

*Baylee Andree
 Cole Barclay
 Leah Bates
 Jackson Biros
 Tyler Bolhuis
 Parker Bonney
 Carson Botbyl
 Parker Brininstool
 Antonella Cantu
 Evan Christoffersen
 Cole Charnley
 Magdalene Cutler
 Jillian Essex
 Calleigh Fogel
 Elise Fricano
 Kolby Gabryszak
 Jonathan Harris
 Killian Harrison
 Madalynn Hartman
 Owen Haveman
 Murrone Henderson
 Juana Hernandez
 Owen Highhill
 Parker Hill
 Krew Isard
 Josie James
 Samuel Janicek
 Cael Kovick
 Mallory Martinez
 Wesley Mazurek
 Gillian McDonald
 James Middleton
 Atalya Miller
 Annika Mogren
 Sydney Morrissey
 Reagan Mullally
 Julien O'Brien
 Brylie Orr
 Bryce Petznik
 Adriana Pressey
 Megan Rasmussen
 Tyler Revell
 Keegan Ryan
 Summer Schafer
 Nolan Stalec
 William Trudell
 Reese Walker
 Dominic Wrona
 KayLani Young*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

APRIL 29 & 30, 2017

Welcome To The Table Of The Lord



St. Mary's Catholic Church

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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 Not**

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, May 01

8:00 a.m. +Ralph & Mary Buit
by Pat & Cathy Kennedy

Tuesday, May 02

8:00 a.m. +Bob Tighe, +Robert
House & +Walter
Grabowski
by Dorothy Raha

Wednesday, May 03

8:00 a.m. S.I. of Peter & Helen
Boomgaard
by Rita Dyke

Thursday, May 04

8:00 a.m. S.I. of the Raha Sisters
by Helen Paul

Friday, May 05

9:00 a.m. +Anne Lesar
by Chris & Mary
Cassleman

Saturday, May 06

4:30 p.m. +Bill Paul
by Helen Paul
+Marge Payne
by Richard Kirby

Sunday, May 07

9:00 a.m. +Rudolph Kolenic
by Kirk Antekeier
Family
11:00 a.m. +Jeanne McHugh
by Rick Kurdziel Family
+Jerry Sibet
by Bud Brechting

Liturgical Assignments

05/06-07/2017

4:30 pm: Jackie Twa, Brooke & Kennedy Brininstool, Alex Hoisington, Paul Twa, Jill & John Conroy, Amy Giroux, Gary & Wendi Kujawski, Karen Mead, Fr. Ken, Kathy Struve, David & Theresa VanVeelen, James Walkenhorst

9:00 am: Lou Draeger, Faith Clark, Kendra & Grant Kieft, Kathy Cicholski, Beth & Colleen Barraclough, Diane & David Burel, Maryvic Cuison, Gloria Draeger, Anne Fuller, Michael Goodwin, Barb Griffith, Kristin Padula, Alice Szpieg

11:00 am: Ray Murray, Lily Clare & Daniel Winter, Erin Curcio, Bill & Patti Bernesser, Janet Cox, Lance Kilinski, Mary LaGuire, Faith Marasco, Susan & Fred Millett, Rob Shippy, Mitchel Tennyson, Carl Wasson

Ushers: Terry Johnson, Joe Mead, Mike Brown, Fred Kromer, Steve Boyink, George Bennet, Mark Gauthier, Dave Clark, Jim Gignac, Jim O'Brien, Dick Yount, Sam Young, Chip Wright, Jim Huyge

Scripture Readings 05.07.17

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Ps 23:1-6,
1Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

Our First Fruits to God

Sunday 04/23/2017

Online Giving\$3,566.50
Adult Envelopes.....\$12,807.00
Kids Coins\$46.90
Loose Contributions\$1,520.25
Total Support.....\$17,940.65

Education Center Goal\$5,500,000.00
Education Center To Date.....\$3,053,598.15

CSA Goal\$126,317.00
Pledged To Date.....\$107,167.00
Needed To Make Goal\$ 19,150.00
Participating Families.....328

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

A Word From The Pastor

At all of the Masses this weekend, there are second grade students receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord for the first time. First Communion weekend is always one of my favorite times of the year. The children all look so angelic as they come forward in the communion line. Their faith can, and should, be an inspiration to all of us. That is one of the reasons why I prefer to have the First Communion celebrated as part of the normal weekend Masses. We should all be praying for these children, not just today, but throughout the year, that their faith will never waiver and that they will come back each week to the Table of Our Lord to be fed. St. Mary's actually has a higher percentage of students in our school and faith formation program who attend Mass every week, or at least almost every week, than the other parishes with which I have been associated, but the number should be much closer to 100%. I appreciate how busy families are and all of the many demands on time that come from many different places, but unless the faith and weekly Mass attendance are made the top priority in our lives, something is very much out of kilter. May we all fully appreciate the

great gift Jesus has given to us in the Eucharist, and do all that we can do to take advantage of this gift every week!

