

Amen, I
say to you,
whatever
you did
for one of
these least
brothers of
mine, you
did for me.

Matthew
25:40

First Holy Communion

June 24 & 28, 2020

Welcome To The Table Of The Lord



St. Mary's Catholic Church
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The parish directory is available online and can be accessed via our website. Please call the parish office for the code. www.stmarysl.org

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: See Bulletin

Reconciliation

Wednesday 7:30-7:50 a.m.
**Wednesday 5:30-6:00 p.m. (September-May)
Saturday 3:30-4:10 p.m.

<i>Jackson Alter</i>	<i>Jolie Essex</i>	<i>Cecelia King</i>	<i>Frank Reeser</i>
<i>Brennan Andres</i>	<i>Julian Flemming</i>	<i>Sofia Kotecki</i>	<i>Reily Revell</i>
<i>Adam Chase Anspach</i>	<i>Gregory Gorbach</i>	<i>Rooney Kunkel</i>	<i>Olivia Sakel</i>
<i>Aiden Baker</i>	<i>Simeon Hamilton</i>	<i>Emmett Lander</i>	<i>Madilyn Swartz</i>
<i>Cameron Bantjes</i>	<i>Ben Haveman</i>	<i>Paige Lilley</i>	<i>Ronan Wearn</i>
<i>Brianna Bayles</i>	<i>Vivica Hayenga</i>	<i>Hudson Martin</i>	<i>Maci Weber</i>
<i>Austin Benter</i>	<i>Cedelia Heinert</i>	<i>Norah Meerman</i>	<i>Crosby Weiss</i>
<i>Kate Canale</i>	<i>Gibson Hill</i>	<i>Ivy Meier</i>	<i>Oliver Zick</i>
<i>Nicholas Cavalier</i>	<i>Ethan Hughes</i>	<i>Julia Middleton</i>	
<i>Max Eadie</i>	<i>Charlotte Kacprzyk</i>	<i>Quaid 'Q' Miller</i>	

Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, June 29	8:00 a.m.	Adoration & Holy Hour
Tuesday, June 30	8:00 a.m.	+George & Rose Donner by Cal & Rita Braun
	11:00 a.m.	+Br. Vincent Gross, CSC by Rita Dyke
Wednesday, July 01	8:00 a.m.	+Donald Charles Dubuc & John Edward Dubuc by Mary Pat Dubuc
Thursday, July 02	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's Parish Family
	11:00 a.m.	+Ron Letenyi by Jackie, Chuck & Lisa Imhoff
Friday July 03	8:00 a.m.	+Mary Pat Andreas by Rita Milas
Saturday, July 04	4:30 p.m.	+Margaret Payne by Richard Kirby
Sunday, July 05	9:00 a.m.	+Isaac Scott Otterbein by Angie & Scott Otterbein
	11:00 a.m.	S.I. 10th Anniversary of Elizabeth & Ken Rossman by Chris & Mary Cassleman

Liturgical Assignments

06/27-28/2020

4:30 pm:

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Ushers:

Make sure to sign up for the Mass you plan on attending. We are limited to 25% capacity. Use the website to register, www.stmarysl.org or phone the parish office, 616-842-1702.

Our First Fruits to God

06/21/2020

Online Giving \$3,150.00
 Adult Envelopes..... \$8,489.00
 Loose Collection \$181.00
 Total Support..... \$11,820.00

Education Center Debt.....\$443,079.50

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
 Outstanding Pledges \$91,477.33

CSA 2020 Goal \$141,072.00
 Pledged to Date..... \$87,864.00
 Need for Goal \$53,208.00
 Participating Families 360

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

Mass Times and Reservations

Once again, the difficulty I face is that these articles are due early in the week and information is subject to change. Thankfully, ten minutes before this article was due, Bishop Walkowiak extended the dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. However, please keep in mind the follow statement of the bishop, "The dispensation is granted broadly to ensure that anyone who needs to stay home to protect the common good can do so confidently, in good conscience. But those who are truly able to attend Mass should remember that we are transformed by being joined to Christ in the Eucharist. Only a weighty reason should keep us from being sanctified through participation in and our reception of Christ's Body and Blood."

