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Hey Dad's, Have You Heard, the Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held at St. Patrick's Family Center on Saturday, **April 14, 2016**. We're a little short on information this week. Check back next weekend and all the details will be available.



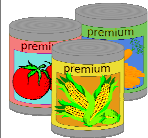
St. Martin's Kids—Thank You **3rd grade faith formation** for your year long service project and all the youngsters who participated in 'Kids Coins' in the month of November. St. Martin's Kids received a check for \$382.80 to purchase shoes for the children at the orphanage. We feel very blessed to be the recipient of this corporal work of mercy. See pictures posted on the parish website St. Martin's Kids page or visit FB.



Wanted: The fourth grade class is hosting a hair donation party on May 26th. They are in need of professional hair stylist who would be willing to donate their time for an hour or more on that day to cut hair for the girls at St. Mary's whom have selflessly decided to donate their hair to Wigs 4 Kids. Each girl will be in need of a cute bob haircut. If you or someone you know is a professional hair stylist and would be willing to come in and help, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs. Christoffersen at 231-225-6264 or kchristoffersen@slstm.org



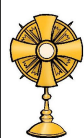
GARDEN ANGELS - Our Spring Organizational meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m.**, in Meeting Room D (the old RCIA Room). We are always looking for additional members. Is gardening something you enjoy? Do you think you would like to become involved in this ministry? Consider coming to the meeting on Tuesday, **April 26** to meet our current members and explore whether this group might be a good fit for you. What do we do? We will plant annuals in late May, and throughout the summer work to keep them blooming and weed free. We also tend to the various perennials and shrubs around the grounds. For additional information, please contact Cathy Kennedy at 616-846-1056 or catken2011@live.com.



The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) will be distributing USDA commodities to low-income families in Ottawa County on Friday, **April 29, 2016**. Locations included are Community Action House in Holland, St. Patrick/St. Anthony Parish in Grand Haven, Hudsonville Congregational U.C.C. in Hudsonville and Church of the Savior in Coopersville, You may only receive commodities at one site and must have proof that you are an Ottawa County resident. The website address is: <https://www.miottawa.org/Community/CAA/> or phone 1-800-764-4111 ext 4433.

What's Happening at The Catholic Information Center in April?

Balancing Spirituality and Work presented by Rabbi Albert Lewis on Thursday, **April 28** from 5:30-7 p.m. Rabbi Lewis will speak about the role of spirituality in work, the work of spirituality and the importance of work itself. Further, he will talk about how work can be a spiritual experience and how the work of spirituality, in and of itself, is demanding. \$10 donation requested.



Perpetual Adoration Volunteers Needed: Sunday 1-2 p.m., Tuesday. 2-3 a.m., Friday 1-2 a.m. & 2-3 a.m., Saturday, 2-3 a.m. **Second person needed:** Sunday noon-1 p.m. (alternate weeks), 2-3 p.m. Monday 3-4 a.m. (for 3 months) & 5-6 a.m., Wednesday **urgent** 7-8 a.m. Thursday 5-6 a.m., Friday 10-11 a.m., 5-6 p.m. (*urgently needed*).

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 25

8:00 a.m. +Ida Belle Currie
by Don Currie

Tuesday, April 26

8:00 a.m. +Mildred Schmidt
by Elsa Schmidt

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 a.m. +Richard Yedinak
by Dorothy Raha

Thursday, April 28

8:00 a.m. +Ida Belle Currie
by Her Family

Friday, April 29

9:00 a.m. Special Intention of Cathy
by Jan & Claudia Olsen

Saturday, April 30

4:30 p.m. +Brad Lange & John McKendry
by Bob & Eileen Grunstra
+Paul Michaud
by Alice Michaud

Sunday, May 01

9:00 a.m. +Beverly Dupey & Margaret Payne
by Martin & Carol Payne
11:00 a.m. +Mary Kohnke
by Her Family

Scripture Readings - May 01, 2016

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn:14: 23-29
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8



