

The Rosary News

May, 2015

Founders: Stanislaus Despres
Lowell Vickery, 1957

Dear Rosary Makers, Ministry Partners, Friends & Supporters:

2014 was indeed a good year for our ministry. Through the hard effort and prayers of all involved we were able to ship a great number of rosaries to our ministry partners.

We have been blessed with the financial support of people who share our vision and have also received scapular donations in the thousands.

We all make a great team/community/family pulling together to achieve heaven's goal of changed hearts and a prayerful people. The rosary continues to be a sacramental favored by God to transform the lives of the people who pray on it and in turn benefit from those prayers.

So keep up the struggle. The tired eyes, the sore fingers and the constant pull of all other activities screaming out for you to indulge in. The time spent making rosaries will undoubtedly bring about heavenly blessings if not in this life certainly in the next. That's a promise!

It's a promise we find in the bible from God returning good for good and a promise found inside these pages from the grateful ministry leaders who pray for you! You are special to all!

May the love of Jesus and Mary fill you with delight and reaffirm their desire for you to participate in this ministry.

God bless.

Tom Kneeshaw
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Lowell Vickery

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**"The faithful
children of the
rosary shall merit
a high degree of
glory in heaven"**

Rosary Appreciation

Pot-luck Luncheon

SATURDAY, August 8, 2015

11 am - 2:00pm

at St. Ann's Home

2161 Leonard St NW • Grand Rapids, MI 49504 • 616.453.7715

The Rosary Makers of West Michigan are hosting an appreciation luncheon for all rosary and scapular makers! We will have many rosary makers on-hand to share their "tips" and to help out however they can. **BRING A FRIEND!**

Anyone interested in learning to make rosaries or scapulars is welcomed to come.

Please feel free to invite your friends or family to join this ministry.

New starter kits will be available. Don't forget to bring a dish to pass.

Drinks will be provided. Please bring your family too!

We hope to see you here!

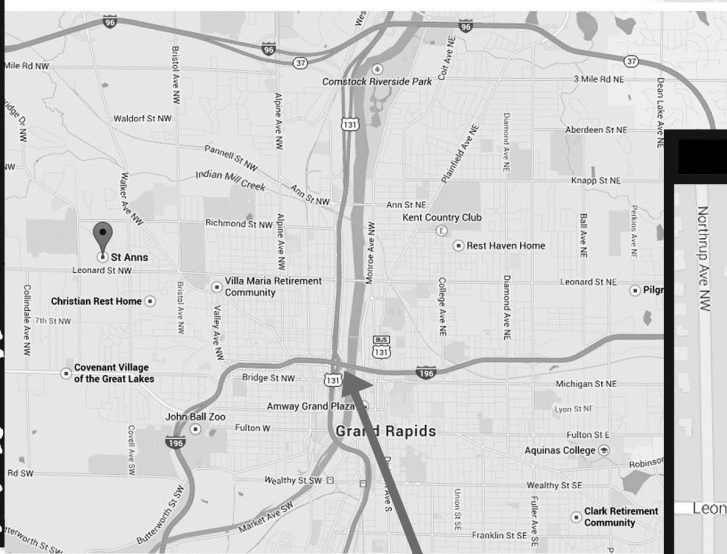
For more information or to RSVP, please contact Tom or Grace Kneeshaw at:
616-363-9094 or Email:tomk@vikingspas.com.

Location:

St. Anne's is located on the NW side of GR.

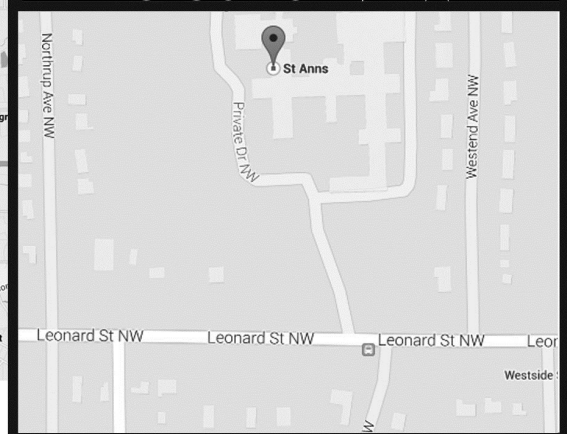
Please refer to the maps below.

