

Gabriella Alban

Ella Andree

Kyle Bajt

Brooklyn Beeler

Ryan Bonney

Sophia Brakora

Brooke Brininstool

Avery Britt

Cecilia Cutler

Payton Davis

Alyssa Fogel

Ava Fouchea

Max Fricano

Luke Glasgow

Alexander Hoisington

Delaney Johnson

Karston Kval

Molly LeMaire

Kenneth Leonard

Nicholas Leonard

Evelyn McDonald

Quinn McKenna

Eve Miller

Dewey Modaff

Caden Pawlak

Alexander Pierce

Michael Priddy

Baily Quiney

William Raha

Alena Reeths

Bea Reeser

Lucas Ruffing

Samuel Schafer

Jordan Smith

Mia Spero

Emerson St. Arnauld

Louise Tuck

Bryce Van Duinen

Jack Walkenhorst

Jake Westhoff

Kyle Wright



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Spring Lake, MI 49456
www.stmarysl.org
616-842-1702

The parish directory is available online and can be accessed via our website. Please call the parish office for the code. www.stmarysl.org

Confirmation

September 13, 2020

Congratulations

Pastor

Rev. Dave Gross

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Emergency Number: 616-604-4105

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Diane Murray

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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

Daily Mass

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. & Friday 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

Principal

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School Fax: 616-842-8048

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Gera Peel

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Marketing & Development Director

Carol Payne

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Preschool Director

Kara Polega

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Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, September 21
8:00 a.m. No Mass

Tuesday, September 22
9:00 a.m. S.I. Roseann Butcher
by Her Pantry Pals

Wednesday, September 23
8:00 a.m. +Ted Youn
by Marlene & Pat Perry

Thursday, September 24
9:00 a.m. +Marge Payne
by Richard Kirby

Friday September 25
9:00 a.m. S.I. Rose Marie Knudsen
& Family
by Rose Marie Knudsen

Saturday, September 26
4:30 p.m. +Maureen Moran
by Bob & Eileen Grunstra

Sunday, September 27
9:00 a.m. +Mary Jo Schuld
by Ladies Knights
of Columbus

11:00 a.m. 70th Anniversary of Steve
& Delores Gulis
by Steve & Delores Gulis

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

09/13/2020

Online Giving \$3,382.00
Adult Envelopes..... \$9,099.00
Loose Collection \$155.00
Total Support..... \$12,636.00

Education Center Debt \$385,681.29

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Outstanding Pledges \$66,917.11

CSA 2020 Goal \$141,072.00
Pledged to Date \$115,959.00
Online Pledges..... \$20,525.00
Total Pledges \$136,484.00
Need for Goal \$4,588.00
Participating Families 465

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

Grateful for a Successful Raffle

Despite not being able to have a festival this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, we were able to conduct a very successful raffle to benefit our school. As I am writing this, I don't have the exact numbers, but the raffle generated approximately \$17,000 in profit. About \$7000 of this came in the day of the raffle, so thank you to all our last-minute buyers and to those who volunteered to staff the booth (for some in the rain). The biggest thanks goes to Kathleen Johnston, who single-handedly organized all of the tickets and tracked them. She and her husband Ken were a big part of the reason why this effort was so successful. I was also happy that all three winners this year are parishioners. The top prize went to the Rasmussen family, who are school parents as well. I pray that next year we will return to our festival as planned, so mark September 11, 2020 on your calendar and plan to buy more tickets next year so that the chances are better that I pull your name!

Important Information Regarding Mass Attendance

I am happy to see that our in-person Mass attendance continues to increase week after week, but this has also caused us some challenges. Our "official capacity" is 180 people, but given our current configuration, it

is really difficult to squeeze that many people into the pews we have available. That is one reason why I am pleading with everyone to do your best to arrive to church early! At most Masses it seems that there is plenty of space five minutes before Mass begins and then people start to roll in and things fill up very quickly. In order to help us get as many people into church as safely as possible, we need everyone to be cooperative and understanding if they are asked to move or make some adjustments. If everyone arrives at least 5-10 minutes early, this can be done with less stress. We may have to move to a policy that if you have not arrived by 5 minutes before Mass begins you will be required to sit in the gym or gathering space.

To help facilitate our seating we also need more volunteer ushers, especially for the 11 am Mass. The 4:30 is relatively well covered and we tend to have few problems at the 9 am, but the 11 seems to be the most challenging. Having a group of 4-5 people to point out available seats can make things run much more smoothly. We can also use a few more people who are willing to stay a few minutes after the 11 am Mass to help sanitize the pews. Some Sundays we only have 2-3 people who stay, and they need to wipe down every pew. Many hands make light work, so if

you can help, please come to the vestibule near the center aisle doors at the end of Mass.