Parish Events

Monday, April 25

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Adoration Holy Hour
7:00 p.m. RCIA

Tuesday, April 26

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
9:30 a.m. Untold Blessing Series
6:30 p.m. Junior Choir
7:00 p.m. Garden Angels Meeting
7-8:30 p.m. Pillars of Catechism Study

Wednesday, April 27

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
7:30a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:15 p.m. Faith Formation K-6
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
6:00 p.m. 7/8th Grade Faith Formation
7:00 p.m. The Name of God is Mercy

Thursday, April 28

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
9:00 a.m. Pantry
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday, April 29

Saturday, April 30

3:00 p.m. Sacrament of the Sick
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, May 01



Scrip Scoop

Use Scrip to show mom a little love this year. What do moms love? How about flowers, nice dinners, shopping, a day at the movies, or maybe chocolates? Whatever it is, spoil your mom this Mother's Day! It's easy to shop for your Mother's Day at our cash and carry box: Amazon, Applebee's, Bath and Body Works, Celebration Cinema, Dining Concepts, Goodrich Theatres, iTunes, JC Penney's, Kohl's, Olive Garden, Starbucks, TJ Maxx, Target, Village Baker, Sweet Temptations, and Wild Blue Frozen Yogurt!

It's that time of year again; Great Lakes Scrip is offering special small denomination gift cards, perfect for teacher gifts and grad parties! These cards will only be available while supplies last, so don't wait to place your orders. The following cards are available for special order: \$10 Amazon, \$10 AMC theatre, \$5 Barnes & Noble, \$10 Meijer, \$5 Starbucks and \$10 Target.

We are carrying the Barnes & Noble and Starbucks in the cash and carry box.

Lynn Daugherty & Laura McKenna
Scrip Coordinators 616-824-1702
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St. Mary's Christian Service



Under Construction...Please Remember our pantry when you shop. The east entrance is not available, but the pantry is. You will still find carts in the hall outside the pantry door. May the extra steps you walk, bring blessings.

St. Mary's Central Food Pantry is an ongoing weekly ministry which appreciates and needs your support. **This week our list includes:** sugar, cereal, baked beans, pasta sauce, Ramen Noodles, syrup, dry spaghetti pasta, deodorant/shampoo, and detergent. *Scrip and monetary donations and gift cards of any kind are always welcomed.*



May is **Month of the Holy Rosary**. You will find at the Statue of Our Lady, complimentary **blessed** rosaries and pamphlets on "How to Pray the Rosary (Gifts offered from your Christian Service Ministry). Take a moment and stop in the Madonna Chapel and view the 300 plus statues of Our Blessed Mother. You will find a light switch under the bottom of the case.

Adult Faith Formation

"Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness" by Bishop Robert Barron is the subject of our Tuesday morning series through **May 15**. We've begun with Path One: "Finding the Center," which is about truly making Jesus the center of our life. Path Two is "Knowing You Are a Sinner"; Path Three is "Your Life is Not About You." We meet in Room B/C on Tuesdays at 9:30AM. New members are always welcome anytime.

The Name of God is Mercy: This is a three-part presentation based on Pope Francis' new book of the same name. Two weeks ago we explored the theme of mercy as the first attribute of God. Last week we explored a "Theology of Sin." We conclude this week with "Healing the Wound." This is based in part on Pope Francis' famous quote: "I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds." We meet in the Abbey at 7:00 PM.

Jim Penrice, Director of Faith Formation Phone: (616) 842-1702, Fax: (616) 842-3392, jpenrice@slstm.org.

Faith Formation K-6

VBS – This year's theme is The Vatican Express (think The Magic School Bus goes to the Vatican). Dates are **Mon 6/27 – Thurs 6/30, 9:00AM - Noon**. Cost will be \$15 per child with a family max of \$45. CD's will be available for \$5.99 each. Registration will take place the weekend of 4/30-5/1.

