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Rosary at 7:30 pm
3rd Degree meetings
1st Monday of month 8:00 pm

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**St. Mary
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and
Our Lady of the
Woods Shrine**
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www.olwshrine.org
Pastor
Rev. Santiago M. Hoyumpa
Secretary
Maryanne Ladensack
Maintenance
Lynn Cournyer and Nick Lashley
Weekly Mass Schedule
Sunday—Rosary 8:25am
Mass 9:00 am
Tues, Thurs, Fri—Rosary 8:25 am
Mass 9:00 am followed by
Adoration on Fridays
Wednesday—Rosary 5:25 pm
Mass 6:00 pm
Saturday—Rosary 5:25 pm
6:00 pm Mass—outdoors,
weather permitting
Office Hours
Monday-Friday: 8am—4:00 pm
Faith Formation
Sundays after Mass
Resumes September 7, 2025
Sacraments
Preparation classes with Pastor
Marriage
6 months prior to setting date
Reconciliation By appointment or:
Weds: 5:00—5:25 pm
Saturday: 5:00—5:25 pm
Sunday: 8:00—8:25 am



**“For behold,
some are last
who will be first,
and some are first
who will be last.”**

**Twenty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
August 24, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday—August 26
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
+*Deceased Members of the Boris Family*
(*Connie Boris*)
3:00 pm Mass at Wellspring Nursing Home
in Fairview (*Nursing Home Residents*)

Wednesday—August 27
5:00-5:25 pm Reconciliation
5:25 pm Rosary
6:00 pm Mass
+*Timothy LeBlanc*
(*Dana & Sharon LeBlanc*)

Thursday—August 28
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
+*August Ladensack*
(*The Wallace Family*)

Friday—August 29
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass followed by
Eucharistic Adoration
+*Ina Troyer*
(*Dana & Sharon LeBlanc*)

Saturday—August 30
5:00-5:25 pm Reconciliation
5:25 pm Rosary
6:00 pm Mass at the Shrine—weather permitting
+*Sally Galbraith*
(*Dan & Marcia Carr*)

Sunday—August 31
8:00-8:25 am Reconciliation
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
+*Bob Slusarski*
(*Dana & Sharon LeBlanc*)

PRAYER LIST

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

Paul Pasternak, Becky Sidebottom, Dan Thorpe, Zachery, Chris
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Vanvleck, Rich Valley, Jude Brammel, Maria Williams

Sun: Rev. Joseph Blasko

Mon: Rev. Lawrence Boks Tues: Rev. Anthony Citro

Wed: Rev. Michael Class Thurs: Rev. Nicholas Cooper

Fri: Rev. Raymond Cotter Sat: Rev. Matthew Cowan

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

- **Oscoda County Right-to-Life** meets Tuesday,
August 26th, 6:30-8:00 pm at Mio Library.
- **Faith & Fitness Exercise with Prayer** group
meets Friday, August 29th at 11:00 am in the parish
hall. Pray the rosary while doing gentle stretches.
Any and all welcome! Chairs available.

**Kids’ Faith Formation
Begins Sunday, September 7th**

*Then Every Sunday—After Mass—
Meet in Parish Hall then go to Madonna Hall*

⇒ Grades 1, 2, and 3 prepare for
Sacraments of Reconciliation,
1st Holy Communion and
Confirmation.

⇒ Children kindergarten
through 18 are welcome.
Children younger than 5 are
encouraged to stay, if accom-
panied by their caregiver.

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To register or for more information, please
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October 3-5, 2025
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marriage
encounter**

Next
Saturday,
Ice Cream
Social to
Follow
Mass



Stewardship Report

Average Monthly Operating Budget:	\$	19,000.00
Loose, Envelopes & Misc.	\$	8,420.22
Coffee and Donuts	\$.00
Candles	\$	40.00
Mass Intentions	\$	120.00
August Income to Date	\$	20,964.09

ASSUMPTION 2025—A HUGE SUCCESS



West Branch Color Guard—K of C



L to R: Fr. San, Bishop Walsh, Fr. Timock



A very large crowd of 480 at Mass

All Photos Courtesy of Rick Kane, A Traverse City Visitor

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.

**SHRINE RESTORATION JULY 1-SEPT 30
MATCH DONATION UP TO \$15,000.00**



**WE DID IT! THE GOAL HAS
BEEN MET—LONG BEFORE THE
DEADLINE. THANK YOU!!**

SHRINE CORNER

Assumption of Mary

Friday, August 15th was the Feast
of the Assumption of Mary and a
holy day of obligation.

**We have \$133,029.05
in our account
towards our final goal
of \$210,000.00.**

It started with reconciliation services at 8:30 AM and the
praying of the Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus at
9:00 AM. Nick Lashley conducted the walk through the
Stations of the Cross at 9:30 AM, and then the Mass was
celebrated by Bishop Jeffrey Walsh with Father Ronald
Timock and, of course, our own pastor, Father San at
11:00 AM. Afterwards, a wonderful luncheon was provided
for all and then the festivities were originally to conclude
with a Faith and Fitness Exercise with Prayer class at 3:00
PM. This ended up being cancelled as most everyone had
left by this time.

Last year, well over 200 people attended our Assumption
event at Our Lady of the Woods Shrine. This year with our
site being a Pilgrimage of Hope for the Jubilee Year of
2025 with the ability to receive an indulgence, Father San
stated we needed to be ready for up to 500 participants for
this year’s event.

Although I did not say a word to Father San, I thought that
was an optimistic number and believed we would get
maybe 300 individuals to attend. When Mass started, I real-
ized how off my projection was. I knew there was well over
400 people and then the ushers counted 480 people in
attendance. You can call me the “Doubting Thomas” who
now believes.

Finally, over 300 participated in the luncheon. All I can say
is the Lord and our Mother Mary blessed us with the large
number of people who attended.

Thank you to all the volunteers and staff members of our
Parish who work diligently to make this beautiful event a
wonderful success.

God Bless.

Monte Mariani, Shrine Director