THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Crowning with Thorns

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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.

St Mary ~ St Paul Parish
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Parish Office 231/796-5202 or -7393, Fax: 231/796-9231
St Paul 231/598-9445
Parish website: www.stmarystpaulbr.org

MISSION STATEMENT
We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary ~ St. Paul support the body of Christ through worship, education, prayer, grade school & college ministries.

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- Coming Soon -
Our bulletin will have a new look.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar - March 15, 2020
Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today’s gospel. They need more than material things. They need the “living water” only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this “living water” they will “never thirst”.

- Save the Dates -
St Paul Lenten Soup Supper Series
Wednesday’ Mar 18 thru Apr 8th
Time - 5pm Soup Dinner

Communal Penance
March 15th 3pm @ Christ the King, Howard City
March 22nd 2pm @ St Michael, Remus

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

Children’s Evening Faith Formation
St Mary School Tuesday evening from 6 - 7:15pm
Mar 17 - Apr 28th.

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/or applications please contact gary.montross@yahoo.com.

Mass Attendance March 8, 2020
Sat. 5 pm - 147 Sun. 9 am - 190; 11 am - 134; 5pm - 40

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, March 16
5:30pm Choir Practice - St Mary
6pm School Board Mtg

TUESDAY, March 17
5:30pm God’s Kitchen
6pm Evening Faith Formation - St Mary

WEDNESDAY, March 18
10am Mass at the Brook
7pm Knights of Columbus Assembly

THURSDAY, March 19
8pm Fireside Theology

FRIDAY, March 20
2:15pm Stations of the Cross with school children
3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

SATURDAY, March 21
9am Rosary ~ St. Mary

SUNDAY, March 22
Student Supper

February Budget

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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.
Dear Friends in Christ,

More than 2,900 people have been killed because of their Christian faith. Over 260 million Christians live in communities where they experience a high level of persecution just because of their religious beliefs. These astonishing statistics regarding Christian persecution come from Open Doors USA’s 2020 World Watch List reporting period (Oct. 31, 2018 – Nov. 1, 2019). We may not be able to see their faces. When we look, however, through the eyes of Jesus, we sense the suffering of our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. This is your opportunity to help!

Next weekend, March 21-22, the parishes of our diocese will take up the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection. Your support for this collection not only brings aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, it provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for those with little or no power. Through your generosity, the six Catholic agencies supported through this collection help our neighbors, near and far.

Your gift provides more than physical nourishment. It brings hope. Through housing and educational projects funded through the CRS collection, you can help people around the world to be cared for and offer them a new start.

Please contribute to this year’s CRS Collection. There are few collections more critical than this one. Your prayers and financial support allow these organizations to bring immediate assistance and the love of Christ to people in need across the globe. For more information on the organizations whose work benefits from your generosity, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

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**Readings for the Week of March 15, 2020**

**Sunday**
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Monday**
2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday**
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday**
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51a

**Friday**
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday**
Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday**
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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**Mass Schedule**

**MONDAY, March 16**
9am Mass at St Mary
Donna Merrill † from Norma Merrill

**TUESDAY, March 17**
St Patrick, Bishop
8:30am Mass at St Mary
Adoration at St Paul beginning at 3pm until Benediction at 8pm

**WEDNESDAY, March 18**
St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
7pm Mass at St Mary
8:30-9pm reconciliation at St Paul
9:15pm Mass at St Paul

**THURSDAY, March 19**
St Joseph, Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary
7am Mass at St Mary
Adoration at St Mary to follow the 7am Mass until Benediction at 5pm.

