



# 15th Sunday in *Ordinary Time*



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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 - 8:00 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**

**Principal**

Open

**School Office**

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## Worship in Our Parish

### Mass Schedule

Monday, July 15	
8:00 a.m.	+Chuck Lewis by Pat & Cathy Kennedy
Tuesday, July 16	
8:00 a.m.	+Jack Robinson by Maureen & Don Burns
Wednesday, July 17	
7:00 a.m.	+Cecelia Bartholomew by Frank & Sandy Mercurio
Thursday, July 18	
8:00 a.m.	S.I. Fr. Dan DePew by Yvonne Richards
Friday July 19	
8:00 a.m.	+Nick Cariano by Mel & Lisa Shepherd
Saturday, July 20	
4:30 p.m.	+Lois Richards by Yvonne Richards
Sunday, July 21	
9:00 a.m.	+Isabelle Kinney by The Kinney Family
11:00 a.m.	+Corky & Dale Laman by Ann MacNeill

### Liturgical Assignments

**07/20-21/2019**

4:30 pm: Mike Grillo, Kolbe Gabryszak, Charles & John Henry Leonard, Steven Johnson, Joe Burns, Diane Carmode, Barb Griffith, Mike Grillo, Cathy Kennedy, Gary Kujawski, Karen Mead, Marilyn Reichardt (sub req), Kathy Struve (sub req), James Walkenhorst (sub req)

9:00 a.m. Lou Draeger, Faith Clark, Lindsay Ladd, Addie Mullally, Lee Ann Frame, Colleen Barraclough, Bill Berns, Maryvic Cuison (req sub), Carl Doering, Mary Sue Farmer, Kristin Padula (req sub), Bonnie Schmitt, Debbie & Ray Taetsch, Laure Veitenheimer, Michael Zambiasi

11:00 a.m. Amy Giroux, Layla Weiss, Julia Bajt, Sophie Vanittersum ( req sub), Sue Lavin, Patti & Bill Bernesser, Wendy Ely, Suzanne James, Rob Shippy, Mitchel Tennyson, Sharon Vink, Carl Wasson, Henry Werksma, 2 Volunteers needed

Ushers: Tom Swifney, Mark Brininstool, Austin Twa, Jim Kauppila, Dan Schmitt, Cal Braun, Carl Mesker, Bob Reichel, Dick Scholler, Kathy Reminder, Tom Palarz, Greg Pastotnik, Mike McMaster, Frank Marciniak, Mert VanDoorne, Marc Harris

## Our First Fruits to God

**06/30 & 07/07/2019**

Online Giving ..... \$5,865.00  
 Adult Envelopes..... \$27,625.40  
 Kids Coins .....\$90.77  
 Loose Contributions ..... \$3,141.86  
 Total Support..... \$36,723.03

Education Center Debt.....\$777,511.09

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign  
 Goal ..... \$2,000,000.00  
 Mary, Light of Learning Campaign  
 Pledges ..... \$1,324,140.50  
 Mary, Light of Learning Campaign  
 Received ..... \$1,126,118.70

CSA 2019 Goal ..... \$137,595.00  
 Pledged to Date ..... \$141,561.00  
 Over Goal..... \$3,966.00  
 Participating Families .....398

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.

### Introducing Cynthia Larson

Hello,

My name is Cynthia Larson, and I am your new Director for Faith Formation K-6. ! First, let me say I am thrilled to be here and I am looking forward to meeting St. Mary's children and their families as we begin this journey together. I am grateful to Cathy for all she has done to lead families of St. Mary's to encounter Christ. Thank you, Cathy, for your service to the families here at St. Mary's.

Now, for a little about myself, I grew up in Grand Rapids for most of my childhood so you can say that I am returning to my roots. I met my husband Brad, of 33 years, at MSU where we both earned our degrees. We moved several places in our early years together starting our lives in San Diego, California, and lived in Germany, but have been back in Michigan for twenty-six years where we have raised our three adult children. Two of our children live out of state in San Diego and Washington D.C. and our Michigander resides in Detroit. We enjoy many activities that the West-side has to offer including golfing, traveling and sailing.

