

Rejoicing in Faith

A Pilgrimage with Mary

Our Lady of Fatima

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Upcoming Events

- June 24th-Fundraising Dinner
- July 26th-DCCW Day of Reflection
- August 4th-International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima
- August 7th-Marian Speaker and Breakfast
- August 15th-Assumption of Mary Outdoor Mass
- September 24th-Youth Day at the Shrine
- October 9th-Year of Mercy Mass with Most Reverend Bishop Raica

Between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared six times to three shepherd children near the town of Fatima, Portugal. They were 9 year old Lucia dos Santos and two younger cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

A beautiful woman in white, radiating an intense light, the Mother of God told the children that she had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child living in the 20th century. She promised that heaven would grant peace to the entire world if her requests for prayer, reparation, and consecration were heard and obeyed. During this first apparition, she told the children to pray the rosary every day for world peace and to end the war, convert their lives to God, and honor her appearances.

During the June visit, Lucia was told that she would soon take Jacinta and Francisco to Heaven, but that Jesus wanted Lucia to

stay and establish a devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mary also showed Lucia a heart surrounded by thorns, her immaculate heart.

In July's visit, the children returned with a large crowd. Mary showed the children a vision of Hell. She told them that God wished them to establish devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to the world. If this was done, many souls would be saved and there would be peace.

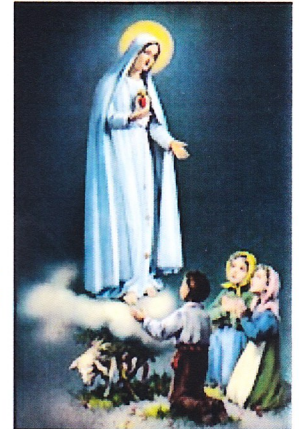
For the Mary's visit in August, 18,000 people gathered, but the children were not there. They were imprisoned by the are administrator, who was an anti-cleric.

A luminous globe appeared before a crowd of 30,000 in September. Mary told the children God was pleased with their sacrifices and that a great miracle would happen in October.

It was raining pretty hard for the final visit in October. Mary appeared in a flash of light, saying, "I am the Lady of the Rosary." The 70,000 rain soaked pilgrims saw the sun dance back and forth across the sky, spin out of control and plunge towards the earth. It suddenly stopped and returned to normal. Everyone found their clothes to be completely dry!

The children saw visions of the mysteries of the Rosary and the Holy Family.

Mary gave the children three secrets. The first secret dealt with Our Lady's urgent plea for prayer and sacrifice to save souls. The second secret dealt with the outbreak of World War II and the conversion of Russia. The third secret is yet to be revealed.



And 39 Years Later...

As Tom and Laurie Shea said their wedding vows at the Shrine on a beautiful and sunny June 18, 1977, little did they know that in 39 years, to the day, they would be celebrating another wedding at St. Mary.

They were pretty sure they would live in the Mio area since they had spent most of the lives in the area. Also, their families lived in Mio.

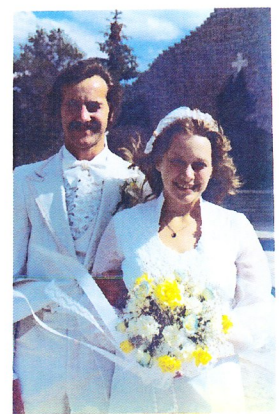
As members of St. Mary Catholic Church, it was only natural to raise their only child,

Elizabeth, in the Catholic church. Elizabeth was baptized, confirmed and received first Eucharist at St. Mary.

In 2012, Father Raymond Cotter was asked to do an interview by Anthony Kachiros. He was taking a college religion class. Father told him there was someone he should talk to and asked him to come to church the next Sunday. Anthony had to come for two weeks before Elizabeth was at church. Father Ray introduced the two of them and walked away! And as the saying goes, the rest is history!!!

Anthony proposed to Elizabeth in June of 2014. They are getting married on June 18, 2016. As the Shrine altar has been decommissioned, they will be married in the church.

Anthony and Elizabeth



Tom & Laurie Shea
June 18, 1977

Adopt-A-Statue Program

Our Lady of the Woods Shrine has statues and plaques placed strategically around St Mary Parish grounds. They have been in place between 50 and 60 years and withstood all the diverse, changing weather conditions of northern Michigan. Like everything else that is subjected to continued weathering and ultraviolet rays, they age and deteriorate.

The statues need deep cleaning to remove algae, pollutants, and stains where possible; repairing of cracks and holes; carving new pieces to replace missing or damaged parts; and reconditioning of rough surfaces by honing the marble back to its original state.

Outdoor statues are surrounded by manicured grounds, flowers, shrubs, and specialized landscaping. Interior statuary are set in a specialized niche or grotto with candles, prayer pools, kneelers or benches. Maintaining each statue, whether visible from the exterior or interior of the Shrine, requires year round time and attention.

