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*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!*



"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, upon David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!"

- Isaiah 9: 5-6

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 24 The Nativity of The Lord (Vigil)

4:00PM	† Our Parish Family	MA
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9:00PM	† Our Parish Family	MA
9:00PM	† Our Parish Family	MI

Sunday December 25 The Nativity Vigil

8:30AM	† Carl Goosen by Marcy Goosen	MI
10:30AM	† Our Parish Family	MA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM - St Michael		

Monday December 26 NO MASS

Tuesday December 27

9:00AM	NO MASS / NO ADORATION	MA
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Wednesday December 28

9:00AM	† Jamie Thomas by Mark & Val Patterson	MI
Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm		
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM		

Thursday December 29

9:00AM	† Jeff LeMieux by M/M Paul Kirkwood.....	MA
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Friday December 30

9:00AM	† Bev Hehl by Dennis & Rita Zimmer	MI
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Saturday December 31 The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

4:30PM	† Our Parish Family	MA
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Sunday January 1 The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

8:30AM	† Louis & Rose Goosen by Dave & Pat Goosen	MI
10:30AM	† Lyle Lothschutz by M/M Jim Lothschutz	MA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM - St Michael		

MA=St. Mary MI=St. Michael's

Please Note: When there is inclement weather (where Coopersville Public Schools or Kenowa Hills Public Schools are closed) The Parish Offices will be closed and all events scheduled for that day will be cancelled. Daily Mass will also be cancelled. The Mass intention for that day will be rescheduled at our earliest opportunity. Additionally, when a Funeral Mass has been scheduled, Daily Mass will be cancelled

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	Jan 1 / 8:30 AM	Jan 1 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Bryson Lindberg Claire Taylor	NO MASS
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Tom Sharon Carlson Jeff Johnson Carolyn Johnson Adam Taylor	NO MASS
Lector	Kevin Schumaker	NO MASS
Sacristan	Sue DeVos	NO MASS
Ushers	Jim Ponshair Deb Tronovich Dave Tronovich Calvin Lindberg	NO MASS
Music	Craig Bleckley	NO MASS

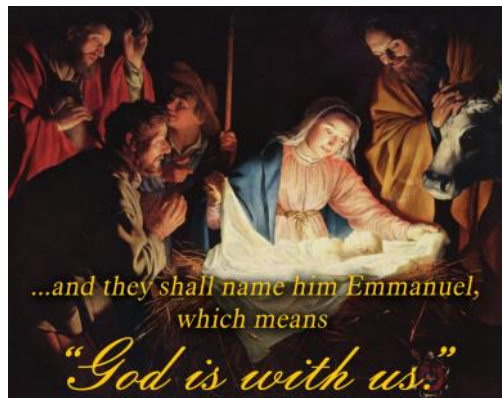
St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	December 30 4:30PM	January 1 10:30AM
Sacristan	Need One	Need One
Altar Servers	Need Two	Need Two
Host	Vito Dolci Sara Patterson Need One	Need three
Cup	Need Two	Need Two
Hospitality Ministers	Vito Dolci	Need Four
Lector	Need One	Geary Farrell
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko

Liturgical Ministers Needed! Please call the Parish Office if you can help.

Readings for the week of December 25 2022

Sunday	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday	Feast of St. Stephen, first martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3CD-4, 6 & 8AB, 16BC & 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	Feast of St. John, Apostle and evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8;
Wednesday	Feast of Holy Innocents, martyrs 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Friday	Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21;



St. Michael's Parish News



Scrip News— Thank you to our 16 families that purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$120.13.

CATHOLIC BOOKS NEEDED! PLEASE!

The selection of Catholic books is quite low. If you would like to donate books, this would be so appreciated. Catholic books help others to grow deeper in our Faith. They are offered free to take. The Catholic book table is located near the entrance to the Family Center. Thank you!

