



St. Mary's Catholic Church
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The parish directory is available online and can be accessed via our website. Please call the parish office for the code. www.stmarysl.org

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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

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33rd
Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time

“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.

Come, share your master's joy.”

Matthew 25:21

Worship in Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Monday, November 16	8:00 a.m.	Holy Hour
Tuesday, November 17	9:00 a.m.	+Margaret Payne by Richard Kirby +John Knudsen by Rose Marie Knudsen
Wednesday, November 18	8:00 a.m.	+Marie Windberg by Her Family
Thursday, November 19	9:00 a.m.	+Rod Bice by The Grumm Family S.I. Suzanne Thornton- Hawkins By Mary Thornton
Friday November 20	9:00 a.m.	S.I. Eileen Endico by Frank & Sandy Mercurio
Saturday, November 21	4:30 p.m.	+Joseph & Marie Windberg by Their Family
Sunday, November 22	9:00 a.m.	+Joyce Berns by Ken & Elizabeth Furton
	11:00 a.m.	+Dean Dalman by Secory & VanderHoek Families

Liturgical Assignments

4:30 pm:

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Ushers:

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

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

11/08/2020

Online Giving \$3,187.00
Adult Envelopes..... \$10,582.00
Loose Collection \$109.00
Total Support..... \$13,878.00

Education Center Debt\$350,529.64

Mary, Light of Learning Campaign
Outstanding Pledges \$50,503.23

CSA 2020 Goal \$141,072.00
Pledged to Date \$123,901.00
Online Pledges..... \$21,525.00
Total Pledges \$145,426.00
Over Goal \$4,354.00
Participating Families 486

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

Mosaic Work

This is the week that we will (hopefully) finally be getting the mosaic behind the altar reinstalled. The plan is for the work to begin on Monday the 16th and be completed by Saturday the 21st. Thank you for your patience, and a huge thank you to everyone who has donated to this project. We are still a few thousand dollars short of the cost of the work, so if you can make a donation, it will be put to good use. If we don't get any more donations, the balance will come out of parish savings. I can't wait to see how amazing the repaired and restored glass will look.

New Youth Minister

It is with great joy that I can announce we have a new youth minister at St. Mary! Tim Wheeler comes to us from St. Thomas the Apostle and Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. He will be reaching out to our youth and families soon. Our interview committee was impressed by his faith, his love for spreading the faith, his humility and servant heart. Tim is looking forward to getting to know the families of St. Mary's and working with parents to help their children grow in their faith! More information will be in next week's bulletin.

The Election

Things seem to finally be calming down a bit after the election. I would like to remind everyone that the worst possible result of the election is greater division within the Body of Christ. As Catholics we need to come together and seek God's assistance for our community and our country. The devil's goal is to cause division and separation. Even if we strongly disagree with the policies for which a person advocates, that does not give us the right to label him or her as evil. In addition, if there were problems or irregularities in the voting, let us work together to eliminate them for the next election, but not allow distrust to undermine our confidence in American democracy. Social media is a place where rumors and unsubstantiated allegations are rampant. Try to avoid the temptation to contribute to the unrest, no matter what your political disposition. Remember that through it all God is always the one who is in charge!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Next week is the "Second Collection" for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. A portion of the money raised stays in our community for programs that help create and

sustain opportunities for business growth and employment for those who otherwise would lack the resources they need to get started. This is not a "handout" but a "hand-up" that seeks to support those who have ideas and the drive to make their life better. Donations can be placed in an envelope labeled CCHD collection and dropped in the collection boxes next weekend, or you can mail a donation into the parish office or contribute online. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Gone this Week

I will be travelling to Wisconsin to visit my brother's family Sunday after Mass through Thursday. Fr. Droski will be filling in for me for the morning Masses and the morning confessions on Wednesday, but there will be NO EVENING CONFESSION this Wednesday, November 18.

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

Fr. Dave

This Week in Our Parish

At a Glance

Monday, November 16
8:00 a.m. Adoration & Holy Hour
Tuesday, November 17
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Wednesday, November 18
7:30 a.m. Reconciliation
1:30 p.m. Women's Club Meeting
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation-CANCELLED
Thursday, November 19
9:00 a.m. Food Pantry
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
Friday, November 20
Saturday, November 21
3:30-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation
4:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 22

7/8 - Confirmation Prep

Middle school students and parents are invited to join the online Confirmation program, Chosen. It's not too late join! Register online at <https://www.stmarysl.org/7th---12th-grade-youth.html> Questions, please contact Michelle Boerger ffadmin@stmarysl.org or 616-842-1702, ext. 126. Be sure to join the MS Remind app text group: code ace2g6

HS Youth Ministry

Stay tuned for exciting HS plans! For the latest info and updates follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryslym/> and join the 2020-21 HS Remind app text group: code gced4h

Scripture Readings 11.22.20

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23: 1-3, 5-6
1Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

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.

