

**ORDINARY TIME**

29 May 2016

**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST****TODAY**

- Nursery (Room #102) during the 10:30 Mass

**MONDAY | May 30**

2 Pt 1:2-7 / Mk 12:1-12

- Offices Closed


**MEMORIAL DAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**MONDAY, MAY 30**


**Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery | 8am**  
1712 Preston NW, Grand Rapids

**Resurrection Cemetery | 9am**  
4100 Clyde Park SW, Wyoming

**Holy Cross Cemetery | 10am**  
2000 Walker Ave NW, Grand Rapids

Rain  
or  
Shine

Please bring lawn chairs; refreshments will be served.

**TUESDAY | May 31 | The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Zep 3:14-18 / Lk 1:39-56

- Mass in Chapel (+Janet Buhk)** 8:30am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)** 9am-7pm

**WEDNESDAY | June 1 | St. Justin, Martyr**

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 / Mk 12:18-27

- Mass in Chapel (Fr. Chris Rouech ~ 20th Anniversary)** 6:30pm
- Eucharistic Minister Training (McDuffee)** 7:15pm

**THURSDAY | June 2**

2 Tm 2:8-15 / Mk 12:28-34

- K of C General Membership Meeting (DH)** 7pm

**FRIDAY | June 3 | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Ez 34:11-16 / Rom 5:5-11 / Lk 15:3-7

- Mass in Chapel (+Ken Kloska)** 8:30am
- First Friday Breakfast (DH)** 9am

**SATURDAY | June 4 | The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 2 Tm 4:1-8 / Lk 2:41-51

- Reconciliation/Confessions (Church)** 4-4:45pm
- Contemporary Choir Practice (Church)** 4:30pm
- Summer Kick Off & Movie (DH)** 6:30pm

**LORD'S DAY LITURGIES | June 5, 2016****10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 17:17-24 / Gal 1:11-19 / Lk 7:11-17

**5:30pm Saturday**

Parish Family

**8:30am Sunday**

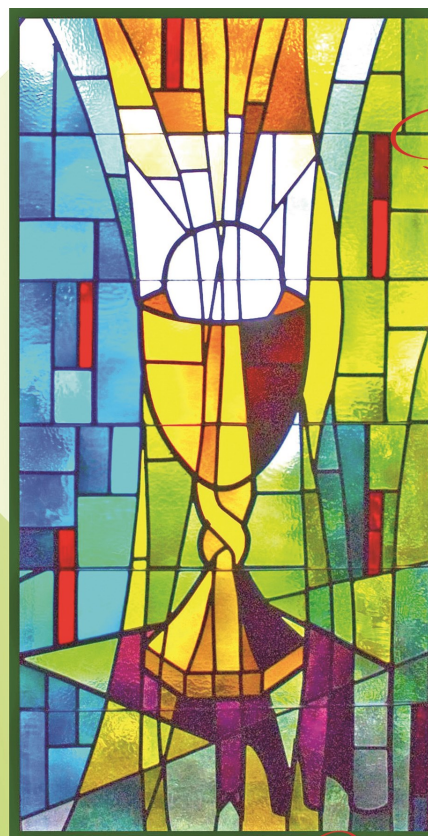
+Pat Kosiara

**10:30am Sunday**

+Scott Cherry +Roger Walker +Fred Walker



REAL PEOPLE + REAL PRESENCE



BODY &  
*Blood*  
OF  
CHRIST

CORPUS *Christi***Living in Mercy**

**No one should be hungry.** Start with 5,000 hungry men; continue with untold numbers of women and children. Add a boy with only five small loaves and two sardines. Mix in Jesus with his blessing and his praying. Organize the ministers and the crowd for the meal. Eat. Gather up twelve baskets of leftovers. Now there is a Mercy Year recipe!

- How can I feed the hungry this week, this month?
- What can I gather up so nothing is wasted?
- How can I honor Christ present as Body and Blood?