I am blessed to have had the support of many while earning my second degree in Theological Studies from Siena Heights in

2014. I have been active for many years in variety of ministries at my former parish, St. Patrick's in Brighton where our children attended grade-school. Most recently I was at St. Patrick's and I believe the Lord has directed me here to St. Mary's where I am to share our time, talent and treasures together.

I am excited to see what the Lord has planned for the families of St. Mary's this year - I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you here at St. Mary's as we walk in faith together. Please feel free to contact me at clarson@slstm.org anytime. When you see me around introduce yourself to me, I would love to meet and talk with you.

I am looking forward to working with the parents and the catechists to pass on our Catholic faith to the children in the parish. I firmly believe that we walk in faith together as a parish family, leading our children to understand that the Lord wants a relationship with them. We do this by example, by prayer and teaching. We are able to display this to our children by our participation in the Liturgy and displaying our commitment to prayer and study. When we live out our faith by taking the time to pray with our children both at home and in church helps our children to live a

God centered life.

My last request is as I pray for you and the children of St. Mary's I ask you for your prayers as well.

In Christ,  
 Cynthia Larson

## This Week in Our Parish

### At a Glance

Monday, July 15  
7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel  
Sanctity of Life Meeting  
Adoration & Holy Hour  
4-5 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16  
7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

Wednesday, July 17  
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation

Thursday, July 18  
7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel

Friday, July 19  
7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel  
Parish Office Closed  
12:00 pm.

Saturday, July 20  
3:30-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, July 21



**The Blood Drive is this weekend.** Your donation is **URGENTLY** needed and appreciated. You can also sign up for the **September 8<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive.**

### Scripture Readings 07.21.19

Gn 18:1 - 10a Ps 15:2 - 5  
Col 1: 24 - 28 Lk 10:38 - 42

### Evangelization Clip

Jesus' exhortation from the story of the Good Shepherd: "Go and do likewise." Jesus never asks us to do something He Himself has not done to an extreme. The excellent publication, *The Word Among Us* ([www.WAO.org](http://www.WAO.org)), reminds us, "Jesus is the ultimate Good Samaritan, and we are the victim on the side of the road. Jesus risked everything to save us...He took on the defilement of our sin, and made us clean. And in doing so, Jesus became "neighbor" to all of us." We are Good Samaritans to our family and friends when we patiently listen to their problems. Listen first: that may be all they need from you. Perhaps kindly suggest a solution, perhaps one that will help them better rely on Jesus for His Way and on His Spirit for wisdom. Don't turn your back on a person needing help, even if it takes you out of your comfort zone.



**West Catholic Class of 1964 is having their 55 Reunion on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September** at West Catholic from 2 to 6 p.m. RSVP Kathy (Plaska) Keller at 616-691-8994 or [kellersquarters@juno.com](mailto:kellersquarters@juno.com).



**You're Invited to a Euchre Tournament at St. John's Lutheran Church!** Don't miss this night of food, fellowship, and FUNdraising for our Jamaica Mission Trip Friday, **August 16, 7:00 to 10:00pm** We provide the drinks (sorry, no alcohol allowed) and snacks Just bring yourself, spouse, and friends and a \$15 suggested donation per person. Gifts awarded to big winners & losers Childcare available for a freewill donation Register with Richard Rothe by August 11 at [rjrothe@att.net](mailto:rjrothe@att.net) or call or text at (616) 502-0567 with your name, number of people coming, and whether or not childcare is needed



Parish Family & Friends,

Thank you for all your prayers and words of encouragement during my recent illness. The Lord has been good to us and healing continues.

God bless you all,  
Sam & Irene Barbera



### St. Mary's Parish Festival Update

#### Get Involved

Not sure how to get involved with the St. Mary's Parish Festival? Make certain that you pick up and sell tickets for the \$10,000 raffle. Consider becoming a sponsor or donating an item for the Ham Wheel. Bring your kids to the event to ride the Tootsie Train, play carnival games, and compete in games of skill. Anyone 18 and older can play Bingo. Enter your classic or hot rod vehicle in the Car Show. For as little as \$1, people can take a chance on winning at the Ham Wheel and Cake Walk. And, of course, all are welcome to enjoy some live music while resting in the Beer Tent. Volunteers will be needed, so stay tuned for opportunities to help. Be a part of your parish festival on Saturday, September 7, from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m.