I want to make it clear that even if this dispensation had not been generally extended, if you on an individual basis have a good reason not to be able to attend Mass, the obligation does not apply to you. This means that if you are in one of the categories of people who are more susceptible to the coronavirus and its harmful effects and do not wish to put yourself at additional risk by attending Mass, you are not violating any Church laws or committing any sin. If you are

not satisfied that this applies in your case, I invite you to have a conversation with me, and after July 31 I can give you a dispensation to ease your conscience if the situation warrants it.

As I announced at the end of Masses last weekend, the weekday Mass schedule will be changing beginning the first full week of July (July 5-10). Monday morning, we will have a public Holy Hour beginning at 8 am, but no Mass. Tuesday and Thursday Mass will begin at 9 am and Wednesday and Friday at 8 am. I received several requests asking if we could maintain the later start time that I had during the month of June for the 11 am weekday Masses, but unfortunately, this limits the time that we have available for funerals. This provides the best balance, given that St. Patrick-St. Anthony has an 8 am Mass.

Fr. Chuck has also indicated that he will be offering a Tuesday evening Mass beginning in mid-July. Just for your information, Our Lady of the Lake in Holland has a Noon Mass on Tuesday and a 6:30 pm Mass on Wednesday. St. Francis de Sales in Norton Shores also has a 6 pm Mass on Wednesdays, and I believe one of the other Muskegon parishes will be adding a Tuesday evening Mass. Hopefully, there are plenty of options available for

everyone who wishes to attend Mass.

Please continue to register to attend Mass so that we can get an idea of how big a crowd to expect for each service. This will allow us to prepare overflow space if needed and make sure we have enough volunteers. Thank you for your cooperation with this request. I understand that it is highly inconvenient, but everyone has been very helpful and allowed the Masses to go very smoothly.

One additional note, I will be away during the weeks of July 5-9 and July 13-17, so during those weeks there will be no Wednesday morning confessions or Mass and there will be no Friday Mass on July 17. Please see the bulletin or website for details.

First Communion

Congratulations to all young people who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time either Wednesday or this Sunday afternoon! May our Lord strengthen you to follow Him and lead you to heaven one day.

May God bless you and everyone you love during this upcoming week!

Fr. Dave

This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, June 22
8:00 a.m. Adoration & Holy Hour
Tuesday, June 23
Wednesday, June 24
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
Thursday, June 25
Friday, June 26
Saturday, June 27
3:30-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation
Sunday, June 28



Congratulations on your First Holy Communion to all the children in the parish who celebrated this sacrament this week. May the blessings of our Lord Jesus be poured on you from this day onward.

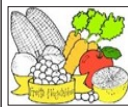
Thank you to all who volunteered their time to prepare the children and assisted in the Liturgies this week. A special thanks to Torri Regiani and Katie Beemer and Meredith Skorupski in the classrooms. We cannot forget to thank you the parents for bringing your children to receive Jesus and at this unique time for all the preparation you did at home to prepare your children's hearts.



St. Mary's Christian Service

Your Christian Service Ministry is alive and well ministering to the needs of parishioners and the community. We know it is a difficult time and hard to ask for assistance. We are here and especially for you our Parishioners. Please call Dorothy E. Raha, if we can assist you in any way (616-842-2602). Her office is temporarily located in the Pantry.

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, canned tuna and chicken, soups, fruit canned tomato sauce, mayo, saltines, baked beans, mustard, kool-aid, dish detergent, and bar soap. On behalf of those served, we appreciate your generosity and thank you.



Fresh Fruits & Vegetables are appreciated. The pantry is happy to accept fresh fruits/vegetables from your gardens. You may drop them off at the pantry on **Wednesday & Thursday** mornings between **9am & 10:00am** (distributed to families on Thursday).

St. Mary's Christian Service Ministry

St. Mary's Parish
Summer Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed for Lunch
12:30-1:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to Noon



**Knights of Columbus
Take-Out/Drive-Thru
Friday Dinners
(5-7pm)!**

Our Knights are providing some amazing food on Fridays during the summer.

