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 Oliver Hansen
 Eve Janiczek
 Indiana Jones
 Beck Jurecko
 Elijah Labo
 Tyson Lieto
 Vivian Manske
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 Keelyn McEnhill
 Harper Mekemson
 Laine Mooney
 Jackson Palmiter
 Griffen Papes
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First Holy Communion

May 4 & 5, 2019

Welcome To The Table Of The Lord



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Weekend Masses

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 a.m. & Friday - 9:00 a.m.
 Holy Days: See Bulletin

Reconciliation

Wednesday 7:30-8:00 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, May 06 8:00 a.m.	+Edward Shuh by Dan & Chris Fojtik
Tuesday, May 07 8:00 a.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory by Helen Paul
Wednesday, May 08 7:00 a.m.	+Doris VanDenBrand by Marge & Don Pfeiffer
Thursday, May 09 8:00 a.m.	+William Raphael Huhner by Bill & Charlene Werner
Friday May 10 9:00 a.m.	+Adolf Mauser by Elsa Schmidt
Saturday, May 11 4:30 p.m.	+Anne Lesar by Annella Graves
Sunday, May 12 9:00 a.m.	+Bruce, Isabella & Stephen Kinney by The Kinney Family
11:00 a.m.	+Dr. Sergio Cuison by Maryvic Cuison & Matthew Brakora

Liturgical Assignments

05/11-12/2019

4:30 pm: Jackie Twa, Alivia Holmes, Alex Hoisington, John Henry Leonard, Paul Twa, Diane Carmode, Jill & John Conroy, Barbara Eskew, Mike Grillo, Gary Kujawski, Karen Mead, Dawn Stubbs, Paul Twa, Sharon Vink, Need Volunteer

9:00 a.m. Michael Zambiasi, Kendra & Grant Kieft, Robyn Hunt, Colleen Barraclough, Rob Clark, Maryvic Cuison, Carl & Betty Doering, Gloria & Lou Draeger, Sharon & Carl Mesker, Joe Popiel, Bonnie Schmitt, Laure Veitenheimer

11:00 a.m. Ray Murray, Layla Weiss, Coltrane Bodbyl-Mast, Travis Throop, Carol Hunt, Patti & Bill Bernesser (req subs), David Heinert, Lance Kilinski, Gerry Larson, David Lukasik, Sandy Mercurio, Ray Murray, Mitchel Tennyson, Carl Wasson, Henry Werksma

Ushers: Terry Johnson, Joe Mead, Mike Brown, Fred Kromer, Steve Boyink, Chris Jarvis, Jim Huyge, Dave Clark, Dick Yount, Sam Young, Chip Wright, Mark Gauthier, Tim Raha, Shawn James, Adam Hill, Don Kotecki, Michael Bernard, John Scott

Our First Fruits to God

04/28/2019

Online Giving \$4,553.50
Adult Envelopes..... \$11,001.50
Kids Coins\$28.15
Loose Contributions \$1,179.00
Total Support..... \$16,762.15

Education Center Debt.....\$803,737.41

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Goal \$2,000,000.00
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Pledges \$1,310,786.95
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Received \$1,093,862.25

CSA 2018 Goal \$137,595.00
Pledged to Date \$105,151.00
Under Goal \$32,444.00
Participating Families333

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

First Communion

Congratulations to all our 2nd graders who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time this weekend! This is such a joyous occasion for me to be able to make present to them the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a special year for me, as I was able to give First Communion to my nephew last weekend and will do the same for my niece Sunday afternoon this weekend. Having this opportunity with family members has helped me to better appreciate the gift that the St. Mary's children are receiving today. Next to baptism, this is the most joyful time of my priesthood. I pray that these young people will know and cherish Christ's love for them and keep coming back to the Altar of the Lord to be strengthened by the Eucharist throughout their lives.

As we witness the joy and excitement on the faces of these children this weekend, may we all be reminded of how precious this moment is when we receive Jesus Himself. One of the reasons why I choose to celebrate First Communion at the regular weekend Masses is because I want the community to be a witness for the children and for them to be a reminder to the community. While Jesus has given the sacraments to us as individuals, they are always supposed to be celebrated in community. We become the Body of Christ

that we receive, may we all live out this reality every day of our lives!

