

In Honor of Our Mothers



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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.

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God took the fragrance
of a flower...
The majesty of a tree...
The gentleness of
morning dew...
The calm of a quiet sea...
The beauty
of the twilight hour...
The soul
of a starry night...
The laughter of a
rippling brook...
The grace of a bird
in flight...
Then God fashioned
from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his
masterpiece was through
He called it simply -
Mother.
~Herbert Farnham

Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 13	
8:00 a.m.	+Tom Powers by Mary & Chris Cassleman
Tuesday, May 14	
8:00 a.m.	+Jim Penrice by His Family
Wednesday, May 15	
7:00 a.m.	S. I. Suzy Crowley by Anne & Tom Rumptz
Thursday, May 16	
8:00 a.m.	+Marge Payne by Richard Kirby
Friday May 17	
9:00 a.m.	S.I. Elyse Winter by St. Mary's Christian Service
Saturday, May 18	
4:30 p.m.	+Bill Paul by Helen Paul
Sunday, May 19	
9:00 a.m.	Graduation Mass +Winifred Schmidt by Grace Weber
11:00 a.m.	+Merle & Gloria Barclay by Jerad & Angie Barclay

Liturgical Assignments

05/18-19/2019

4:30 pm: David VanVeelen, Chandler & Sydney Noorman, Meredith Sakel, Theresa VanVeelen, Joe Burns, Jill & John Conroy, Lee Ann Frame, Amy Giroux, Mike Grillo, Gary Kujawski, Rachel Lohman, Paul & Jackie Twa, Theresa VanVeelen

9:00 a.m. John Bilski, Faith Clark, Isabella Padula, Olivia Wright, Lou Draeger, Bill Berns, Diane & David Burel, Rob Clark, Bridget Fogel, Anne Fuller, Barb Griffith, Kristin Padula, Alice Szpieg, Ray & Debbie Taetsch

11:00 a.m. Ray Murray, Jack Harris, Luke & Clayton Glasgow, Sue Lavin, Bill Dunn, Wendy Ely, Mary Sue Farmer, Wendy Glasgow, Suzanne James, Lance Kilinski, Sandy Mercurio, Kathee Quinn, Mitchel Tennyson, Sharon Vink, Carl Wasson

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

05/05/2019

Online Giving \$3,124.00
Adult Envelopes..... \$12,360.07
Kids Coins\$125.80
Loose Contributions \$2,509.52
Total Support..... \$18,119.39

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

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Goal \$2,000,000.00
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Pledges \$1,311,548.95
Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Received \$1,095,903.69

CSA 2019 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

Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms of our parish! We are grateful to you for your love and your example of service and sacrifice. You have the amazing opportunity to cooperate with God in bringing new life into this world. If it weren't for our mothers, none of us would be here. May our Mother Mary inspire and guide you, and may this day be an opportunity for you to know how much we appreciate you.

Welcoming Sunday

Next week we are once again encouraging you to invite everyone you know to join us for Mass, especially those who are fallen-away Catholics or those who just need some incentive to get back to church. The statistics are rather disheartening that tell us that the second largest Christian group in the United States are fallen-away Catholics. Many of them say that they just stopped going because they did not think that they would be missed. The pastoral council and I have made it one of our major goals to reverse this trend at St. Mary's and create a more welcoming environment. We are grateful for our greeters and the people who have stepped up to form a welcoming committee, but we are always looking for ways to do more to evangelize and spread

the Gospel.

Pastoral and Finance Council Members

I am once again taking nominations for parishioners who are willing to serve on either our parish pastoral council or finance council. The pastoral council is looking for three new members at large and a high school junior or senior to serve as our youth representative. We are also looking for two new finance council members. If you are willing to serve on either of these two councils, or would simply like more information, please call or email me. Nominations will be open until **May 30** and we will elect new members the weekend of **June 1-2**.

