

The Rosary News

May 2018

Founders: Stanislaus Despres
Lowell Vickery, 1957

IN MEMORIAM

Dear Rosary Makers, Partners, Benefactors and Friends.

I have some blessed news for you.

Last Fall the board was reflecting on the recent passing of Ray Armock the husband of board member Erma and a "chain cutter" extraordinaire. As our sympathies were conveyed in the meeting, we all began to reflect on Lowell Vickery and his partner Stanislaus Despres who also have surviving family on the board. From there we thought of all the other rosary makers and even ministry partners in other countries who have now transitioned their help with our ministry from here on earth to praying before the Eternal Throne. It was then that we began plans, plans which will soon be realized this Summer to forever memorialize ALL of the contributions that holy men and women have made on behalf of the ministry.

In the next Fall issue of this newsletter, we will have the result of our efforts. A beautiful 49" tall statue of our Lady with a plaque dedicated on the grounds of St Ann's home here in Grand Rapids. The plaque will announce to all that see this monument that the dedication of those who love our Lady and have worked as the hands and feet of our Lord are known to God and will always be remembered in prayer by the ministry.

God Bless you in your efforts on behalf of this ministry. On behalf of the board we will never forget you!

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Our Lady's Errand Boy 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, September 15, 2018 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!

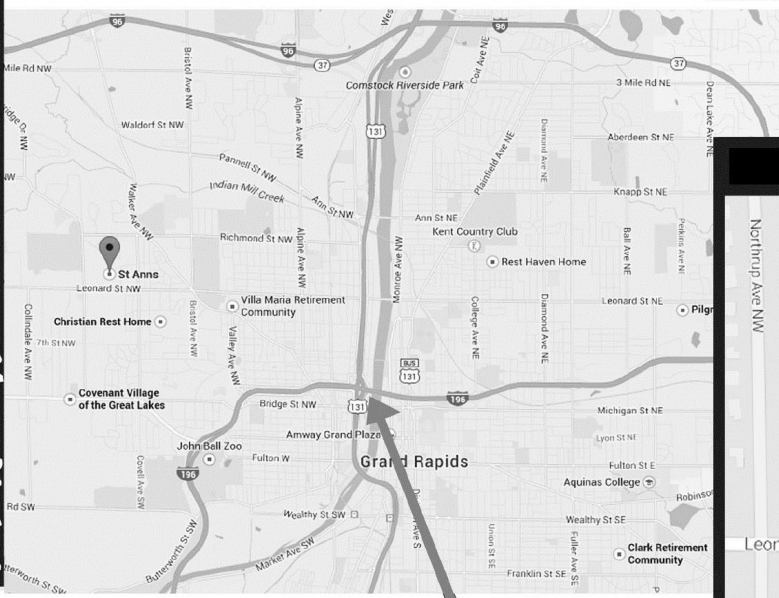
For more information or to RSVP, please contact Tom Kneeshaw at 616-318-8111 or Email:tomk@vikingspas.com.

Location:

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

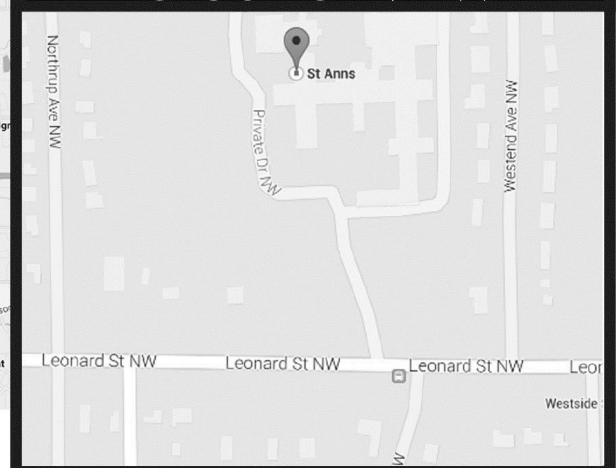
Please refer to the maps below.

MAP



**I96 & US 131
Intersection**

CLOSE UP VIEW



From The Mission Fields

FINANCIAL REPORT-2018

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$12,140.89
DONATIONS	\$ 3,011.00
PAID OUT IN SUPPLIES:	\$ 3,004.82
BALANCE :	\$12,147.07

Dear Sir Tom Kneeshaw,

Peace and all good!

Thank you so much for the parcel of rosaries and religious materials you sent. It will be distributed to the young people in a parish (St. Paul The Apostle Parish, Niugan, Angat) in the Province of Bulacan, Phillippines. These young people are sons and daughters of farmers and laborers who studies in a public school. The catechists visits them once a week and the rosaries and religious articles are a big help for them in strengthening their faith. You and the rosary makers are a blessing to us.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary keep you all under the mantle of her maternal protection.