**Prepare for next week:** Read and reflect on Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (beginning on pg. 290) in the "Living Liturgy" missal.

JUBILEE  
YEARof  
*Mercy*

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH**

3937 Wilson Ave. SW | Grandville, MI 49418  
616-532-9344 | Fax: 616-538-6340

[www.spxcatholic.org](http://www.spxcatholic.org)

**Parish & Formation Office Hours:**

9-Noon; 1-5pm Mon-Thurs 9-Noon on Fridays

**Parish Book of Prayer** — This book near the main church entrance is for your prayers of intercession or gratitude. They are part of the intentions at Mass.

**Parish Membership** — Count yourself in! If you worship with us regularly, kindly register as a parishioner. You'll receive parish mailings, and it will help us provide pastoral care should you need it. Contact 532-9344; or [parishoffice@spxcatholic.org](mailto:parishoffice@spxcatholic.org).

**Infant Baptisms** are celebrated at various times throughout the year. If you believe raising your child in our Catholic faith is one of your most important duties as a parent, call the parish office.

**Sacrament of Marriage** — The lifelong covenant between a man and a woman is a sign of God's covenant with us. At least six months of prayer and preparation are needed before entering this commitment. Please contact Fr. Chris as soon as you are engaged. Couples celebrating an anniversary ending in a "0" or "5" may request a special blessing.

OTHER MARRIAGE RESOURCES: [www.foryourmarriage.org/](http://www.foryourmarriage.org/)

**Pastoral Care of the Sick** — If you or a loved one are seriously ill, homebound, or anticipating surgery, please contact Marjorie Flores or Fr. Chris in the parish office. The hospitals do not contact us.

**PARISH OFFICE**

**Rev. Chris Rouech** | Pastor  
532-9344, ext. 107 | [frchris@spxcatholic.org](mailto:frchris@spxcatholic.org)

**Marilyn Beckwith** | Business Manager  
532-9344, ext. 102 | [businessmanager@spxcatholic.org](mailto:businessmanager@spxcatholic.org)

**Andy Rebollar** | Pastoral Associate for Parish Life  
532-9344, ext. 103 | [arebollar@spxcatholic.org](mailto:arebollar@spxcatholic.org)

**Marjorie Flores** | Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care & Christian Initiation  
532-9344, ext. 106 | [care@spxcatholic.org](mailto:care@spxcatholic.org)

**Meghan Schaut** | Director of Music  
532-9344, ext. 136 | [music@spxcatholic.org](mailto:music@spxcatholic.org)

**Jane Goudelock** | Administrative Assistant  
532-9344, ext. 101 | [parishoffice@spxcatholic.org](mailto:parishoffice@spxcatholic.org)

**FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Elizabeth Post** | Director of Faith Formation  
538-2600, ext. 122 | [epost@spxcatholic.org](mailto:epost@spxcatholic.org)

**Merry Hass** | Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
538-2600, ext. 137 | [youth@spxcatholic.org](mailto:youth@spxcatholic.org)

**Glenda Trytko** | Religious Education Coordinator  
538-2600, ext. 121 | [gtrytko@spxcatholic.org](mailto:gtrytko@spxcatholic.org)

**Christine Verburg** | Secretary, Faith Formation  
538-2600, ext. 120 | [formation@spxcatholic.org](mailto:formation@spxcatholic.org)

**Sandy Grandy** | Secretary, Faith Formation  
538-2600, ext. 118 | [youth@spxcatholic.org](mailto:youth@spxcatholic.org)

**Kim Lobert** | Director of Maintenance  
538-2600, ext. 116 | [maintenance@spxcatholic.org](mailto:maintenance@spxcatholic.org)

**The View from 40th & Wilson**

FR. CHRIS ROUECH  
[frchris@spxcatholic.org](mailto:frchris@spxcatholic.org)

**How much?**

If you're like me, when you see something you really admire at a store, the first thing you do is look at the price tag.

