



St. Mary Great Mother of God Church

We Welcome You!

September 4, 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



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down
and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion
... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his
possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

Masses for the week of September 5, 2022



Mon	Sept. 5	No Mass Today	
Tue	Sept. 6	St. Anthony Church-Confession & Vespers from 5:30-6:30 pm & Mass at 7:00 pm	
Wed	Sept. 7	7:45 am	Mass-for the repose of the soul of Kathy Noskey
		8:15 am to 6:05 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		Vespers & Benediction 6:05 –6:15 pm	
Thur	Sept. 8	7:45 am	Mass-for Daniel Willison
Fri	Sept. 9	7:45 am	Mass- for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat	Sept. 10	8:30 am	Mass-for the perseverance of all priests and religious
		5:00 pm	Mass-for the repose of Irwin Roskamp
Sun	Sept. 11	10:30 am	Mass-for all parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF September 10 & 11

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,

Pat Huhn, David Stump

Dave Roskamp and Lisa Boles

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 8/28/22 will appear next week

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



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.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World

Exhibit on display October 6–9 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Holland

Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, and occasionally he makes his presence known through extraordinary miracles. With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, this exhibit presents many of the principal Eucharistic miracles from around the world that have been recognized by the Catholic Church. It will be displayed in the narthex at Our Lady of the Lake, which is accessible through the main doors. Adoration and Reconciliation will take place in the chapel, which can be accessed through the narthex or directly through the chapel doors.

Dates and Times:

- Thursday, October 6: Exhibit and Adoration 3-9 p.m., Reconciliation starting at 6 p.m.
- Friday, October 7: 9 a.m. Mass, exhibit and Adoration 9:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Saturday, October 8: Exhibit and Adoration 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Reconciliation starting at 9 a.m., exhibit before and after 5 p.m. Mass
- Sunday, October 9: Exhibit before and after 9 and 11 a.m. Masses until 4 p.m.



NOW is the time to support life! HELP Pregnancy Aid provides life-giving support to women before, during and after pregnancy. HELP offers pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, baby essentials, educational support and community-building programs, all at no cost.

But the abortion landscape is changing. It's becoming far too easy for vulnerable pregnant women to react out of fear instead of hope. Today HELP must expand their services to meet the changing needs of women. HELP is in the midst of a capital campaign to renovate their current space and add a professional wing to the center located at 705 Bridge Street SW. Their new space will include:

designated waiting areas
increased ultrasound offerings
a dedicated medical bathroom
more exam rooms
a dedicated lab area
an enclosed area for children



Your gift supports life! Please visit helppregnancy.org/expanding-our-possibilities or scan the QR code above to learn more and support the campaign.



The 8th annual **Franciscan Rhythms Trail**

Run fundraiser supporting our Music Therapy Program will be held on October 1 at 9:00 am at the Franciscan Life Process Center's Lowell Campus. You can run, become a sponsored runner, or be an individual donor. This is a family friendly event! Go to <https://runsignup.com/franciscanrhythmstrailrun>.

It's time for fall clean-up at the **Franciscan Life Process Center**, 11650 Downes St. NE on September 22 at 9:00 am. Site manager Cris Ritsema and others will be trimming, weeding, and raking to get the land ready for winter. Go to <https://flpcfirstdayoffall22.eventbrite.com>



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.

"I don't know where this is going. But Where you lead me, I will follow."

Desert Road, Casting Crowns

Explore Priesthood Discernment Group Meeting Dates

The Explore Priesthood Group is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the diocesan Office of Priestly Vocations. Each month, young men (ages 16 – 35) are invited to gather and discern God's will for their lives.

Time for prayer and reflection will be held monthly at St. Stephen Parish in East Grand Rapids from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

This year's discernment opportunities are offered on the following Sundays: Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Jan. 8, 2023, Feb. 12, March 12, Apr. 23.

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.

Come sow
the seeds of
FAITH.
Matthew 13

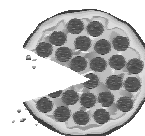


Daughters & Sons of the Holy Family Initiative: Introduction and training for women and girls is on September 11th and introduction and training for Men and boys will be September 25th in the St. Joseph Room after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. A light brunch will be served after Mass on both dates. A comprehensive 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

NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



LEARN

FORMED NOW: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

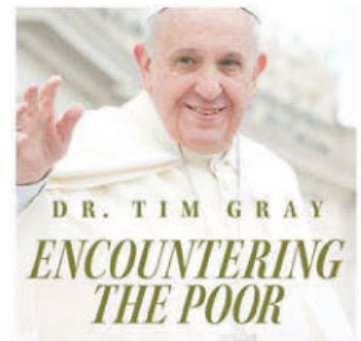


As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, listen as Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the traditions surrounding Mary's life and how her life is a model of humility for Christians.

LISTEN

ENCOUNTERING THE POOR: BIBLICAL ROOTS FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY TIM GRAY

Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle, but instead frames the entire mosaic of Scripture.



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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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