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Mass Times for Holidays
And Holy Days of Obligation



November

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 22nd—9am

December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, December 7th—6pm Vigil
Saturday, December 8th—9am

Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24th—4pm
Children's Pageant—5:30pm

Christmas
Tuesday, December 25th—9am

January

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Monday, December 31st—6pm Vigil
Tuesday, January 1st—9am



THANK YOU
TO ALL
VETERANS,
PAST, PRESENT
AND
FUTURE,
FOR YOUR
SERVICE
AND SACRIFICE!!!!
November 11th is
Veterans Day!



Rejoicing in Faith
A Pilgrimage with Mary

Our Lady of Lourdes

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In February 1858, Bernadette Soubirous was out looking for firewood with 2 companions. The companions had run off. Bernadette was startled by a noise near the grotto and caves of the Gave River. She noticed a bright light was coming from one of the caves. She then saw a beautiful lady dressed in a pure white robe with a blue sash, a veil over her head, a rosary clasped in her hands and yellow roses at her feet. The Lady in the light asked her to pray the rosary. Once finished, Bernadette looked up and the Lady was gone.

Bernadette was fascinated and returned for three Sundays to see the Lady. On the third Sunday, February 18th, the Lady asked her to return to the grotto for the next 15 days.

During these visits, Bernadette was told to do things and she was always obedient.

She was asked to pray for sinners. The Lady entrusted her with three secrets, which Bernadette never revealed. She

was also told to kiss the ground on behalf of all sinners.

Bernadette was told on February 25th to drink from the fountain and bathe in it. There was no fountain around, so Bernadette began scratching the ground. Water began to form a pool on the ground. She drank and washed her face in the water. By the next day, the water was a large stream covering rocks.

On the 28th, the Lady told Bernadette to tell clergy to build chapel on the site of the grotto. Bernadette was afraid of the priest and did not tell him.

On March 3rd, the Lady once again told Bernadette that she wanted a chapel built. This time Bernadette told the priest. The priest dismissed her and said that if the Lady wanted a chapel, she would have to reveal her identity.

On March 25th, the Lady did reveal her identity. She said, "Que soy era Immaculado Conception." This means, 'I am the Immaculate Conception.

On April 7th, Bernadette, as she always did, brought a blessed candle. During the apparition, Bernadette placed her hand over the flame. Witness saw flames burning through her fingers. This continued for over 15 minutes. After the apparition, she was unharmed.

Eventually, people believed Bernadette and a chapel was built and the sacred holy water was used to perform miracles.

Bernadette joined the order of the Sisters of Charity. She died on April 16, 1879 at the age of 34.



Grandma to All!!!

While talking with another St. Mary parishioner, the name Theresa Klauka was mentioned. Someone asked who that was. Upon being given a description, the person said, "O! That is Grandma Teri!!!!" A lot of people only knew her as Grandma Teri!

Theresa and her husband moved to Mio in 1955 and raised their family. They had 3 children, Skip, John and Christine. All of whom were baptized, confirmed and did their first Eucharist at St. Mary Catholic Church. Her daughter, Christine, passed away in May 2018.

Theresa began working in Mio AuSable Schools in 1965. After retiring from the school, she became a foster grandmother. She finally retired after a total of 47 years of service.

I, the writer of this article, have personally had three children who have had her as "Grandma Teri" in their preschool and kindergarten class.

Theresa also was willing to help in every way she could for St. Mary Catholic Church and the Shrine. She was a common sight in the Shrine gift shop in the summer. She would make desserts for funerals and dinners

at the church, especially her famous peanut butter cookies!!!

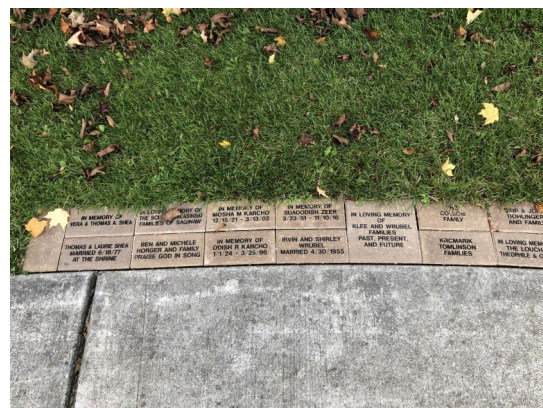
No matter where you knew her from, you loved her. She never forgot a face or name!! She would see you in the grocery store, at church, or at the doctor's office, and she would smile and give you a hug!!!!

She is a face that is greatly missed at St. Mary's!!!



Theresa Klauka
Aka
Grandma Teri
March 27, 1927-July 19, 2018

Phone _____ Email _____

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A group of nine people, including students and staff, are standing in front of a large, ancient stone wall. They are holding a banner that reads "WALL OF HISTORY". The group consists of seven young men and two women, all dressed in casual attire. The stone wall behind them is massive and features a small, white, arched opening. The scene is set outdoors on a paved area, with a clear blue sky and some greenery visible in the background.



The cost of this phase was estimated at approximately \$175,000.00, which has already been raised. Ongoing fundraising activities are presently focused on the next phase of activities.

Visiting Mary: Her U.S. Shrines and Their Graces

By Julie Dortch Cragon

So, please keep giving us
your grocery store receipts!!!!
Without your help, we never
would have reached this goal!!!