Depending on the amount, you might pause with glee and wonder "can I?" I usually drop it and move on.

We Americans are rather preoccupied with how much things cost. Why else do we keep an ongoing conversation about the price of gas, which is even more unpredictable than Michigan weather?

**One topic people are more reluctant to discuss is how much we owe the Church and to charities.**

Today's first reading puts a dollar value on being a believer: one-tenth. That's what Abram gave the priest to express his gratitude to God after a successful battle.

For both Jews and Christians, "the tenth" in Genesis 13:20 is known as the tithe. With trust and in gratitude, we make an offering to God of one-tenth of our income. The rule of thumb for Catholics is that five percent goes to the parish, 1 percent to the diocese through the [Catholic Services Appeal](#) and the remaining four percent to other charities.

This tenth can be understood as a sacrifice: "I give up something of value because I believe it will accomplish something of even more value—for the world and for my soul." We unite our sacrifice with Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

[Full disclosure: When I did my taxes for 2015, I discovered that I had gave 8.7% rather than 10. I am making up for it in 2016.]

One complaint about priests is that we "always talk about money." But pastors have to talk about money because unlike nearly everything else we encounter, there is no fee schedule or price tag affixed to the work we do in the name of Jesus Christ.

At St. Pius X, this is especially true because we operate as a "stewardship parish." This means we have no fees

for funerals or weddings, no baskets out for donuts, no registration fees for religious education. We trust our members are intentional about supporting their parish.



I HAVE A Groupon FOR BUY 5% TITHE AND GET 5% FREE

**Budget Time** — With the fiscal year ending July 1, the parish staff is finalizing the operational budget for 2016-17. Much of this work is done by Marilyn Beckwith, business manager.

The Finance Council gives us the spending parameters. For the coming year, we are projecting \$975,000 in Sunday offertory collections—the same as for the current fiscal year. With the possibility of a capital campaign for building improvements on the horizon, finance council members do not feel we can expect increased collections, even as our costs increase.

So every gift is precious — not just treasure but the talents freely shared by frequently called "volunteers." For those whose efforts flow from baptism, a better name is "disciples."

**It's humbling to consider that everything we do as a parish comes from the free-will offering of our members.**

Incidentally, did you know that one-half of our Sunday offerings come from 100 households? These are not necessarily the wealthiest households, rather they are those, who like Abram, recognize how much they are blessed and want to make a return.

Whether you already tithe, or like me need to step up again, thank you for supporting St. Pius X Parish.





## Faith Formation | Religious Education

ELIZABETH POST  
epost@spxcatholic.org

### CAVE QUEST VBS ~ Following Jesus the Light of the World

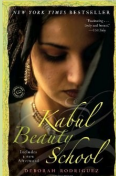
Come join in the fun and adventure as we go spelunking through unforgettable Bible stories, team-building games, cool Bible Songs, friendships, tasty treats, and so much more! The adventure runs **July 18-22 from 9am-Noon**. For more information or to register see the parish website, call the Formation Office (538-2600) or visit [groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/spxcatholic2016](http://groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/spxcatholic2016).



**MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP EDGE:** Our 3rd annual Middle School Summer Camp will be the week of July 25. Space is limited; registration will open up in June.

**FUTURE 8TH GRADE LEADERS:** Reminder to all incoming 8th graders...applications for 8th grade leadership are due to me no later than June 10.

**NOVEL READERS BOOK CLUB** meets at 7pm Monday, June 20, in McDuffee to discuss *Kabul Beauty School* by Deborah Rodriguez. Contact Linda Stray (lindastray@yahoo.com or 249-8034) or Mary Boehm (meb2904@aol.com or 538-9635) with inquiries.



**CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTER** (360 Division Ave. S Suite 2A)

What I am a Catholic!

