



St. Mary Great Mother of God Church

We Welcome You!

August 14, 2022

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The Parish Office is open Monday-
Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm

Daily Mass: 7:45 am Wed-Friday
Saturday morning: 8:30 am
No Mass on Mondays or Tuesdays

Weekend Masses:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

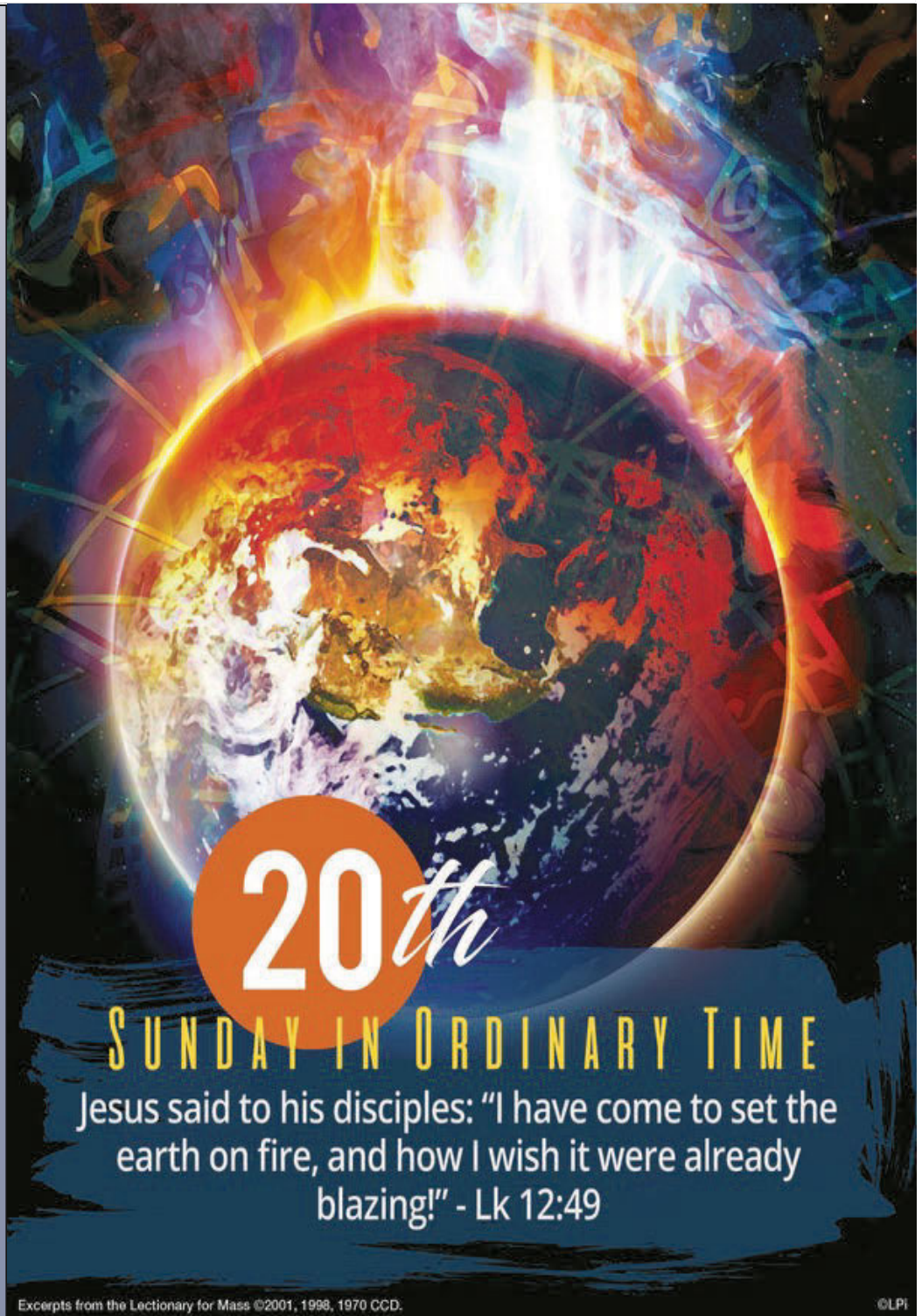
Adoration:
Wednesdays 8:15 a.m. to 6:45 pm

Confession:
Wednesdays 5-6on
Saturdays 3-4:30 pm
Or by appointment

First Fridays of each month:
5-8pm Confession & Adoration

First Saturdays of each month:
Rosary 8:00 am followed by
Mass at 8:30 am

For other Sacraments please call the
parish office



20th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the
earth on fire, and how I wish it were already
blazing!" - Lk 12:49

Masses for the week of August 15, 2022


Mon	August 15	No Mass Today	
Tue	August 16	No Mass Today	
Wed	August 17	7:45 am	Mass-for the Noskey Family
		8:15 am to 6:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thur	August 18	7:45 am	Mass-for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri	August 19	7:45 am	Mass- for Sam Huston
Sat	August 20	8:30 am	Mass-for the perseverance of all priests and religious
		5:00 pm	Mass-for Madelyn Pfaller
Sun	August 21	10:30 am	Mass-for all parishioners



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF August 20 & 21

	<u>Saturday 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
Lectors	Michael McDaniel	Rachel Mullins
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mike Organek	Brigitta Boston
Ushers	Sean Coble, Tim Fitzpatrick Bob Rice, Gerald Egan, Kevin Starr	Robert & RJ Brabant, Roger Southland, Andrew Shipp
Nursing Home/Homebound	Barb Boland	
Flower Schedule	Rhonda Fitzpatrick	






Dinners and House Blessings!

