

"WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS OWN *cross*
AND COME AFTER *me* CANNOT BE *my disciple*."

LK 14:27

23rd

SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



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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-7:00 a.m. 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.

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Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, September 09
8:00 a.m. S.I. Deacon Bill
by Rita Dyke

Tuesday, September 10
8:00 a.m. S.I. Larry Murphy
by Dorothy Raha

Wednesday, September 11
7:00 a.m. +Elliot Grysen
by Cal & Rita Braun

Thursday, September 12
8:00 a.m. Pray for Peace in Our
World

Friday September 13
9:00 a.m. +Peter Boomgaard
by Helen Boomgaard

Saturday, September 14
4:30 p.m. +Tim Conroy
by Chris & Mary Cassleman

Sunday, September 15
9:00 a.m. St. Mary's Parish
Community
11:00 a.m. +Cal & Virginia Molyneux/
Max & Patricia Zamarripa
by Dave & Mary Molyneux

Liturgical Assignments

09/14-15/2019

4:30 pm: Rita Dyke, Sophia Raguse, Alex Hoisington, Alivia Holmes, John Conroy, Joe Burns, Jill & John Conroy, Mike Grillo, Cathy Kennedy, Gary Kujawski, Karen Mead, Marilyn Reichardt, Kathy Struve, Dawn Stubbs (req sub), Jackie Twa

9:00 a.m. Lou Draeger, Cole & Carter Charnley, Faith Clark, Colleen Barraclough, Carl & Betty Doering, Colleen Barraclough, Gloria Draeger, Mary Sue Farmer, Kristin Padula (req sub), Bonnie Schmitt, Ray & Debbie Taetsch (req subs), Laure Veitenheimer

11:00 a.m. Bill Dunn, Clayton & Luke Glasgow, Josie James, Carol Hunt, Patti & Bill Bernesser, Maryvic Cuison, Wendy Glasgow, David & Orlee Lukasik, Sandy Mercurio, Ray Murray, Joe Popiel, Peggy Secory, Sharon Vink

Ushers: Tom Twa, Mark Brininstool, Austin Twa, Jim Kauppila, 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

09/01/2019

Early
Bulletin
Deadline
Due To
Labor Day Weekend

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

Parish Festival Weekend

This weekend we are once again hosting our parish festival, and I hope by the time that most of you read this it will have been a rousing success. I wish to offer a huge thank you to Laura Alexandria for once again taking the reigns and heading up the festival committee and keeping all of us on task. She was assisted by a large group of committee chair-people who put in many hours to make sure that everything was done properly. While this event is a fundraiser, it is more importantly a chance for us all to come together as a community and get to know each other better while we are having fun with each other. We will once again solicit feedback to make improvements for next year, but for now, let us be grateful that everyone's hard work paid off. If you are reading this on Saturday evening, please come out after Mass and join us for some great music and food and buy some tickets to try to win the \$10,000 raffle prize!

Healing Our Church

This week we are beginning sign-ups for small groups for the Healing Our Church program to facilitate healing from the clergy abuse crisis and bishop cover-up. Thank you to our steering committee for all their hard work to organize this in our parish. I am

hopeful that many of you will sign up for one of the times that these groups will be meeting and that you will find it helpful. Some people are able to forget and move on from what has happened, but others are understandably having a harder time. These small group meetings are an opportunity to share, reflect, and pray about what our community and our Church has gone through in the past few years. May God send His Holy Spirit among us to enkindle His love in all our hearts and to help promote healing!

Building and Grounds Committee

At last week's parish finance council meeting we approved over \$50,000 worth of building repair projects for the parish (including the initial \$24,000) for the mosaic restoration. Our head maintenance man, Earl Martin, does a fabulous job of keeping our physical plant in tip-top shape, and his negotiating skills with contractors have saved us thousands of dollars over the years. However, this is a huge plant that is getting older, and it is very difficult for one person to keep an eye on it all. Therefore, we are bringing back our Church Buildings and Grounds Committee that last met several years ago. I have two volunteers from the finance committee, and I'm

looking for three or four more people with building/contracting/oversight experience to serve with them. I envision that the group would meet quarterly to determine the immediate and projected future needs of our church buildings. If you would be interested in serving on the committee, please contact me via phone or email to volunteer. Thank you!