Thursday, June 2 ~ 6:30-7:30pm

**Guest Speaker: Sue Miller ~ Cost \$15 includes dinner**

Join us for a dinner conversation and hear the personal stories of adult Catholics, who will share their joys, questions and challenges of being Catholic today. Our guest is Sue Miller, who will discuss her experiences, both positive and negative, about being a divorced Catholic in today's church. **Pre-registration is requested.**

**CIC DINNER & MOVIE PRESENTS ~ Spotlight**

June 9, 6-9pm ~ Cost \$15 includes dinner  
Discussion led by Fr. Marcos Zamora, CSP

Join us for dinner and a movie, as we view and discuss inspiration films that illustrate how great faith can transform our own life and the lives of those around us. *Spotlight* is a critically acclaimed film that chronicles how the Boston Globe uncovered the cover-up of child abuse within the local Catholic Archdiocese. **Pre-registration is required.**



**VBS FOR ADULTS ~ Why should kids have all the fun?**

June 14-16 ~ 8:45am-1pm

**Cost: \$25/per day or \$65/series (includes lunch & materials)**

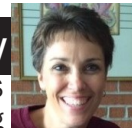
Bring along your inner child and join us for VBS for adults. It's a mix of learning, interacting, devotional study and creative activities. So whether you are seasoned at Bible study or are just beginning to learn, you can fall in love with God and scripture all over again.



To register events at the Catholic Information Center, call 459-7267 or email [register@catholicinformationcenter.org](mailto:register@catholicinformationcenter.org).

## High School Youth Ministry

MERRY HASS  
mhass@spxcatholic.org



### HS YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES!

- **Dymo Camp ~ Come as you are ~ June 12-18**  
Register at [dymo.org](http://dymo.org)
- **Notre Dame Vision Summer Conferences**  
Visit [vision.nd.edu](http://vision.nd.edu)
- **World Youth Day ~ July 24-Aug. 1 in Poland**  
Visit [detroityouthministers.com](http://detroityouthministers.com)

July 30-31, 2016  
St. Mary's Orchard Lake  
3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324

**World Youth Day Home Detroit**

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron  
Liturgy Celebrant

Miko Patin  
National Speaker & Keynote Presenter

Bishop Michael Burnes  
Presenter

Join other high school aged pilgrims from around the Archdiocese for a celebration you will never forget! At the World Youth Day Home Event we will celebrate our faith in solidarity with the millions of pilgrims gathered in Poland. Our experience will include many of the same features of the international WYD including:

- A Pilgrimage Walk
- Prayer & Liturgy
- Live Music
- Meeting New Friends
- Dynamic & Inspiring Presenters
- Sleeping Outside
- Polish Culture
- And more...

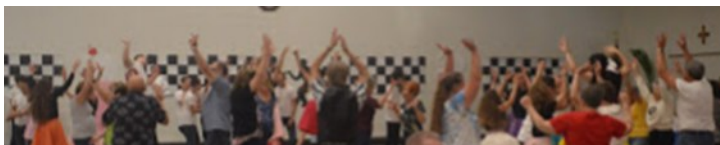
For more information and registration materials visit:  
[www.detroityouthministers.com](http://www.detroityouthministers.com)

The Polish Mission

## Sock Hop 2016



50+ prom was a huge success with over 40 high school volunteers and 70 attendees. Thanks to all involved!





## Parish Life

ANDY REBOLLAR

arebollar@spxcatholic.org

**SUMMER KICK OFF & MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us next Saturday, June 4, in Danner Hall after the 5:30pm Mass to kick off the summer with pizza, s'mores, a movie and a campfire. There'll be something for all ages as we watch *The Good Dinosaur* (PG). Danner Hall will be cozied up with couches and beanbag chairs. If you can, bring a chair for the campfire. All are welcome!



**MEN'S SUMMER DIOCESAN SOFTBALL LEAGUE:** If you are 35 or older and interested in playing on a men's softball team, contact Andy Kovac at 304-3106.



**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:** We have an active presence at **St. Pius X Catholic Parish**. "LIKE" us for updates on parish events and for resources and articles to help you grow in faith.