End of the Year of Faith Formation

This Wednesday will be our last K-6 Faith Formation classes, and we will be celebrating Mass together at 4:30 pm to give thanks for the learning and growth that has taken place and to ask the Lord's blessing and protection for our young people over the summer. I would like to offer a special word of thanks for Cathy Pearce for all of the hard work that she has put in this year as our coordinator, and I would also like to thank the dedicated catechists, aides, and volunteers who have generously given of their time to teach our children the Catholic faith!

I would also like to thank Chris Iwan and our dedicated volunteer catechists who have instructed our 7-12th graders on Wednesday evenings this year. It is not easy to get the kids excited to come to St. Mary's after a long day of school, but the energy and enthusiasm of our catechetical team has helped to convey to our young people the importance of growing in their faith and their relationship with Jesus. There are a number of summer activities planned, including the Mission Trip, and I pray that the seeds that have been planted will continue to grow throughout their lives!

Odds and Ends

We are beginning to plan the Corpus Christi procession for the afternoon of **June 23**. This year we are once again teaming up with St. Patrick-St. Anthony, but the procession will be entirely through the Village of Spring Lake. If you are willing to serve on the committee to help plan and organize this event, please contact me or the parish office.

I just wanted to let you know that I will be away from the parish from Monday morning until the Wednesday Faith Formation Mass to attend the Midwest Canon Law conference in Traverse City. If any emergencies arise during this time, please contact the parish office for assistance.

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

Fr. Dave

This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, May 06
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Book Fair
 7:00 p.m. Adoration & Holy Hour

Tuesday, May 07
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Book Fair
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 8-9:30 p.m. Men's Basket Ball

Wednesday, May 08
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
 12:30 p.m. Women's Club
 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Book Fair
 4:30 p.m. Elementary FF Closing Mass
 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
 6:30-7:30 p.m. 7-12 Open Gym
 7-8:30 p.m. 7-12 Faith Formation

Thursday, May 09
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Book Fair
 12:00 p.m. Young at Heart Potluck
 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday, May 10
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Book Fair
 8:00 a.m. Muffins with Mom
 10:15 a.m. Catholic Children's Story Hour

Saturday, May 11
 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Book Fair
 3:30-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, May 12
Mother's Day Blood Drive
 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Book Fair
 11 a.m. Nursery Closed



St. Mary's Senior Group, "The Young @ Heart" invites all men and women; age 55 or older to a monthly potluck on the second Thursday of each month, September through June.

The May Potluck will be Thursday, May 9th at 12 noon in Rooms A-B-C of 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 as usual. Following the potluck, there will be BINGO if we have enough players. If you have any questions, you may call Warren & Joyce Anderson at 842-8649. Please leave a message if you get the answering machine, and we will return your call.

Pray For Peace In Our World



SIGN UP for the May 12th and July 14th BLOOD DRIVE after all Masses this weekend: or call Chris Jarvis at 616 402-1598 for an appointment. You can also register on line at www.redcrossblood.org.



There will be a special Women's Club meeting celebrating our mothers, "Tea and Flowers." There will be a light lunch of finger sandwiches and special teas. The representative from the Garden Club is unable to join us.

HELP LUCAS BEAT CANCER! Lucas Mark Lee, 7 month old son of Amanda (Muskegon Catholic Central Faculty Member) and Dennis Lee was diagnosed with anaplastic astrocytoma, a rare form of brain cancer. Lucas has undergone two brain surgeries, and has begun a year-long regimen of chemotherapy. **Muskegon Catholic Central is holding a TACO DINNER to benefit the Lee Family.** All proceeds will go to the Lee Family to support medical and other costs for Lucas' treatment. Please join us on **Friday, May 10th from 4-8 pm in the MCC Cafeteria. \$8.00 Adult Meal (2 taco's, beans, rice, chips and salsa and beverage) and \$4.00 Kids Meal (10 & under - 1 taco, chips, salsa and beverage).** To learn more about Lucas' story please visit <https://tinyurl.com/loveforlucas>