Sound System

Thank you for your patience last two weekends ago with our make-shift sound system. One of our mixer components died after about 20 years. It wasn't until Monday that we discovered that two wireless microphones still worked. I received a few comments that the portable system worked better than the installed one, which might have been the case depending on where you were sitting. We are going to use this repair as an opportunity to tune up our sound system, and hopefully everyone will be able to hear better what is being said in church!

May God bless you and those you love throughout this week!

Fr. Dave


This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, September 09
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Adoration & Holy Hour
 Tuesday, September 10
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 Wednesday, September 11
 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
 12:30 p.m. Women's Club
 4:15-5:30 p.m. Elementary Faith Form.
 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
 7-8:30 p.m. 7-12 Grade Parent Mtg.
 Thursday, September 12
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 12:00 p.m. Young at Heart
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
 Friday, September 13
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary in the Chapel
 Saturday, September 14
 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Healing Our Church
 3:30-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation
 Sunday, September 15
 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Healing Our Church

Women's Club

Women's Club begins Wednesday, September 11. The rosary will be prayed at 12:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. Our speaker will be Mary Bilski of our parish. She will begin her talk on abortion issues at 1:30 a.m. As this is an important issue we are inviting men and women would like to learn more about it to attend. We would like all members to pay their dues at the meeting if possible. You can also drop them in the collection basket at Mass throughout September.

 **St. Mary's Senior Group, "The Young @ Heart"** invites men and women; age 55 or older to a monthly potluck on the second Thursday of each month, September through June (unless announced otherwise in the parish bulletin.) **The September Potluck will be Thursday, September 12th**, at noon in St. Mary's Activity Room A-B-C. Please bring a hot dish, cold dish, salad or dessert to share. Table settings and beverages will be provided.
"Make new friends and keep the old; one is silver and the other is gold."
 If you have questions, call: Joyce Anderson at 842-8649


Healing OUR Church Sign Up. Please consider taking advantage of an opportunity to come together for six weeks in small groups with fellow parishioners to pray and reflect on the clergy abuse crisis and to envision a path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith. RENEW international, a Catholic nonprofit, has designed this healing process. **Sign up for Healing OUR Church has begun.** You can find sign up forms in the pews, in the gathering space, and at the Parish Festival on the Faith Formation table.

Volunteers are love in motion!

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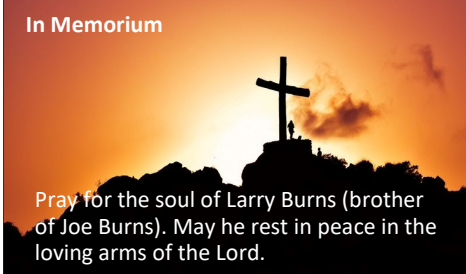
I would like to thank each and every one of you who took time this past weekend to volunteer at our Parish Festival. Your willingness to help with the various tasks ensured that the event was a success. We couldn't have done it without you! Your generosity continues to enrich our Saint Mary's community. With continued prayers and gratitude,

Kristin Buckler Padula

 **The Blood drive is this weekend.** Your donation is **URGENTLY** needed and appreciated. You can also sign up for the **November 10th** Blood Drive.

Wedding Anniversary Mass: Together with your families, the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes to celebrate with you. Bishop Walkowiak is inviting all couples celebrating milestone anniversaries to join him on Sunday, **October 13** at the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew (301 Sheldon Ave. SE, Grand Rapids). Please invite your family and friends, a simple reception will immediately follow. RSVP to your parish office. 616.842.1702.

