards you need to cheer on your favorite basketball team! Purchase Scrip for the following: Applebee's, Buffalo Wild Wings, D&W, Frank's Meat Market, JW's, Leppink's, Little Caesar's Pizza, Logan's Roadhouse, Meijer, Orchard Market, Panera Bread, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Red Robin, Stan's Bar, Subway, Walmart/Sam's, and many more.

For more information on the Scrip program, please visit our website: <https://www.stmarysl.org/scrip.html>

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Scripture Readings 03.22.20

Sm 16 1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23: 1-6
Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

Evangelization Clip

Matthew Kelly gives us a Prayer Process in his book, *Resisting Happiness*. 1) **Believe**. Have faith that holiness is possible. 2) **Dedicate** 10-minutes/day to prayer. Ask God for understanding and listen to Him, 3) **Offer** every hour of your life to God as a prayer, especially your work, 4) **Feed** your mind by reading the Bible and other great spiritual works. 5) **Serve** powerfully, Find ways to make a difference in lives of others. 6) **Mass**. Besides Sunday, try for one weekday Mass. 7) **Fasting**. Deny yourself in small ways many times a day. That will fill you with incredible spiritual strength. 8) **Reconciliation**. Regularly confess your sins. Consider spiritual counseling. Implement some good habits during Lent and keep them up afterwards. As we draw closer to Jesus and His Church, others will follow.

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 *difference* between the pro-life and pro-abortion movements is *not* that we love the baby and they love the mother. The real difference is that they think you can separate the two and we say you can't.

You cannot kill a baby without hurting the mother, and you cannot protect the baby without loving the mother."

Prolife Reflections for Every Day

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

Knights of Columbus #2975 Pancake Breakfast Sunday, March 15 after the Masses. Proceeds benefit the athletic programs of St. Mary's school.

Please pray for the family of Marshall Graves, Jr. (son of Annella Graves).

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

Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study: Meets in **B & C Rooms** on Tuesday from 9:30 - 11 am. We are currently studying **Lectio- Salvation** that can be found on Formed.org. We started March 3, but you can catch up at home or simply join in at anytime

Tap'd @ TED's: Tap'd is an event where somebody presents on a topic for thirty minutes while we enjoy a delicious meal or sip a drink. Then Fr. Dave answers questions from the "Stump Father" box located in the gathering space. Doors to the **Private Dining Room @ TED's** open for us at **6:30 pm**, presentation starts at 7 pm. The next Tap'd is Tuesday, **March 24** about Third Order Franciscans by Parishioner Ken Rasp.

Bible Timeline: Sundays at 6:30 pm-8:00 pm downstairs in **room D**. Catechist Bill Sibilla is leading a walk through the Bible using the Bible Timeline series.

"Quid Est Veritas": What is Truth? **Thursdays** at 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Youth Room, Catechist Gregory Todd will be leading the **Lectio - Salvation** series that can be found on Formed.org started on **March 5**. So, if you can't make the Bible Study, then this is for you! Books are available in class or by contacting me.

Man Up: We met in **St. Ans Chapel**, aka Stan's. The next topic is the **Men's Conference**. If you are interested in going with some guys, then send me an email. Next meeting **March 21 at 9 am**.

Healing OUR Church with Bishop Walkowiak: Bishop David Walkowiak invites all participants from the *Healing Our Church* process to attend. We will gather in prayer on **Saturday, March 21**, in the Church at **10 a.m.**, hear Bishop's response to the feedback received, and have the opportunity for questions and discussion.

Dave Heinert

Director of Adult Faith Formation

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St. Mary's Christian Service

Easter Food Drive Information:

1. The parish wide food drive is next weekend, **March 21 & 22**. We are planning on **80** baskets. Please bring your non-perishable gifts directly to the pantry building.
2. Volunteers are needed after each Mass next weekend to sort the donated items. Call Dorothy to let her know you are available.
3. Any parishioner in need of a food basket should call Dorothy by Tuesday, **March 31**.
4. Baskets will be packed on Monday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. Notify Dorothy by Monday, **March 30** if you will be helping.
5. Easter hams are needed and appreciated. Ham should be 6-9lbs., not cut in half. They are needed by Tuesday, **April 7**. They may be dropped off in the center kitchen refrigerator or taken to the pantry on Thursdays between 9 a.m. & 4 p.m. If you will be donating a ham call Dorothy in her office.