This Sunday afternoon, the eighth graders from our parish will have the privilege of traveling to the Cathedral of St. Andrew to receive the sacrament of confirmation from Bishop Walkowiak. Their teachers, catechists, and I have stressed to them that this sacrament should not be seen as a graduation, but rather as an opportunity to take a more personal and active role in their own faith formation, now aided by the Holy Spirit. This special sacrament will equip the young men and women of our parish who receive it to better live their faith, to evangelize others, and to fulfill new roles at Mass, such as lectors. Please keep these young people in your prayers this weekend that they may put this great gift of the Holy Spirit to use every day of their life!

Speaking of confirmation, did you know that it is one of the three sacraments of initiation, along with baptism and Eucharist? If you are an adult who never received this great gift,

please talk to me about the possibility of being confirmed in the next year. It is actually a requirement to get married that Catholics be confirmed first, if possible. There are many reasons why you might not have been confirmed, but please don't wait any longer if this is something you have been thinking about.

Finally, plans are coming together for our dedication celebration for our church's 50th anniversary and for the new Education Center on June 4 and for the parish festival on July 8. We are going to need many volunteers to make these events a success. Please mark your calendar and prepare to say yes when you are asked to help!

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

Fr. Dave

This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, May 01

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

Tuesday, May 02

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Garden Angels Meeting

Wednesday, May 03

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. Fellowship of the Rings

Thursday May 04

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

Friday May 05

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

Saturday, May 06

Blood Drive Sign-Up

3:30-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, May 07

Blood Drive Sign-Up

A Special Event

The official dedication and blessing of our new education center will take place **on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th**. This date also marks the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our church building.

Bishop Walkowiak will be on hand to celebrate **Mass at 10:00am** and dedicate the new center afterwards.

A light brunch and tours of the building will follow the dedication.

The Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. There won't be another Mass offered on that day.

On May 10 St. Mary's Women's Club will welcome "Women of the Bible." Note the schedule for the day. Items for the luncheon may be dropped off between 10:30 & 11 a.m. The Rosary will be prayed at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. followed by a short meeting at 12:15 p.m. The program will start at 1:00 pm. and is being held in church.

See the flyer for information on the program.



The next Blood Drive is Mother's Day May 14. Plan on honoring your mother by donating a unit of blood.

Sign up will be held after all Masses the weekend of May 6 & 7; or you can call Lou Draeger (842-9665) for an appointment

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 Miracle of Life. Week 6 Chris is now 10,000 times larger than the original fertilized egg – and developing rapidly. The heart is pumping increasing quantities of blood through the baby. The placenta forms a unique barrier between mother and her baby. The baby likely has a different blood type and different DNA. Five fingers can now be seen on the hand.

"Just as you know not how the breath of life fashions the human frame in the mother's womb. So you know not the work of God which he is accomplishing in the universe." Ecclesiastes 11:5

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

Family Perspective

In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.

FESTIVAL 2017



Planning has begun for the 2017 St. Mary's Parish Festival The only thing missing is YOU!

If you feel called to use your talents for the cause of Catholic education, prayerfully consider taking the lead on Festival Games or the Cake Walk. Help is also needed to secure sponsors for this important event.

To get involved at this critical stage of the planning, contact Laura Alexandria at 231-286-9438 (text or call) or twilightsleep@att.net.



St. Mary's Seniors: "The Young @ Heart" May Potluck will be Thursday, May 11th at 12 noon in 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 luncheon, those who would like to do so can play BINGO. If you have questions, you may call Warren & Joyce Anderson at 842-8649.



Garden Angels - spring planning meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m.** in Meeting Room D (lower level next to the computer lab). The meeting will take no more than an hour. We will be heading to Vic's following the meeting to enjoy Taco Tuesday. Anyone interested in joining this fun group of gardeners, please contact Cathy Kennedy prior to the meeting -- at cat-ken2011@live.com, or 616-846-1056. Any questions regarding this ministry can also be directed to Cathy Kennedy.

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



Scrip Scoop

For sale this weekend:

\$11 Small Town Sandwich gift certificates with a \$3 rebate!!!

That's right, buy your Small Town Sandwich gift card at the Scrip table and you'll earn \$3 on each card you buy. The credit can be applied to your tuition or you can donate it to the school. What a great way to support the St. Mary's School and a local Spring Lake business. This is a limited offer from Small Town Sandwich Shop so stop by the Scrip table today!

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

Faith Formation K-6

LAST CLASS 5/03 – We will be having our Year-End Celebration Mass on this day – Drop off/Pick up in the church. As always, families are encouraged to join us!

VBS – This year's theme is Tracking Mary (each day we visit a different country and different Marian apparition). Dates are **Mon 6/19 – Fri 6/23, 9:00AM - Noon.** Cost will be \$25 per child. CDs will be available for \$5.99 each. T-shirts will also be available (cost to be determined). Registration will begin the weekend of 5/20. Stop by the registration table and pick up forms.