REGISTRATION for the coming year is now open through the parish website. Tuition fees remain the same \$55 for grades K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6. And \$65 for 2nd grade (extra Sacramental prep materials). The fee covers textbooks, classroom supplies and teacher stipends. Due to large class sizes (and how wonderful is that!?) we will have two 1st grade and two 2nd grade classes next year. Please give me a call if you are interested in becoming a catechist or classroom aid. More information at the upcoming Ministry Fair.

SUMMER FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TRIPS – We are combining families from St. Mary's and St. Pat's/St. Anthony's for two family trips this July. Transportation will be provided (thank you to the Tri-City Auction for your support)

- On **Wednesday, July 13** we will be going to Grand Rapids, with a focus on Mercy. We will tour the Diocesan Center and St. Andrew's Cathedral. We will attend Mass at the Cathedral and have lunch. Then it's on to the Grand Rapids Children's Museum.
- On **Wednesday, July 27** we will be heading to Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek, with a focus on St. Francis and animals in scripture. Again, transportation will be provided.

Watch the bulletin for more info. Or sign up at the Ministry Fair.

Yours in Faith,
Wendi Kujawski, Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation,
616-842-2840, wkujawski@slstm.org

Youth Ministry

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. In this Year of Mercy, discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy. CD's available at the kiosk in the gathering space.

Steubenville Youth Conference June 24-26th

Only one spot open. \$180. due at registration. This is for anyone in 9-12th grade as of this summer. So if your in 8th grade now you can sign up!

Chris Iwan

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A Word From The Pastor

This weekend I would like to invite everyone to take a walk through the activity center after Mass and to check out our Ministry Fair. In a parish the size of St. Mary there are so many opportunities to get involved, but communicating this to everyone who might be interested can be extremely difficult. If you have ever thought that God is calling you to do more, or to find more ways to serve him, or if you simply have a little bit of extra time and want to spend it in service of your parish and those in need, there is bound to be something here for you! I must admit that, even as the pastor, I am not aware of all of the groups and organizations doing some tremendous good work here. So please, take a few minutes out of your busy day and visit the various tables to find out where your skills, interests, and desire to serve might intersect in order to benefit our parish community!

This Sunday afternoon we are hosting the special showing of the movie "Full of Grace" with a special talk by executive producer Eric Groth at the Frauenthal Theatre in Muskegon. If you haven't purchased a ticket yet, they will be available at the theater for both the 2 PM and 6 PM show. The event is a fundraiser for the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Campaign for our new education center, but the \$15 price tag is a bargain for what you will be experiencing, thanks especially to our business sponsors who are underwriting much of the cost. As we prepare to celebrate the "Month of Mary" in May, watching this movie and reflecting on Mary's role as the Mother of God and one of the most important leaders of the early Church will help us to better appreciate the gift that she is to all of us! Please make a trip up to Muskegon and join us in this beautiful setting to enjoy this special opportunity!

As our CSA campaign kicks off, this weekend is commitment weekend. Hopefully, everyone on the parish mailing list received a letter from me and a pledge card in the mail this past week. As I spoke about at Mass last week, the CSA provides vital services throughout our diocese and is one of the ways that we are called to support the work of the greater Catholic Church. Last year only about 420 of the 1100 or so families in our parish participated in the campaign. Our goal for this year is 100% participation. Even if you can only give a dollar, or nothing at all, please return the pledge card indicating that so that we know you received the information. This will also prevent us from sending you a follow-up mailing. It is my prayer, however, that everyone can contribute something to help us reach our \$126,000+ goal. Every penny that comes in over our goal will be used for the new carpet and tile in the church, and if that gets paid for, then it will go toward the other capital work that is being done in the church and the new educational center. In order to count on these dollars, however, we must reach our goal quickly. Please return your pledge card as soon as you can so that our parish can reach our goal! Thank you in advance for your tremendous generosity!

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

Fr. Dave

Survivors of Loss to Suicide Support Group meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's-St. Anthony's Catholic Church Family Center. Facilitated by survivors Steve & Tina Shannon with Jeremy Drake, M.A., LLPC of Tri-Cities Ministries.

