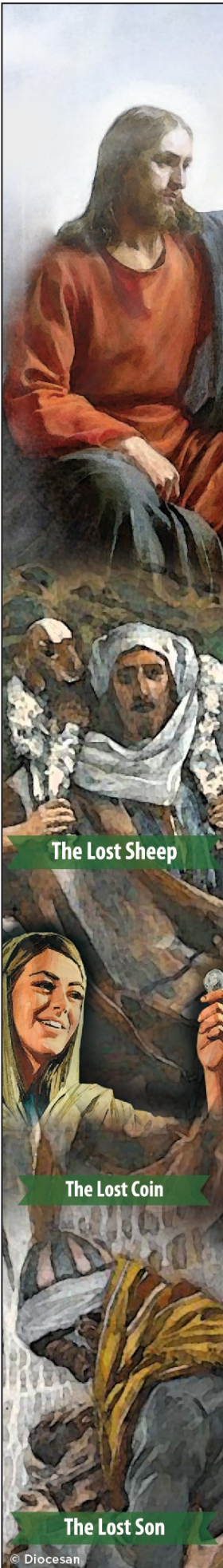


24th Sunday in *Ordinary Time*

"In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

- Luke 15:10



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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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The Lost Sheep

The Lost Coin

The Lost Son

Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, September 16
 8:00 a.m. +Nik Barbera
 by The Family of Helen Szubinski

Tuesday, September 17
 8:00 a.m. +Jim Penrice
 by His Family

Wednesday, September 18
 7:00 a.m. A Special Intention
 by St. Mary's Parish Staff

Thursday, September 19
 8:00 a.m. +John Pietila
 by The Raha Family

Friday September 20
 9:00 a.m. +Winifred Schmidt
 by Grace Weber

Saturday, September 21
 4:30 p.m. +Barbara Kennedy
 by Bill Kennedy

Sunday, September 22
 9:00 a.m. +Patricia Benkert
 by Ken & Judy David

11:00 a.m. +Barbara Kennedy
 by Kathy & Barry Kennedy

Liturgical Assignments

09/21-22/2019

4:30 pm: Mike Grillo, Jack Biro, Kolbe Gabryszak, Chandler Noorman, Kathy Struve, Joe Burns, Diane Carmode, Jill & John Conroy, Cathie & Kevin Gagnon, Barb Griffith, Cathy Kennedy, Kathy Struve, Paul & Jackie Twa

9:00 a.m. Amy Giroux, St. Mary's School Children and Staff

11:00 a.m. Ray Murray, Olivia Wright, Travis Throop, Layla Weiss, Angelo Marasco, Patti & Bill Bernesser, Janet Cox, Suzanne James, Faith Marasco, Sandy Mercurio, Rob Shippy, Dawn Stubbs, Sharon Vink, 2 Volunteers Needed

Ushers: Tom Twa, Mark Brinstool, 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

09/01-09/08/2019

Online Giving \$5,667.00
 Adult Envelopes \$23,355.00
 Kids Coins \$98.35
 Loose Contributions \$3,510.45
 Total Support \$32,630.80

Education Center Debt \$757,288.71

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
 Goal \$2,000,000.00
 Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
 Pledges \$1,330,723.48
 Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
 Received \$1,149,056.72

CSA 2019 Goal \$137,595.00
 Pledged to Date \$144,896.00
 Over Goal \$7,301.00
 Participating Families 415

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

A huge thank you is in order for everyone who made our parish festival such a success! Laura Alexandria has done a masterful job of keeping everyone organized and on task once again, and I am extremely grateful for all her hours of hard work. Ken and Kathleen Johnston gave many hours of their time to not only run the large raffle, but also to help make sure that the grounds were ready, and everything was in place. Earl Martin went above and beyond the call of duty to help make sure the buildings and equipment were ready and where they were supposed to be. Thank you to Kristin Padula for recruiting and organizing volunteers and to Colleen Barraclough, who got our concessions in order and helped secure donations for all of the food that we sold there. This list of names could probably go on to fill this page, including our parish and school staff and those who helped with games, bingo, money collection, the car show, quilt raffle, bake sale, sponsor solicitation, setup and cleanup, but I hope that all of you know that your hard work is noticed and appreciated! Together we were able to raise over \$30,000 for our school, and it was a day of fun and camaraderie for our parish. I hope

to have more concrete numbers to share with you in the next couple of weeks, once all of the expenses have been paid. Please mark your calendars and prepare to join us for next year's event on **September 12, 2020!**

