



St. Mary Great Mother of God Church

We Welcome You!

August 28 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



22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more
distinguished guest than you may have been invited.” - Lk 14:8bc

Masses for the week of August 29, 2022

Mon	August 29	No Mass Today	
Tue	August 30	No Mass Today	
Wed	August 31	7:45 am	Mass-for Joan Farhat
		8:15 am to 6:05 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Vespers & Benediction 6:05 –6:15 pm	
Thur	Sept. 1	7:45 am	Mass-for the repose of the soul of Gary Wohlscheid
Fri	Sept. 2	7:45 am	Mass- Repose of the soul of Julia Rasch
Sat	Sept. 3	8:30 am	Mass-for the perseverance of all priests and religious
		5:00 pm	Mass-for the repose of the soul of John DeJong
Sun	Sept. 4	10:30 am	Mass-for all parishioners



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF September 3 & 4

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Lectors

Grace Prgent

Lisa Mills

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Jim Reagan

Neil Mills

Ushers

**Dirk Ritzema, Jim Reagan,
Dave Roskamp and Lisa Boles**

**Pat Huhn, David Stump
Eric Krieger, Joe Krieger**

Nursing Home/Homebound

Brigitta Boston

Flower Schedule

Cathy Gutowski



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 8/21/2022

Adult Envelopes:	\$2735.00
Loose collection:	\$ 725.00
Children's:	\$ 4.00
Total:	\$ 3464.00



Needed for budget \$5500.00

Happy Birthday to You!

- Aug 29 Matthew Nelson, Carolyn Gast
- Aug 30 Mark Johnson, Nicole Valinski, Paul Lowden, Kyra Mears
- Aug 31 Rhonda Stump, Jeanice Breimayer
- Sept 1 Lawrence Patrick
- Sept 4 Daryl Bird



Adult Bible Study will begin Wednesday, September 7th at 10 a.m. in the St. Joseph room. We will be going through the Gospel of Mark: Faith Not Fear. Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance to make Mark's Gospel come to life. Please join us! For more information, please contact Jennie at starmylowelldre@gmail.com.

Surplus and Loss Comparison

Fiscal Year 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2022

Operational Income 2021/2022 2020/2021

	2021/2022	2020/2021
Offertory	\$ 278,464	\$ 281,845
Bequests/Donations	\$ 196,393	\$ 10,244
Parish Life	\$ 427	\$ -
Christian Service	\$ 900	\$ -
Worship	\$ 100	\$ -
CSA Rebate	\$ 6,049	\$ 250
Interest Income	\$ 3,690	\$ 3,615
Other Income	\$ 4,207	\$ 5,388
Religious Education	\$ 2,015	\$ 775
Cemetery Income	\$ 4,900	\$ 5,000
SMCCW	\$ 1,081	\$ 250
HSYG (Affiliate 1)Scrip**	\$ 2,913	\$ 2,141
Total	\$ 501,139	\$ 309,508

Operational Expense

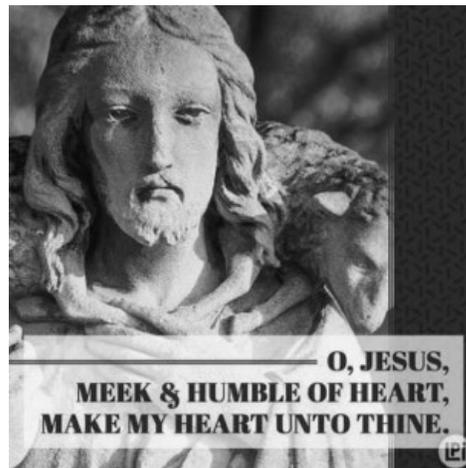
Administration	\$ 106,599	\$ 101,606
Subsidies to Schools	\$ 59,205	\$ 74,041
Parish Life	\$ 7,376	\$ 605
Christian Service	\$ 748	\$ -
Worship	\$ 16,600	\$ 14,734
Plant Operations	\$ 84,241	\$ 68,286
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 17,732	\$ 7,308
Faith Formation/Religious Ed.	\$ 20,133	\$ 15,422
Cemetery Expense	\$ 7,296	\$ 5,559
Diocesan Assessment		\$ 6,833
HSYG (Affiliate 1)	\$ 6,559	\$ 447
SMCCW-Ladies Guild	\$ -	\$ 130
Depreciation-Physical Plant	\$ 61,475	\$ 50,646
Total	\$ 387,963	\$ 345,616

Operational Income over Expense **\$ 113,176** **\$ (36,108)**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office, Fr. Michael Goodwin, or the Council Chairman, Dr. Jim Reagan



