

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Mary's Catholic Church
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www.stmarysl.org
616-842-1702

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*He said to them,
"But who do you
say that I am?"
Simon Peter said
in reply, "You are
the Messiah,
the Son of the
living God."
Jesus said to him
in reply, "Blessed
are you, Simon,
son of Jonah. For
flesh and blood
has not revealed
this to you, but
my heavenly
Father. And so I
say to you, you
are Peter, and
upon this rock I
will build my
church, and
the gates of the
netherworld
shall not prevail
against it.*

Matthew 16:15-18

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Mass

Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 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.

St. Mary's School

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Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, August 24
8:00 a.m. No Mass

Tuesday, August 25
9:00 a.m. S.I. Fr. Ken & Fr. Dave
by Helen Paul

Wednesday, August 26
8:00 a.m. +Violet Korecki
by Mary Felice & Family

Thursday, August 27
9:00 a.m. S.I. Rose Marie Knudsen
and her family
by Rose Marie Knudsen

Friday August 28
8:00 a.m. S.I. Liz Novakoski
by Cathy Bingham &
Rita Milas

Saturday, August 29
4:30 p.m. +Ken Hudson
by His Family

Sunday, 30
9:00 a.m. +Ted Ostradick
by Grace & Max Baauw
11:00 a.m. St. Mary's Parish Family

Liturgical Assignments

4:30 pm:

**All positions are
volunteer only
due to
COVID-19**

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

08/09/16/2020

Online Giving \$8,691.00
Adult Envelopes..... \$23,754.00
Loose Collection \$345.00
Total Support..... \$32,175.00

Education Center Debt \$385,681.29

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Outstanding Pledges \$69,401.55

CSA 2020 Goal \$141,072.00
Pledged to Date \$111,919.00
Need for Goal \$29,153.00
Participating Families 399

If you are 72 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

Start of School

Please keep the students, teachers, staff, and support personnel of St. Mary's School in your prayers this week as we begin what is sure to be an unprecedented year of educating children in the faith! The last school year ended abruptly in March (at least the in-person portion of it), and it seems like ages ago that the students were walking our halls. This summer was hardly a break for the educators who have had to make new plans and learn new systems and techniques to provide both in-person and remote learning opportunities this fall. I am grateful for all of the hard work and dedication that has already been shown by our school employees, and I know that they will be putting in many extra hours to make sure that this year is the best that it can be for our students.

After reflecting on the Governor's School Opening Roadmap and consulting with the leadership of our diocese, we have made the decision to begin the year with all of our students present every day (except for those who voluntarily chose to utilize remote learning). Ideally, we would like to have more data regarding best practices to keep our students and teachers safe, but we are implementing new distancing, isolation, cleaning, and sanitizing protocols that we believe have the best chance to avoid spreading the coronavirus. This has created additional

expenses, but we obviously believe that the health and well-being of everyone at our school is worth more than any sum of money. We are also trusting in God's guiding hand and protection so that we can provide the best educational experience possible. Thank you for your support and prayers!

Faith Formation Classes

Given all the uncertainty surrounding the start of school at our local public schools, we are delaying the beginning of our Faith Formation program until September 30. Registration will take place in September, but until then we will be working on different ways to help the parents of our parish be the first and best teachers of their children in the Catholic faith. Keep your eyes out for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Volunteers Needed

As we begin another school year, we are once again looking for volunteers from the parish to serve on one of the committees of our school Board of Directors. We have many passionate and invested school parents who have already committed to this ministry, but we need people who care about the success of our school but who do not currently have any children enrolled. The meetings are held every other month, so there is not a huge time commitment. Please contact the school office if you would be interested.

One particular area in which we are in need of more expertise is for the Parish and School Building and Grounds Committees. Several people offered to serve last year when I put out this same request, and they will be contacted for this role, but we still need a few more eyes and ears to help us determine which maintenance projects are necessary and the best ways to go about tackling them. Please email me or contact the parish office if you would be willing to serve in this role for either the church or school.

As I mentioned at Mass last week, I am also looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to be scheduled to begin and end the live streams at Mass. It isn't hard, but I am looking for a commitment to being present and helping to take this off my plate. Please contact me directly via phone or email if you are interested in helping.

Golf Outing Thank You

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped make the Tri-Cities Golf Outing a tremendous success this past Monday. Our many volunteers and sponsors have provided a significant source of funding for our school tuition fund!