All COVID-19 safety guidelines are strictly followed in food preparation and social distancing.

RIB OR FISH DINNER FOR \$10 PER DINNER
Knights of Columbus Hall on Washington Street

Last Friday we sold out of ribs and had a very successful evening. Hope to see you there.

Scripture Readings 07.05.20

Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14
Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

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.

This week, the Michigan Board of State Canvassers voted unanimously to allow a second sample to be drawn for the *Michigan Values Life* petition (to end Dismemberment Abortion) to determine validity. The new sample will be larger, based on standard Bureau of Elections procedures. One point of concern for two members of the Board of State Canvassers involved thousands of additional signatures thrown out for "damage" by the Bureau of Elections, despite text on many of those petitions being completely legible. The news is welcome, and *Michigan Values Life* looks forward to continuing the process.

MCC June 2020

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

Evangelization Clip

Jesus tells us, "Whoever receives you, receives Me." Jesus wants us to lead others to Him and to His Church. That takes a little doing. Start with family and friends. Look for and find the time to speak of how the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and the graces of the Sacraments guide your everyday life. And speak some brief, upbeat words. People will see how your life mirrors your words, that you are truly enriched. Don't be "preachy" but don't give up. Be guided by the graces of your Baptism. Be considerate in your approach. As Matthew Kelly say, "Be bold. Be Catholic!"

**Pray For Peace
In Our World**



Faith Formation K-6

June 28 | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 10:37-42

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds his apostles that they are sent to others. He encourages them — and us — to recognize and welcome him in each other. The early Christian community took these words of Jesus to heart, becoming known for their many small kindnesses toward one another and to the larger world.

- How are you sent by God to others, to show them Jesus, to be Christ for them? Why do you think God is sending you?
- Jesus was telling his apostles to give to others what they need, to be hospitable. How is your parish hospitable? How are you hospitable to other people?
- Does it seem silly to talk about giving a cup of cold water? In Jesus' time there was neither refrigeration nor any way to make ice. The only way to get cold water was to make a special trip to a well, where the water would be chilled from being deep in the ground. It was a gift that took time and generosity. When are there instances when you take time and give generously to others?
- Many people go through hard times because of their belief in God. This might be a day to remember all those Christians who suffer(ed) for what they believe in, and to give thanks for the examples they set for us.

Here is a reflection to watch with your children: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8iEXOHw2uw>

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Adult Faith Formation

As July 4 weekend approaches let us remember in our prayers all those in our country. For all the things that divide us there are very important things that Unite us. We are all children of God, human, and live in this great country. I hope you all enjoy these days and can find some way to celebrate the truly awesomeness of God and thank Him for blessing you for being given the chance to live here where there are so many blessings. **May we all feel as Lee Greenwood sang,** "I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free...from Detroit down to Houston...I love this land God bless the U.S.A."

Formed.org is a place where you can start learning. Go to the parish website and start learning for free.

Parish Blog: The Parish Blog will be getting a jolt with **parishioner Megan Tobin**. She's relatively new to the parish and will have her kids at our school starting in the fall. We are excited to read Megan's experiences as a young Catholic mother new to the area. We hope that as we journey with Megan and her family we see how we are all related as a Parish family.

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his poem "Mending Wall" the poet, Robert Frost has the narrator of the poem question the rationale behind his neighbor's statement, "good fences make good neighbors." The narrator and his neighbor would meet every springtime to mend the gaps on their wall that separated their land. This had been an annual ritual passed from generation to generation. Every spring, the neighbors would meet to fortify their walls and define their boundaries. Distinctions were made; this is where I stand and that is where you stand as the wall is mended. Despite the narrator's insistence on questioning why the wall was important, the neighbor is resolute in maintaining that "good fences make good neighbors." But the narrator is equally firm in trying to convince his neighbor to go deeper into questioning the importance of the wall. The narrator asks, "Before I built a wall, I'd ask to know what I was walling in or walling out, and to whom I was like to give offense. Something there is—that doesn't love a wall."