Thank you to all who ordered Scrip for August. We earned \$209.00 at no additional cost to you. Money earned by ordering Scrip goes to our Youth Groups for retreats, missions and activities. God Bless you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel. ©LPi



Mark your calendars: Upcoming Events at St. Mary Church

September 11th: First Day of Faith Formation Classes. Parish Brunch, Daughters of the Holy Family Initiative meeting after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

September 18th: Parish Picnic after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the parish. Bring a dish to pass. The church will provide BBQ sandwiches, chips, drinks and tableware. **September 25th:** Parish Brunch, Sons of the Holy Family Initiative meeting after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Humble yourself the more, the greater you are.” These words from Sirach are packed with wisdom. Who we become, and the success we achieve, is due not only to our own merits but also to God’s grace. Without God, we cease to be. This is a simple fact. If we ever feel entitled to honor, superior treatment, or privileges, then we are deluding ourselves. The person who truly understands and is responsible for their well-being and success will quickly become a servant of others. We tend to forget how important service is. Being generous and kind, especially to those who cannot repay us, is the hallmark of the Christian life. Are we willing to put ourselves last? An easy way to seek an answer is to determine how much value you place on sitting in the seat you occupy today or the space you choose to park your car. Would you offer these to someone else?

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, September 6th and Tuesday, September 13th. Thank you!

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 stmarylowellldre@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 stmarylowellldre@gmail.com or call 897-9820. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve while growing in your own faith.

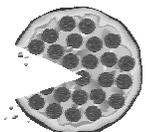


Daughters & Sons of the Holy Family Initiative: Introduction and training for women and girls is on September 11th and introduction and training for Men and boys will be September 25th in the St. Joseph Room after the 10:30 a.m. Mass . A light brunch will be served after Mass on both dates. A comprehensive description of this initiative is printed and inserted into this bulletin, or can be found in the bulletin pockets at the entrances.



Jesus & Pizza

The Knights of Council 7719 invite the families of St. Mary to spend time with our Savior in holy Adoration on Wednesday evenings until Benediction at ***6:05 p.m.** And then join us for pizza and some Christian fellowship. The Knights will provide pizza and activities for families each Wednesday from the end of Benediction until approximately 7:15 p.m. ***Note this is a new time frame due to school starting.**



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WATCH

INTO THE BREACH – EPISODE 3: LEADERSHIP

Among many other things, Pope St. Gregory the Great is known for his incredible pastoral presence and servant leadership. In honor of this magnanimous Saint, enjoy this episode of Into the Breach! Although primarily targeted at men, this video and its emphasis on service will be fruitful to anyone who desires sanctity and self-mastery!



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FORMED NOW: POPE SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

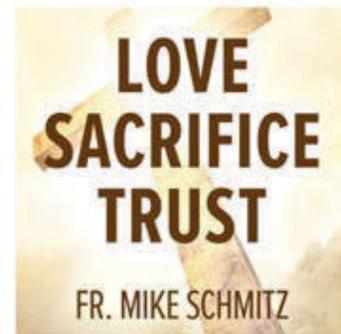


In the history of the Church, there are less than five popes esteemed with the title "the Great." One of the lesser known members of this impressive group is Pope St. Gregory the Great. As a late sixth century leader, Gregory is known for his prolific writing, his radical humility, his emphasis on missions, and his dedication to almsgiving. In honor of Gregory's feast day this week, enjoy this discussion between Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn.

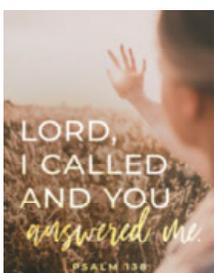
LISTEN

LOVE, SACRIFICE, TRUST: HE SHOWED US THE WAY BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!



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Rest in Peace-for our deceased & their loved ones, all of our fallen heroes and the faithful departed. **Support Prayer** for comfort & healing to those who are ill or injured, for the homebound & for caregivers and those in the Military; all those affected by Covid-19 and natural disasters, the people of Ukraine, Melanie Starr, Noah Langlois, Suzie Doherty, Susan Serne, Bob Graham, Lisa Zigmont, Bob & Barb Hess, Pat O'Connor, Jim Roskamp, Jeff Bowles, Betsy Davidson, Donna Roskamp, Dave & Martha Roskamp, Rosemary Gamble, Tom Scheidel, Gertrude Zygaj, Anna Organek, the unemployed, Michigan's economy, and war wounded, justice and peace in the world, and for all priests and religious, and the Holy Catholic Church.

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