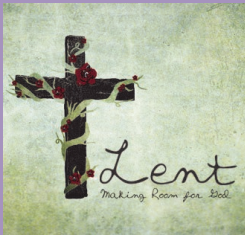


The Third Sunday of Lent

“I know that the Messiah is coming,
the one called the Anointed.”

John 4:25



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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.

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Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 20
8:00 a.m. +Lucille Siemion
by Yvonne Richards

Tuesday, March 21
8:00 a.m. +Russell & Virginia
Johnson by Pat & Cathy
Kennedy

Wednesday, March 22
8:00 a.m. +Stanley & Cecelia Zysk
by Helen Paul

Thursday, March 23
8:00 a.m. +John Bauer
by Fr. Tom McKinney
6:00 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Family

Friday, March 24
9:00 a.m. For an End to Violence
In our World

Saturday, March 25
4:30 p.m. +Christine McClellan &
Mary Lou Nummikoski
by Mark & Michelle
Gauthier
+Loretta Sauve
by Bob & Eileen
Grunstra

Sunday, March 26
9:00 a.m. +Dr. Sergio Cuison, Jr.
by Ed & Kathy Lutkus
Family
11:00 a.m. +Anne Lesar
by St. Mary's Women's
Club

Liturgical Assignments

03/25-26/2017

4:30 pm: Jackie Twa, Bryce VanDuinen, Luke Meredith, Sydney Noorman, Jera Worth, Sam & Irene Barbera, Jill & John Conroy, Arinda Howell, Cathy Kennedy, Fr. Ken, Jackie & Paul Twa, David & Theresa VanVeelen

9:00 am: John Bilski, Julia & Meah Bajt, Elana LaGuire, Floria Mason, Bill Berns, Carl & Betty Doering, Bridget Fogel (req sub), Dave Gibson, Julie Kieft, Jeanne Kops, Kristin Padula, Joe Popiel, Alice Szpieg, Michael Zambiasi

11:00 am: Dave Young, Zeb James, Arissa Johnston, Faith Novakoski, Suzanne James, Bill & Patti Bernesser, Janet Cox, Mary Sue Farmer, Sandy Mercurio, Susan & Fred Millett, Rob Shippy, Carl Wasson, Henry Werksma

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



Scripture Readings 03.26.17

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

Our First Fruits to God

Sunday 03/12/2017

Online Giving	\$2,984.00
Debits	\$1,230.00
Adult Envelopes.....	\$13,114.05
Kids Coins.....	\$33.14
Loose Contributions.....	\$1,928.50
Total Support.....	\$19,289.69

Education Center Goal.....	\$5,500,000.00
Education Center To Date.....	\$3,031,574.84

Renovation Goal	\$90,000.00
Renovation To Date	\$87,040.72
	(Inc. CSA over)

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

A Word From The Pastor

I would like to extend a special invitation to everyone to join us this Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings at 7 pm for our joint parish mission with St. Patrick-St. Anthony, held here in our church at St. Mary's. Fr. Albert Haase, OFM is a well-known speaker around the world who will present to us on "The Three Challenges of Jesus." The Lenten Mission series will help attendees explore the importance of Surrender and Trust, which are important for all of us to consider every day, but especially during this Season of Lent! Yes, we are all very busy, but taking just three hours out of your upcoming week can help to change your life forever. We are blessed to be able to host this event and lend a hand to our neighboring parish as they undergo renovations to their church. Don't miss out on this opportunity and regret it later!

We are more than a third of the way into our Lenten journey, so how are you doing at making some positive changes in your life to prepare for the celebration of Easter? It is never too late, so if you haven't been doing as much as you would like, or if you just feel that you need to take some drastic action to make your relationship with God a priority, start

today! Join us for Mass on Thursday, take advantage of the extra times for the sacrament of reconciliation, choose to do some extra fasting, turn off the television and do some spiritual reading, or just take a few moments each day to engage in a conversation with God. The possibilities are endless, and whatever you choose to do in order to bring yourself closer to God will bring great benefits to your life!