### RETRouvaille GRAND RAPIDS | June 11 ~ 6-8:30pm

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church** (5125 Cascade Rd SE, GR)

You are invited to attend a special evening of hope and inspiration with radio legend, Kevin Matthews and Fr. Mark Przybysz of St. Anthony of Padua. Hear how humor, faith and *Broken Mary* have led to healing in Kevin's life and can help you in your ongoing faith journey. **This presentation is for all people and all faiths.** Bring your friends (no youth under 13). There is no charge for this event (a free will offering is appreciated). Dessert provided. RSVP and inquires to Julie Gessner [retrograndrapids@gmail.com](mailto:retrograndrapids@gmail.com) or 616-635-1046.

**SERVE THE BODY OF CHRIST AT MASS:** Training for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be offered on **Wednesday, June 1 at 7:15pm**. Please attend this session to learn and discern if you are being called to this extraordinary ministry.



### Mass Assignments for June 4 & 5

Mass Coord.	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
	Marilyn Hartwell	Tony & Sandy Grandy	Linda DiCesare
Greeters	Carol Brink Nancy Hoekstra Ann Maddox Rene Nelson	Betty Cole Sandy Grandy Steve & Kristi LeQuia	Erin Barron Jim & Kathy Kohmescher Sharon Love
Servers	Emily Hartwell Matthew Hartwell <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Andrew Dukesherer Lexi Dukesherer Olivia Miers	Kiera Koetsier Mikayla Koetsier Jackie Sundstrom
Eucharistic Ministers	Agnes Barker Mo Belliel Mary Carter Mattie Conlon Mary Cook Nick Dabbous Debbie Jones Angie Lemont Harold Lemont	Betty Cole Brenda Grandy Mike Grandy Ellen Halfmann Nancy Hogerheide Deb Lampani Debra Neff Karen Tanning Randy Wright	Elaine Albrecht Monique Bassett Ann Foltice Ed Foltice Dolores Jesnek Kathleen Kelly Jim Kohmescher Ana Loew Sharon Love Jen Meyering Pat Milanowski Linda VandenBerg Ann Villemure
Lector	Paul Wojtas Linda Harnish	Christy McMeans Tyler White	Frank Cegelis Brenda Bargenquast
LWC			Alice Gary
	Usher Team: C	Usher Team: D	Usher Team: G

real people + real presence

## Growing in Christ

### Weekly Stewardship Report

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** From the rich Eucharistic themes to be drawn from today's second reading, one stewardship theme stands out: The Eucharist is Christ's gift to us. Good stewards are grateful for this gift and realize that no matter their station in life, they are welcome to come to the table and receive the body and blood of Christ. If Jesus could break bread with his betrayer, Judas, his denier, Peter, and the other ten who deserted him, then he will welcome us. Do we truly appreciate what a tremendous gift it is to approach the Lord's table? Do we accept the transforming power of the gift of Christ's body and blood? *from the ICSC Catholic Stewardship May 2016 e-bulletin*

### Time and Talent

#### MASS ATTENDANCE

May 21 & 22      5:30pm—294 | 8:30am—262 | 10:30am—502

**THANK YOU...**to the teens, Merry Hass, and other volunteers for a fun Saturday evening provided at the 50+ Sock Hop. It was great to connect with a wide range of parishioners. The food was tasty. The performances by the youth were excellent. And it was so nice to get to know a few of the teens better while they served our tables, taught us the "Catholic Stroll", and stepped in as gracious dance partners. I also really like their mantra...St. Pius X, pray for us. *Marilyn Beckwith, Business Manager*

