“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”
Matthew 17:5

SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY

The Scourging at the Pillar
Welcome! Whether you are a long time parishioner or first time visitor we welcome you. If you are looking for a church ‘home’ we’d love to have you join our parish family.

- Coming Soon -
In March our bulletin will have a new look.

- Save the Dates -
St Paul Lenten Soup Supper Series
Wednesday Mar 18 thru Apr 8th
Time - 5pm Soup Dinner
Format: 5:30pm first video
5:45 - 6pm discussion
6pm Second Video
6:15 - 6:30pm discussion

For pledge installments
Please make checks payable to Our Shepherds/Our Future Capital Campaign and put them in the collection or bring them to the office.

Children’s Evening Faith Formation
St Mary
Tuesday 6 - 7:15pm
Dates: Mar 10, 17, 24; Apr 7, 14, 21, 28.

Cooks needed to prepare simple meals (to feed about 40 people). Ingredients will be paid for by the church. If willing to volunteer, contact the church office. A big thank you to those who have volunteered.

Student Suppers: May 3

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar - March 8, 2020
Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

Mass Attendance March 1, 2020
Sat. 5 pm - 115; Sun. 9 am - 176; 11 am - 144; 5pm - 60

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, March 9
5:30pm Choir Practice - St Mary
7pm Pastoral / Finance Council
7pm Knights of Columbus Mtg

TUESDAY, March 10
5:30pm God's Kitchen
6pm Evening Faith Formation - St Mary

WEDNESDAY, March 11

THURSDAY, March 12

FRIDAY, March 13
2:15pm Stations of the Cross with school children
3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

SATURDAY, March 14
9am Rosary ~ St. Mary

SUNDAY, March 15
NO Student Supper

Communal Penance
March 8th @ 2pm St Mary, Big Rapids
March 15th 2pm @ Christ the King, Howard City
March 22nd @ St Michael, Remus

- Cursillo -
April 2 - 5, 2020
St Joseph Church
Pewamo

Application forms due by Mar 26th.
Application forms available @ www.grcursillo.org.
For more information call Mary Reno 616/498-1052 or Email: mreno03@yahoo.com.
See fliers for more detail.

Mecosta/Osceola County Right to Life’s annual oratory contest is scheduled for April 14th at Liberty Baptist Church north of Paris. Any high school student can participate. For information and applications please contact gary.montross@yahoo.com.
March 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout his earthly ministry Jesus regularly forgave the sins of others. He wants to do the same for us. The Church offers us the Sacrament of Penance so that we can receive Jesus in the Eucharist with a renewed faith free from sin. God knows our struggles. He knows that we often fail. Yet His love never fails. No matter how many times we stumble, we find Him ready to receive us again. In the sacrament of penance, we encounter a God who does not simply wait for us but rushes out to meet us. This is the beauty of the sacrament.

This Lenten season I encourage you to take the opportunity to meet Christ in this way through our annual initiative entitled, “The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance.” Although there are many opportunities to experience the joy of this sacrament throughout the year, “The Light is ON for You” is a special opportunity to witness the forgiveness of God. During this event on Thursday, March 26, almost every church in the diocese will be open for the sacrament of reconciliation from 5 - 8pm. See the diocesan website, GRdiocese.org, for locations and details.

To accordingly prepare our hearts for Easter we take this Lenten season to focus on conversion and reconciliation. I encourage you to join us for this special evening and to invite a family member or friend to attend as well. Let the Lord use you to extend His invitation and mercy to someone in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

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**Preventing the spread of illness during cold and flu season.**

Please follow these basic guidelines to help prevent the spread of illness in our parish:
- If you suspect you have the flu or are suffering from a serious cold, stay home. Your Sunday obligation is waived.
- Cover your mouth/nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands frequently and for the appropriate length of time using soap & water, or using hand sanitizing products.
- Please do not hold hands during the “Our Father.”
- Instead of shaking hands during the sign of peace, clasp your hands together, make eye contact with those around you, and say “Peace of Christ.”
- If you are feeling sick, receive Holy Communion in the hand, rather than on the tongue, and refrain from receiving Communion from the cup.

For additional information, visit: grdiocese.org/flu-and-mass-guidelines/
Please remember to sign-in in the back of church 15 mins before Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS
SATURDAY, March 14
5pm Norianna Hanson, Cameron Miller
SUNDAY, March 15
9am Brody & Ryan Ososki
11am Austin & Brooklyn Hinkley

HOSPITALITY
SATURDAY, March 14
5pm David Darmofall, Dorothy Letavish, volunteers needed
SUNDAY, March 15
9am Mary Dunkel, Elise Gramza, Jan Weber, volunteer needed
11am Kathyrn McCullough, Mary Munsell

CHILDREN’S LITURGY
SUNDAY, March 15
9am Alison Jenerou

COMMENTATOR
SATURDAY, March 14
5pm Lector - Brook Mathewson
Commentator - Chloe Mathewson
SUNDAY, March 15
9am Lector - Mark Warba
Commentator - Joe Wekenman
11am Lector - Jody Gardei

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
SATURDAY, March 14
5pm Body of Christ - Jan Westfield, Jim Nostrant
Blood of Christ - Mark & Linda Bolton, Chloe Mathewson, RoseAnne Shansky
SUNDAY, March 15
9am Body of Christ - MaryAnn Mendenhall, John Ososki
Blood of Christ - Delphine DeFever, Barb Spedowski, Ashleyrose & JB Watters
11am Body of Christ - Jodi Gardei, Pam Muccio
Blood of Christ - Missy Krager, Gary & Rosemary Montross, Mary Neill

Interested in Joining the Knights of Columbus? Contact Tom O’Brien @ 231/598-9359 or visit our website: KoFC1300.org.

Find healing after abortion.
The next Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat for healing after abortion will be held in W Michigan Mar 27-29th. The Retreat is designed to help with forgiveness and grieving and allow you to experience the Mercy of God. Retreats are open to women, men and couples. For more information or to register contact Maggie Walsh - 616/340-1824 or mwalsh@ccwestmi.org. Financial aid is available.
Mass Times:
Mon. 9am  St Mary
Tues. 8:30am  St Mary
Wed. 7pm  St Mary
9:15pm  St Paul
Thurs. 7am  St Mary
Fri. Noon  St Paul
Sat. 5pm  St Mary
Sun. 9am  St Mary
Sun. 11am  St Paul
Sun. 5pm  St Paul

Reconciliation
St Mary- Sat 3:30 - 4:30pm
St Paul - Wed 8:30-9pm; Fri 11-11:45;
Sun 4-4:30pm
Parish Office: 231/796-5202 Hrs: 8 - 4pm
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Betty Crow, Ed Derby, Nancy Doyle, Fr.
Joe Fix, Myrna Foos, Loren & Doris
Godbold, Ken Grzeszak, Jim & Joanne
Horgan, Michelle Killian, Jane McCallister,
Norman Kailing, Ralph & Judy Manting,
Marla McGhee, Mary Neill, Dennis Tassoni,
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