Faith Formation

We kicked off our faith formation classes this past Wednesday evening, and it was great to see so many returning students and their families returning for another year. If your children are not enrolled in Catholic schools, it is vitally important that they participate in these classes. While it is ultimately the parents' responsibility to educate your children in the faith, we strive to provide the resources and support that you might be lacking. Every year we seem to be running into more and more conflicts with sports and other activities on Wednesday evenings. While these activities are fun and important for a child's development, they should ultimately take a back seat to helping your kids learn and grow in their faith. Missing an occasional class is understandable, but we cannot make up for months of missed time. For everyone with school-aged children, I encourage you to pray that God will guide you to make the best decisions when it

comes to bringing them up in the faith!

Holy Land Trip

Next Sunday will be our second gathering to help us prepare for our pilgrimage to the land of Jesus' life here on earth. If you have not yet committed to joining us, but have an interest, please feel free to come to the ABC Meeting Rooms next to the gym between the Sunday morning Masses. It is not too late to register, but we want to make sure that everyone is properly spiritually prepared to get the most out of this experience. We will be praying, sharing information, and looking at some slides from my previous trip to the Holy Land.

Second Collection for Dorian Victims

We are taking up a second collection this weekend for the victims of Hurricane Dorian in the United States and the Bahamas. The level of destruction can only be described as catastrophic, and we are called to do what we can to help. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

Fr. Dave

This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, September 16
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary
 7:00 p.m. Adoration & Holy Hour

Tuesday, September 17
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 4:00 p.m. Christian Service Bd. Mtg.

Wednesday, September 18
 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
 4:15-5:30 p.m. Elementary Faith Form.
 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
 6:30 p.m. Open Gym 7-12 FF
 7:00 p.m. 7-12 Faith Formation

Thursday, September 19
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, September 20
 7:25 a.m. Praying of the Rosary

Saturday, September 21 **Crop Walk Sign-Up**
 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Healing Our Church
 3:30-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, September 22 **Crop Walk Sign-Up**
 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Healing Our Church
 9:00 a.m. Nursery Open
 10:15 a.m. Holy Land Pilgrimage Meeting

FESTIVAL WINNERS!

\$10,000 Jeff Sawinski
\$ 1,000 Rick Straub
\$ 500 Kim Siple

QUILT WINNERS

Autumn Delight Laura Alexandria
Felicity Diane Swifney

Scripture Readings 09.22.19

Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2, 4-8
 1Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13

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.

The foundation of a house is only one of many parts of the house, but it is essential to build the other parts. That is why the bishops teach that the right to life is the foundation of all human rights, and that our priority must be fighting abortion.

Prayer. Lord, You warned against building our house on sand. May the right to life itself shape all our efforts for justice.

Pro-life Reflections for Every Day

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

Volunteers are love in motion!

-Author unknown


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

Healing OUR Church Discussion Groups Coming! Starting the week of Sunday, **September 29 until November 8**. 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 organization, has designed this healing process. Sign up for the Healing OUR Church process will continue to take place this weekend. You'll find sign-up information in the pews, entry ways, and on the Healing OUR Church information table.

 **Thank You to all the donors at last Sunday's Blood Drive.** This drive wouldn't have been as successful as it was without all the volunteers who helped. Thank you. We collected **44** units of blood, which put us a little short of the goal so please plan on signing up for the next drive **November 10**.

I want to especially thank Marianne Martin for all her assistance she has provided in making this blood drive a success. She is stepping down after all these years from helping with the registration process. If anyone would like to volunteer 3 hours of their time from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every other month to help the blood drive please contact Chris Jarvis at 616 402-1598.

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.

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.



**Pray For Peace
In Our World**

Scrip Scoop

If you missed out on September 12 Thankscricing day they usually do another one closer to Thanksgiving. Thankscricing day is when they roll out extra bonuses on E-Cards, Re-loadable Cards, and sometimes Physical Cards. We don't know what cards will be included on Thankscricing day until Midnight of that day, and it only lasts 24 hours! You can now pay for Online Scrip orders with Credit Cards or Presto Pay. For more information, or to sign up for Online Scrip shopping visit our website: <https://www.stmarysl.org/scrip.html>

For those of you that were waiting for Jersey Mike's to open in Grand Haven, we do have Scrip that can be purchased for them. It's only available in E-Cards (Scrip-Now).

