Mission Statement:

We, with the Guidance of the Holy Trinity, The Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Communion of Saints, endeavor to spread and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to assist one another through the precepts of the Catholic Faith in attaining eternal salvation.

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All Masses have Resumed

(under the AOD Covid-19 Guidelines)

DIVINE GRACE PARISH
MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Patrick
Sunday 8:00 am at St. Joseph
Sunday 11:00 am at St. Patrick
Monday 9:00am at St. Patrick
Tuesday 7:00 pm at St. Patrick
Wednesday 9:00 am at St. Joseph
Thursday No Mass
Friday 11:00 am at St. Patrick
(School Mass)

CONFESSIONS
Saturday at 3:00—3:30pm at St. Patrick
Or by Appointment at St. Patrick or St. Joseph

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 1
9:00 am (SP) +Rita Wickenheiser req. by Friends & Family
Tuesday, March 2
7:00 p.m. (SP) +Walt Szuma req. by Bob & Jean Richardson
Wednesday, March 3
9:00 am (SJ) +Joseph Fix req. by George & Linda Badgley
7:00 pm (SJ) Adoration/Benediction
Thursday, March 4
No Mass
Friday, March 5
9:00 am (SP) +Rose Mary Zochowski req. by Paul & Linda Wickenheiser
7:00 pm (SP) Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 6
4:00 pm (SP) Parishioners of Divine Grace
Sunday, March 7
8:00 am (SJ) +Art Strimpel req. by Florence Kwiatkowski
11:00 am (SP) +Twydell Family req. by Bob & Nancy Vadasz

If there is not Mass on a day that you had a scheduled Mass Intention please call the office at 734-654-2500 to reschedule.

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekend Offerings
1/23/2021 & 1/24/2021
Total $3,774.00

Thank you for your continued support.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Divine Grace Parish still needs your support. Although, some of us may not be able to celebrate Mass in our parish community, we still have a need to pay our staff, maintain the church building, and, importantly, continue our outreach ministries. We ask that, to the best of your ability, you continue to make your weekly offertory donations by,

- Mailing them to the parish at Divine Grace Parish 2996. W. Labo Rd. Carleton, Michigan 48117
- Your bank, via bill pay (typically this is a free service through your bank which will allow you to make a one time payment and or recurring payment. The bank can electronically produces a check and mail it directly to the parish at no additional cost to you, the consumer.)
- Through the Archdiocese of Detroit website at give.aod.org.

Thank You For Your Continued Support

Do You Know….

Divine Grace Parish now has an official Facebook page. Our Saturday, 4pm Mass in Carleton is now being livestreamed. Like us on Facebook at Divine Grace Carleton-Maybee

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 1 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Observances for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Lent
Monday:	
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Thursday:	St. Casimir
Friday:	
Saturday:	
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Lent

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

February 28, 2021
2nd Sunday of Lent

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

Please Pray For Our Confirmation Candidates!

Please sign up to pray for our 8th grade students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year! Just scan the QR Code below to sign up:

It's important that you actually sign-up online so that we can make sure every student has a prayer advocate and will receive a card of encouragement! Thank you!

2020 Contribution Statements

Divine Grace Parish will provide 2020 contribution statement by request. Any parishioner wishing to receive a contribution statement of their 2020 Divine Grace contributions is asked to please email a request to divinegraceparish@yahoo.com or call the parish office at (734)654-2500 and one will be prepared.

When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn't really mind.*

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Paula's Angels Community Service Project

The Christian Mothers Altar Society in conjunction with St. Patrick School is sponsoring a community service project for Paula's Angels for the month of March. Paula's Angels is a group of five women with a mission to help Paula's House with everyday living essentials. Paula's House is a transitional home in Monroe for women with addictions. There is a strict program in place for rehabilitation rather than incarceration. Some women have their children with them. Paula's Angels holds fundraising events throughout the year to help defray the expenses of Paula's House and we are asking for your assistance. The items we will be collecting during the month of March are: Liquid Hand Soap, Bath Wash, Anti-Bacterial Wipes, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, and Kleenex. Laundry baskets will be placed at the rear of both church sites in addition to St. Pat's School. Monetary donations are always accepted as well and are tax deductible, as we are a 501(c)(3). Checks need to be made payable to Paula's Angels and can be placed in the collection basket or left at the school office. Questions can be directed to Vickie Waltz by calling or texting 734-770-6085. With Covid-19 we have not been able to fundraise as normal and would like to thank you in advance for your generosity. The ladies at Paula's House will be very appreciative.

Divine Grace
Men's Club

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DRIVE-THRU ONLY

"Fish Frydays"

March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

4:00PM - 6:30PM

Fried Perch or Cod Dinners

Dinners include:

Jumbo Shrimp, Potatoes,
Green Beans, Mac and Cheese,
Cole Slaw

St. Patrick School 22nd Annual Auction Update

Auction Items

- Moving Online: https://www.32auctions.com/StPatsStPattysDayAuction
- Featuring the remaining 150+ items
- If you created an account in December, no need to create another!

In-Person St. Patrick's Day Dinner

- Same Pricing, Same Place – Casual dinner with fun!
- March 20th, 2021 5:30pm-10pm at Grafton Hall in Carleton
- $50/ticket (8 person tables) due to school office by March 5th
- If you already bought tickets, please confirm with Julie Jones if you still want your tickets
- ONLY 125 seats due to restrictions – *FIRST COME FIRST SERVE*

We thank you for your support over the past year as we try to navigate the constant changes due to Covid-19 restrictions. St Patrick School is alive and well due to your support. We understand pandemic can be uncomfortable and we are doing our best to offer options for everyone! Thank you for your continued support!

For any questions please contact Julie Jones (734)755-9178

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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 –3:30 pm. at St. Patrick

Registered Parishioners
In order to be considered a registered parishioner you must be receiving offertory envelopes. Anyone 18 years of age and older should register with the parish office as soon as possible.

Sacrament of Baptism
You must be a registered parishioner (receiving envelopes) attending Mass regularly, and take Baptismal Preparation Class.

Sacrament of Marriage
You must be a registered (receiving envelopes) and active member of Divine Grace Parish for at least six months **before a wedding date will be scheduled**. Weddings will take place six months or more **after scheduling the date.**

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound
Notify the Parish Office of illness, hospitalization or nursing home status as soon as possible.

RCIA) Rite of Initiation for Adults:
Anyone interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, or in becoming a member of our Catholic Community, is invited to contact the parish office or Crysti Esper, RCIA Coordinator at RCIA@divinegraceparish.com, 734-770-4327.

Bulletin Email
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Bulletin Deadline
Articles and inserts must be received by email no later than Friday, 12 noon 2 weeks prior and must provide the dates desired for publication. (No inserts will be done on Holiday weekends or when the parish office is closed)

Covid-19

Parish office hours are temporarily suspended

IN SYMPATHY

Leonard Busenbark

February 13, 1942 — February 11, 2021

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon him.

God Bless Our Service Men and Women

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Updating our Prayer List

Our Prayer List for the sick and military is a beautiful way to include our loved ones in the prayers offered by parishioners of Divine Grace. The list will be updated for the New Year, please call the parish office if you would like a name to remain on the list.

Due to the Privacy Act we can only put names on the prayers list that are submitted by a family member.

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