I must apologize that I got the date of the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) second collection wrong in my announcements last Sunday. It will be taken up next weekend! CRS is the United States' Catholic Bishops' agency that works around the world to help alleviate poverty, provide assistance after natural disasters, and help to bring an end to suffering. Sometimes we need a reminder of how blessed we are to live in West Michigan and have very few serious concerns. Millions of people around the world aren't so fortunate. Contributing to CRS is one way that we can share of the gifts we have been given by God in order to help others. Please be as generous as you are able!

Our food pantry has now been open for two

weeks in its new location in the former elementary school, and the transition seems to be going very smoothly. We have added lots of space and made it easier for those who need the assistance of the pantry to get in and out. A huge thank you goes out to all who volunteered their time and skills to renovate our new space! Our parish and those whom we serve owe you a giant debt of gratitude. We would like everyone to please consider making donations of food and other goods to our pantry, especially now that we have more storage space available!

Finally, this weekend is commitment weekend for the Catholic Services Appeal. Our goal has gone up slightly from last year, and we need everyone to do their part to help us reach it. Once again, all of the overage gets returned entirely to our parish and will be used to pay off all of the renovation and building projects around the church, school, and pantry. There will no longer be a second collection to pay off the renovations, so thank you to all who so generously gave to support this project!

May God bless you and all of those you love during this upcoming week!

Fr. Dave

At a Glance

Monday, March 20

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 7-8:30 p.m. Fr. Albert Haase

Tuesday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 22

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
 3-5:00 p.m. Open Youth Room
 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 23

Food Pantry Open

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

Friday March 24

12 noon-1 p.m. Reconciliation
 6-7:30 p.m. Adoration/Confessions/
 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 25

9 a.m.- noon 1st Eucharist Retreat
 12-:12:30 p.m. Shine Registration
 2:30 p.m. Sacrament of the Sick
 3-4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, March 26

St. Mary's Christian Service

Relocation of the Pantry – First week opened was March 9, 2017. All went well. Clients were happy and surprised at the size and comfort. Parishioners came in and out dropping off donated food and taking a tour. A huge **thank you to all** who worked so hard to make it possible. **Special thanks to** Fr. David Gross, Earl Martin, Gary Willoughby, Paul, Jim and Tom Twa, Christian Service Board Members and you our parish family.

Please remember Christian Service when you shop. We are planning on **50 Easter Food Baskets**. The following items are requested and needed by **Sunday, April 2nd** (we need time to pack them). **Each basket will contain:** fresh ham, corn, peas, fruit, Jell-O, yams, boxed potatoes, cake/cookie mix, treats, holiday napkin's, We have *enough egg dye kits*. You may leave your non-perishable food donations on the **cart in the gathering space** or **bring to the pantry on Thursdays, between 9am & 4 PM.**

Easter Hams are appreciated...size of hams should be 6-9 pounds. All hams needed by **Tuesday, April 11.** You may place them in the Center Kitchen Refrigerator or **bring to the Pantry on Thursdays, between 9am & 4 PM.** Questions or to donate a ham, call Dorothy at 616-842-2602.

If you are a **parishioner** and **would like a basket** please call Dorothy Raha at her Office by Tuesday, **April 4** at 616-842-2602.

Smiles and Blessings,
 Dorothy E. Raha
 draha@stmarysl.org/616-842-2602

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.

Lenten Fish Frys

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

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst."

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.

March 25th is the Feast of the Annunciation when Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Nine months later, He was born on Christmas. Next week will begin a series of bulletin messages *The Miracle of Life* about the development of the child in the womb – just like the development of Jesus in Mary's womb. Together, we will learn of the miracle of our earliest days of life.

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

A Special Event

The **Arts & Environment Committee** is trying to bring an artistic look to the planter box in the east stairway between the church and the school. We are looking for large rocks and birch branches to accomplish this task. If you would like to donate either of these items please contact us at 616-846-5233.

Thank you to Helen Paul and Kathy Reminder for the beautiful artwork they have donated to place in this stairway. These prints will especially help the students reflect on the season.