For 2022 charitable deductions and tax credits,

the IRS has ruled that charitable gifts are deductible only in the year the organization received the donation. To be considered a charitable donation for 2022, gifts must be dropped off at the parish office no later than Friday, December 30. Mailed contributions must have a Dec. 31, 2022 postmark.

Knights of Columbus News



Knights Of Columbus #9909 News
Knight Person of the Month for December

Rick Weigel

St. Michael's Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word: this program is offered during Sunday morning Masses. Children 3-9 years old are welcome to join us each week as we pray, read and explore the Sunday Gospel from a child's viewpoint. We include the Gospel Acclamation so children understand the importance of preparing our mind and heart for the Gospel reading. CLW is on Christmas break. We hope that all of you have a very blessed and joy-filled Christmas!

Elementary Faith Formation: This program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:15- 7:30 pm. Contact Debbie if you have any questions. (616) 384-4026. Elementary Faith Formation is on Christmas break and will resume on January 11, 2023. Have a safe and blessed Christmas!

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays after the 8:30am Mass, from 9:45 to 11:15 in the Youth Room. The 8th Grade students will also receive Confirmation Preparation during that time. Middle School Faith Formation will be on Christmas break and will resume on January 15, 2023. May you and your family experience the true meaning of Christmas and keep it with you throughout the New Year!

The Giving Tree: Thank you to all of St. Michael's parishioners who so generously donated to our giving tree. Your help in supporting Coopersville Cares is greatly appreciated. May God bless you as you have blessed others. Merry Christmas!

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St. Michael's Parish Family

Remembers in Their Prayers: Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Carmen Dietrich, Dennis Goosen, Jean Mayse, Ken Heflin, Winnie Spencer, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.

Men's Retreat

All men are welcomed to join us for our annual Men's Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. The retreat will be hosted the weekend of Jan. 20-22, 2023.

This year's theme is based on the book "Rescued" by Fr. John Riccardo. Suggested donation is \$200. "Knights of Columbus Scholarship funds" are available, please feel free to privately contact Fr. Mike for more info. Car pooling is available.

For more info. about the retreat house, visit stfrancis.ws/weekend-retreats.

If you are interested, contact Mark Phillips 616-550-2766, or Joe LeMieux 616-888-9106.

New Year's Eve Party at St. Jude

You are invited! Come ring in the New Year at St. Jude Parish on Saturday, December 31, 2022 from 7pm to 12:30am. There will be dinner, dancing, drinks, raffles, and a champagne toast at midnight. The cost is \$50 per person/\$100 per couple. Our party will be benefiting a great cause, the Help Pregnancy Aid Center, a local non-profit organization that provides life-giving support to women before, during and after pregnancy. Learn more at <https://helppregnancy.org/>. Please send questions to stjudenyeparty@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Giving Back to God

December 18, 2022

Adult Envelopes	\$3,757.00
Loose Cash	\$110.00
Children's Envelopes	\$13.25
Holy Day	\$120.00
Total	\$4,000.25
Building Fund	\$25.00
Christmas Memorial Flowers	\$275.00
Financial Assistance	\$20.00
Retirement for Religious	\$160.00

Thank you for your continued support!

December 25, 2022 ~ The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)

Cluster News and Community News and Events

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 31

4:30PM ~ St. Mary - Fr. Mike

Sunday, January 1

8:30AM ~ St. Michael - Fr. Mike

10:30AM ~ St. Mary - Fr. Mike

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



Save the Dates

Dec 31	The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God 4:30PM ~ St. Mary - Fr. Mike
Jan 1	Sunday, January 1 8:30AM ~ St. Michael - Fr. Mike 10:30AM ~ St. Mary - Fr. Mike
Feb 3	Hope, Health and Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick. (Healing Mass will be Quarterly) 7PM St. Mary
Feb 12	Knights of Columbus #11581 Community Breakfast and Blood Drive 8AM St. Mary

Knights of Columbus News

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus #11581

The St. Mary's Knights meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more info please contact Grand Knight Rob Rander: at: robrander82@gmail.com or visit: <https://www.saintmarysmarne.org/knights-of-columbus>

