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MADONNA HALL

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



**St. Mary
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and
Our Lady of the
Woods Shrine**

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**Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

September 6, 2026

Pastor
Rev. Santiago M. Hoyumpa

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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

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-Friday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm

Faith Formation

Sundays after Mass during School Year

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

Bulletin Deadline: Monday



MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday—September 8
NO MASS AS FR. SAN
WILL BE IN LAPEER THIS DAY

Wednesday—September 9
4:00-4:25 pm Reconciliation
4:25 pm Rosary
5:00 pm Mass
+Sharon LeBlanc
(Kris Babcock)

Thursday—September 10
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
+Sharon LeBlanc
(Shrine Restoration Committee)

Friday—September 11
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Our Parish Family
(Kris Babcock)

Saturday—September 12
3:00-3:25 pm Reconciliation
3:25 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Mass
Intentions of our Shrine Supporters

Sunday—September 13
8:00-8:25 am Reconciliation
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass
+Ray Brown
(Cathy Brown-Kuba)

PRAYER LIST

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

Marty Landman, Natalie Davidson, Donna Nicolay, Robert Stevens, Chris Horger, Joe Regnier, Bob Beale, Chris DeMoines, Sophia Camaj, Irene Bryske, Connie Cook, Gary Babcock, Marcia Botkin, Buck Bradley, George Hammerle, Tasha Kann, Rissa R., Gordon S., Brian Urbanski, Jacqueline Urbanski, Nick Bonacci, Mike Tait, Paul Hales, Marisa Farhat, Shane Babcock, Jim Dudewitz, Pattie Stewart, Bishop Walsh, Eddie Moriarty, Brooke Waye, Kathy Mancini & Family, Michelle, Marilyn Hood, Jim, Bob Most, Cathy Moriarty, James Schick

Sun: Rev. Michael Steltenkamp
Mon: Deceased Priests Tues: Rev. Dennis Stilwell
Wed:Rev. Emmanuel Tizhe Thurs: Rev. Michael Verschaeve
Fri: Rev. Duane Wachowiak Sat: Most Rev. Bishop Walsh

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

⇒ Craft Nights are Mondays at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. All ladies welcome—bring a friend!

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the Knights of Columbus Meeting on 9/7/26 has been moved to the following Monday—9/14/26.

Are you a Veteran and Need Some Help?

The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund offers financial assistance for such things as a new roof, paying medical bills, travel to doctor appointments, help paying for propane in the winter, plus much more.

For more information, call our local Oscoda County Veterans Affairs office at (989) 826-9500 or stop by the office Monday through Thursday at 205 East 11th Street in Mio.

You may also talk directly with parishioner Rob Passinault—(989) 350-8827.



The Vatican has granted a plenary indulgence to anyone who visits a sick, lonely, or disabled elderly person on Grandparents Day—Sunday, September 13, 2026—or attends a celebration in honor of Grandparents Day. Those who are grandparents or elderly themselves can also receive the indulgence. The usual conditions apply:

- Detachment from all sin;
- Receive Sacramental Confession;
- Receive Holy Communion;
- Pray for the Pope’s intentions.

A person who cannot leave their home due to sickness or other serious reason can obtain the indulgence if they “unite themselves spiritually to the sacred functions and celebrations of this day.”



Stewardship Report			
Average Monthly Operating Budget:	\$	22,000.00	
Loose, Envelopes & Misc.	\$	3,419.01	
Coffee and Donuts	\$	104.30	
Mass Stipends	\$	115.00	
Candles	\$	70.00	
Online Giving for August	\$	3,400.09	
August Income to Date	\$	28,511.26	

Kids’ Faith Formation Begins Sunday, September 13th

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

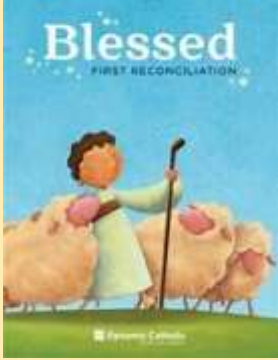
⇒ Grades 1, 2, and 3 prepare for Sacraments of Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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

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To register or for more information, please contact Andrew Lashley, Faith Formation Leader, at (989) 745-5564 or email him at andrew.lashley154@gmail.com.



Thinking about becoming a Catholic?
OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Classes will be every Sunday after Mass starting on September 13th in the parish hall.
Bring your questions and join us!

Please Note:
Saturday Mass Moves Indoors and Returns to 4:00 pm with Confession from 3:00-3:25 pm

Please Note:
Wednesday Mass Returns to 5 pm with Confession from 4:00—4:25 pm

New Bible Study Begins...Open to All!
Fr. San began a new Bible Study group this week. The group will continue to meet each Wednesday—now at 3:00 pm— in the parish hall. Topic is the Gospel of Mark and books are provided.
Come! Enjoy!

For the bulletin online, go to the Shrine website—olwshrine.org—and click on “Church Bulletins”. You can also access it at: dioceseofgaylord.org, ‘Find a Parish’, then find us on the map or list—click on our website.

SHRINE CORNER

On August 31, 1955, just before the Dedication of the Shrine, the *North Woods Call* magazine wrote:

“There is no better way to highlight the richness of our state by symbolically showing it against a religious background. For our greatest treasures, stone of the earth, grain, water, fish and deer are too often accepted as matter of fact rather than a treasure given to mankind by bountiful Creator.”

Our Marian Shrine is one of a kind. For it to be recognized in this manner in 1955—and now in 2026 that the Restoration is coming to a close—that statement still fits, maybe even more so today with so much uncertainty.

I recently went out to the Grotto and read some of the write-ups by our visitors. Our Shrine is a beacon of light to many who visit and Our Lady of the Woods Shrine has proven to be a safe haven and place of prayer for many. I just hope that we in Mio that belong to the St. Mary Family don’t take for granted what we have here.

May all the volunteer work that goes into making the Shrine work for so many people be continued by the next generation because we are all here to “bring more people to God.”

I hope we don’t take the Shrine as a “matter of fact,” rather than “a treasure given to mankind by a bountiful Creator.”

God Bless.
Jim Lemerand

- Events in September.....
- On September 24th, Right-to-Life of Michigan is holding it’s 53rd Annual Conference. It will take place from 9am until 3pm at the Comstock Inn and Conference Center, 300 East Main Street, Owosso, Michigan. For info and to register, go to: rtl.org.
 - On September 27th, St. Francis of Assisi of Lewiston is hosting a Golf Outing at Garland in honor of their 80th Anniversary as a parish. Enjoy lunch, a shot gun start and prizes. For info or to register by 9/20, call Ed Rinke at 937-260-9373. Open to all!