

The Rosary News

May 2026

Founders: Stanislaus Despres
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Dear Rosary Makers, Ministry Partners, Friends & Supporters:

If you are reading this, we — your Board — want to thank you for the generous treasures you have entrusted to us. It is our prayerful hope that you truly understand how deeply connected we all are through the love and mission of this ministry.

One more rosary made, one more rosary mailed, one more rosary received, and one more rosary prayed — each one is a source of motivation and grace for us all.

I have said many times before that one rosary can change the world.

I often think back to the 1944 film *The Song of Bernadette*, the story of Saint Bernadette Soubirous and the apparitions of our Lady in Lourdes, which won four Academy Awards. In one beautiful scene, when the actress Jennifer Jones first sees Mary, Mary motions toward the rosary. Bernadette takes it from her pocket and begins to pray. It is comforting to know that Hollywood stayed faithful to the actual events.

The rosary became the connection between St. Bernadette and our Blessed Mother — and the rest is a miraculous history of faith, hope, and healing.

May we never underestimate the power of a single rosary, for through its humble prayers, hearts are transformed, souls are strengthened, and heaven quietly touches the earth.

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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 15, 2026

11:00am - 1:00pm

2236 Vansingel Lake Dr SW • Byron Center, MI

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: 616-315-3032

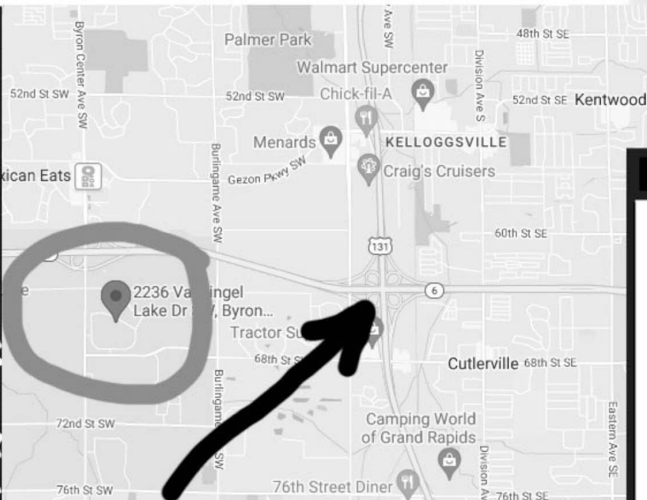
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This home is located in Byron Center near the crossroads of M6 and Byron Center Rd.

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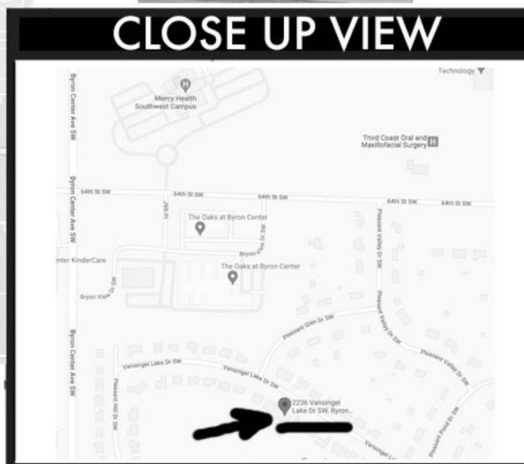


MAP



M6 & 131 Intersection

CLOSE UP VIEW



FINANCIAL REPORT-May 2026

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$9,028.95
DONATIONS	\$50.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$9,078.85

Dear Tom,

Thank you so much for the beautiful rosaries that you donated to our street evangelization efforts. With all our different evangelization operations, our need is great for rosaries, but with help from groups like yours, we are just able to keep up with the demand.

We promise to continue to put all of the rosaries that you donate to us to good use in promoting devotion to Our Lady and in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Church. May God reward you in your ministry and please pray that God brings about many conversions through ours.

Please add our organization, leadership, benefactors, evangelists, and those that we evangelize to your prayer intentions.

Note on Shipping and Packaging: We are extremely grateful for any Rosaries that we receive. **We prefer that Rosaries are not wrapped, tied or bagged into**

bundles (leaving them loose together in a box is just perfect and will help us in the packing process), but we will accept them however they are sent. Also, we have found that USPS Flat Rate packages are usually the cheapest way to send Rosaries, depending on the weight and quantity.

Feel free to contact us at any time. God bless you!

In Christ,

Cindy Hasenauer

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Greetings from Aizawl with love and prayers.

I received the Rosary and Divine Mercy pictures with Fath formation booklets Parcel yesterday in a good condition.

Thanks a lot for taking so much interest in our Pastoral work and contributing a lot towards our Laity involvement with the Catholic Evangelization. We assure you of our prayers that God may continue to bless you with good health always.

Kindly pray for our good work here.

Fr. Soosai Michael

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Good Tidings Tom,

I made 1104 rosaries this year and already started on next year of 2026 making more. I have purchased the nickel/silver wire which OLRM uses 862 -100 as their item ID/description. This is a strong 22 gauge wire that is much thinner and I think makes a better finished product. So, I'm trying for a better-quality product and of course this takes more time.

Joseph Kaupa

My Dearest Friends

I would like to start by giving a special thanks to our President, Tom Kneeshaw and to our Treasurer, Michael Despres, and to all of you who do the work for Our Lady of the Rosary. We are all working for a divine purpose. A spiritual goal to collectively bring the message of peace and faith in a world lost in a sea of deception.

I believe that I am the oldest of the Rosary Makers in our group. Three years ago our President sent me a letter, thanking me for my service, which included over 14,000 rosaries. At the time, I was making one rosary per hour, praying to Our Lady for strength and guidance in this life. She filled my heart with the spirit, and it was her inspiration that not only kept me going but also opened my heart to those who were lost and in need to a kind word or just a prayer.

I am now 92 years old and my fingers are not as flexible as they used to be, but I have not yet given up. I am working on a set of 50 rosaries right now.

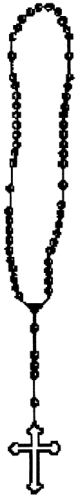
I am praying that my words will be an inspiration to some people who feel they too have a mission, and will join our group. I am still able to make rosaries and I am willing to teach anyone who wants to learn. I have been making rosaries for a long time and I'm very good at it. However, I was not always good, it took me a long time. It took a lot of patience and a lot of prayer. Don't for one moment think that I would not grant anyone the same grace as Our Lady has granted me.

I urge that we all pray and ask Our Lady to find these people. That we advertise, to invite new people to join our group. That we offer our help to guide them to serve in Our Lady's name.

With Love,

Emilie M. Farage

Rosary Maker



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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