Next Breakfast & Blood Drive:
February 12 & October 8

St. Michael's Knights of Columbus #9909

The St. Michael's Knights meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit <https://saintmichaels.us/knights-of-columbus-9909>



Fr. Mike's Musings

There is a difference between a "house" and a "home". A house is a building with lights, carpets, windows, a kitchen, bathrooms, and more. A home is where there are relationships and interactions. Family photographs, styles of living together, memories, celebrations, so on and so forth all combine to create the idea of home. I live in a house, a building that is not mine, just up the hill from the parish church at St. Mary's. But I am confident that over time it will evolve into my home. Over the past six months of residence as the pastor of St. Mary's and St. Michael's I have noticed this process beginning to take hold in my consciousness. This can be largely attributed to my newfound "family" in this corner of Ottawa County.



My own family has been diminished due to the natural passage of time. For some this can be seen as a means of despair at a time of the year where there should be joy and celebration. This is not so in my case. The welcome and kindness that I have found has sparked the formation of "home"; in structure, mind, and heart. I've hit the trifecta of love in this assignment. For this great Christmas blessing I heartily give thanks to God (and to Bishop Walkowiak for sending me).

Many people do not recognize the blessings in their midst. It is in a truly spiritual home where the joys of a grateful heart flow. Yet like any gift these joys can only be given if they have first been received. This has been the case. I have received joys from all avenues of my parish family—great and small. These blessings take the form of a readiness to smile, an openness to conversation, the sincere shake of the hand, a spirit of cooperation in maintaining and growing the lives of our spiritual homes at St. Mary's and St. Michael's. These are the attitudes and behaviors that serve as the furnishings of the house that is swiftly growing into being a home.

Let us together joyfully celebrate the 'Nativity of the Lord', let us celebrate the continued life of our faith in the world and work to spread it to those who have yet to know and are in need of this joy in their lives, and let us give thanks to the God the Father for all of the blessings that He has seen fit to bestow in our lives; most especially those of life, love, and home—both physical and spiritual. I have found all of these at St. Mary's and St. Michael's.

Fr. Mike

High School Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is for all 9-12th grade youth and their friends.

Please contact Rebecca for more information about weekly gatherings. 616-677-5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org



March for Life Trip

in Washington D.C. is January 19-21.
\$50 deposit and forms due to participate.
Contact Rebecca for register or for more information.

Spiritual Stock Fundraiser: We hope you will consider supporting Youth Ministry by investing in our Youth. We will offer a Spiritual Stock fundraiser in January. More details to come.

December 25, 2022 ~ The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)

Religious Education



Religious Education is on break and classes will resume Jan 11.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on Jan. 8, 2023.

Questions or comments

Please contact Rebecca Chicklon at 616-677-5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org

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SEE CLUSTER PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS



Parish Office Holiday Hours

Please note the Parish Office Hours for the Holidays.

Monday, December 26 - Closed

Tuesday, December 27 - Closed

NO MASS/NO ADORATION

Wednesday, December 28 - Closed

Thursday, December 29 - Closed

Friday, December 30 - Closed

Monday, January 2 - Closed



St Mary Parish Prayer Line

If you would like to request a prayer for our parish prayer line please contact the parish office or Linda at 677.3269. For evening requests call Darlene 453.0157 or email: bfa1414@yahoo.com Please continue to pray for all of our sick, hospitalized & homebound parishioners and all of the personal intentions that St Mary's Parish parishioners hold close to their hearts.



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Merry Christmas

Wishing Our Saint Mary's Parish Friends and Family a very Merry Christmas!

May it be filled with Peace, Joy and Blessings. From all of us on the Parish Staff: Fr Mike, Deacon Tom, Gary, Todd, Rebecca, Jim, Marian, Cathie

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS!

PEACE
JOY
LOVE
HOPE

Giving Back to God

	December 17/18
Regular Contributions	\$4058.00
Capital Improvement	\$100.00
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