If you would like to help prepare the Church for Holy Week please contact Katie Carlson-Arts & Environment chairperson, 616-846-5233.



Scrip Scoop

Our Scrip "Cash and Carry" has what you need for your Lenten dinners: Arby's, Pizza Hut, Wendy's, Subway, Little Caesar's Pizza, Papa Murphy's, Panera Bread, Frank's Meat Market, Top Butcher Shoppe, Village Baker, Culver's, D&W, Leppink's, Orchard Market, and Gordon Foods.

Thank you for your continued support of our Scrip Program!!! Last week's sales were over \$18,000! We added 18 more families who are donating to our St. Mary's Tuition Fund, 5 more families who are donating to MSOW, and 4 more using the credit for Youth Ministry/Faith Formation!

Our \$50 Scrip gift card winner is Julie Hellberg! Julie, you can get your Meijer card at the Scrip table!! You can get more info on Scrip at the Scrip table in the Gathering Space. Give it a try!

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

Youth Ministry

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

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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HELP WANTED

St. Mary's Festival Committee is looking for a new chairperson. This position can be handled by one or two individuals.

This is an annual event held in July. There are many seasoned volunteers who will be available to help the new leader(s) through the process of planning and organizing.

Proceeds from the festival help both our school and parish with many projects.

Please prayerfully consider joining the festival team as the leader. Please contact the parish office for more information, 616-842-1702.

Thank you.

Perpetual Adoration

Volunteers Needed: Sunday, 11 a.m.- noon, Monday 2-3 a.m. (until October), plus Monday 3-4 a.m., Thursday 11-noon, Saturday, 2-3 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 5-6 p.m. & 6-7 p.m. **Second person needed:** Sunday 2-3 p.m. Monday 3-4 a.m., Wednesday, 8-9 p.m. Thursday 6-7 p.m., Friday, 7-8 a.m., Saturday, 10 p.m.-11p.m.

Reminder: When the Grand Haven Public Schools are closed the Chapel is closed. You will receive a call.

Call coordinators, Joan Blasky 842-5776 or Adele Croft 760-4485 if you are able to help.



Thank you to all donors at last Sunday's Blood Drive. We successfully collected 55 units of much needed blood. A huge thank you to our volunteers : Jackie Twa, Ben Lutz, Jim Huyge, Tracy Taylor, John Clark, Kate Rasmussen, Gloria Draeger, Betty Sweet, Barb Eskew, Susan Cochrane, Rita Dyke and LeAnn Knudsen. Please plan to donate at our next drives on **May 14** and **July 16**.

Faith Formation K-6

RICE BOWL – 4 week 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).

KIDS COINS – March Kids Coins will be donated to The Muskegon Rescue Mission – Did you know that \$123 can help 63 people seeking help?

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.

FF Easter Mass – will take place on Wednesday, 5/3. This is also our last class of the year! We will be in the church the entire time. Be sure to drop off and pick up your children at the church. Also, please be aware that we observe Holy Silence in the church, especially since Reconciliation begins at 5:30.

Yours in Faith,
Wendi Kujawski

Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation
616-842-2840, wkujawski@stmarysl.org

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 through **April 12**, 7:00 PM in the church.

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. **CHILD CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE**—Please call Pam Hill at 842-8230 ext. 125 to register ahead of time.

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

Our sponsor of the week is **JET'S PIZZA**. You make it possible for us to receive the bulletin at no charge. Please remember to patronize our bulletin ad sponsors.

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
Terry Johnson
 Jerry Kennedy
 Violet Korecki
 Fred Kromer

Ridge Matthews
 Jeanne McHugh
 Jim McHugh
 Michael Mize
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 Jamie Noorman
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 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
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 Cassleman, USAF
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 LT. Kristi Cassleman, M.D., USN
 Capt. Rick Cassleman, USAF
 Courtney Clark, Peace Corps,
 SSGT Johnathan Cox II, USAF
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 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
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 Major L. Brandon Wohlschlegel,
 Army Ranger.