#### The Latest Information

For the latest information on what will happen at the 96th annual Parish Festival, check out the festival page on our website ([stmarysl.org/parishfestivalspicnicdance](http://stmarysl.org/parishfestivalspicnicdance)) Food trucks are being confirmed. Live music is being booked. And don't forget to patronize the sponsors who help make the Parish Festival possible. For more information contact Laura Alexandria at 231-286-9438 or at [twilightsleep@att.net](mailto:twilightsleep@att.net).

*The St. Mary's Parish Festival will be Saturday, September 7, from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m.*

*All proceeds from the Parish Festival support St. Mary's School and help to keep Catholic education affordable.*

### 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.

Please mark your calendar and plan to come to the **Sanctity of Life Meeting on July 15, from 4 to 5PM in the ABC Conference Rooms.** We will discuss what is happening with all the talk about abortion, what is the Dismemberment Ban Petition and what is the Heartbeat Bill.

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

### Parish Office Summer Hours



The parish office will be closing at noon on Fridays. through **August 16.**



Please pray for the families of Jim Yonkers (husband of Susan Yonkers), Ted Podulka (stepfather of Kirk Antekeier) and Donald Benkert (widower of Patricia Benkert).

May they rest in peace in the arms of the Lord. Amen.

**Pray For Peace In Our World**





## 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's list includes:** cereal, tea, soup, canned pasta, tuna, canned chicken, egg noodles, fruit, jelly, sugar, Hamburger Helper, toothpaste, dish detergent, and shampoo. Please note: We accept "Gluten Free" and special dietary food need. **Monetary, gifts and Scrip are welcomed and appreciated.** Please place donations in with your offertory or turn in to the parish so your gifts can be recorded on your contribution statement for tax purposes. Please mark "Christian Service".

Parishioners please know that all donations to the Pantry/Christian Service are greatly appreciated. Your recent gifts of laundry detergent & bathroom tissue were a wonderful surprise. You are invited to stop by the pantry any Thursday, between, 9am-4pm to say hello and see how we serve. You may decide to be a volunteer!

**The Momentum Center** is offering a free community event: **Dinner & Movie Night**, Friday, July 26 at 714 Columbus Ave., Grand Haven. Dinner is at 6 p.m. (potluck dishes welcomed) and the movie, "**The Black Panther**" begins at 7 p.m. Questions, call Jenna at 616-414-9111.

**The Momentum Center** is also hosting a Veterans Resource Fair on **Wednesday, July 31**, 3-5 p.m. A variety of organizations providing resources for veterans will answer questions and show support. For more information call 616-414-9111. Light refreshments will be provided.



**Tri-Cities 45th annual CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday October 6, 2019.** Please mark your calendar to join us to raise awareness and financial support for those in need of food, shelter and basic necessities. Over the years, thousands of people in our community have walked with us, raising over **\$939,000**. St. Mary's has been there and will continue to be. I will have more information and walker packets available after August 19. Questions? Call me at 616-842-2602.

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

"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



**St. Mary's School is looking for an Extended Care Coordinator.** The position involves working directly with children in structured before and after school programs. The schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The position follows the school year calendar.

The full job description is posted on the church website at [www.stmarysl.org](http://www.stmarysl.org) under the Parish News tab. Please contact Kara Polega at [kpolega@slstm.org](mailto:kpolega@slstm.org) or 616-842-1282 ext. 230.

## Youth Ministry

"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure."

Saint Pope John Paul II

### ALIVE IN YOU 2019 YOUTH MISSION TRIP REVIEW!

Our fourth annual mission trip took us to the Smokey Mountains of Knoxville, Tennessee! The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was our program location and residence for the week. All week we were surrounded by stunning Catholic art work and awesome reminders of the heroes of our faith. Attending Mass every morning was a highlight of our day. We received Jesus in the Eucharist before we went out in the mission field.