MAP



**196 & US 131
Intersection**

CLOSE UP VIEW



FINANCIAL REPORT-May 2015

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$ 6,871.95
DONATIONS	\$11,235.59
PAID OUT IN SUPPLIES:	\$ 3,698.82
BALANCE :	\$14,408.72

Fr. McDonald Kankhono
St. Charles Lwanga Paris
P.O. Bo 205
Zomba, Malawi, C. Africa

Dear Friends,

We write to wish you best wishes for the Christmas season and a blessed and prosperous New Year. I promise to pray for you and all generous people who supply us with rosaries and Religious articles. Hope you are all fine.

Zomba City in Malawi is very hot these days. The global warming is also affecting us in Malawi. The weather has changed for bad. In the past years by the month of November we would be having plenty of rainfall. Nowadays there is none. We have plenty of sunshine. Most people are very poor. We pray that things should improve for the better.

There are so many poor people, the sick especially those suffering from HIV and AIDS, the orphans and underprivileged in this parish who are in a dire need of Rosaries and any Religious items.

Be assured of our prayers for you and all people who supply us with rosaries and religious items. May God continue to bless you!

Your son in Christ,

Fr. McDonald Kankhono

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Mr. Tom,

Christmas is at the door. I have finished all the Rosaries you had sent to me. Therefore this comes as a reminder to send me some more rosaries, Tom. Even a hundred of them may be sufficient. Thanks a lot for your kind service with

such love, dedication and generosity. May our good Lord bless you all abundantly now and always.

With kind regards and prayerful support,
M. Sudha, A.C.

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Dear Rosary Makers,

Greetings and all good things to you!

Like a precious Christmas gift I was just able to pick up your rosary parcel sent October 24, from the Post Office.

There is not a week passing, without some Outstation Church asking for rosary supplies. Sometimes I suspect that even members of other churches and denominations clandestinely put them up in their houses as a source of protection and blessings.

I am sure Our Mother and Lady would smile at such a behavior and may even move them to come closer to Her Son Jesus Christ in which ever way that might be.

Thanks so much to remembering us with this your wonderful apostolate.

May God give you a peaceful Christmas season and bestow abundant blessings on all the helpers during the coming New Year 2015!

God Bless and regards,

Fr. Werner Iten

Zambia/Africa

Please remember if a loved one has passed away and you would like to remember them in a special way, consider a donation in their memory to Our Lady's Rosary Makers. We will include your loved one in our next newsletter, remembering them as we pray our rosaries. All donations are tax deductible. You may send your remembrance donation to:

Mr. Michael Despres, Treasurer
Our Lady's Rosary Makers
4983 Brownstone Dr. N.E.
Rockford, MI 49341



From the Mission fields

Mr. Thomas Kneeshaw,

Greetings and love from Fr. Bastian C.R. the vice postulator for the cause of Fr. Soosainather C.R. in the name of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. By the by, how are you? I do remember you always in my prayers along with all of my students. How is your mission going on? I am also taking this opportunity wish you a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year 2015.

As I go through many villages, many ask for a Rosaries. I really enjoy in distributing the Rosaries to the boys as I visit them in the schools and villages. Once I have received from you some beautiful Rosaries. Thank you so much for that. Your sending Rosaries to me really encourages me to be happy and fruitful in my ministry. I feel that I have something (Rosaries) to give whomsoever I come across and meet. Some are happy when they have money, but I am happy when I have Rosaries with me to give others and help them to pray. When we have Rosaries with us, then God's power is with us. In this way you become the cause for many to have God's power. Wherever is God's power, there is Gal 5:22. In this way you also help me to establish Kingdom of God here on earth. For this very purpose God sent his Jesus Christ into the world.

As a whole community we pray for you. There are seven priests, six brothers and 15 aspirants. Be assured of our prayers for all that you are doing for the Catholic Church. God surely will be with you for all that you are doing. Once again thank you so much for your missionary zeal, by sending us very beautiful Rosaries. I am happy to see your Rosaries in my hand. Thank you dear.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Fr. Bastian C.R. the vice postulator
Tamilnadu—627 116 South India

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Our Dearest Bro. Tom/ Rosary Makers,

Jesus birth once again reminds us this Christmas season and the coming Year of the Poor and Year of Consecrated Life, of His mission here on earth. . . To be One with the Poor and to be a living witness of God's Love and Presence here on earth . . . Have a Blessed Christmas and a grace-filled New Year!