Jennifer Grossman & Marci Hamilton
 Scrip Coordinators
scrip@stmarysl.org, 842-1702
www.stmarysl.org/scrip

Faith Formation

St. Mary's Christian Service

TODAY! Please stop by the **CROP WALK Sign-up table** in the Gathering Space. Join us for the **45th Annual Tri Cities CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday, October 6, 2019**. If you have not walked in years. Consider walking, gather your whole family! Remember the first time you walked! Our goal is **450** walkers! Host church is Ferrysbug Community. I will be walking again – *I ask for your financial support!* Thank you, 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:** cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soups, canned meats, tuna/chicken, flavored rice, boxed potatoes, pancake mix, egg noodles and Ramen Noodles, deodorant and laundry detergent. **Monetary, gifts and Scrip are welcomed.** 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". Thank you on behalf of those we serve, and for keeping our shelves stocked.

August Pantry Numbers-Thanks to our parish family, we were able to serve **85 families (154 adults & 89 children)**. Families were happy to receive your donation of school supplies & filled back packs. **September 5**, we served **25 Families**. Your monetary gifts & Scrip cards allowed us to purchase fresh bananas, cantaloupe and celery. Asking God's continued blessings upon you and your families.

Please mark your calendars for Leppinks and Orchard Fall Harvest Sales, which begin the last week of September. This is a good time to shop for your families and our parish pantry.

Simply Give Campaign! Meijer Simply Give program is running **now** thru **September 28!** 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. **IMPORTANT:** The cards must be purchased at the Grand Haven Meijer Store to benefit Love. This program supports our Parish Pantry.

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

Adult Faith Formation

Bible study has started. Join us on Tuesday mornings **in the B & C rooms**, by the gym. We will be studying the **Eucharist**. Information can be found on **formed.org** by visiting the parish website. Class is from **9:30 am -11 am**.

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

Bible Timeline: Starting Sunday October 6th at 6:30 p.m. in room D. Bill Sibilla will be leading a walk through the Bible using the Bible Timeline series.

Adult Class: Starting Tuesday, **October 1st** in the evening with Gregory Todd. The topics will be **Virtues/Vices and November** topics 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 on **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.

Dave Heinert

Director of Adult Faith Formation

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Music Notes

The Junior Choir-grades 1 - 6, with help from grades 7 & as helpers, will begin on Wednesday, September 18. Choir is from 3:45-4:25 p.m. in the music room. Students are welcome to come late as different schools dismiss at different times. Calendars for the year will be given out on the first day.

The St. Mary's Senior Choir - high school& adults has started and meets on Thursdays, in the music room at 7:00 p.m. Previous choir experience is not necessary. All you need is the joy of singing and a desire to share music in praising God.

Call Diane Murray (616-638-0707) if you have any questions.

Nursery News

Volunteers 11 years and older needed! Please call/text/email if interested Mary Brown ph. 616-752-0077

maryrozneckbrown@gmail.com. **VIRTUS Training is required for volunteers that are 18 years or older.**

Please sign up/find dates/locations at <https://grdiocese.org/protecting-gods-children/safe-environment-training/>

Faith Formation K-6

This is being offered on Tuesday Mornings in the Abbey from 10 am to 11:30am from Sept. to May 5. Registration is online at the church website.

The philosophy of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is that even very young children have a religious life. God is present to them in their deepest being and they are capable of developing both a conscious and intimate relationship with God. We provide materials based on age-appropriate Scripture passages and liturgical signs that nurture their relationship with God. The program balances exposure to our liturgy and the richness of our communal sacramental life with reading the Bible. Our program begins with presenting the New Testament to the children. The youngest learn about Jesus and the beauty and wonder of the Kingdom of God through carefully chosen Bible verses that foster a deep love for Jesus. Classes are structured to offer a time of prayer and song, a time for the "presentation and a time for individual work by the child.

Cynthia Larson

Faith Formation K-6

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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
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
Glenn
Rosemary Goloversic
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
Mary Ann Kihnke
Violet Korecki
Beatrice Kotecki
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
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