Ordinations

This upcoming Saturday at 10 am the Diocese of Grand Rapids will be ordaining three new transitional deacons who will continue to study and prepare for ordination to the priesthood. The ordination is open to the public, and I believe it may be able to be live-streamed on the diocesan website. One **June 1** Bishop Walkowiak will also ordain Deacons Andrew Ayers and Rob Mulderink to the priesthood. As some of you are aware, Deacon Michael Goodwin will be delaying his ordination for a year and spending additional time working in a parish

to gain more experience before his anticipated ordination in June of 2020. Please keep these men, and all of our seminarians, in your prayers as they prepare to serve our diocese.

Corpus Christi Procession Planning

As I wrote last week, we will be reviving the tradition of joining with St. Patrick-St. Anthony for a Corpus Christi procession. The feast is on Sunday, **June 23**, and the plan is to have a procession through Spring Lake that afternoon. Mark your calendars now to join us as we promote Eucharistic devotion throughout our community. The details are still being worked out, but if you would like to help with the planning process, we will have a meeting on Wednesday, **May 17** at 3 pm in the St. Mary offices. We value any input that you would like to offer, and if you cannot attend the meeting, please feel free to send me an email with suggestions.

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

Fr. Dave

This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, May 13
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 8 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Book Fair
 7:00 p.m. Adoration & Holy Hour

Tuesday, May 14
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 4-5:30 p.m. Girls Formation Group
 8-9:30 p.m. Men's Basket Ball

Wednesday, May 15
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation

Thursday, May 16
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 Garden Angel Meeting
 6:30-8 p.m.

Friday, May 17
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

Saturday, May 18
 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Worthy Pursuits Women's Group
 Reconciliation
 3:30-4:10 p.m.

Sunday, May 19
 9:00 a.m. Graduation Mass
 Nursery Open
 11 a.m. Nursery Open



The Garden Angels Annual Meeting will be held in the B,C rooms on Thursday, **May 16** at 6:30 p.m. Now is the perfect time for anyone who would like to join the group to come and find out what it's all about.

Please join the Worthy Pursuits women's group on Saturday, **May 18** at 9am in meeting room D in the Abbey. This months' topic is poetry. Worthy Pursuits is for women of all ages and seasons of life who desire to have more truth, goodness and beauty in their lives. If you have questions, please contact Lu Harvey, 616-843-5879, luharvey77@gmail.com



Scrip Scoop

Happy Mother's Day! Do you still need to pick up something for your mom? The Scrip Cash and Carry box can be your one stop shopping!!

Mark your calendar for the "Best Monday. Ever." **Thanks-Scriping day is coming Monday, May 13th**. Families can earn big on eGift cards and reloads, just in time for spring and summer. Families must have an online account to participate. To sign up, please visit the scrip website: www.stmarysl.org/scrip

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Scripture Readings 05.19.19

Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145: 8-13
 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Evangelization Clip

Jesus tells us to "hear my voice" and to "follow me." How do we hear His voice with so many diametrically opposed opinions on morality and social justice? Try this: 1) Seek the most authoritative, reliable, absolute truth that you can; 2) avoid moral relativism; and 3) pray for the Spirit's grace and wisdom. I know I am on shaky ground if I begin a moral judgment with the words, "I feel." Don't be like Pontius Pilot standing in judgment of Jesus, with his rhetorical question, "What is truth?" Jesus, the fullness of Truth, stood before him. The most authoritative truth is found in Scripture and in the teachings of the Catholic Church. The Catechism and Church teachings are loaded with references to Scripture and teachings of the early Church Fathers. An organization that has lasted over two thousand years is proven reliable. Consider this when speaking with your children.



The Blood drive is this weekend. Your donation is **urgently** needed and appreciated. You can also sign up for the **July 14th** Blood Drive.

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://grdiocese.org/protecting-gods-children/safe-environment-training/>



Please pray for the family of Marie Johnson (wife of Ted Johnson).
 May she rest in peace in the arms of the Lord. Amen.