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

Fr. Dave

This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, August 24
8:00 a.m. Adoration & Holy Hour
Tuesday, August 25
Wednesday, August 26
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting
Thursday, August 27
Friday, August 28
Saturday, August 29
3:30-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation
Sunday, August 30

Beginning Friday, September 11 morning Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. This Mass will only be for St. Mary's school children due to COVID-19.



Thank you to Mary VandeVrede for leading the Homebound Ministry. Mary is stepping down due to new job responsibilities.

Eileen Grunstra has graciously accepted the offer to chair the ministry. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry or have questions about how it works please call the parish office. Visits to homes and nursing facilities have been suspended because of COVID-19. We look forward to the day we are able to share the Holy Eucharist again with our homebound and nursing home families.

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS - Raffle tickets are now available for pick up in the gathering space. Thank you to those who have already picked up your tickets, sold and returned them! Each packet contains 15 tickets, giving you a chance to win one of three prizes - **1st)\$10,000, 2nd) \$1,000, & 3rd)\$500 prize!** All proceeds support **St. Mary's School**, and help keep tuition affordable for our school families. Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. Feel free to pick up additional tickets in the gathering space or in the parish office. If there isn't a packet with your name on it simply take one of the numbered packets and sign it out in your name. We have had to do things a bit different this year due to COVID 19. The drawing will be held in the parish parking lot on Saturday, **September 12th**. If less than 5,000 tickets are sold, the raffle will revert to a 50/50 raffle, with minimum pay-out of \$2,000. The odds are great, as only 10,000 tickets are available for sale this year. The school can really use our help, as we are not going to be holding the traditional parish festival this year - an important fund-raiser for the school. Returning your ticket sales at Mass or in the parish office as soon as possible helps us gauge how we are doing. If you have questions, feel free to call Kathleen Johnston - 231-750-6971 or e-mail at Kathjo@frontier.com Thank you!

Scrip Scoop

Online Scrip now has an App for your phone!!! Introducing RaiseRight. It's simply the right way to fundraise. Now, earning is even more convenient—anytime you want, anywhere you go. Pick up right where you left off:

- Sign in with your same ShopWithScrip username and password. If you do not currently use online scrip, please contact the scrip office for the school code and more information to sign up.
- Access your gift cards right away
- Check out with payment information already saved to your account

Shop with Scrip is running a contest now through **September 12. How it works?** Every order families place using our mobile app, RaiseRight, today through Sep 12 is an entry to win. Shop any brand. Any gift card type. Any amount. **What you could win?** One of your families can win a \$1,500 gift card package for themselves plus a \$1,500 gift card package for your organization. Or, the runner-up wins a \$550 gift card package for themselves plus a \$550 gift card package for your organization. **The more you use the app, the more chances you would have to win!!**

For more information about the Scrip program, please visit our website, or call the Scrip office

Jennifer Grossman & Marci Hamilton
St. Mary's Scrip Coordinator
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www.stmarysl.org/scrip

Wedding Anniversary Mass – Together with your families, the Church in the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes to celebrate with you. Bishop Walkowiak will be celebrating the 10 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, October 11 for the intentions of all couples in the diocese celebrating milestone anniversaries this year.** Because of the current situation, we are asking couples to attend Mass at their own parish that day or to participate from home by watching the regular broadcast of the televised Mass on FOX 17 or the livestream on the diocesan Facebook page.

If you would like your marriage to be included in the Mass intention, please call the parish office no later than **October 1, 2020.**

Scripture Readings 08.30.20

Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63: 2-6, 8-9
Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

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.

Abortion: God loves each human life from the instant of his or her conception and entrusts this gift to the protection of a mother and father. Abortion ends the life of a child and offends God. It also deeply wounds the women and men involved. *USCCB*

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

Evangelization Clip

Today, we hear Jesus say, "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church." Jesus also established His Church in our families, in our homes. St. John Chrysostom said that God wants each family to consider itself a "little church," a holy place where Christ is worshiped and where each member of the family reaches a deeper holiness. That motivated the faithful to keep their marriages pure and to keep the faith of their children against the corrupting influences of the world. God wants us all to understand that our homes are miniature versions of the Church. Every home should be a place of peace, love, humility, and service; a house of prayer, in which the Lord is welcomed and revered. Pope Francis calls this our "small domestic Churches" Be a disciple. Be transformed in holiness. Pass it on.



Please pray for the family of Michael Ey; husband of Sherrie Ey.

May he rest in peace in the arms of the Lord. Bring comfort and support to this family as they grieve in the days and months ahead.

Faith Formation, ETC.