In Memorium



Pray for the soul of Larry Burns (brother of Joe Burns). May he rest in peace in the loving arms of the Lord.

Scripture Readings 09.15.19

Ex 32:7 - 11, 13-14 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
 1Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1 - 32

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.

Come and support Tri Cities Right to Life!

Culver's Night of Sharing Fundraiser Event. Wednesday, **Sept. 18**, 5-8PM. Order your meal between 5 and 8 pm, dine in or drive thru. Not only will we be there to serve you, but the food is very good and we will receive 10% of the sales during this time.

"Suicidal individuals-with or without a terminal illness-typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

USCCB "Every Suicide is Tragic"

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

Scrip Scoop

ThankScriping Day is September 12

It only happens 3 times a year and it's coming soon: ThankScriping Day is September 12. Families can earn up to 21% on eGift cards and reloads from 60+ brands just in time for fall shopping. You must be registered for Online scrip shopping to purchase E-Cards or Reloadable cards to qualify for these bonuses. Please visit the Scrip Website to sign up. There are now three easy ways to pay: Presto Pay, Credit Card, or Check.

Jennifer Grossman & Marci Hamilton
 Scrip Coordinators
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 **Pray For Peace In Our World**

Faith Formation

St. Mary's Christian Service



NEXT SUNDAY: First chance to sign up for 45th Annual Tri Cities CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, October 6, 2019. Consider walking, gather your whole family! Remember the first time you walked! St. Mary's has been involved from the beginning.

Stop by the sign-up table in the gathering space the week-ends of **September 15, 22, & 29** after all Masses. For additional information, contact Dorothy.

St. Mary's Central Food Pantry is an ongoing weekly ministry, which appreciates your support. Please remember us when you shop. This week's list includes: juice, pancake/syrup, salt/pepper, soups, canned potatoes, baked beans, pasta sauce, saltine crackers, tuna, kleenex and deodorant. Please remember gluten free foods & protein drinks. Thank you on behalf of those we serve, and for keeping our shelves stocked.



Soup For All 2019 Grant Request. Last week I shared I was seeking 3 sponsors, in the range of \$100 each. Happy new, 1 parishioner came forward. I am still looking for 2 more sponsors in the range of \$100 each. Please consider this request and call me soon.

Christian Service Collection, August 25, 2019. Thank you for your generous gifts of \$1,951. Our ministry has a huge outreach program. One half of this collection (\$975.00) will be used for housing requests. During the month of August, we assisted with 12 requests for rent/eviction (shared requests with 5 other churches). Our share was \$3,469. We also paid out \$839 in utilities. As you can see, our ministry is much more than food. Questions? Call me at the number listed below.

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

Faith Formation K-6

Luke 14: 25-33

Children as they grow older become more capable of doing more and taking on more responsibilities. For this reason, it is important for them to learn how to set priorities. Making priorities and sticking to them sometimes, especially in family life can be very difficult and can require sacrifice. Jesus wants us to know that following him is difficult, but the reward—fullness of life—is worth it.

Dear Parents,

The new Faith Formation year is here. We are excited as a faith formation team to have your families with us this year. If your children are not registered yet, please do so on the church website. Our Faith Formation Orientation and Welcome is scheduled on September 11 from 4:15 -5:30 pm. Plan to attend as it is very important that as parents and catechists, we are together in forming our children in the faith. We will meet in the church with your children for prayer and then your children will be excused to their catechists to head to their rooms. This initial meeting will conclude with you visiting your children's Faith Formation room to meet their catechist. **This first session September 11. Walkers will not be escorted from the school but will need to be brought to the church by their parents or guardian.**

Parents have the primary responsibility to educate their children in the faith. I look forward to meeting you and working together as a parish family to teach your children the beautiful Catholic faith. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 616-842-2840.

May God continue his work in each of us.