St. Mary Parish established the Adopt-A-Statue Program to accept contributions for the work of renovation and preservation of Shrine statuary. The beautiful Shrine statues that we have enjoyed and been inspired by were gifts from generations past. We can leave the same legacy of beauty and grace to inspire our children, like our parents did for us.

The Adopt-A-Statue Program allows individuals, groups, and families to support renovation of a particular statue.

By funding all or part of the renovation costs. Donations will be used for professional repair and restoration, landscaping, and to help with main-

tenance of flowers and decorative borders.

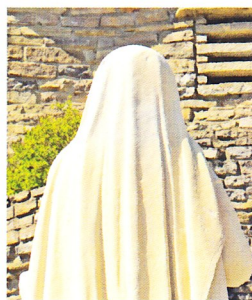
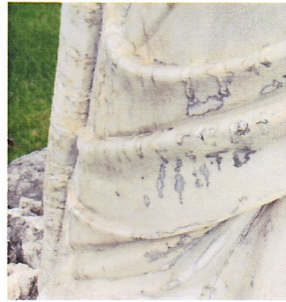
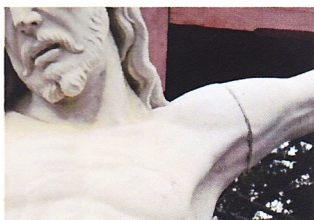
Adopt-A-Statue Program provides a great opportunity for sponsors to join together in a public expression of religious faith by renovating Shrine statues and contributing to the preservation of a unique northern Michigan community landmark.

Each donor or donor group will receive an official Adopt-A-Statue Certificate along with a commemorative Our Lady of the Woods Shrine Medallion. A record of the donor or donor group will be placed in a hermetically sealed container and stored in the interior of the Shrine, replicating the acknowledgement of those from the 1953-60 era who donated to the original building and development of the Shrine.

In addition, the parish is committed to pray for the spiritual and temporal needs of our donors.

Donations are tax deductible with a letter acknowledging each donation for income tax purposes.

If you would like to participate in the Adopt-A-Statue Program, please fill out the form at the right of the page and return it with your donation to:
St. Mary Parish
Shrine Restoration Fund
PO Box 189



Shrine Statuary Renovation Costs

- \$13,920.00 Juan Diego
- \$8,140.00 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- \$7,860.00 Christ the King
- \$7,849.00 Assumption of Mary & 2 angels
- \$7,320.00 Our Lady of Lourdes
- \$7,520.00 St. Francis
- \$7,820.00 Crucifixion Scene Corpus
- \$7,200.00 Crucifixion Scene – Mary
- \$7,200.00 Crucifixion Scene – St. John
- \$7,540.00 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- \$5,856.00 Our Lady of LaSalette
- \$4,600.00 Melanie Calvat- LaSalette
- \$4,700.00 St. Hubert and deer
- \$4,230.00 St. Bernadette
- \$4,160.00 Holy Spirit image with fish
- \$2,155.00 Lucia de Jesus Santos - Fatima
- \$2,380.00 Francisco Marto - Fatima
- \$2,300.00 Maximin Giraud - LaSalette
- \$2,820.00 Holy Family
- \$2,200.00 St. Anne
- \$2,600.00 Pieta
- \$1,390.00 27” Sheep in front of Fatima
- \$1,220.00 20” Sheep in front of Fatima
- \$ 900.00 16” Sheep in front of Fatima
- \$1,430.00 Jacinta Marto - Fatima
- \$1,220.00 Wheat symbol
- \$1,220.00 Grapes and Leaves symbol
- \$ 560.00 Metal rays symbol
- \$1,520.00 Bear
- \$1,200.00 12” Sacred Heart
- \$ 930.00 Pieta symbol #1
- \$ 930.00 Pieta symbol #2
- \$ 160.00 St. Gabriel “Alabaster”
- \$1,260.00 St. Francis dog
- \$ 900.00 12 symbols around crucifixion

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Restoration Update

The Restoration project is addressing many issues. A Vision Committee was initiated to promote both the Parish and the Shrine by designing programs and to enhance visitation to our Shrine. Brochures have been distributed through out the state and letters have been sent to other Shrines in Michigan and Ohio. The Silver Rose was on display in April. A children's program and a pilgrimage by a group of Chaldeans occurred in May. The Fatima statue is coming on August 4th. The Vision Committee has been active and many things are happening.

The Fund Development Committee has written 33 grant requests that went out in January. We have received "No" or "Denied" on 20 of

them. June is an important month as we have three grant reviews. The money requested is just under \$100,000. God willing, there will be a positive response.

All of the bills so far have been paid in full, with no debt incurred by the parish. These have been paid by money from fundraisers and donations. Donations have been received from as far away as Texas and Florida. This shows that the Shrine is a very special place!

Authorization has been given to start the restoration of the Christ the King and Our Lady of Guadalupe statues. The cost of these two projects is \$19,000. These repairs are scheduled to begin in early June.