"We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions."

Respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations

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



Thank You to all of the donors at last Sunday's Blood Drive. We collected 40 units of blood. Since the blood drive started that makes a total of 4,458 units, and a total for the infamous year of 2020 - 297 units. 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 January 3, 2021. 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



The Giving Tree loaded with tags is now in the Gathering Space. Because of Pandemic precautions, **only Gift Cards** are being requested this year. Gift cards will benefit our St. Mary's Christmas baskets.

The following Gift Cards in any dollar amount are requested: Gas cards, Kohl's, Leppinks, Meijer, Orchard Market, Target, and Walmart. Gift Cards can be placed in the designated box in the Gathering Space or dropped off at the Parish Office by December 14. Remember, Gift Cards can be purchased through Scrip.



Scrip Scoop

Are you hosting Thanksgiving, or traveling to visit family/friends for the holiday weekend? The Cash and Carry box has everything you need: D&W, Leppink's, Marathon, Meijer, Orchard Market, Shell, Target, Walmart/Sam's, and Wesco.

Save the date: November 14th The Giving Tree will be in the Gathering Space. Please consider purchasing gift cards from the Scrip box for donations.

Scrip is on sale in the Parish office M-F 8am-4:30pm, closed for lunch from 12:30-1.

For more information on the Scrip program, please visit our website: www.slstm.org/scrip

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The Garden Angels will be selling a limited number of fresh Christmas Wreaths after all Masses November 28/29. The wreaths will be outside of the south entrance of the gathering space by the square planter.

24" Noble Fir \$29
24" Mixed with Cones \$32



St. Mary's will be hosting the annual Thanksgiving Feast this year. Meals will be available for curbside pickup or delivery only.

Meal preparation will not take place at St. Mary's. If you would like to volunteer to help with delivery and/or pickup please call the parish office, 616-842-1702.

Meal deliveries will begin at 11:00 a.m. Curbside pickup will be from 12-2:00 p.m. in the south parking lot. If you are in need of having a meal delivered you **must** let the parish office know no later than Friday, **November 20** at 3:00 p.m.

Evangelization Clip

God gives us unique gifts to use for all God's people in every part of our life: faith, home, work, parish, and community. Jesus challenges us to use those gifts wisely and well: "To everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich." The words from Proverbs in the first reading befit not only women of the Church, but all Christians. Look to the life of our Mother, Mary as Jesus' first and best disciple. "She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy." Faith-filled, generous, seeking out and helping those in need. These are challenging readings for each of us to grow in discipleship and to lead others to deeper faith.

**Pray For Peace
In Our World**



Faith Formation K-6

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Family Talk:

In this Gospel reading each of the servants were given a gift. They were asked to look after it for the Master. Now in Jesus' time the "talent" was a coin. The Master left them in charge of and to look after the talent. They were asked to put it to good use until he returned. We read this as a parable and realize Jesus is talking about our gifts He has given us to use here on Earth to build up his kingdom. The gifts and talents we have been given are we using them to help others encounter Jesus? Are we afraid to use them? Do we hide them as the servant who dug a hole? Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. When Jesus returns what will our answer be to Him? Did we dig a hole and hide our talents in fear? Or did we use them wisely? When you pray ask Jesus to show you your gifts that have been given to you and how you may best use them to serve Him.

1. Ask each family member to list what gifts God has given them.
2. Then ask and write, I have used this talent to _____
3. Is there a gift /talent that God has given me and I afraid to show others?
4. Is there is fear in showing others this gift? Talent?

