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*St. Mary
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and
Our Lady of the
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www.olwshrine.org

**Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
November 16, 2025

Weekly Mass Schedule
Sunday—Rosary 8:25am
Mass 9:00 am
Tues, Thurs, Fri—Rosary 8:25 am
Mass 9:00 am followed by
Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays
Wednesday—Rosary 4:25 pm
Mass 5:00 pm
Saturday—Rosary 3:25 pm
4:00 pm Mass


Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 8am—3:30 pm

Faith Formation
Sundays after Mass

Sacraments
Preparation classes with Pastor

Marriage
6 months prior to setting date

Reconciliation By appointment or:
Weds: 4:00—4:25 pm
Saturday: 3:00—3:25 pm
Sunday: 8:00—8:25 am



St. Hubert at the Shrine

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday—November 18
NO ROSARY
NO MASS
FR. SAN WILL BE DOWNSTATE

Wednesday—November 19
4:00-4:25 pm Reconciliation
4:25 pm Rosary
5:00 pm Mass
+Blanche Thorpe
(Barb Thomas)

Thursday—November 20
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
The Hado & Bolis Families
(Hakema Hado)

Friday—November 21
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass followed by
Eucharistic Adoration
+Blanche Thorpe
(Dana & Sharon LeBlanc)

Saturday—November 22
3:00-3:25 pm Reconciliation
3:25 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Mass
+MaryJane & +Louis Johnston
(Dana & Sharon LeBlanc)

Sunday—November 23
8:00-8:25 am Reconciliation
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
+Blanche Thorpe
(Dan & Marcia Carr)

PRAYER LIST

NAMES STAY ON FOR UP TO ONE YEAR AND ARE THEN
MOVED TO THE CHURCH PRAYER BOOK

Mia McGregor, Brian Urbanski, Sue Dawes, Elizabeth Zupi, Kerri
Pennington, Greg Pennington, Holly Vandethorn, Wally Cox, Cynthia
Vanvleck, Rich Valley, Jude Brammell, Marianne Roddy, Jim, Sharon
LeBlanc, Marilyn Hood, Alan Osterling, Marty Landman, Natalie Davidson,
Donna Nicolay, Robert Stevens, Pete Freel, Chris Horger, Joe Regnier,
Bob Beale, Chris DeMoines, Sophia Camaj, Irene Bryske

Sun: Rev. Raymond Cotter

Mon: Vocations Tues: Rev. Matthew Cowan

Wed: Rev. Anthony Cureton Thurs: Rev. Robbie Deka

Fri: Rev. James Doherty Sat: Seminarians

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

- **CCW Craft Night** every Monday at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. Open to all ladies! Bring a craft.
- **Servers needed** for the upcoming holidays—see the sign-up sheet on the board outside the sacristy.
- **Christmas Choir members desired**....first practice is Saturday, 11/29/25 at 10am in the Church. Check with Michele Horger (586) 665-0442 or any choir member for details—kids welcome! Christmas concert will be Sunday, 12/21/25 at 3:00 pm right before the Parish Christmas Potluck at 4:00 pm.
- **Faith & Fitness Exercise with Prayer** meets Friday, 11/21/25 at 11:00 am and every other Friday.
- **Gregorian Schola Free Sacred Music Concerts** on 11/19/25 at 6:30 pm, Cross in the Woods, Indian River, Michigan; —11/20/25 at 6:30 pm, St. Francis of Assisi, Traverse City, Michigan;— 11/21/25 at 6:30 pm, St. Mary Cathedral, Gaylord, Michigan. *All include special guest Maestro Davide Bucci, Organist of St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome.*

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Don't have anywhere to go? Don't want to cook that much food for just one or two? Come join your parish family that day!

Details:
—3:00 pm dinner in the parish hall
—Turkey provided
—Bring a dish to pass (*see sign-up sheets*)
—Enjoy!

There will be Mass in the morning at 9:00 am if you would to come and give thanks.

More questions? Check with organizer Heidi Szymanski at (906) 231-1386.

Stewardship Report		
Average Monthly Operating Budget:	\$	19,000.00
Loose, Envelopes & Misc.	\$	3,423.71
Coffee and Donuts	\$	43.00
Candles	\$	93.00
Rental Income	\$	400.00
Mass Intentions	\$	80.00
November Income to Date	\$	7,435.71

IN MEMORY

Laverne Staelgraeve

Norm Fredrickson

Linda Wyckoff

Lena Paris

James Burgei

Marlynne Crawford

Marie Quinn

Don Owczarzak

Phillip & Martha Kemmis

Ron Nickerson

Maria Williams

Luke Farhat

Pam Raquepaw

Joe Drenovski

Blanche Thorpe

Can Catholics be Cremated?

Yes, unless it is evident that cremation was chosen for anti-Christian motives. The Church prefers burial of the body; however, if cremation is chosen, the Church prefers that cremation occurs after the funeral rites.

*Information from the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions—
www.fdlc.org or (202) 635-6990.*

Pamphlets with more information are located in the narthex.

SHRINE CORNER

Deer season is upon us and I thought it would be time to review the Shrine history pertaining to November 15.

The Shrine was dedicated in September of 1955, but all the work had not been completed. As reported in an earlier article, the altar was not fully constructed and outdoor Masses were not permitted by the Diocese of Saginaw until completed and blessed.

November 15, 1955 cold weather brought all work to a halt that needed mortar. On the outdoor altar, the Benediction Candelabra was bolted into place. The stained glass windows from Germany had arrived and were temporarily placed in the altar wall's place. These windows were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Horton of Owosso. The Bernadette statue, donated by the Galbraith family, arrived and was placed during a snowfall. No outdoor Mass because the altar was not finished and blessed.

November, 1957, the Family Grotto was being constructed. The walls went up and the roof was completed. Work continued inside the grotto regardless of rain, snow and zero degree temperatures.

In November, 1958, deer season brought many deer hunters and Fr. Hubert Rakowski scheduled an early 5:30 am Mass outdoors. The priest wrote "It looked like a huge red army. The only bad result was a freezing altar boy and a priest who had difficulty distributing Holy Communion because of frozen fingers." (*A few years ago the Vision Committee asked Father San to have a 5:30 am opening day Mass, but that did not get approved.*)

Opening day in 1960, outdoor Mass was celebrated at 5:30 am with the temperature near zero. This Mass was reportedly attended by over 1,000 hunters.

In early November, 1963, the weather remained mild and people attended Mass outdoors and it was reported as being attended by more than a 1,000 hunters.

Why was Mass outdoors? During this period of time the old Church was a converted one-room school house that only seated 30-50 people and the rest were standing outside. The new Church, which we have today, was not built until the mid-1970s.

Happy hunting and God Bless.
Jim L.

We have \$159,182.61
of our final goal of
\$210,000.00.



A dvent Teas

Sunday, December 7th, 2:00-3:30 pm, St. Mary of Mio Parish Hall. Sign-up sheets for both hosts and guests are in the narthex. Feel free to sign up under the name of host table or become a host. For more info, contact Kelley Hissong at (517) 945-3089. Flyers are posted.

and/or

Friday, December 12th, 5:30 pm, St. Francis of Lewiston Social Hall. Seating is limited, reservations required by 12/04/25. For more info, contact the rectory at St. Francis at (989) 786-2235. Flyers are posted.

For the bulletin online, go to the Shrine website—olwshrine.org—and click on "Our Parish."
You can also access it at: dioceseofgaylord.org, 'Find a Parish', then find us on the map or list—click on our website.