It takes over 30 adults and teens to run this program. Call me if you are interested in helping out (registration fee is waived for children of adults who help all week!).

KIDS COINS- \$147.06 was collected during the month of March. This is being donated to The Muskegon Rescue Mission. April Kids Coins is being donated to the St. Mary Garden Angels.

RICE BOWL – It's not too late to turn your bowl in. Please put it in the Kids Coin collection basket at Mass. It is 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 of your check).

Yours in Faith,
Wendi Kujawski
Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation
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"The bread you store up belongs to the hungry; the cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked; the gold you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor."

St. Basil the Great

Adult Faith Formation

"Fr. Albert Haase's **"Come Follow Me: Six Responses to the Call of Jesus"** is our Tuesday morning series through May 23, 9:30-11:00 AM in Meeting Room B/C. This week Fr. Haase explores the history and spirituality of the Carmelite order.

Coming in May: "A Retreat with The Fellowship of the Ring," every Wednesday in May, 7:00-8:30 PM. (The first session, May 3 will be in the Abbey, the rest in Meeting Room B/C.) We'll watch the film version in five installments, and discuss the rich spiritual lessons J.R.R. Tolkien wove into this story.

Attention Young Adults: A group is forming in our area for Catholic young adults to get together for various sports and social activities, including a men's softball team this spring. If interested please contact George Maierhauser at gmaierhauser@paramelt.com or 231-206-6854.

Jim Penrice, Director of Faith Formation
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St. Mary's Christian Service

OPEN HOUSE for our New PANTRY was a success, with 200 plus Parishioners and friends from the Community enjoying a tour and fellowship. Many of you asked questions about the operation of the Pantry and what services are available to Families in addition to the Pantry. I along with the Volunteers felt it was a wonderful experience to share with you. We welcome all Parishioners to stop in on Thursdays between 9am and 4:00 to drop off your food donations and perhaps even put them on the shelves.

St. Mary's Central Food Pantry is an ongoing weekly ministry which appreciates and needs your support. Please remember us when you shop. **This week our list contains:** Cold **CEREAL**, JUICE, STEW, saltine crackers, tomatoes/sauce, scalloped potatoes, SOUP, baked beans, macaroni, Hamburger Helper, SUGAR, deodorant and dish detergent. The pantry has a **"Special Dietary Needs Section"** we accept Gluten Free products.

JEANS DAYS! St. Mary's School Student Council, under the guidance of Mrs. Christine Fojtik, recently raised **\$141.25** from participation in Jeans Days to benefit the Pantry. The project is promoted throughout the School Year with the goal to provide **Food** for those in need. It is with happy hearts we accept your generous donation.

The month of **May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary.** This year we *Celebrate 100 Year of Our Lady of Fatima.* Saturday, May 13 marks the anniversary the First Appreciation of Our Lady. Our Blessed Mother has asked All of us to Pray the Rosary. You will find **New Blessed Rosaries and How to Pray the Rosary**, in a basket by the large statue of Our Blessed Mother. This is a gift to you our Parishioners from your Christian Service Ministry.

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

Youth Ministry



Graduation Mass 2017 will be held on Sunday **May 21, 2017** at 9:00 a.m. Graduates please come 25 minutes early. Dress in your graduation gowns. Parents, grandparents and all your friends are welcome to join. After Mass we will all be taking a class picture outside by the Pieta. Congrats to our grads!

Mission Trip Update (July 11-16th) 92 DAYS AWAY! Final payments are now due. We will be sending our final check to Alive In You Ministries within the next few weeks. We are still adding people to our list. If you are still interested please contact Chris Iwan ASAP

Stuebenville Summer Conference (June 23-25th) Space is still available for this Conference. Cost is \$200. per person. Open to all 9-12th graders as of summer of 2017

Chris Iwan
Coordinator of Middle School and High School Youth Ministry
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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
John Dark
Jennifer Davenport
Alice Diedrich
Dorothy Eadie
Jennifer Edinger
Theresa Farnelli
Joe & Frank Fendt
Darci Ferguson
Don Ferguson
Vanessa Fox
Chuck Gardner
Jenni Gesiakowski
James Gibson
Marilyn Glueck
Paul Grantz
Bob Green
Margo Hall
Lin Johnson
Terry Johnson
Jerry Kennedy
Violet Korecki
Fred Kromer

Ridge Matthews
Jim McHugh
Michael Mize
Jacob Myers
Adele Nadeau
Lynn Nevin
Jamie Noorman
Bill Palermo
Ayden Riggs
Val Race
Cindy Richards
Helen & Larry Rozneck
Ruth
George Sadowski
Christopher Schippers
Devon Schwalm
Nancy Senkowicz
Edward Siemion
Roger Shoestring
Marian Stefanich
Ruth Stevens
Maureen Stubbs
Christine VanAelst
Steve VanderHoff
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, USMC
A Scott Lange USAF, USMC

SPC Henry T. May, USA
Andrew McCabe, Coast
Guard Helicopter Rescue
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.