Cynthia Larson, Faith Formation K-6616-842-2840/clarson@slstm.org

Adult Faith Formation

Bible study: Will restart **September 10th in the B & C rooms**, by the gym, with a study on the **Eucharist** which can be found on **formed.org** that can be accessed by visiting the parish website. Book will be available for \$9. Class is from **9:30 am -11 am**.

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.

Tap'd. The next two events will be **October 9**, and **November 7**.

Bible Timeline: Starting in **October** on Sunday evenings, Bill Sibilla will be leading a walk through the Bible using the Bible Timeline series.

Adult Class: Starting in **October** on Tuesday evenings, Gregory Todd will be offering an adult class. In **October** it will be **Virtues/Vices and November** will be **Purgatory**.

If you are interested in becoming an Adult Catechist; please contact me and we'll see what we can set up.

Healing OUR Church: Starting at **September 29**, we'll be offering a six week course. It will rap up right before hunting season starts! **Sign up now.** Please see Healing OUR Church announcement for more information.

The Sounds of Notre Dame Cathedral: Tuesday, **9/17/2019** at 7 pm Spring Lake District Library will have a presentation on Notre Dame's pipe organ.

Corporal Work of Mercy opportunity, Visit the Imprisoned. **Humanity for Prisoners:** Thursday, **9/12/2019** at 7 pm Spring Lake District Library will discuss the mission and services of HFP to inmates and their families, prison health care, and dealing with critical illnesses.

Dave Heinert

Director of Adult Faith Formation
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MOM's Group meetings are back and will continue weekly on Thursday's from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Rooms 7/8 (small lounge) at St. Patrick/St. Anthony. Moms of any stage are welcome to join us for fellowship, learning and fun! We hope to see you there. **9/12:** Get to Know You **9/19:** Keeping the Spark Alive **9/26:** Accupressure for Kids. Questions: Amanda Kosanic: a_walter1@hotmail.com; Dawn Schmidt: dawnmschmidt@gmail.com; Samantha Cutler: scutler29@gmail.com.

80th Annual Fall Seminar for Women

Grand Rapids Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's 80th annual fall seminar, "Catholic Strong", will be held Saturday, **October 19**, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Marne. Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, bishop of Grand Rapids, will celebrate Mass. Guest speakers are Katie Mendenhall, DRE, St. John Paul II Parish; Margaret M. McCarthy, St. Mary's Parish, Marne; and Colleen Mitchell, founder, UPRISE. Hospitality begins at 8:30 a.m., program runs from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with lunch.

To register: Email grdccw@grdiocese.org or online at: <http://bit.ly/GRDCCWFallSem19>

Cost is \$20. Deadline to register is **October 11th**.

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
Anne Antonich
Cristy Barnes
Joyce Berns
Logan Boon
Connor Burke
Gustavo Carrerro
Carolyn Cibor
Raymond Cibor
Millie Conran
Danielle
D.C.
Sharon DeWitt
Jim Donnelly
Jennifer Edinger
Caren Fann
Theresa Farnelli
Joe & Frank Fendt
Vanessa Fox
Mary Jo Glassner
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Barb Greene
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Christopher Howe
Gregory Howe
Jack
Keki Jahs
Lin Johnson
Karen
Lance Kilinski
Nicholas Karlsons
Kathleen Kennedy
Mary Ann Kihnke
Violet Korecki
Beatrice Kotecki
Baby Paul Langeres
Bill Mason
Ridge Matthews
Jim McHugh
Melissa
Margie Meyer
Lisa Meyers
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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
Mike Secory
Nancy Senkowitz
Roger Shoestring
Cathy Staeven
Pat Urbanik
Charles VanderLaan
Alan Walczak
Eileen Westerhoff Young
Alan Williams
Sara Wolcott Family
Amy Wygmans
Ted Youn
Ed & Jane Zahurak
Ron & Phyllis Zant
Zachary Zimmerman
Barb Zysk