Thank you for never forgetting us in your distribution of rosaries for our Filipino brothers/sisters Love and Prayers. Here in the Philippines God bless Mother Abbess and Sisters Mama Mary's love/protection be always with you all!

Spiritual Bouquet

You and your loved ones will be remembered in our Simbang gabi, Christmas and New Year masses. You will be a part of our daily community prayers and in private prayers before the Blessed Sacrament.

Masses, Divine Office and prayers offered for you and your dear departed.

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My dear Tom,

This comes to inform you that I am in receipt of your parcel of Rosaries so carefully packed and labeled. Somebody tampers the parcel. That does not matter. May our Mother Mary be with you to help you and to walk with you in your life's journey especially that of Rosary making people. Surely we shall support you with our prayers.

Tom, somehow I cannot open my former e-mail and that's why you will find me this time with change of my ID. This is a new ID of mine. Once again with assurance our prayers,

Yours Sincerely,

M. Sudha A.C.

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From the Mission fields

Dear Tom and Friends

Thanks a lot for your beautiful Rosaries which was well packed. I highly appreciate your commitment and sacrifice to spread the devotion to Our Blessed Mother and saving many souls. These Rosaries I will send to our mission centers where there is so much demand for the Rosaries. After distributing I will send some photos to you. I read the newsletter. Thank you for appreciating our every word. Once again I thank you for all the effort you take to do this mission wonderfully. May God bless you all. Our prayers are with you.

Thanking you.

Sr. Saleena DC

St. Vincent's Provincial House
Bangalore-Karnataka-India

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Dear Rosary Makers,

Greetings and all good things to you!

With sincere gratitude I once more may acknowledge that truly you have not forgotten us during this year of 2014. Thank you very much for your generous gift of rosaries and other religious articles. What you are sowing will bear abundant fruit and come back to you as a rich blessing again, this is our prayer.

During this month of October of the Holy Rosary, we are united with you in a special way and hope and pray that you might never tire in carrying out your precious apostolate.

May thanks and may God bless you all.

Many thanks and may God bless you all..

Fr. Werner Iten

Mwinilunga/Zambia

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Words cannot adequately express our gratitude and that of the lucky recipients of the rosaries. Most of all, Our Blessed Mother is very much pleased with all of you.

The rosaries go to the prisoners, the sick in the hospital and you will be happy to know that a newly-ordained missionary priest will be taking some to the Czech Republic. A

Religious sister is also continually as King for Rosaries for the children whom she is teaching to pray the rosary and who come faithfully every day to pray with her.

May the good Lord continue to bless your beautiful apostolate and reward you abundantly for all your sacrifices to help people pray the rosary. You make our Blessed Mother very happy.

From us, a big THANK YOU and more power to you.

In Our Lady,

Fr. Mary Bernard

Ghana, West Africa

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Dear Brother Tom Kneeshaw,

First of all let me wish you all of you a very happy peaceful New Year 2015. Dear brother thank you very much for the nice rosaries you so kindly send me. It reached here yesterday with good condition. May the good God bless and reward all of you for your good works you are doing for whole world. Everyone very happy to receive this beautiful rosaries. All are going with me and thank all of you and praying may the Blessed Mother Mary bless all your works. Every one who received the Rosaries they told me that the first Rosary that they say will be offering for all your intentions.

Hope all of you are keeping well. Close again I thank you for the same.

I shall close now in union of prayers.

Yours in our Eucharistic Lord,

Sr. M. Antoinetta

St. Bridgets Convent

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From the Mission fields

**We wish to recognize
our new rosary makers:**

**Alberta Jaglowski
Peter & Patty Quick
Doug & Barb Pointer
Karlene Vainzwicz
Nancy Sweetman
Patricia Barnes
Diane Keyes
Elaine VanderBaan
Clare Tripp
Joanne Kisscorni
Diane Keyes**

- We also would like to recognize Joseph Kaupa, one of our long-time rosary makers who in 2014 alone has made 1,700 rosaries for Our Lady's Rosary Makers.
- Also, our strong supporter, long time rosary maker, and board member, Erma Armock has made over 20,000 rosaries since 1986!
- Teresa Madigan has made 18,000 rosaries since 1990 for Our Lady's Rosary Makers!
- Pat Foster, our newest board member, but a long time rosary maker also, to date has made 11,925 rosaries!
- Our large rosary group in Allegan Michigan has the following totals of rosaries made beginning in 1991:
 - Linda Mankin, long time board member, since 1991 has made 5,700 rosaries
 - Gertrude Taylor, since 1991 has made 5,300 rosaries
 - Mary Wolfram, since 2006 has made 2,650 rosaries