Finally, a word about masks. Thank you to the vast majority of our Mass attendees who make the sacrifice to wear a mask throughout the celebration of Mass. However, there are some who remove their mask as soon as they reach their seat and almost never put it back on until it is time to leave. I know very well that they are uncomfortable and can be a burden. However, wearing a mask is an act of Christian charity and demonstrates love for your neighbor! The science has proven that wearing a mask greatly reduces the chance that you might spread the virus to someone else. As we reach the end of the air conditioning season there will be less air movement in the church and this will be even more important. By all means, take a few moments to catch some air if necessary, but otherwise, keep your mask on! Also, if you don't have a mask on, please do not sing or verbally respond, as this spreads more water droplets into the air. Thank you for your willingness to make sacrifices for others!

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

Fr. Dave

This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, September 21
 8:00 a.m. Adoration & Holy Hour
 7:00 p.m. RCIA
 Tuesday, September 22
 Wednesday, September 23
 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation
 Thursday, September 24
 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry
 Friday, September 25
 Saturday, September 26
 3:30-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation
 Sunday, September 27



CHRIST-CENTERED

St. Mary's School educates the whole child for a life of encounter with Jesus Christ. We are devoted to helping students in every dimension of life, nurturing a relationship with Christ which is the foundation of all learning.

Scholarships are available.

Contact us today! 616-842-1282 - schooloffice@slstm.org

Scripture Readings 09.27.20

Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25: 4-9
 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32

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.

Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) offers a number of resources to help Catholics prepare for their voting choices, including information on conscience formation, ballot choices, and voting logistics. The new webpage is available at www.micatholic.org/2020Election

- [Check your voter registration status or register to vote](#)
- [Study and reflect on Catholic social teaching](#)
- [Review your ballot and voting choices](#)
- [Take the time to pray and ask for God's direction](#)
- [Vote absentee or in-person on Tuesday, November 3](#)

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



\$10,000 Mark & Kate Rasmussen Family
\$1,000 Darlene Kildea-Pahl
\$500 Patricia Green



Music Notes

The coronavirus has certainly impacted our church music. We are wearing masks, staying six feet apart and limiting the music to a keyboard and cantor. We look to the next months with hope that the virus will ease up and we can restart our choirs at St. Mary's. With that thought in mind here is a tentative schedule for **students**, knowing that it may change at any time. There will be ½ hour increments for any students (grades 4 through 8) on Tuesdays starting at 4:00 with ½ hour spaces between students (i.e. 4:00 – 4:30; 5:00 – 5:30; etc). I can accommodate 4 students at a time safely, thus I would need to know who is interested, committed to choir, and what time they could come. Our tentative starting date would be **October 13**. Please email or text me for more information or to sign up: dmurray@stmarysl.org

The adult **Senior Choir** will remain on hiatus at this point we hope to know more about rehearsal safety and possibilities for seating as time progresses. We are proud of our Senior Choir and grateful for all the time and talent they share. Please let us know if you are new to the parish and would like to join this ministry. Also, if this is something you have considered doing for our church for some time, let us know.

Feel free to stop and talk to me after Mass or contact me any other way with thoughts, concerns and possibilities.
 Diane Murray (cell phone: 616-638-0707)



Scrip Scoop



The first day of Autumn is next Tuesday! Time to think about cleaning/decorating your home and yard. The Cash & Carry box has everything you need to help spruce up your home! Pick up gift cards for Allied Waste, Amazon, Hallmark, The Home Depot, Kohl's, Meijer, Menards, Rite Aid, Target, TJ Maxx, Walgreens, Walmart and many more.

There are hundreds of other Scrip gift cards that can be special ordered, just stop by the parish office to place your order. If orders are placed before 9am Monday morning, they are usually delivered to the Parish office by Wednesday/Thursday of that week. For more information, please visit the school website: www.stmarysl.org/scrip

Jennifer Grossman & Marci Hamilton
 St. Mary's Scrip Coordinator
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Thank You to all of the donors at last Sunday's Blood Drive.

We collected 52 units of blood. Since the blood drive started that makes a total of 4,418 units. That is more than 10 barrels of blood. This drive would not have been as successful as it was without all the volunteers who helped. Thank you to all of you who helped.

Please plan on donating at our next drive on **November 8, 2020**. As a reminder you must sign up for the drives, there are no standing reservations. If you haven't signed up yet please contact Chris Jarvis at 616 402-1598 or you may do so on line at www.redcrossblood.org.

We Are Not Giving Up On Life Watch Party to be held on the Trillium patio on Monday, September 28, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

At a time when we can't gather in large numbers, please join us for a historic virtual statewide event by Right to Life of Michigan. Keynote speaker will be Sarah Huckabee Sanders. Our live speaker for the virtual event is Pastor Christopher Thoma. His message addressed the relationship between the Church and the public square and is sure to both inspire and motivate you. Due to current restrictions seating will be limited. RSVP as soon as possible.

Go to tricitierighttolife.org for details and to RSVP or contact Mary Bilski, 616-846-5751 or mjbilski@att.net.