Lenten Devotionals, Stations of the Cross prayer cards and various devotional items are at the church entrances. This week there will be poster size coloring sheets titled "The Meaning of Lent" and on **March 22** the them will be "The Stations of the Cross." Please take one. They are a gift from the Christian Service Ministry.

St. Mary's Christian Service Ministry
Smiles and Blessings Dorothy E. Raha
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Faith Formation K-6

Gospel Reading

John 4:5-42

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.

This Gospel passage speaks to the heart of who do we accept in our lives? Do we only speak to those that we are comfortable with or our friends, who we feel are worthy to be our friends? The Jews who were observant in the time of Jesus did not speak to women in public. Jews also usually because of tensions between themselves and the Samaritans did not speak. This made the interaction between Jesus and the woman most unusual as she pointed out, "How can you a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman for a drink?" Jesus takes it even further showing his willingness to accept her by asking to share her cup. This according to Jewish law would make him unclean. Jesus offers her the gift of living water. This Samaritan woman who came to the well at a time to avoid people because of her not wanting to be seen by others became a witness to Jesus love. She was an outcast and accepted Jesus mercy. She went on to tell others of Jesus. She became his disciple.

Family Time:

Lent is a season for us to look at our lives closely and our relationship with God. This story shows us that Gods mercy is without limits.

Talk as a family about mercy. Do we as individuals offer mercy to others? Do we offer it as a family?

Jesus and the woman had a long talk about water. During Lent we recall our Baptism. In your time together talk about what Baptism means.

Do we invite others into this life with Jesus? Have we accepted the idea that we are called to share Jesus with others as the Samaritan woman did?



VBS is coming in June!! Would you like to join our team? We need many volunteers to have a fun and successful VBS for the children of the parish. Our first planning meeting will be **March 24. VBS June 22-26, 2020.**

Cynthia Larson

Faith Formation K-6

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Youth Ministry

Friday Lenten Fish Fry!

Don't forget the proceeds of our local fish fry will be going towards putting a brand new state of the art Ultrasound machine in our local pregnancy center Positive Options. St. Mary's along with St. Pat's - St. Anthony's youth are working with the Knights of Columbus to make this goal a reality!

All you can eat!, Take out orders! Family-friendly!

Fish Fry location is the Knights of Columbus Hall

1416 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, 5-7pm!

Chris Iwan

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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.*

LCPL Benjamin Bosse
Major Ken Brakora, USAF
Lt. Col. Jason Braun, USAF
PVT Brian Brennan, USA
MA1 Jason Bruemmer, USN
Capt. Catherine
Cassleman, ANG
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
SMSgt. Michael J. Rozneck. USAF
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
Logan Boon
Marisa Brizzalara
Janice Bullinger
Connor Burke
Gustavo Carrerro
Carolyn Cibor
Raymond Cibor
Millie Conran
DC
Danielle
Mark Dean
Sharon DeWitt
John Dobbs
Jim Donnelly
Jennifer Edinger
Caren Fann
Joe Fendt
Vanessa Fox
Mary Jo Glassner
Ernie Grabman
Paul Grantz
Russ Greenbauer
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Lee Haslick
Stephen B. Hess
Jack
Keki Jahs
Karen
Nicholas Karlsons
Kathleen Kennedy
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Beatrice Kotecki
Fred Kromer
Phil Lemmen
Janelle Martin
Bill Mason
Ridge Matthews
Jim McHugh
Melissa
Margie Meyer
Lisa Meyers
Susan Millett
Maureen Moran
Wendy Murray
Jacob Myers
Lydia Napieralski
Ted Ostradick
Janie & Ron P
Bill Palermo
Jennifer Porter
Val Race

Jack Richards
Ayden Riggs
Teresa Rivera
George Sadowski
Esperanza Sanchez
Kathie Saurbaugh
Christopher Schippers
Tony Schippers
Nancy Senkowicz
Roger Shoestring
Cathy Staeven
Linda Traynor
Charles VanderLaan
Ric VanWeelden
Alan Walczak
Eileen Westerhoff Young
Alan Williams
Richard Wilson
Sara Wolcott Family
Ted Youn
Zachary Zimmerman