Our 1st Fruits to God Sunday 4/17/2016

Online Giving	\$ 3,038.00
Debits	\$ 1,160.00
Adult Envelopes	\$ 13,964.50
Child Envelopes	\$ 0.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 1,337.45
Total Support	\$ 19,499.95

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

"Some people come in your life as blessings.

Some come in your life as lessons".

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Our sponsor of the week is **BEACON RECYCLING**. Thank you to all of our sponsors. You make it possible for us to receive the bulletin at no charge. Please remember to patronize our bulletin ad sponsors.

Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what it *has*, love for one another.

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.

"By radiating charity and mercy to all our neighbors, we provide those much-needed islands of mercy. Together, we stand against the wind of the throwaway culture, and brave its sea of indifference, sustained by Jesus who is, as Pope Francis has called Him, "the living face of the Father's mercy."

Life Issues Forum USCCB

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

Pray For Peace



In Our World

April 30/May 1, 2016

4:30 p.m. Jackie Twa, Charles, Kate & Lucy Leonard, Jim Stariha, Tony Kolenic, Gail Brechting, Barbara Eskew, Amy Giroux, Arinda Howell, Fr. Ken, Kathy Struve (req sub), Paul & Jackie Twa, James Walkenhorst, Carl & Karen Wasson **9:00 a.m.** Dave Kops, Drew & Marley Fogel, Tori Airo, Betty Doering, Jeanne Kops, Bill Berns, Rob Clark, Carl Doering, Bridget Fogel, Anne Fuller, Barb Griffith, Jeanne Kops, Carl & Sharon Mesker, Joe Popiel, Alice Szpieg **11:00 a.m.** Paula Kendra, Elana LaGuire, Justin Daugherty, Christopher Kotkowicz, Paula Hysell, Linda Dunn (req sub), Bill & Patti Bernesser, Bill Dunn (req sub), Wendy Ely, Mary LaGuire, Sandy Mercurio, Fred & Susan Millett, Rob & Cheri Shippy, Sharon Vink **Ushers:** Tom Swifney, David Wilson, Chris Ostrowski, Pat Kennedy, George Bennett, Mark Gauthier, Dave Clark, Jim Gignac, Jim O'Brien, Dick Yount, Sam Young, Tim Raha, Shawn James, Adam Hill, Don Kotecki, Michael Bernard, John Scott **Greeters for May 7/8:** Cindy Caulfield, Rita Dyke, Sam & Irene Barbera, Helen & Peter Boomgaard, The Reichel Family, Gina & Matt Wiedenhoef, Lance Kilinski, Matt Tilton.

Pray for those in Military Service

Alice (Harring) Black, CDR USN, LCPL Benjamin Bosse, Capt. Ken Brakora, USAF, USMC, Major Jason Braun, USAF, PVT Brian Brennan, USA, MA1 Jason Bruemmer, USN, CWO5 Tracy T. Byers, USMC, 2nd LT Catherine, Cassleman, USAF, Capt. Jim Cassleman M.D., USAF, LT. Kristi Cassleman, M.D., USN, 1st LT Rick Cassleman, USAF, Courtney Clark, Peace Corps, Airman 1st Class Johnathan Cox II, PFC Zachary J. Crevier, USA, Specialist Ryan Diedrich, USA, SGT Scott Diedrich, USMC, SPEC Jayson D. Dubuc, USA, SGT Justin Ebidon, USMC, SFC Jacob Frame, Green Beret, SGT Jacob Gardner, USMC, Airman Jacob Green, USAF, CPL Spencer Howe, USMC, MSGT Daniel Kauppila, USMC, Airman Basic Zachary Kennedy, USAF, SGT Adam Ketner, USMC, Capt. Devin J. Kolenic, SrA Scott Lange USAF, USMC, SPC Henry T. May, USA, Andrew McCabe, Coast Guard Helicopter Rescue, LTCOL Tess McCann, USAF, SFC Erin Marie Miller, USA, SSGT Craig Miller, USA, Lt. Col. William F. Rattedge, USAF, Spec. Joseph Rohloff, USA, Major Kenneth Rossman, USMC, S.M.SGT. 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, Capt. Max Smith, USA, CAPT. Ann Trombly, USAF, Major L. Brandon Wohlschlegel, Army Ranger, LTJG Michael J. Zacek, USN