Faith Formation, ETC.

Faith Formation K-6

Gospel Reading

[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy and love in this parable.

Family time:

God's love and generosity are at the heart of this parable but to our children (and even some of us) find it hard to see this in our reading of this Gospel. We believe in fairness and justice. How can it be fair that those who show up later in the day receive the same compensation as those who worked hard all day? When we invite Jesus into our reading and ask for understanding our eyes are opened... we see this is not about what any of us deserves. This Gospel parable is about God's love and his overflowing generosity with us. We deserve little if anything but because of His love he generously provides.

Here is another way to look at this Gospel reading. The general idea of the parable is that everyone comes to the vineyard (faith) at different points in their lives. Some people are lifelong disciples of Jesus, and some people convert only toward the end of their lives. In the kingdom of God, both groups are treated the same. By human standards, we perhaps might view this as unjust. Jesus however points out that the reward for their long work (heaven) is fair, and the only reason that others receive this same reward is because of the generosity of the owner of the vineyard (God). It is his (God's) to do with as he pleases. So long as we have not been treated unjustly, how could we reasonably complain that God is generous to others?

Read aloud the Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16.

- ◆ What if you were to report to work at 7:00 am and your friend came to work at 3pm and you were paid the same? How would you feel?
- ◆ Think about your reaction. Have you ever been jealous about someone succeeding? Why did you feel this way?
- ◆ Have you ever received something just because someone was kind? How did that make you feel?

Conclude by praying together the psalm for this Sunday, Psalm 145, which praises the goodness and greatness of God.

Registration is up on the Faith Formation website. This year we will begin classes online.

Contact Cynthia Larson with any questions.

Clarson@slstm.org

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

Youth Ministry

Forty-one of our young people were Confirmed on Sunday, September 13. It was a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr. Dave. Thank you to our parish community for your prayers and support.

Chris Iwan

Coordinator of Middle School and High School Youth Ministry
616-935-6974 / ciwan@stmarysl.org www.facebook.com/stmaryslym

Adult Faith Formation

Bible study: We will be meeting downstairs in room D, on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am**, starting **September 29 & October 1**. Space is **limited to 9 students**. Masks will be required. We'll be doing the Salvation series found on Formed.

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 after the Bible timeline class that wasn't able to finish in the spring wraps up, probably **early November**. Acts will be **Sundays at 6:30 pm**. It will be virtual and we hope to be able to gather together by the time we finish up.

RCIA: We are meeting downstairs in room D on Mondays at 7:00 pm. If you know anyone wanting to become Catholic, then please have them contact me.

Blog: Megan wrote about "**Why I'm still attending Mass again even with a dispensation.**" Read about why Megan and her family are going to Mass even though it has some ups and downs. It's inspired my family to dust off our 3 year old and start bringing him. Please, follow the link to read more and hopefully be inspired as well: www.stmarysl.org/news-adult-ff

Men's Ministry: Some men in the parish started **Exodus 90** on September 9 and will finish on the Immaculate Conception, December 8. Please, keep these men in your prayers as they give up live sports and most news during these very active sports and news months.

Women's Ministry: We have leaders for the day and are working on getting that one started. We have a Lady willing to co-lead in the **evenings, please contact me if you would be able to co-lead**. Visit walkingwithpurpose.com for more information.

Dave Heinert

Director of Adult Faith Formation
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St. Mary's Christian Service



Christian Service is actively preparing for Crop Walk. We need you for this community-led fundraising event to end hunger. Twenty-Five percent raised will stay in the community. **Sunday, October 4** is just 16 days away. You still have time to sign up. Check online for a variety of things, walker envelopes, recruitment activities, strategies and resources: www.crophungerwalk.org/grandhavenmi. If you would like to drop off your donation at the pantry give me a call and we will arrange a time.

Pantry Numbers: In the first 2 weeks of September **57** were served (**87** adults, **38** children).

St. Mary's Central Food Pantry is an ongoing weekly ministry which appreciates and needs your support. This week our list includes soup, fruit, rice, canned meats, cereal, hamburger helper, pasta sauce, mac & cheese, baked beans, saltine crackers, jelly, and special dietary needs that include gluten free & diabetic foods. On behalf of those served, we thank you.

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

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
Billy Bergenson
Marisa Brizzalara
Janice Bullinger
Connor Burke
Gustavo Carrerro
Carolyn Cibor
Raymond Cibor
Millie Conran
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
Nicholas Karlsons
Kathleen Kennedy
Jean Koehs
Beatrice Kotecki
Janelle Martin
Bill Mason
Jim McHugh
Melissa
Margie Meyer
Lisa Meyers
Susan Millett
Wendy Murray
Jacob Myers
Lydia Napieralski
Janie & Ron P
Bill Palermo
Helen Paul
Jennifer Porter
Linda Quaine

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