



# St. Mary Great Mother of God Church

## We Welcome You!

### September 11, 2022

stmarylowell@att.net Website:  
stmarylowell.com

Fr. Michael Goodwin  
Parish Priest  
616-897-9820  
e-mail:  
fathermichaelgood1@gmail.com

Rhonda Fitzpatrick,  
Parish Secretary and  
Business Manager  
stmarylowell@att.net

Jennie Forney  
Director of Religious Education  
stmarylowelldre@gmail.com

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



## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E


"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner  
who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people  
who have no need of repentance." - Lk 15:7b


**Masses for the week of September 12, 2022**

Mon	Sept. 12	<b>No Mass Today</b>	
Tue	Sept. 13	<b>St. Anthony Church/Saranac</b> -Confession & Vespers 5:30-6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm	
Wed	Sept. 14	7:45 am	Mass-for the repose of the soul of Julia Rasch
		8:15 am to 6:05 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		Vespers & Benediction 6:05 –6:15 pm	
Thur	Sept. 15	7:45 am	Mass-for June Serne
Fri	Sept. 16	7:45 am	Mass- for the repose of the soul of Kathy Noskey
Sat	Sept. 17	8:30 am	Mass-for the perseverance of all priests and religious
		5:00 pm	Mass-for the repose of Howard Goodwin
Sun	Sept. 18	10:30 am	Mass-for all parishioners



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF September 17 & 18**

	<u>Saturday 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>	
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Maryalene LaPonsie</b>	<b>Lisa Mills</b>	
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	<b>Rhonda Stump</b>	<b>Neil Mills</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Dirk Ritzema, Jim Reagan, Dave Roskamp and Lisa Boles</b>	<b>Pat Huhn, David Stump Eric Krieger, Joe Krieger</b>	
<b>Nursing Home/Homebound</b>	<b>Janet Inbody</b>		
<b>Flower Schedule</b>	<b>Janet Inbody</b>		




**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**

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 4,377.00
Loose collection:	\$ 2,789.00
Children's:	\$ 0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 7,166.00</b>

**Needed for budget \$5500.00**






**Adult Bible Study** will begin Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:starmylowelldre@gmail.com).

**Happy Birthday to You!**

- Sept 12 Florence Scheidel, Mike Schmidt
- Sept 13 Keith Kargl, Leo Pfaller
- Sept 14 Dave Roskamp, Leah Kemp
- Sept 16 Scott Slaght
- Sept 17 Sharon Johnson



## RISE, AND GO TO YOUR FATHER

"If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you're sure not picking anything up."

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron's "8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter," (that's Rule No. 5, by the way).

There's a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it's not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace?

Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. I haven't been given half of that, he thinks, and I've worked so hard.

But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father's indulgence to boldly ask for it. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## WHY DOES MARY HAVE SO MANY FEAST DAYS AND NAMES?

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

©LPI

Save a life; donate blood. St. Mary will be having a blood drive on October 2, 2022 . More details to follow. Please sign up with the link below:

[https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/149215](https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/149215)

"Whatever a man prefers to God, that he makes a god to himself"—Saint Cyprian



**Holy Family Radio** is having their Fall Pledge Drive next week, September 19-23. Please tune in to **your** local Catholic Radio station at 1140AM and support Catholic broadcast ministry. God bless!



**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 13th.**

**SCRIP orders will be taken next weekend. 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 11<sup>th</sup>. During our first class on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://stmarylowell.com), under the Faith Formation tab. Or, please contact Jennie at [stmarylowelldre@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:stmarylowelldre@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

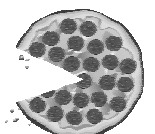


Daughters & Sons of the Holy Family Initiative: Introduction and training for women and girls is on September 11th and introduction and training for Men and boys will be September 25th in the St. Joseph Room after the 10:30 a.m. Mass . A light brunch will be served after Mass on both dates. A comprehensive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



Sept 11, 2021

### WATCH

#### THE RELUCTANT SAINT: THE STORY OF ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

Maximilian Schell stars as "the flying friar," St. Joseph of Cupertino, in this story of the humble Franciscan friar. In Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant Abbott to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local Bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.



### LEARN

#### BIBLE STUDY: GALATIANS

#### Galatians

with Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. James Prothro

FORMEDNOW



Join Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. James Prothro as they dive into St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. This new multipart series walks through this pivotal book and how it fits in with the rest of the New Testament, as well as how Paul's writings can help us grow in relationship with Jesus.

### LISTEN

#### DRAWING STRENGTH FROM OUR LADY OF SORROWS BY KIMBERLY HAHN

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.