### Treasure

**ENVELOPES & ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Wondering why you still receive envelopes if you give online? We don't automatically stop them unless you notify the Parish Office you no longer need envelopes. Some people still like to participate during the collection by putting in their envelope and marking "I give online." So, please let us know if you feel the envelopes are not necessary for you. Please be aware you will need to donate separately for the special collections included in your envelope packets, such as Master's Mission or World Mission Sunday, to name a few. Blank envelopes are put out for the special collections, or you can choose to give online to those special funds. They are included as an option during the appropriate weeks.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL:** Our Catholic faith is a gift that unites our parish family with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids—and the world. With generous responses, to date, **we have reached 96% (\$119,985) of our parish CSA goal of \$124,595 with 384 (41%) of our households responding.**



PARISH SUPPORT	Last week 5/21 & 5/22	Year to Date	Prior Year to Date
Fiscal Year 2015-16   Week 47/52			
Adult Envelopes	\$ 12,223	\$622,257	\$ 638,815
Electronic Giving <a href="http://spxcatholic.org">spxcatholic.org</a>	\$ 3,990	\$201,371	\$ 182,005
Youth Envelopes	\$ 11	\$ 193	\$ 478
Loose Offerings	\$ 634	\$ 33,491	\$ 31,402
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 16,858</b>	<b>\$857,313</b>	<b>\$852,700</b>
Budget Overage/(Shortfall)	\$ (1,472)	\$ 6,207	
OTHER GIVING			
Master's Mission	\$ 420	\$ 30,144	\$ 32,037

*St. Pius X has 942 registered households. Last week, 301 contributed either by using an offertory envelope or electronically. Every gift is gratefully received as a sacrifice united with Christ's own self-offering in the Eucharist to share God's love.*



## Our prayer list for healing

Please continue to pray for the following and all the sick in our Parish, their families and friends, those hospitalized and home-bound, and those in care facilities. To be included on the Prayer Chain (separate from this bulletin list), call Jason George at (231) 736-7487.

Jenny Walsh	Gerry Dekkinga	Bob Brock	Joe Capriglione
Kenneth Schumacher	Mary LaSarge	Jennifer Cook	Erika Yonker
Kelsey Gibson	Leslie Kelsey	Lenore Nufrio	Marie Nevins
Pat Deuling	Catherine Cesare	Diane & Mary Prindle	Andy Wierzbicki
Joe Lemont	Henry Visscher	Betty DiTrapani	Judy Bonzheim
Beverwyk Family	Joe & Margaret Grandy	Rose Reilly	Clara Raaymakers
Anthony McAndrew	M. Forrester	Laurie Bialik	Sally Thome
Jennifer Hassell	Marty Schumacker	Margaret Harman	Pat Chichester
Mick Vaughn	John Stoddard	Carol Guffy	Bob & Holly Ann Ott
Ben Baird	Derek Bull	Shannon Olman	Diane Austin
Rich Hubbard	Stephen Meurer	Dorothy Rennager	Linda Meagher
Kathy Maslowski	Charles & Mag Frodl	Patrick Bartz	Ilene Topolinski
Deb Russo	Tom & Becky Hoffmann	Ellen O'Toole	Sarah Johnson
Catherine Owens	Mike Connell	Edward Kaminski	Justin Vriezema
Jeff Zylstra	Mary Jebb	Markell Barnhart	Lindsey Read
Marlene Strong	Mary Beth Jensen	Pat Rummer	Robert Ryzanca
Cindy Cole	Megan Reynolds	Chris VanderSlice	Mary Benson-Slosser
Jill Moyer	Jim & Mary Norcutt	Leo Raap	Deb Finnigan
Nell Wouters	Allen Mulligan	Jim & Madeleine Stotenbur	Martha VanDyke
Brianne Bassett	Jon Hannan	Baby Milla	Ken Jenkins
Tom Wojtas	Joe & Winnie Kulaga	Jonathan Kolenda	Sandy Ressel
Kerry Deboer	Donna Waters	Diane Remenak	John Blanchard
Sr. Jean Marie Wojtas	Pat DeJong	Norm Pokora	Linda Wood
Terri Bernott	Clara Jo Braybrook	Barbara Barney	Zachary Matzke
Ann Berg	Jane Voss	Karen Bourassa	Pam Willemstein
Virginia Bieber	John Wheat	Judy Perrin	Bob Bagin
Matt Rich	Diane Rudnik	Robert Kasperlik	Deacon Norm Riksen



