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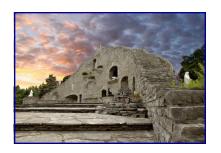
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# **Mass Times for Holidays And Holy Days of Obligation**



#### **November**

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 22nd—9am

#### **December**

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

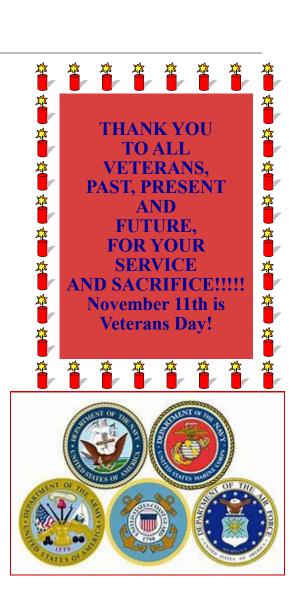
REMINDER:
Advent
Begins on
Sunday,

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



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# Rejoicing in Faith

# A Pilgrimage with Mary

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#### firewood with 2 companions. The companions had run off. Bernadette was startled by a 2 noise near the grotto and caves of the Gave River. She noticed **3** a bright light was coming from one of the caves. She then saw 4 a beautiful lady dressed in a pure white robe with a blue sash, a veil her hands and yellow roses at her feet. The Lady in the light asked her to pray the rosary.

In February 1858, Bernadette

Soubirous was out looking for

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.

Once finished, Bernadette looked

up and the Lady was gone.

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. over her head, a rosary clasped in 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, "Oue 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

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!!!



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

# Christmas Gift for the Person Who Has Everything

Do you have someone on your Christmas shopping list who is hard to buy for? Who doesn't need the latest and greatest techno gift? Who seems to have it all? If so, why not get them a personalized gift that will last forever? Why not give the gift of a Legacy Paver?

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By purchasing a Legacy Paver as a gift to someone, you will be commemorating their past,



present and future at the Our Lady of the Woods Shrine.

Legacy Pavers are a part of the restoration plan of our beautiful Shrine. These pavers will surround the perimeter of the sidewalk of the Shrine structure.

It is easy to give this gift. First, you will choose your paver size. Then, you personalize it! The personalization can be their name, family name, a dedication to a deceased loved one or anyone close to their heart. It could even be their favorite bible verse or quote.

If you purchase a paver as a gift, please include the name and address of the person receiving

the gift. A letter and picture of the brick will be sent to let him/her know of your gift.

If you have any questions, contact Dawn Downey by phone at (989) 335-0191 or by email at ourladyofthe-

woodsshrinemio@hotmail.com

The cost is \$100 for a 4"X8" paver which will accommodate 3 lines of text. Also available is an 8'X8" paver that allows for 6 lines. This price is \$200. On both bricks, each line will hold 21 letters, numbers, characters or spaces.

Sample

Brick

To order your Legacy Paver, please fill out the form below

and return with your check to:

St Mary Catholic Church Attn: Dawn Downey PO Box 189 Mio MI 48647

Please make checks payable to: Our Lady of the Woods Shrine Restoration

You may also purchase the bricks on line at:

www.bricksrus.com/order/olws

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Some **Bricks** Already Placed In the Ground



# **Shrine Restoration Update**

Although restoration on the main Statue repair and cleaning Shrine structure did not begin until August 4th, 2018, there have been activities ongoing around the Shrine grounds over the past year and a half.

Rejoicing in Faith, A Pilgrimage with Mary

The Visions of Our Lady Council of Catholic Women have brought additional flowers to the Shrine. In 2017 they had built a flower bed around the Christ the King statue which was restored and relocated the previous year. The flower bed was done in memory of the many women of the parish who have supported the Church and Shrine. In early 2018, the women provided six large urns which were located along the Shrine walkways. They have been filled with beautiful flowers that can be changed with the seasons.



2016, with the arrival of is Missouri. Michelle Bowman and her crew cleaned and statues of the Our Lady of Fatima apparition in anticipation of the 2017 Fatima anniversary. The Fatima statues include the sheep. The children and sheep required removal and reinstallation by parishioner Frank Werner and a team of parish volunteers. Spring 2018 saw the cleaning of the Holy Family and St. Anne in the Holy Family Grotto. Repair and cleaning of additional statues are scheduled for Spring 2019.

Installation of the legacy pavers as edging is completed

once or twice a year as needed based on paver sales and weather conditions.

After delays in acquiring both the stone and a

mason, phase II of the Shrine activities continued in September restoration began this summer. In Late 2016, the quarry in Onaway Restoration Plus, LLC of St. Lou- Michigan that supplied the original stone had been closed and anticipated to be put up for sale. repaired St. Bernadette and all the An offer for the quarry was made in early 2017 by a businessman downstate, with the sale not being finalized until after the summer of 2017. In July 2018, Our Lady, all three children and crews of parishioners went to the quarry and transported 19 tons of Onaway Stone for Phase II activi-

> Phase II began on August 4th, 2018 and will continue until weather prohibits. This phase focuses on the repair of the back wall of the Shrine structure. Masons from Meridian Restoration, LLC of Alpena. Michigan began by removing the old concrete mortar from around the cracked and damaged stone to allow their removal. The resulting space is then lightly power washed to remove the dirt and debri. Replacement stone is cut to fit, and then the replacement stone is set in place using a limestone and mortar mix. The masons we spoke with both have over 25 years of

phone call saying it was

at the Shrine for the check

The best thing about this

program is that we can do it

again!!!! After we finished

received at this moment, we

adding all the receipts we have

approved! Representatives from

the Shrine and Family Fare met



experience with this type of work which is time consuming and detail-oriented.

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.

# Family Fare "Direct Your Dollars" Program

The Our Lady of the Woods Shrine Restoration Committee would like to say THANK YOU!!!!

Thanks to the parishioners and visitors who have faithfully brought in the receipts from their shopping trips to Family Fare Grocery Store. We were able to receive \$1,000!!!!



Family Fare has a program called Direct Your Dollars. Any non-profit organization can participate. To receive the \$1,000, we had to collect and tally \$150,000 in receipts from the grocery store.

Our Lady of the Woods Shrine was able to collect the \$150,000 in receipts in about a year and a half!! In June, the receipts were turned in to the local Family

Fare. In late July, we received the

presentation.

### **DID YOU KNOW!!**

Our Lady of the Woods Shrine can be found in books????

We can be found in:

Ligouri's Guide to Catholic USA: A Treasury of Churches, Schools, Monuments, Shrines and Monasteries By Jay Copp

And

Visiting Mary: Her U.S. Shrines and Their Graces By Julie Dortch Cragon

have \$90,000 towards our next reward!

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