The monument structure repairs have been slow to start mainly because there are two ways the repairs can be done. The first way is to hire out of state stone masons at the cost of approximately \$400,000. This includes the cost of lodging for the stone masons. The second way is to hire a local stone mason for considerably less. However, the local stone masons are booked until late May. At that time, they will be taking out a section of the stone to determine what the job will entail and give a proper estimate. The stones to repair the monument will then be ordered. The local masons will complete work on the monument one section at a time, as money is raised for the repairs.

The parish will not borrow money for the restoration.

Memorial Day is a big weekend for the Restoration, with the start of the Adopt-A-Statue Program. In June, we have the drawing for the ongoing raffle and a dinner/show fundraiser which is on June 24th at the K of C Hall. Tickets for the raffle dinner are still available.

June is a very big month for the Our Lady of the Woods Shrine Restoration!!



Lewiston's New Prayer Garden

The grounds at St. Francis of Assisi Parish had an overabundance of concrete and grass. It was obvious that some carefully planned landscaping would provide a more welcoming feeling.

Thus, in the spring of 2015, the parish began the prayer garden project in Mother Mary's honor and with a Respect Life theme. The statue of Mary holding the Christ Child was hand carved in Italy and when completed, made the long journey here. It was installed during the mild weather of December.

The garden provides an opportunity to honor loved ones and represent parishioners and frequent visitors with etched blue stones along the edge of the walkway. In the design, there is also a low retainer wall to offer a peaceful area where benches will be located.



While strolling through the garden, enjoy the beauty of nature and rest. Pray or just enjoy the sight and sounds of the fountain and the beautiful granite statue of Mary and Baby Jesus. We welcome everyone to come visit.



St. Mary's World Youth Day Travelers

When Norma Lyden was asked what she thought of **BOTH** her children attending multiple World Youth Days, her answer was "It was a normal thing for them to do."

Paul and Norma Lyden have two adult children, David and Michelle. David is a college graduate work for a local television station. Michelle is currently attending college.

David has already attended one World Youth Day. He went to Madrid, Spain in 2011. He states, "It's the beauty and joy of Catholicism expressed on a grand global scale. It's amazing blessing to be able to celebrate our faith with other young people from around the world."

This year's World Youth Day will take place in Krakow, Poland, from July 25-31.

This will be Michelle's first trip to World Youth Day.

David feels that it is awesome to share this experience with his sister.

The Lyden family was grateful to be able to take a pilgrimage to Rome approximately 12 years ago. Norma says that ever since that trip, her children were bitten with the pilgrimage bug. They have the desire to travel everywhere.

This travel bug is not cheap. Michelle is having two bottle return drives to help fund her pilgrimage to Poland. The dates for the drives are Saturday June 4th and Sunday June 5th and then on Saturday July 9th and Sunday July 10th. Please bring in your cans and bottles on those days.

The Lyden's also ask for your prayers for safe travels and for an openness to hear God on this pilgrimage.

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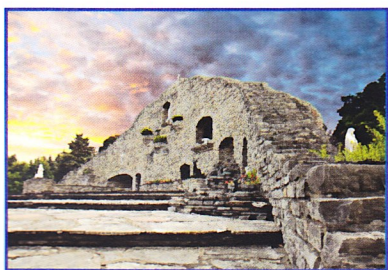
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International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima was sculpted in 1947 by famous sculptor Jose Thedim. It was made from the precise instructions of Sister Lucia. It was her wish that the statue be exactly the same as when Our Lady revealed herself as the Immaculate Heart to the Shepherds in 1914.

In May 1947, the first statue began her first pilgrimage to deliver the message of peace. Her first message was to devastated Europe after WWII. This statue has been retired and is on display at the Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal.

A second statue was blessed and commissioned to serve as the Pilgrim Virgin on October 13, 1947 by the Bishop of Liera, Fatima. The statue has been to more than 100 countries. The most famous peace tour stop was in Moscow, Russia in October

1992. Six bishops carried Our Lady in to Red Square. She was crowned in front of Lenin's tomb at midnight.

2017 will be the 100 anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue began the Fatima Centennial US Tour for Peace in 2016. Since 1916 is when the Angel first appeared to the children. It will be visiting 100 diocese during this tour.

The statue will be at St. Mary Catholic Church in Mio Michigan on Tuesday, August 4, 2016.

Please join us for Mass on this day. Mass will begin at 9am with the entrance of the statue.

If you would like more information on The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima, please visit their website www.fatimatourforpeace.com.



Diocese of Gaylord Holy Doors

For those wishing to make a pilgrimage to the other Holy Doors located in the Diocese of Gaylord, here is a list . Please contact the parish or visit the Diocese website, www.dioceseofgaylord.org, for directions and times of operation.



- ▶ St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord
- ▶ Holy Cross in Cross Village
- ▶ Mother Teresa Shrine in Hale
- ▶ St. Francis Solanus Shrine in Petoskey
- ▶ Holy Cross in Beaver Island
- ▶ St. Bernard Church on Alpena
- ▶ Cross in the Woods in Indian River