Fr. Michael would love to get to know the parish community. If you would like to invite him over for a lunch or dinner, please email Father and give some available dates and times. Fr. Michael is generally not available for meals on Sundays and Mondays.

Deposit for 8/07/2022

Adult Envelopes:	\$	
Loose collection:	\$	
Children's:	\$	0.00
Total:	\$	


Needed for budget \$5500.00





Happy Birthday to You!

August 15	Tracy Nelson, Cole Smith
August 16	Carrie Monaghan, Lisa Settle
August 18	Janet Inbody, Adam Patyi
August 19	William Dommer
August 20	Noah Wattenhofer, Katelyn Kaczanowski, William Kolp, Emily Patyi
August 21	Rylee Monaghan, Madelyn Pfaller



Great Lakes Scrip has been re-named to Raise Right. We will still be taking orders for them once a month. If you would like to view all of the numerous retailers that participate for which you can order cards, go on-line to **Raise Right.com** and at the bottom of the opening page, click on **“See all Brands.”** Our next order weekend is next weekend, August 20/21. Be sure to order ahead for birthday gifts and for your own special purchases. Proceeds go to help the youth group. God bless!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted



modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look

like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! ... Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." - Lk 12:49, 51

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World Youth Day Pilgrimage Info Session on Aug. 27

Young adults, age 18+, join the Diocese of Grand Rapids' pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon July 29-Aug. 7, 2023! Meet other Catholic young adults from around the world and join with Pope Francis in a global celebration of our Catholic faith.

Learn more during our WYD 2023 info event Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. outside the Cathedral of Saint Andrew (301 Sheldon Blvd. SE, Grand Rapids). A brief presentation with pilgrimage details will take place at 11 a.m. and our travel agency representative will be available to answer questions.

Come, join the fun! Coffee and donuts will be provided.

For more information, contact Father Eugene at ebatungbacal@grdiocese.org or 616-333-1173. Also, sign up to receive diocesan pilgrimage updates at: <https://bit.ly/GRDioceseWYD2023Updates>.

August 14th

“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Faith Formation registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year.



Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Life Center for students entering kindergarten through Confirmation. Classes will begin Sunday, September 11th. During our first class on September 11th, we will also have a parent meeting in the church vestibule at 9 a.m. To register, scan the QR code. The link to register is also available on the parish website, stmarylowell.com, under the Faith Formation tab. Or, please contact Jennie at stmarylowelldre@gmail.com to register.

Volunteers for Faith Formation Needed! Are you interested in helping pass on the faith to the children of St. Mary Church? We are looking for catechists and classroom aides to help us this school year for our Sunday morning Faith Formation classes. No experience required! If you are interested in learning more about becoming a catechist or a classroom aide, please contact Jennie at stmarylowelldre@gmail.com or call 897-9820. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve while growing in your own faith.



Box of Joy

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women is collecting donations for Box of Joy. Box of Joy is an annual Christmas gift ministry facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. By packing Boxes of Joy, participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope. School supplies such as crayons, markers and pencils, as well as drawstring bags, coloring books, small toys, dolls and t-shirts are being requested.

Jesus & Ice Cream



The Knights of Council 7719 invite the families of St. Mary to spend time with our Savior in holy Adoration on Wednesday evenings this summer and then join us in the PLC after the Benediction at 6:45 p.m. for an ice cream treat and some Christian fellowship. The Knights will provide ice cream and activities for families each Wednesday from the end of Benediction until approximately 8 p.m. throughout the summer.



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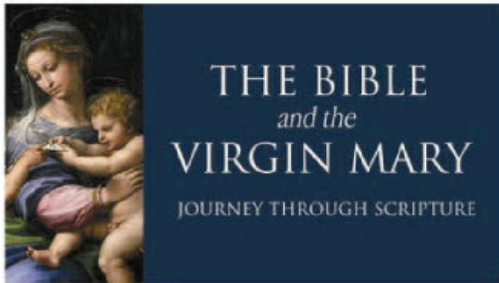
WATCH THE WOMAN

In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman." This reference should draw our attention to both Genesis and Revelation. But who is this "Woman," and why is she so central to salvation history? This powerful film presents the Catholic teaching about Mary and her important role in the life of the Church today. On this Solemnity of the Assumption, let us ponder Mary's role in our own lives!



LEARN

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY: EPISODE 11: THE ASSUMPTION

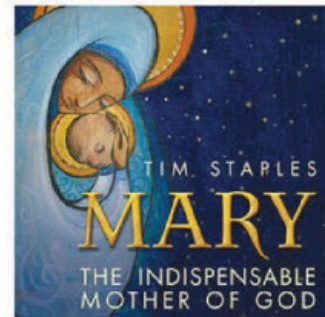


In this session of "The Bible and the Virgin," we explore both the teaching of Mary's Assumption and the identity of the mysterious woman in the book of Revelation. This episode also reveals how John's apocalyptic visions are the dramatic fulfillment of the promise God made back in the Garden of Eden!

LISTEN

MARY: THE INDISPENSABLE MOTHER OF GOD BY TIM STAPLES

In this Lighthouse Talk, Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines elevate the faith. With his memorable insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say "Yes" to God!



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