**FRIDAY, March 20**
11-11:45 Reconciliation at St Paul
Noon Mass at St Paul

**SATURDAY, March 21**
3:30 - 4:30pm Reconciliation at St Mary
6pm Mass at St Mary

**SUNDAY, March 22**
9am Mass at St Mary
Joyce Spedowski † from Spedowski Family
11am Mass at St Paul
All St Mary - St Paul Parishioners
4 - 4:30pm reconciliation at St Paul
5pm Mass at St Paul

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**- 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.
Please remember to sign-in in the back of church
15 mins before Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS
SATURDAY, March 21
5pm Colin Flanery, Norianna Hanson
SUNDAY, March 22
9am Isabella Ponte, Olivia Slocum
11am Hallaway Baumgardner, Larry Hodges

HOSPITALITY
SATURDAY, March 21
5pm Kent Brooks, volunteers needed
SUNDAY, March 22
9am John & Elizabeth Lawrence, Joe & Nancy Spedoski, Art Reed
11am Dorothy Vogelsburg-Heying, volunteers needed

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
SUNDAY, March 22
9am Mary Kromer

COMMENTATOR
SATURDAY, March 21
5pm Lector - RoseAnne Shansky
Commentator - Tami Lewis
SUNDAY, March 22
9am Lector - Chloe Mathewson
Commentator - Emily Mathewson
11am Lector - Cathy Johnson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
SATURDAY, March 21
5pm Body of Christ - Louise Byrnes, Mark Brejcha
Blood of Christ - Mark Bolton, Geri Hanna, Jim Nostrant, Jan Westfield
SUNDAY, March 22
9am Body of Christ - Kevin & Carey Mathewson
Blood of Christ - MaryAnn Mendenhall, John Osoiski, Elise Sivertsen, volunteer needed
11am Body of Christ - Cathy Johnson, Pam Muccio
Blood of Christ - Missy Krager, Beverly Mills, Mary Neill, Linda Shields

St Mary - St Paul Ministry (St Vinny's) is in need of the following donations; children's clothes and shoes, men's clothes- especially jeans, household items- especially kitchen. Jan Westfield

- Parish Council of Catholic Women -
Proceeds from March Bake Sale helped to purchase eight new altar server robes. Thanks for making this possible.

PCCW is seeking new items for gift baskets for the Mother/Daughter Banquet May 11th. Items may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Tickets for the banquet will be available in April.
St Mary School
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(231) 796-6731
Principal - JB Watters
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School Board
Laura Rhoades - Chair
Elise Sivertsen,
Erlin Bollman,
Ron McKean,
Tyler Schuberg,
Catie Batke.

Flowing from the mission of St Mary-
St Paul Parish, students will learn to
know, love and serve God. Students will
live their Catholic faith through
academic pursuits, spiritual
development and service to the
community.

Pastoral Council Members:
Carman Bean (Chair -
crbean@yahoo.com),
Joanne Brown, Brandi Olsson,
MaryAnn Mendenhall

Finance Council Members:
Jan Westfield - Chairperson
(janetjanedoe@aol.com), Dee Clark,
Patti Fraser, Geri Hanna,
Karin McKean

To reserve the Parish Center for an
event contact JB Watters or Kim
Brejcha at St Mary School
(796-6731).

Prayer List:
Scott Arnold, Mike Bastian, Wm Burandt,
Kim & Roger Caudill, Roger Champagne,
Gary Cox, Betty Crow, Ed Derby, Nancy
Doyle, Fr. Joe Fix, Myma Fos, Loren &
Doris Godbold, Ken Grzeszak, Jim &
Joanne Horgan, Michelle Killian, Norman
Kailing, Raph & Judy Manting, Jane
McCalister, Dennis Mills, Mary Neill, Curt
Parker, Dennis Tassoni, Kathy Ward, Ned
Whalen, Wayne Wheeler, Sr., Kathy
Williams

Prayer Request List: To place or
remove a name simply call the office or put note in offertory.

To place names on prayer chain call:
Carol Scheid-Kailing: 231/796-6063,
Theresa Miller 796-7753.

Sacrament of Marriage arrangements
to be made six months in advance.
Call the parish office regarding
preparation for other sacraments.

View the bulletin online at: http://
discovermass.com/church/st-mary-big-
rapids-mi/. Parish website:
www.stmarystpaulbr.org

For Parish related dates/functions/
activities you would like posted on the
website please contact Elyse Leach
via email eleach@stmarystpaulbr.org.

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 Mary
Sat. 5pm St Mary
Sun. 9am St Mary
Sun. 11am St Paul
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
St Paul: 231/798-9445

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