

# St. Mary Religious Education Update

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### Prayer of the Month

#### MORNING OFFERING

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

I offer You all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day

in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.

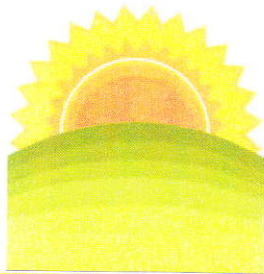
I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart:

the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, the reunion of all Christians.

I offer them for the intentions of our bishops,

and of all Apostles of Prayer, an in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father.

Amen.



### Prayer of the Month

As we make our way through the grade level prayers, this month we move on to fourth grade and learn the Morning Offering prayer. What a beautiful way to begin the day!

### Thinking Summer

The children have completed their shirt design contest. Be sure to watch for their great shirts in the fall!

This summer the children will have the opportunity to evangelize to their peers during the Manchester Fair. They have been hard at work planning projects and designing activities that they can share with their peers to teach them about God. It should be a wonderful learning experience for all of us. We will be on hand the afternoon of Children's Day. Be sure to stop by the St. Mary

tent and give the children a wink of support!.

### Confirmation Is Nearly Here!

Our Confirmation students end their classroom journey on Sunday, May 15th when they make their pilgrimage to the Lansing Cathedral to be Confirmed by the Bishop.

Please join me in praying for our Confirmation Candidates as they make their final preparations: Quinn, Kaitlin, Meghan, William, Kate, and Frank.

### Many Thanks to Our Catechists

The catechists and I have been on quite a journey as a team this year. Please be sure to thank: Sylvie Strong, Astride Panches, Sarah Laskowski, Bud Ball, Kelly Flaherty, and Monica Kominars for the tremendous amount of time and energy they donated to educate our children!

God Bless!

Melissa Yekulis

### Upcoming Classes May

7/8 Grade: NO CLASS: Mother's Day	5-8
1-6 Classes from 3:30 -5:00: <b>FINAL CLASS</b>	5-9
7/8 Grade Class from 11:30-1:00	5-15
Confirmation at the Cathedral: 2:30pm	5-15
7/8 Class from 11:30-1:00 : <b>FINAL CLASS</b>	5-22

Dear Lord,

I am blessed with a loving mother. As you were.

Help me to remember to honor and care for her as she has cared for me since the beginning of life.

I cherish my mother as you have cherished our blessed Mary. Please keep us both close in your loving embrace, and protect us always.

Amen.



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# First Communion Day

By *Johnathan Gregory*

May 2, 2016, today I made my First Communion. When I woke up, I got dressed up for my special day. I put on my new tuxedo, vest, bow tie, and my boutonniere. My mom also gave me my Great Uncle John's rosary. I prepared myself and prayed for receiving God's sacrament of Holy Communion. As I arrived to St. Mary's, I was full of excitement to receive God's precious body. I have been preparing with Mrs. Flaherty for about a year now. When I walked down the aisle I was excited and happy. I could feel God's love in the church. It was a special, beautiful day, my first opportunity to lector, and my First Holy Communion.



Congratulations: Zoe Brochue, Luke Kominars, Joseph Gregory, Johnathan Gregory, Joshua Gregory, Michael Nashif, Peter Remski, and Jolene Line!

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