Faith Formation K-6

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Family talk:

What allowed Peter to answer Jesus the way he did? Peter knows who Jesus really is and other people do not know who Jesus really is because Peter and the disciples are paying close attention to Jesus.

Peter is a student of Jesus. He follows Jesus, wherever Jesus goes. He's watching and listening to Jesus.

Because he does this, then he learns both of Jesus' names. He knows Jesus, as his teacher, and he knows Jesus as the messiah. We can know Jesus in the same way that Peter does. We, too, can follow Jesus and learn from him.

When your family spends time reading the Bible and learning about Jesus the more you will recognize Him at work in your family life. You will be able to share his good ways with others. You can help others learn and encounter Jesus and his great love.

Help needed:

Looking for ways to be involved at St Mary's? Do you love the faith? Do you find that you enjoy sharing it with others? Come join us in teaching the faith to the children of St Mary's. (All who assist in Faith Formation must complete Virtus Training.) We are in need with the new procedures for us to gather of several adults to help us.

If you are interested in joining our team contact:

Cynthia Larson
clarson@slstm.org
616-842-2840

Cynthia Larson
Faith Formation K-6
616-842-2840/clarson@slstm.org

Youth Ministry

Confirmation Mass @ St. Mary's Sunday Sept. 13th at 3pm

We are excited for all our students that are ready to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in full at Confirmation. Please keep in your prayers these students as they make their final preparations.

Wednesday Morning Breakfast Club:

Every Wednesday students meet for 8am Mass and head over to Idle Hour for breakfast. This has been a wonderful time of fellowship. All 7-12th grade youth are more than welcome to attend.

Chris Iwan
Coordinator of Middle School and High School Youth Ministry
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St. Mary's Christian Service



St. Mary's Central Food Pantry is an ongoing weekly ministry which appreciates and needs your support. This week our list includes fruit, peanut butter, baked beans, taco fixings, ketchup/mustard, dry pasta macaroni products, peas, oil, kool-aid, ramen noodles, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant. Diabetic products are also helpful, such as syrup, fruit, Jell-O, cereals.

Thursday, August 13, we served 26 families (58 adults & 28 children). We happily welcomed new volunteers. Parishioners thank you for making this possible. **NOTE:** The South entrance to the Pantry on Exchange Street is OPEN every day. Just open the door and place your Donations on the Sturdy Shelving Unit..

Summer is marching right along and schools starts this week for St. Mary's students. Public schools will begin after Labor Day. If you see school supplies on sale, or are shopping for your family, please pick some up and drop off at the pantry. We will be happy to share them with the families we serve.

St. Mary's Christian Service Ministry
Smiles and Blessings Dorothy E. Raha
draha@stmarysl.org | 616-842-2602

Adult Faith Formation

Bible study: Due to current situations we will be doing distant Bible studies. Starts in **September**.

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom: If you are interested in a virtual Bible study by Ascension Press, then please contact me so that we can order you a book. This class will start in the fall and be virtual and we hope to be able to gather together by the time we finish up.

RCIA: We will be starting up on **September 14**. We'll be downstairs in room D or zoom. If you know anyone wanting to become Catholic, then please have them contact me.

Blog: Megan wrote about Communicating about Divisive Issues. Please, follow the link to read more. <https://www.stmarysl.org/news-adult-ff>

Men's Ministry: We will be doing **Exodus 90** starting Sept. 9 till the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8th. Exodus 90 is a 90 day spiritual adventure through prayer, fraternity, and asceticism for men. Please, go to Exodus90.com to learn more. Then contact me via email so we can add you to the adventure list.

Women's Ministry: Please let me know if you are interested in leading a Bible study. I'm currently looking into a Ladies series. Visit walkingwithpurpose.com and let me know if you are interested.

God bless.

Dave Heinert
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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
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
Ron Barnes
Joyce Berns
Marisa Brizzalara
Janice Bullinger
Connor Burke
Gustavo Carrerro
Carolyn Cibor
Raymond Cibor
Millie Conran
Judy Coulier
DC
Danielle
Mark Dean
John & Patti DeJonge
Sharon DeWitt
Jim Donnelly
Jennifer Edinger
Caren Fann
Joe Fendt
Vanessa Fox
Mary Jo Glassner
Ernie Grabman
Paul Grantz
Roger Graves

Russ Greenbauer
Carrie Baldus Gross
Janet Hall
Lee Haslick
Stephen B. Hess
Jack
Keki Jahs
Karen
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Kathleen Kennedy
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Bill Palermo
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Jack Richards
Amanda Ricord
Ayden Riggs
Teresa Rivera
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Esperanza Sanchez
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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