Today as we process the social tension and racial injustices in our nation, as we grapple with the number of people of color disproportionately affected by the pandemic, and reflect on why the poor with inadequate healthcare are feeling the brunt of our economic downfall, we are challenged to question the institutional, systemic, and personal walls that we uphold to protect the status quo, our interests and ego. Perhaps we have been too comfortable mending gaps instead of challenging systems that perpetuate a built-in capacity to protect the various forms of privileges we take for granted, or instead of caring about the needs of others.

The collective pain we have been experiencing this year invites us to question what it is we are "walling in or walling out." If we turn on the radio, or watch the evening news, or read the morning newspapers, we will notice that as a society we are too quick in developing walls and distinctions that make civil conversations almost impossible. We are invited to re-examine the easily put up walls that stagnate dialogue: you are either with me or against me, conservative or liberal, democrat or republican. I also invite us to be courageous to step out of our comfort zone to speak out against injustices and racism. This is a most difficult but needed step in our healing as a society.

The gospel readings from Matthew this summer invite us to embrace the good news that Jesus Christ has already established the reign of God. A greater fidelity to God's reign of justice, love, and peace can help us discern our response to complex issues of our day and help us carry out our civic duties. We are not subjects but participants in God's reign. We are all bound together by God's unconditional love which ought to be shared with others, regardless of race, ethnicity, immigration status, and political affiliation. Nothing can absolve us Christians from this mandate to love God above all else and see God in our neighbor because all humans, regardless of color, creed, or sexual orientation bear God's true image.

As baptized, we are called to be visible icons of Jesus Christ, the reconciler, in our world by our words and actions. Today more than ever we are invited to keep our focus on God's sovereignty and Jesus' mandate to love our neighbor as we examine the walls in our hearts and in our nation.

In God's reign,

Father Rene

Very Rev. René Constanza, CSP
Executive Director of the Catholic Information Center and
Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew

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
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

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
Capt. Matteson Smith, USA
Major Max Smith, USA
Capt. Ann Trombly, USAF
PFT Austin Van Strate
Major L. Brandon Wohlschlegel,
Army Ranger.

We also pray for all
first responders and
law enforcement officers
who put their lives on the line to
keep us safe at home.

Jamie Anderson
Chase Anspach
Nancy Arzuaga
Cristy Barnes
Marisa Brizzalara
Janice Bullinger
Connor Burke
Gustavo Carrerro
Carolyn Cibor
Raymond Cibor
Millie Conran
Judy Coulier
DC
Danielle
Mark Dean
Sharon DeWitt
Jim Donnelly
Jennifer Edinger
Caren Fann
Joe Fendt
Vanessa Fox
Mary Jo Glassner
Willis Goodenough
Ernie Grabman
Paul Grantz
Roger Graves
Russ Greenbauer
Carrie Baldus Gross

Janet Hall
Lee Haslick
Stephen B. Hess
Jack
Keki Jahs
Karen
Nicholas Karlsons
Kathleen Kennedy
Jean Koehs
Beatrice Kotecki
Phil Lemmen
Janelle Martin
Bill Mason
Jim McHugh
Melissa
Margie Meyer
Lisa Meyers
Susan Millett
Maureen Moran
Wendy Murray
Jacob Myers
Lydia Napieralski
Ted Ostradick
Janie & Ron P
Bill Palermo
Helen Paul
Jennifer Porter
Linda Quaine

Val Race
Jack Richards
Amanda Ricord
Ayden Riggs
Teresa Rivera
Steve Rosso
Helen Rozneck
George Sadowski
Esperanza Sanchez
Kathie Saurbaugh
Christopher Schippers
Tony Schippers
Nancy Senkowicz
Roger Shoestring
Cathy Staeven
Linda Traynor
Charles VanderLaan
Ric VanWeelden
Alan Walczak
Eileen Westerhoff Young
Alan Williams
Richard Wilson
Sara Wolcott Family
Zachary Zimmerman