VIRTUS Training at St. Mary's - Sunday, June 9th from 2-5pm. Anyone 18 and older that works with or volunteers around young people at Catholic schools and parish events are required by the Diocese of Grand Rapids to have a background check, sign the Code of Ministerial Conduct contract and attend a one time VIRTUS course. We are very fortunate that a VIRTUS course will be presented at St. Mary's Parish this coming June 9th. The course is **free** to attend but you do have to sign-up online ahead of time! The course has a limited capacity and will be handing out materials to all who attend. Sign-up at the following website: <https://gdiocese.org/protecting-gods-children/safe-environment-training/>

Weekend Retreat at the Catholic Information Center May 10-11: Called and Gifted. Friday evening through Saturday afternoon. Explore your call to holiness, listen to God's call in your heart, and assess your strengths and gifts. Call 616-459-7267 for information.

Scripture Readings 05.12.19

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100: 1-2, 3,5
 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

Family Perspective

Jesus invited the disciples to "Come and have breakfast." At this beach breakfast and the Last Supper Jesus teaches us meals should be more than eating. Family meals are opportunities to share prayer, listen to each other's stories, understand and support 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.

"Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life."

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

Special Event

Share Night at Culvers to benefit the Tri Cities Right to Life.
Tuesday, May 7 from 5-8pm
See you there for dinner!!



Nursery News

The nursery is open:
 May 5: 11am
 May 12: closed
 May 19: 9am and 11am



CSA Fast Facts Seminar Services

- SO FAITH THY FLOURISH - Service to God and the Church is the essential mission of our seminarians that work in parish settings. These men are assigned to churches across our 11-county diocese. They also richly benefit from the opportunity to train alongside our current pastors and interact with the faithful.

Your CSA support provides for their continuing education and management for these special workers in Our Lord's vineyard.

Faith Formation PS-6 PS- GD 6: Faith Formation:

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"Do you love me?" Jesus asked Peter. Distressed Peter replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep" (John 21:17b).



Love demands a response. Our children, today's 1st communicants, understand this. Following all the weeks of preparation along with our 1st Communion retreat last week, our 1st communicants are eager to be Christ's hands and feet in the world today. The children have expressed the myriad of ways it may look like to be the *Body of Christ*. As Jesus in the Eucharist commingles with our body we bring Christ a new to the world. Their enthusiasm is infectious! I pray that as we witness our

1st communicants faith-filled joy in receiving Christ today, that our faith is inspired to feed God's sheep wherever we find a lamb in our life today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: VBS 2019 Registration is UNDERWAY held June 17-21 from 9:00am, - Noon for K-5th. St. Mary's Vacation Bible School, *Jonah, Chapter 5: More than a Whale of a Tale*, is an original. It will be a week full of fun, music, adventure, movement, and art. Registration is available online. Go to stmarysl.org and follow the **Visit our Church** Tab and you will see the Registration for VBS scrolling in the window.

Catholic Children's Story Hour on May 10th :

The Story hour in the ABC Room this Friday at 10:15am will focus on a Marian/Mother's day theme. Featuring the Tomie de Paola book, *Mary: Mother of Jesus*

The Story hour will also include a Mary Crowning. We welcome Parent/preschoolers to attend!

Cathy Pearce|

Director of Elementary Faith Formation

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Youth Ministry

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER (STAN'S BAR)

WEDNESDAY MAY 8TH 5-8PM!

Please come and support OPERATION SAFE TRAVEL! Stan's will be bringing in pizza, having great raffles and donation buckets will be passed around. Come and meet all the chaperones that will be looking after all our youth missionaries as well!

Spring Lake High School Baccalaureate Wednesday May 15th 7pm (All Shores Wesleyan Church)

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the graduation of the 2019 Senior class with a short non-denominational church service. One of this year's speakers is none other than St. Mary's own **LAUREN SHIPPY!**

St. Mary's Graduation Mass Sunday May 19th 9am

All graduating students from any high school are welcome to attend this Mass in your honor. Please dress in full cap and gowns! We will meet in the gathering space at 8:40am sharp! We process into the church together! Please feel free to invite all your family and friends!