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

Steve Allen Family	Tony Dexter	Ginny Hallead	James Lindsey	Bill Palermo	Sheila Dubuc Sipovic
Chase Anspach	Alice Diedrich	Nancy Hansen	Lucille Lipuma	Jim Panyard	Jim Smith
Thomas Antekeier	Annette Dippel	Kellie Hardenbergh	Bob Love	Betty Parsons	Dawn Stevens
Vincent Antonich	James Falvey	Carol Harpe	Orlee Lukasik	Helen Paul	Jack Strait
Betty Archambeau	Darci Ferguson	Mel & Judy Harrington	Dom Lungaro	Erin Plaggemars	T.S.
Baby Declan	Orla Fielder	Carole Hill	Ann MacNeill	Jodi Plaggemars	Tammy Tlachac
Anita Colleen Baker	Patricia Fowler	Greg Howe	Ben D. MacNeill	Alice Pranger	Julia Twinning
Nicole Baker	Jim Forrest	J.C. Howe	Theresa Maecumber	Ruth Ann Pranskaitis	Genevieve Urbanik
Bertha Bakale	Don Ferguson	Paula Hysell	Roman Marciniak	Val Race	Elizabeth Vaibar
Jordon Balavitch	Fred Gallagher	Michelle Jahs	Pat Mars	Dorothy Raha	Gloria Vargo
Michael Baldus	Mary Ann Gallagher	Jeremy	Les Martin	Michelle Ready	Barb Vink
Michele Bare	Chuck Gardner	Annette Johnson	Mary	Ayden Riggs	Carla Vink
Joyce Berns	Richard Gargett	Lin Johnson	Ellen Matthews	Katy Robinson	Vic Vipond
Carl Birch	Kim Gelderman	Jude	Ridge Matthews	Helen & Larry Rozneck	Julie Walkenhorst
David Blackshear	Paula Geldros	Linda Karr	Cathy May	Tony Ruggiero	Harry Waruszewski
Logan Boon & Family	Jenni Gesiakowski	Mary Keller	Justine McConnell	Terri Rüter	Gene Wessel
Scott Bray	Nancy Gibout	Barb & Bill Kennedy	Katie McDermott	Fr. Phil Salmonowicz	Eileen Westerhoff Young
Patrick Brennan	Thomas Glavich	Bob Kerridge	Jeanne McHugh	Judy Schaner	Chris Whalen
Mitch Brown	Marilyn Glueck	Jane & Ray Kilbourn	Jim McHugh	Elsa Schmidt	Amanda White
Patty & John Buksar	Alexandria Gordon	David Kindem	Rose Melpolder	Winnie Schmitt	Kelsey Wilson
Kailyn Carter	Leonard Gorecki	Frank Knuth	Max Metzger	Gerry Seger	Billie Kops Wimmer
Drew Clarke	Janie Gorham	Mary T. Kohler	Michael	Sister Mary Dorothy	Zach Zimmerman
Dan Coulier	Mark Gordy	Ron Kolenic	John H. Miller	Helen Slaughter	Karen Zegunis
Maggie Coulter	Barb Greene	Violet Korecki	Andrea Nelson	Christine Smith	
Shirley Crowe	Priscilla Gross	Helen Kreft	Chris Michael	Denise Smith	
Carolyn Crumbacher	Bob Hagar	Kaitlyn Lacrosse	Jamie Noorman	Sam Smith	
John Dark	James DeHahhn	Karen L. LaDucer	Jim O'Brien	Nancy Senkowicz	
Laura DeHahn	Charlie Hall	Dan LeMaire	Julianne Ososkie	Lucille Siemion	