In Jesus and Mary

Br. Anthony S. P. Dameg, FSM
Formation Coordinator
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824 Don Quijote St. Sampaloc
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(see below pictures of the children who have received the rosaries)



Dear Tom Knee Shaw,
My Dear Generous Rosary Makers,
How shall I thank you for the big parcel of lovely colorful rosaries, medals and pictures that arrived Jipe Moyo/ Musoma, Tanzania? You can imagine our joy on our faces! A million thanks, and may Jesus and His Blessed Mother bless and reward you and yours. Our prayers will certainly follow you and Mary, the infant Jesus always keep you in His love and care. The 220 rosaries are most beautiful. Children like them, all the more, as they are long and can be used around the neck as a constant protection for the devotee. I cannot tell you how fast they disappear. There was so much joy, happiness and love for our daily rosaries, that I wished you could be hear to see this on every faces. Children and our staffs love Jesus and Our lovely mother Mary

Thanks to all the generous and devout rosary workers for their big gift of rosaries I am very grateful. May the Lord bless and reward them. I shall close now with renewed thanks and love to all. Do you donate the status of Blessed Mother Mary? We want to build a Grotto of the Blessed Mary here to our orphanage Centre.

May God bless and love you.

Sister Annunciata Chacha, IHSA
God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.



From the Mission fields

Dear Tom

Dear Rosary Makers,

I received the 100 rosaries you sent me last week. Today I had time to finally write a note to let you know how grateful I am for your year-after-year generous help for the missions. I will be leaving for the mountains northeast of Mexico City, a mountain range that divides the State of Veracruz from the State of Hidalgo. As you know from previous letters, I have been going there since 1964, the year before my June 5, 1965 ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

Keep me in your prayers November 24, when I leave for Mexico, to the mission of El Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, at Huasquilla, Municipio de San Bartolo, Hidalgo.

Today is my 80th birthday; I don't know how much longer I'll be able to go to Huasquilla.

So, Please keep me in your prayers.

Your brother and friend,

Father Pedro V. Garcia

Dear Good Friends Rosary Makers!

Christmas is at our door. I'm thinking of you all with love and feelings of gratitude for the loving and devoted service you all are doing for our beloved Mother Mary.

Joyous and prayerful greetings while you are celebrating the 60th year of your ministry.

Wonderful is your role in God's Kingdom!

You are all under the loving care of Our Lady who requested to pray the Rosary. Thanking you for the parcel of 250 rosaries which we received during the end of October. So many non-Christians also receive the rosaries with much joy. They feel safe when they use the rosaries in their vehicles. I wonder whether you will have a joyous get-together during the season of Christmas. In spirit I join you all in your celebrations. At present my health is not so good. It is my great joy that I'm able to give each one a rosary to my friends who visits me. On the 10th of January is my birthday. I will be completing 82. My prayer for all the volunteers. May the new year bring you more volunteers. The thousands and thousands of rosaries you are sending to different parts of the world provide you more and more blessings during

The year.

Your affectionate Sister in Christ Jesus

Sr. Catherine Leena

Dear Rosary Makers

God bless all of your precious hands and fingers. I love the work that you do and enjoy helping in my small way. Happy New Year!

Loretta M. Staskey

Timely for my yearly Our Lady's Rosary

Makers member report. I'm pleased to enter a total of 1,833 rosaries for 2017. Next year

this number will be less due to I'm just starting to use the thinner brass wire and chain.

This adds at least 15 minutes to the time constructing one rosary. However I like the finished product more and feel this makes a more refined product.

I gave them free of charge and paid the shipping to the Alexiann Brothers in Arlington Heights, Illinois and to the Daughters of Charity in St. Louis, MO. The brothers received 970 and the Sisters 863.

Merry Christmas!

Joseph Kaupa

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

**Carol Penny
Cristina Sammon**

Welcome!!!!



From the Mission fields

Dear Tom
Sharon said she told you about my finally getting to 10,000 on making rosaries. She said you would put a notice in the spring issue. I just want to tell you that if it wasn't for my sister Thrasilla Renne and my sister Emiliana Barnes I wouldn't have done them. Thrasilla taught my sister Emiliana and she taught me. Thrasilla is still doing rosaries even though it is hard with her hand problems with arthritis, but she says she will do it as long as she can. I really enjoy doing them and do 30 rosaries a month. I know how much the people appreciate them. Thank you for doing all that you do.
Ursula Lennon

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Our Mom, Lottie Rollins, passed away at the age of 100. She made over 900 rosaries but was unable to get to 1,000 rosaries. Please use this money to continue your efforts in providing rosaries to those in need.
Sincerely,
Barbara Wolven
Diane Forykberg
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We need your help! We are in need of eager, young men and women willing to make rosaries, scapulars or both. We can teach those who do not know how to make a rosary or scapular. Many of our faithful rosary makers and scapular makers have for many years supported our ministry. But time is catching up and many are too old or are no longer with us and we prayerfully are seeking new and eager hands to fulfill the promises of Our Blessed Mother. For those who are interested please contact:
Erma Armock-616-717-2849
Pat Foster-616-581-3945
Tom Kneeshaw-616-318-8111
Ellie Estes—616-784-3869

Thank you and God Bless!



Pat Foster, board member of Our Lady's Rosary Makers has made 20,000 rosaries since 2006!

Erma Armock, board member of Our Lady's Rosary Makers since 1986 has made 22,000 rosaries!

Congratulations to you both on your blessed achievements!

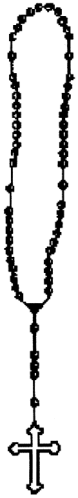
A special thank you to Shawn Wylie and his staff who for years has donated his time to print Our Lady's Rosary Newsletters for us at no charge! God Bless you Shawn and your staff for continuing to print our newsletters for free. May God bless you abundantly!

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:

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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

When you hold the rosary, you are holding the hand of Mary; and when you hold the hand of Mary, you are holding the power of God.