*We offer the sympathy, love, and prayers  
of our parish to the families of:*

**GUY HUBBARD**

*father of Linda (Brian) Polzin*

**KENNETH KLOSKA**

*brother of Maxine (Mel) Steffes*

## OUR PRAYER LIST FOR SAFETY

**Please pray for the following and all those of our parish family whose employment puts them in harm's way:**

Daniel Wheeler, USMC	Cassie Wysocki, USAF
Dale Wheeler, US Navy	Dustin Lambries, USAF
David Zalokar, USMC	Anthony Hagen, Corrections Officer
Matthew Rogalski, US Army	Chris Chirco, Kent County Deputy
Justin Wheeler, US Army	Emily Kalman, Kent County Deputy
Andrew Bezenah, US Army, Iraq	Caleb Staeven, GR Police
J Matthew Fantucchio, US Army Iraq	John Keelean, National Guard
Andrew Morse, US Navy	Luke Nagtzaam, GR Police
Matthew Palazzolo, US Navy	Joe Steffes, Wyoming PD
Jonathan Albart, US Navy	Steve Rellinger, Wyoming PD
Ryan VanderVeen, USAF	Adam Bartone, Wyoming PD
Tim & Terri Lewis,	Edward Capriglione, Richmond PD
US Embassy Amman, Jordan	Stacey Streeter Johnson, Grandville PD



## MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

God of power and mercy,  
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away  
our tears,  
that we may all deserve to be called your sons and  
daughters.  
Keep in your mercy those men and women  
who have died in the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely  
into your kingdom of justice and peace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Saint of the Week

### Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ Feast May 31

This feast commemorates the three-month visit of Mary with her elderly cousin Elizabeth during Mary's pregnancy with Jesus and Elizabeth's with John the Baptist. The story appears in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel. It recounts Elizabeth's Spirit-filled greeting, acknowledging Mary as "the mother of my Lord," and Mary's beautiful response, the Magnificat, which begins, "My soul



proclaims the greatness of the Lord." Introduced by the Franciscans in 1263, the feast became universal in the 16th century. The cousins' visit has been depicted by many artists over the centuries. An especially tender "Visitation," painted by Mariotto Albertinelli and considered his masterpiece, is on display at the Uffizi in Florence, Italy.

©2016, Catholic News Service; United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington D.C.

Image: *The Visitation*, Jean Bourdichon, The J. Paul Getty Museum

## PRAYER POST: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**What is the history of Eucharistic Adoration?** The practice of Eucharistic Adoration spread through Europe and culminated in the establishment of the Feast of Corpus Christi—Latin for "the Body of Christ"—in 1264. The feast itself, celebrated this weekend, helped spread the devotion.

It was not until after the Council of Trent, however, that perpetual adoration began to develop on a worldwide scale. During the Protestant Reformation, church looting was common, as were desecrations of the Blessed Sacrament. Faithful Catholics made reparation to God by keeping a loving vigil before Him, around the clock. Perpetual adoration became a symbol of constancy in a volatile age.

Throughout Europe and eventually America, new religious orders arose centered on uninterrupted Eucharistic adoration. In 1907, the Catholic Encyclopedia could state that such orders were too numerous to list. In the years following the Second Vatican Council, the devotion began to wane, only to rise again in popularity with the encouragement of Pope John Paul II. **St. Pius X Parish offers Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday following the 8:30am Mass until 7pm.**

Source: <http://marytown.com/the-joy-of-being-in-his-presence/>



**When choosing which businesses to patronize,  
please choose those who advertise in this bulletin.  
Their support pays for this publication.**

**Matthysse Kuiper DeGraaf**

**Funeral Directors**

*See our ad on back page*