Chris Iwan

Coordinator of Middle School and High School Youth Ministry

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Adult Faith Formation

Bible study: Continue **Lectio** study on **Peter**. It can be found on **formed.org**. We have one book left if you would like to purchase for \$10 and do the study on your own. We have four studies remaining and will conclude on May 21.

Tap'd Theology @ TED's: A great BIG THANK YOU to Ted Fricano and his staff for all they did to host the event. We had a full room and Father did a great job on the talk and questions. Since it was so successful and we've already had a lot of feedback we are planning on doing another on this Summer. Pray that we find a good topic and speaker. I'm currently taking suggestions.

I hope you are enjoying your Eastertide. No matter how bad the world may look it is critical for us to remember that Jesus is Risen and that the Church is "in statu via," or in a state of Journey. See the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 302.

Dave Heinert

Director of Adult Faith Formation

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SCRIP: NEW* For a limited time, some of your favorite brands are offering low denomination cards, perfect for teacher appreciation and grad parties. The cards will be available for special order until **May 24**, while supplies last. For more information visit the scrip website.

www.stmarysl.org/scrip

St. Mary's Christian Service



The month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary.

This year we celebrate 102 Years of Our Lady of Fatima. Monday, May 13, marks the First Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, and is the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. 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.

"We find ourselves on earth as in a tempestuous sea, a desert and a vale of tears. But Mary is the Star of the Sea, the solace of our desert and the light that guides us to heaven."

Saint John Bosco



St. Mary's Central Food Pantry is a weekly ministry which appreciates your support.

Please remember us when you shop. **This week our list includes:** Sugar, cereal, stew, applesauce, chunky soups, peas, saltines, coffee, flavored rice, gluten free foods, mac & cheese, shampoo & deodorant. **Monetary, gifts and Scrip are welcomed.** Please place donations in with your offertory or turn in to the parish office so your gifts can be recorded on your contribution statement for tax purposes. Please mark "Christian Service".

Parishioners, please know we continue to receive thank you notes & calls from families who received Easter Baskets. Your kindness and love are appreciated by those who visit the pantry and are assisted in various ways.

Smiles and Blessings Dorothy E. Raha

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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
CWO5 Tracy T. Byers, USMC
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
Capt Devin J. Kolenic, 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
Sgt. Josh Sherman, USA
Capt. Matteson Smith, USA
Major Max Smith, USA
Capt. Ann Trombly, USAF
PFT Austin Van Strate
Major L. Brandon Wohlschlegel,
Army Ranger.

Chase Anspach
Cristy Barnes
Joyce Berns
Gustavo Carrerro
Carolyn Cibor
Raymond Cibor
Millie Conran
Danielle
D.C.
Sharon DeWitt
Sarah & Doug Edgar
Jennifer Edinger
Caren Fann
Theresa Farnelli
Joe & Frank Fendt
Vanessa Fox
Glenn
Ernie Grabman
Paul Grantz
Barb Greene
Janet Hall
Lee Haslick
Stephen B. Hess
Christopher Howe
Gregory Howe
Jack
Lin Johnson

Marie Johnson
Nicholas Karlsons
Kathleen Kennedy
Mary Ann Kihnke
Jackie Koehler-Berry
Baby Paul Langeres
Bill Mason
Ridge Matthews
Jim McHugh
Melissa
Margie Meyer
Lisa Meyers
Susan Millett
Jeff Moorehouse
Jacob Myers
Nash Nichols
Jamie Noorman
Ted Ostradick
Bill Palermo
Val Race
Jack Richards
Ayden Riggs
Tegan Rose
George Sadowski
Esperanza Sanchez
Christopher Schippers
Tony Schippers

Nancy Senkowicz
Roger Shoestring
Cathy Staeven
Maureen Stubbs
Dave VanSice
Alan Walczak
Eileen Westerhoff
Young
Alan Williams
Sara Wolcott Family
Amy Wygmans
Ted Youn
Ed & Jane Zahurak
Ron & Phyllis Zant
Zachary Zimmerman