

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Jn 14:23



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Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 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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Join us for the **Scholastic Book Fair, May 9-15**. Books will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays and after all Masses on the weekend. This will be a **BOGO** sale. Time to stock up for some enjoyable summer reading.



"Girls Just Want To Have Fun", **Daddy/Daughter Dance** will be held at St. Patrick's Family Center on Saturday, **May 14, 2016**. Tickets will be \$20 per couple in advance and \$5 for each additional 'daughter.' Tickets may be purchased at St. Patrick's Family Center office and St. Mary's Parish office. Tickets at the door will be \$25 per couple. *More surprises to come in next week's bulletin!!*



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



St. Mary's Seniors: "The Young @ Heart" May Potluck will be Thursday, May 12th 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. **All men and women** (single, married, divorced, windowed, Catholic or non-Catholic) age 55 or older are welcome. **Reservations are not needed this month.** After the tables are cleared 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.

Women's Club meeting Wednesday, May 11, 2016. Please join us at 1:00 pm in the A,B,C rooms. We will have a representative from Weiss Chiropractic give a talk called "How to Stay Young Your First Hundred Years". A light lunch will be served. Meeting to follow the presentation. The rosary will be prayed in the chapel at 12:30 p.m.

We welcome the newly baptized member of our parish family



*Josephine Griffin Manske,
daughter of
John and Regina Manske*

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.



Perpetual Adoration Volunteers Needed: 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.

The FRANCIS EFFECT Movie Night Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation presents "The Francis Effect." Join other parishioners for a Movie Night on Wednesday, **May 4** from 7-8:45 p.m. to learn about Pope Francis and his vision for the Church. Popcorn, snacks, 72 minute movie, discussion and prayer. Join us and bring a friend. We will gather in the Family Center Lounge. Come and see their work first hand and be inspired by what the Holy Spirit is doing in the Church today.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 02

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

Tuesday, May 03

8:00 a.m. +Charli Flanagan
by Don & Marge Pfeiffer

Wednesday, May 04

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Fr. Dave
by Helen Paul

Thursday, May 05

8:00 a.m. +Harry & Rose Lavery
by Maureen Moran

Friday, May 06

9:00 a.m. +Mrs. Mickey
by Yvonne Richards

Saturday, May 07

4:30 p.m. +Margaret Payne
by Richard Kirby
+Timothy Heyer
by Dave & Katie Mawby

Sunday, May 08

9:00 a.m. +Bill Paul
by Helen Paul
+Doug Knight
by Jean Knight
11:00 a.m. +Larry Tousignant
by Jan Joiner

Scripture Readings - May 08, 2016

Acts 7:55-60 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn:17: 20-26
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-2, 5-6-7, 98



Parish Events

Monday, May 02

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

Tuesday, May 03

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
9:30 a.m. Untold Blessing Series
7:00 p.m. Baptism Workshop

Wednesday, May 04

7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
7:30 a.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

Thursday, May 05

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

Friday, May 06

Saturday, May 07

3:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 08

First Eucharist
Reconciliation
First Eucharist





Scrip Scoop

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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The St. Martin's Kids collection for April totaled \$2,338.45. We are so blessed by everyone's support and prayers for the children of the orphanage. For more information about what is happening visit the parish website, www.stmarysl.org and go to the St. Martin's Kids page under Parish Life.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.

St. Mary's Christian Service



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 includes:** coffee, sugar, jelly, canned meats/stew, pasta sauce, baked beans, mayo, mustard, ketchup, bar soap, shampoo and laundry detergent. *Monetary gifts and Scrip are always welcomed and appreciated.*



The month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Lady. It is also the **Month of the Holy Rosary.** Please remember to take time to pray the rosary daily. If you don't have a rosary you will find complimentary **blessed** rosaries and pamphlets on "How to Pray the Rosary in a basket next to the large statue of our Blessed Mother in church.

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.

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Faith Formation K-6

LAST CLASS 5/11 – We will be having our Year-End Celebration in that gym this day – **DROP OFF/PICK UP IN THE GYM.** Classes will combine to rotate through various games based on the parables (like our winter rally but more).

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 begin this weekend, after all Masses.

K-6 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 - \$65 for 2nd grade (extra Sacramental prep materials). The fee covers textbooks, classroom supplies and teacher stipends. Due to large class sizes 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** (tuition is waived for those working in the classrooms).

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. Space is limited. Call now to reserve spots for your family.

Yours in Faith,
Wendi Kujawski, Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation,
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Youth Ministry



Attention all Seniors! Graduation Mass will be held Sunday **June 5th** at 9am Mass. This Mass will be in your honor. Please dress in your cap and gown!

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.

Chris Iwan

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A Word From The Pastor

As we enter the month of May, I would like to encourage everyone to offer a special prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, that our parish which bears her name will continue to lead people to the good news of the Gospel and serve God's people well. Last Sunday we presented the movie "Full of Grace" at the Frauenthal Theatre in Muskegon, and it was a wonderful opportunity for those who attended to reflect on the important role that Mary plays in the Church and in each of our lives. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of those who helped make this event possible, and especially to our sponsors who helped to underwrite the cost. I have heard many positive comments from those who were able to attend. This was another special event to help us to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the building of the first Catholic Church in Spring Lake, and I am looking forward to the next one on July 9th, as we hold our parish picnic at Central Park followed by a dinner dance in the Activity Center that evening. May our Mother Mary continue to watch over and guide us all down the path that her son has set for us!