**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.

**GERST FUNERAL HOMES**  
Advanced Funeral Planning Specialists  
**ROTH-GERST**  
305 N. Hudson, Lowell **897-7101**  
**O'BRIEN-EGGEBEEN-GERST**  
3980 Cascade Rd., S.E., Grand Rapids  
**949-7350**

**REAGAN FAMILY DENTISTRY**  
JAMES E. REAGAN, D.D.S.  
PARISHIONER  
207 W. Main St. Lowell, Michigan  
**616-897-7179**  
contactus@jamesreagandds.com

**Bernard's Ace Hardware & Rental Place**  
1601 W. Main St. • Lowell  
**616-897-9490**  
**ACE** "Friendly Accommodating Service"

**THE LAURELS OF KENT**  
A Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center  
350 N. Center St., Lowell, MI 49331  
**(616) 897-8473**

**OMSA**  
**Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgery Associates of Western Michigan, P.L.C.**  
P Jeffrey Brooks, DDS, MD 2140 Lake Michigan Dr, NW  
J Mark Domin, DDS Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
Brant A Erbenbraut, DDS  
Bradley M Robinson, DDS, MD **616.791.9600**  
JJ Ooi, DMD, MD **www.omsaofwm.com**

**PREMIER AUTO**  
**616-794-5480**  
9510 Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809  
**PREMIER AUTO NORTH**  
**616-225-9506**  
8798 Peck Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

**Joe Kilner, Parishioner**  
Broker - Owner - Realtor  
**KILNER GROUP** **616-498-8251**  
kilnergroumpi.com

**SPEESE Painting Co.**  
Applying Quality Since 1977  
Interior • Exterior  
Residential • Commercial  
**616.863.3339**  
www.speesepainting.com

Now Open in Lowell!  
**NORTHERN Physical Therapy**  
Back & Neck Pain, Sports Rehab,  
Fitness, Post-Surgery Recovery  
2050 W. Main . 987.0019 . northernpts.com

**Cassandra & Adam Clark**  
Proud to Support St. Mary Parish  
**616-633-5061**  
cassandra.clark@kw.com  
https://clarkandclark.kw.com  
**kw** GRAND RAPIDS EAST  
KELLER-WILLIAMS REALTY

Industrial/Commercial/Residential  
**SCHEIDEL ELECTRIC**  
7137 Childsdales NE - Rockford  
**JOHN STEVE MIKE**  
**866-0192**

**MERCY HEALTH PHYSICIAN PARTNERS**  
**Primary Care**  
6741 E. Fulton  
**616-201-3997**  
Emily Cordes, DO  
Internal Medicine & Pediatrics  
**BeRemarkable.**  
MercyHealthAda.com

**Dave Emmette, CIC, CPIA, LUTCF**  
St. Mary K of C Member • Dave.Emmette@gma-insurance.com  
**GLENN MORRIS & ASSOCIATES**  
Insurance Services  
+ Business + Farm  
+ Home + Life

**HULST JEPSEN PHYSICAL THERAPY**  
RESTORING BODY. REVIVING SPIRIT.  
**MATT SCHMITZ, PT PARISHIONER**  
1335 W. Main St, Suite B, Lowell, Michigan 49331  
616.888.3184  
www.hjphysicaltherapy.com @HulstJepsenPT

**GROW YOUR BUSINESS BY PLACING AN AD HERE!**  
**CONTACT US!**  
Contact Dom DiPasqua to place an ad today!  
ddipasqua@4LPi.com  
or (800) 477-4574 x6637

**Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!**  
Instantly create and purchase an ad with  
**AD CREATOR STUDIO**  
4lpi.com/adcreator

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust  
• Burglary • Flood Detection  
• Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide  
**ADT** Authorized Provider **SafeStreets** **833-287-3502**

(616) 897-8427  
keyvista@fhmanagement.com  
See Our Website for Home Buying Promotions!  
www.keyvistamhc.com  
**KEY VISTA**  
Your New Home is Waiting!  
1800 w. main street | lowell | michigan | 49331

**GRAND RIVER ORTHODONTICS**  
Heather Gietzen DMD, MS  
1335 W. Main St., Suite D  
Lowell, MI 49331  
616-897-0200  
www.grorthodontics.com

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH.**  
Buy a bulletin ad space today!

**Lake Funeral Homes**  
A Third Generation Funeral Home  
Ceremonies as unique as the life you're remembering  
616-527-0099 • 158 Mill Street, Saranac  
www.lakefuneralhomes.com