One of the places we served was Wesley House. This organization provides summer school for children while their single moms work on improving their quality of life. Our role at Wesley House was to support these students and help the staff catch up on some much needed TLC to the place. Our three day list of work was basically done in the matter of hours due to the intense focus of the students. I saw energy and excitement from the students to serve. Within an afternoon students organized and cleaned three rooms that are now ready to be used. Staff at the Wesley house said the rooms were a complete mess for years! It was evident that the students worked with care to create a clean, workable space for the children and staff.

We also worked at The Restoration House of East Tennessee. This non-profit organization helps low income single-mother families break harmful cycles and regain hope and the reality of a brighter future through transitional housing. They provide job counseling, family communication skills and help each child do well in school. The Restoration House truly cares for the whole person.

We were asked to work alongside the staff to help them catch up on work they hadn't had time to complete. At first this seemed like a simple task, yet it was very apparent that they were left unattended because the staff is constantly busy caring for the residents.

### Mission Chaperones!

Fr. Dave Gross, Shelby Anspach, Jason Boergers, Suzanne James, Steve Johnson, George Maierhauser, Kristin Padula, Eve Pattyn, Kate Rasmussen, and Mary VandeVrede. You are the team that made this amazing trip happen. The countless hours of preparation, fundraising and praying for our students. You slept on floors, took vacation time off of work and struggled with us in the good times and bad. Your countless acts of selflessness was not celebrated or seen by all. You showed by example to our youth what it was to give up your comfort zones so that God's will be done in the lives of many. Without you there is no mission!

### Mission Trip 2020 To Be Determined.....

The Mission team is exploring all options and should be announcing dates and times for our next mission soon.

### Steubenville July 19-21st 2019

We still have a few opening for this amazing conference. Open to all 9-12th graders. Email Chris Iwan [ciwan@stmarysl.org](mailto:ciwan@stmarysl.org) asap if interested.

### Youth Summer Gatherings

Stay posted for outdoor adventures and rosary group activities during the summer months.

Chris Iwan

Coordinator of Middle School and High School Youth Ministry  
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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  
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.

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  
Cristy Barnes  
Joyce Berns  
Logan Boon  
Connor Burke  
Gustavo Carrerro  
Carolyn Cibor  
Raymond Cibor  
Millie Conran  
Danielle  
D.C.  
Sharon DeWitt  
Jennifer Edinger  
Caren Fann  
Theresa Farnelli  
Joe & Frank Fendt  
Vanessa Fox  
Mary Jo Glassner  
Glenn  
Ernie Grabman  
Paul Grantz  
Marshall Graves, Jr.  
Barb Greene  
Janet Hall  
Lee Haslick  
Stephen B. Hess

Adam Hill  
Christopher Howe  
Gregory Howe  
Jack  
Keki Jahs  
Lin Johnson  
**Karen**  
**Lance Kilinski**  
Nicholas Karlsons  
Kathleen Kennedy  
Pat Kennedy  
Mary Ann Kihnke  
Violet Korecki  
Baby Paul Langeres  
Bill Mason  
Ridge Matthews  
Jim McHugh  
Melissa  
Margie Meyer  
Lisa Meyers  
Susan Millett  
Jeff Moorehouse  
Jacob Myers  
**Judy N.**  
Nash Nichols  
Jamie Noorman  
Ted Ostradick

Bill Palermo  
Jennifer Porter  
Val Race  
Jack Richards  
Ayden Riggs  
Teresa Rivera  
Larry & Helen Rozneck  
George Sadowski  
Esperanza Sanchez  
Christopher Schippers  
Tony Schippers  
Nancy Senkowicz  
Roger Shoestring  
Cathy Staeven  
Alan Walczak  
Eileen Westerhoff  
Young  
Alan Williams  
Sara Wolcott Family  
Amy Wygmans  
Ted Youn  
Ed & Jane Zahurak  
Ron & Phyllis Zant  
Zachary Zimmerman  
**Barb Zysk**