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- Mary Kay Shunneson, since 2006 has made 1,700 rosaries
- Sue Christman, since 2006 has made 2,100 rosaries
- Phyllis Hodge since 2009 has made 5,174 rosaries

Carl Malburg, a rosary maker and supporter for many, many years recently sent us 2,000 completed scapulars and will provide more in the future if we need them! God bless them all! These quiet warriors, fighting for all souls, though Our Lady's Rosary Makers and the rosary, are just a few of the beautiful "behind the scene" supporters who help make Our Lady's Rosary Makers going strong!

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We also want to send a special "Thank You and God Bless You!" to Shawn Wylie, of Printing Productions, Inc. who has for many years provided free printing of Our Lady's Rosary Makers newsletters for all of us to enjoy! Shawn thank you so much for your contribution to our religious cause—it is very much appreciated!

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Dear Tom

My most sincere and thanks for your most beautiful and lovely rosaries and scapulars. I can hardly find adequate words to express my gratitude and have placed you and your rosary makers in the hands of the blessed Mother Mother. Above all thank them for the valuable services that they render to us. My new address P.O.Box 166, Polokwane South Africa 0700

Our Mother Mary protect you always
From: Sister Bernadette Lamola



**PLEASE READ THE
LETTER BELOW FROM
AMAZON.**

**If you shop on-line you can
support Our Lady's Rosary
Makers. Please read the
letter carefully on how to do
this on-line.**



September 15, 2014

Executive Director
Our Lady's Rosary Makers Of Grand Rapids Michigan
4983 Brownstone Dr NE
Rockford, MI 49341-7751
[Barcode]

Notification Regarding AmazonSmile

Dear Executive Director:

AmazonSmile is a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations selected by our customers. You are receiving this notice because one or more Amazon customers have selected to support Our Lady's Rosary Makers Of Grand Rapids Michigan (EIN: 38-3050522) when they shop at AmazonSmile (<http://smile.amazon.com>).

In order to enable receipt of donations from this program, you must go to <http://org.amazon.com>, register and create an administrator account for your charitable organization, and submit your organization's bank account information. Registering your organization is easy and there is absolutely no cost to participate. If you have recently completed the AmazonSmile registration for your organization, please disregard this notification.

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Dear Tom,
Dear Rosary Makers,

It was time I sent a few words to you about my work in the prison system in Pecos, Texas and in the missions in the State of Hidalgo, Mexico.

First of all, thanks to all of you for your work, for the rosaries, for the scapulars, and most of all for your prayer support. You, too, are in my prayers.

Briefly, this was the last year I will be working in the prison system; my brothers and sisters have been asking me to spend Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's with the family. So, I will not be working in the prison anymore in the winter.

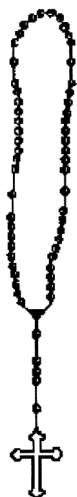
However, I will continue going to the missions in Mexico as long as God allows; I have been bothered with very bad knee problems for the last few years. God is good, and I know He will help me, along with your prayers.

I will continue working in Cursillo, and am now preparing for 2 Cursillo's.

Thanks for your help, which I will be needing again this year.

God bless all of you,
Father Pedro V. Garcia

P.S. I will be celebrating my 50th year of ordination this year. Bishop Babcock ordained me on June 5, 1965. If any of you can come, I will be celebrating Mass at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Francis de Sales Church, Holland, Michigan, Saturday, June 6. Please stay for the reception and meal afterwards.



**Our Lady's Rosary Makers
Of Grand Rapids, Michigan**

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Postage

Month of May

Rosary Prayer

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may learn to imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

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This simple and profound prayer, the Rosary, teaches us to make Christ the principle and end, not only of Marian devotions, but of our entire life. - Pope Paul VI

The Rosary . . . Is a form of union with God and has a most uplifting effect on the soul.  
- Pope John XXIII

Place your confidence in the Holy Rosary. Use this most powerful form of prayer with the utmost possible zeal, and let it become more and more esteemed.—Pope Pius XII

The Rosary is also a powerful incentive and encouragement to the practice of Christian virtues, and these it develops and cultivates in our souls. Above all, it preserves and nourishes our Catholic faith. - Pius XI