CSA Fast Facts Social Services

At Catholic Charities West Michigan, we know that we are never far from a neighbor who needs our love — the poor and needy, the hungry and homeless, people struggling with addiction, in need of counseling, and others who are marginalized by society. This is why Pope Francis referred to Catholic Charities as "the engine of the Church that organizes love." When you give to CCWM, you are serving those who are most in need and truly changing lives for the better. Last year alone, we provided more than 150,000 meals to the hungry, solution-based & family preservation programs to 2,100 families, and looked after 300 children in foster care, on a daily basis. Your CSA contribution helps give us the opportunity to make a mark on people's lives, provide a hand up, and offer them a chance for a brighter future.



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.

Lord God, help us to have the faith of Mary and the courage of Esther. Encourage us as we provide for our family and care for them throughout the night. Give us the grace to walk with our children daily and comfort them as they face life's trials and tribulations. Clothe us in strength and dignity to be an example to all. Never let us forget the joyful moments of smiles and laughter with the precious gifts you have given us. Help us always to lead our children with wisdom and faith. Bless us and our children for all the days of our lives.

Happy Mother's Day!
Mi Ed. Fund RTM

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

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

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27).

for all you do
you do with love
you are so special
a gift from above
and with all my heart
I want to say
I LOVE YOU MOM
happy mother's day



Happy Mother's Day weekend! If you are still blessed with your mother alive on this earth, do you not always recognize her voice? If she calls you on the phone, or if you hear her calling from another room, you know immediately your mother's voice... AND your mom will know yours as well. A mother has similar attributes to the Good Shepherd. My mother has passed on to the next world for over four years now. I am fortunate that prior to her passing I had voicemail on my phone. She would frequently call me during the

day when I was unable to answer the phone and leave me a voicemail. I have kept several of them, and will keep them for as long as I am able. I will never forget her voice. A mother helps us to know the love of our Good Shepherd. I am very grateful for the love of my mother. She has helped me come to know the love of Christ and led me to follow the Lord. I pray for all Mother's today that they too recognize the voice and the love of the Good Shepherd and continue to pass on that love to their children always...

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 faith-filled week 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.

Cathy Pearce |

Director of Elementary Faith Formation

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Youth Ministry

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

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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 two studies remaining and will conclude on May 21.

Golfing with God: Did you know that Saint Pope John Paul II was a great outdoors man? Sports can bring unity and strengthen a community. If you are interested in going to the Fruitport Driving Range to share in some fellowship, then shoot me an email. No clubs, no worries because I have you covered. A Parish that prays and plays together stays together.

Let us build a Parish where strangers become acquaintances, acquaintances become friends, and friends become family.

Dave Heinert

Director of Adult Faith Formation

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St. Mary's Christian Service

The month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary. 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 from your Christian Service Ministry. **May 15** is celebrated as Our Lady of France. *Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

We wish all the mothers of our parish a very **Happy Mother's Day**.
Christian Service Ministry

Reminder Ladies – Ladies, we appreciate your recent food donations to our funeral lunches. We ask you to please pick up your empty dish, which is located on the white table outside of the center kitchen. I thank you for participating in this ministry.

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's list includes:** Cereal, flour, jelly, canned pasta/chicken, peas, chili beans, saltines, Ramen Noodles, egg noodles, Mac & Cheese, JUICE, dish & laundry detergent and Kleenex. Please note, we accept **"Gluten Free" & Vegetarian Foods"**. We thank you on behalf of those we serve.

Simply Give Campaign! *Love In Action* has again been selected for the **Meijer Simply Give** program. This will run from **May 14 - June 18**. Each \$10 card purchased will be matched by Meijer & proceeds will be given to Love In Action in the form of **Meijer Food-Only Gift Cards**. **June 3-4 will be double match. IMPORTANT:** The cards must be purchased at the **Grand Haven Meijer Store** to benefit Love. St. Mary's pantry is part of the LOVE pantries, and we benefit in a huge way from this program. Thank You.

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
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
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
Larry & Helen Rozneck
Michael Rozneck
George Sadowski
Esperanza Sanchez
Christopher Schippers
Tony Schippers

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