Prayer for Proper Use of Our Talents

Father, creator of all things,
we thank you for all the gifts you have given us.
We thank you especially for the individual
talents and interests
you have chosen to distribute to each one of us.
We are grateful for your gift of intelligence:
that we are able to think, reason and be thankful.
Jesus, our brother and redeemer,
show us how to use the Father's gifts wisely,
just as you redeemed many people
through your love and concern,
help us to use our individual gifts to the fullest –
always in the service of others.
Encourage us to see the value in other people
and to convince them of their own worth.
Let us share in your redemptive work.
Spirit of God, source of love,
constantly remind us that the gifts we possess
are meant for others
and that if we do not have love,
these talents have no value.
Start a fire of love within us
and convince us
that we must not only use our talents,
but we must lovingly desire to serve those
who do not share our own gifts.
Without you, we cannot call God our Father,
without love, we cannot accomplish any lasting good.
Amen.

Cynthia Larson
Faith Formation K-6
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Adult Faith Formation

Bible study: We are meeting downstairs in room D, on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am**. Courses are currently **full**. Masks are required. We are doing the **Salvation** series found on **Formed**. Please contact me if you would like to **purchase a book for a self-study**.

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom: If you are interested in a Bible study by **Ascension Press**, then please follow the link to sign up: www.stmarysl.org/parish-news. This class started, **November 8, Sunday at 6:30 pm**, downstairs in room D. We have **6 chairs open**.

RCIA: If you know anyone wanting to become Catholic, then please have them contact me or Fr. Dave. We've tested out a distant learning. Therefore, if the need arises, RCIA will continue.

RCIC: If for any reason you have a child that has missed a sacrament, then please send me an email.

Blog: Please, follow the link: www.stmarysl.org/news-adult-ff

Men's Ministry: Some men in the parish started **Exodus 90** and will finish on the Immaculate Conception, December 8. Please, keep these men in your prayers as they move toward deeper ascetic practices.

Women's Ministry: We are taking the launch of this adventure a little slower with the rise in Covid cases. It's giving us an opportunity to learn more about the program. "There is a time for everything." Visit walkingwithpurpose.com for more information. Please contact me if you would like to be added to an email list.

Dave Heinert

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St. Mary's Christian Service

Thank you for your support of the Parish Wide Thanksgiving Food Drive. Because of your love and kindness we have enough food to pack 100 baskets. I was happy to welcome our St. Mary's students to the pantry Friday morning with their gifts of food.

There is still time to bring your donated turkeys to the pantry by this Tuesday, November 17 between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We were blessed to serve 91 families (182 adults and 81 children) during the month of October. Please remember those who come to us with needs in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity.

Please o St. Mary's Central Food Pantry when you shop. The needs this week include: cold cereal, canned chicken, tuna, chunky soups, juice boxes, egg noodles, kidney beans, jelly, coffee, tea, canned tomato sauce, rice, dry spaghetti, mac & cheese, and Kleenex. We accept gluten free & diabetic products. Please remember the families we serve in your prayers. Thanks, and blessings parishioners, your generosity is appreciated.



St. Mary's Christian Service Ministry
Smiles and Blessings Dorothy E. Raha
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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
CMSgt. Michael J. Rozneck. USSF
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.

Baby Marianna Adams
Jamie Anderson
Chase Anspach
Nancy Arzuaga
Cristy Barnes
Ron Barnes
Billy Bergenson
Dan Bouma
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
Theresa Farnelli
Caren Fann
Joe Fendt
Vanessa Fox
Mary Jo Glassner
Ernie Grabman

Paul Grantz
Barbara Greene
Russ Greenbauer
Carrie Baldus Gross
Janet Hall
Lee Haslick
Stephen B. Hess
Jack
Keki Jahs
Karen
Nicholas Karlsons
Kathleen Kennedy
Beatrice Kotecki
Janelle Martin
Bill Mason
Jim McHugh
Joe & Karen Mead
Melissa
Margie Meyer
Lisa Meyers
Susan Millett
Wendy Murray
Jacob Myers
Lydia Napieralski
Janie & Ron P
Bill Palermo
Helen Paul
Marlene Perry

Jennifer Porter
Linda Quaine
Val Race
Jack Richards
Amanda Ricord
Ayden Riggs
Teressa Rivera
Steve Rosso
Helen Rozneck
George Sadowski
Esperanza Sanchez
Kathie Saurbaugh
Christopher Schippers
Tony Schippers
Nancy Senkowicz
Rodney & Donna Sorn
Cathy Staeven
Kathy Struve
Linda Traynor
Charles VanderLaan
Ric VanWeelden
Alan Walczak
Eileen Westerhoff Young
Alan Williams
Richard Wilson
Sara Wolcott Family
Zachary Zimmerman