Construction is finally moving along on our new education center! There was a slight hold-up in the issuing of our building permit, but that has now been resolved and it is full speed ahead. Our parking lot was also temporarily repaved this week to help ease the congestion somewhat. There will be more parking added after school gets out on June 10, so please be patient until then. You can follow the progress in real time through our live webcam on the new parish website at www.stmarysl.org. If you haven't had a chance to check out the new parish and school pages online, I would encourage you to do so. The new site has more up to date information, as well as more pictures and images to make the site more visually appealing. Just a reminder that you can view bulletins, read or listen to my homilies, get the latest information regarding what is going on in our parish, register as a parishioner, apply for the baptism of your child, or make a donation to the parish, CSA, or the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Campaign, all with just the click of a button. We will do our best as a parish staff to keep all of the information up to date. Check back often!

Next weekend our second graders will be celebrating their First Communion at all of the Masses. Like last year, they were given the choice of which Mass to attend so that the young people could receive Jesus' Body and Blood for the first time with the same group of parishioners with whom they normally attend Mass. It is my hope that seeing these boys and girls come forward in joy to receive the Eucharist will help to strengthen the faith of each one of us. Please keep these children in your prayers throughout this upcoming week, that the grace of our Lord will encourage them to grow in their love of Jesus and stay strong in their faith all of the days of their life!

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

Fr. Dave

If you have a name for the prayer chain or the bulletin please call the parish office. 616-842-1702.

Our 1st Fruits to God Sunday 4/24/2016

Online Giving	\$ 3,393.50
Adult Envelopes	\$ 13,883.50
Kids Coins	\$ 20.86
Child Envelopes	\$ 0.00
Loose Contributions	\$ 924.33
Total Support	\$ 18,201.33

CSA GOAL	\$126,048.00
CSA PLEDGES	\$ 31,042.00
BALANCE NEEDED	\$ 95,006.00
# OF FAMILIES	94

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



Please pray for the family of Bertha Bakale (mother of Margo Hall). May she rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

Pray For Peace

In Our World



Our sponsor of the week is **DRAEGER MOTOR SALES, INC.** 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

Today Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another. Don't miss the forest for the trees. We are living today what we worried about yesterday

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.

Every human being, at every stage and condition, is willed and loved by God. For this reason, every human life is sacred. To deprive someone of life is a grave wrong and a grave dishonor to God. Because we are created in the image of God, who is Love, our identity and our vocation is to love. Pope Benedict has called this "the key to (our) entire existence."

World Youth Day 2010

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

May 7/8, 2016

4:30 p.m. Gary Kujawski, Nino & Isabella Padula, Kennedy Brinstool, John Conroy, Denise Ostrowski, Irene & Sam Barbera, Jennifer Brinstool, Jill & John Conroy, Cathy Kennedy, Karen Mead, Kristin Padula, Marilyn Reichardt, Fr. Ken, James Walkenhorst **9:00 a.m.** David Burel, Rebecca Koratich, Beth & Annie Barraclough, Colleen Barraclough, Barbara Burke, Diane Burel, Dave & Cheryl Gibson, Linda Howe, Jake & Ben Lutz, Carl & Sharon Mesker, Alice Szpieg, Bob & Joanne Vink **11:00 a.m.** Dave Young, Jack & Ethan Stempky, Elana LaGuire, Ray Murray, Greg Stempky, Lou Draeger, Cathie & Kevin Gagnon, Lance Kilinski, Gerry Larson, Joseph Lochinski, Jacob Nelson, Mitchel Tennyson, Carl & Karen Wasson, Henry Werksma **Ushers:** Terry Johnson, Joe Mead, Mike Brown, Fred Kromer, Steve Boyink, 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	Alice Diedrich	Nancy Hansen	Lucille Lipuma	Jim Panyard	Jim Smith
Chase Anspach	Annette Dippel	Kellie Hardenbergh	Bob Love	Betty Parsons	Dawn Stevens
Thomas Antekeier	James Falvey	Carol Harpe	Orlee Lukasik	Helen Paul	Jack Strait
Vincent Antonich	Darci Ferguson	Mel & Judy Harrington	Dom Lungaro	Erin Plaggemars	T.S.
Betty Archambeau	Orla Fielder	Carole Hill	Ann MacNeill	Jodi Plaggemars	Tammy Tlachac
Baby Declan	Patricia Fowler	Greg Howe	Ben D. MacNeill	Alice Pranger	Julia Twinning
Anita Colleen Baker	Jim Forrest	J.C. Howe	Theresa Maecumber	Ruth Ann Pranskaitis	Genevieve Urbanik
Nicole Baker	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 Ruitter	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 Nichael	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	
Tony Dexter	Ginny Hallead	James Lindsey	Bill Palermo	Sheila Dubuc Sipovic	