



No More Than Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“You are the salt of the earth.” Prior to industrialization, salt was a highly valued commodity. In the Middle Ages, a ton of salt sold for thirty-three gold ducats. Much earlier, Roman soldiers were often paid in salt. Hence our word *salary*. “You are the light of the world.” Like salt, light also is a valuable and necessary part of life. Without light, living plants die and human beings grow depressed.

Curiously, we only become aware of salt and light when they are absent. Food tends to be less tasty and bland without salt. And without light in the room we stumble and trip. Yet too much salt ruins food, while too much light blinds us, like when we drive facing headlights at night or stare at the sun. As valuable as salt and light are, both are at their best when unnoticed.

I offer these realities as images for persons of faith. Too much of “us” in the mix and we become the center of life, our egos blinding others to the workings of God. Yet absent, a world without persons of faith grows flat for lack of values and wisdom.

Likewise, the Church. Whenever the Church draws attention to itself, whenever it is clothed with pomp and majesty, God recedes to the background. Without the Church’s wisdom, however, a world hungry for meaning grows lost; charity is forgotten. We are called to be salt and light, no more than enough. ●

Reflect

How do I keep a balance between too much of me in the picture and too little?



Your light must shine
before others, that they
may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly
Father.

MATTHEW 5:16

Saint Michael's Catholic Church

17150 - 88th Ave, Coopersville, MI 49404
Parish Office: 616-384-4026

Saint Michael's Catholic Community is a family challenged by Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to care for others and to become the body Of Christ through worship, hospitality and service.

Pastor: Fr. Michael Hodges—frmhodes@grpriests.org
Deacon: Deacon Tom Roberts—troberts@saintmarysmarne.org

For more information on staff, councils, ministries and schedules, visit our website : www.saintmichaels.us

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 4

4:30PM † Jeff LeMieux by M/M Vince Schoenborn.....**MA**

Sunday February 5

8:30AM † John VanDenBrink by Curt & Sue DeVos**MI**

10:30AM † Rick Lothschutz by M/M Larry Antcliff **MA**

4:30PM † Chuck Albrecht by Curt & Joan Kutchin**MI**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—4:00 PM - St Michael

Monday February 6..... NO MASS

Tuesday February 7

9:00AM † Fr. George Fekete by Knights of Columbus #11581 ..**MA**

Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm

Wednesday February 8

9:00AM † Margaret Jonio by the O'Bradovich Family**MI**

Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM

Thursday February 9

9:00AM † Bob Bacon by Joe Martin.....**MA**

Friday February 10

9:00AM † Jamie Thomas by Arno & Judy Driedger**MI**

Saturday February 11

4:30PM † Arlyn Madura by Family.....**MA**

Sunday February 12

8:30AM † John VanDenBrink by Curt & Sue DeVos**MI**

10:30AM † Jeff LeMieux by M/M Joe Lothschutz **MA**

4:30PM † Chuck Albrecht by Curt & Joan Kutchin**MI**

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

	Feb 12 / 8:30 AM	Feb 12 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Bryson Lindberg Peter Nielsen Melena Lindberg	NEED TWO
Eucharistic Ministers	Denise Parish Sharon Carlson Amber Nelson Denise Nelson Rosemary Weigel	Greg Helsen NEED ONE
Lector	Jeff Johnson	Mark Phillips
CLW	Jenny L. & Cheri B.	NO CLW
Sacristan	Judy Driedger	NEED ONE
Ushers	Curt DeVos Wade Lindberg Joe Meerman Ray Maka	Greg Helsen NEED ONE
Music	Jennifer Mapes	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	February 11 4:30PM	February 12 10:30 AM
Sacristan	Joe Gomez	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Bryson Potts MJ Potts	Noah Davis Hannah Davis
Host	Deacon Tom Sara Patterson Geary Farrell	Geary Farrell Becky Warners Need One
Cup	Deb Hapon Keith Anderson	Margie Jirous Need One
Hospitality Ministers	Katie Greenland Megan Greenland Scott Lampe Matt Karr	Leonard Horter Need Three
Lector	Doug Frantz	Rita Carmody
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko

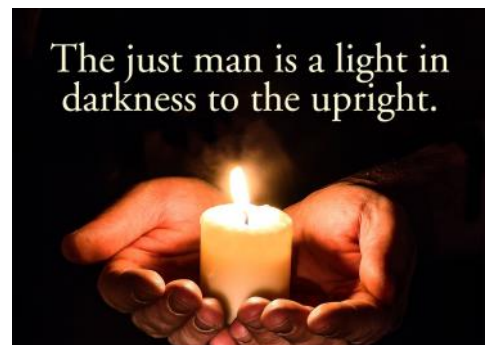
Prayer for our Volunteers & Ministers

Thank you for serving. We appreciate you.

God of Glory, your beloved Son has shown us that true worship comes from humble and contrite hearts. Bless our brothers and sisters, who have responded to the needs of our parish and wish to commit themselves to your service. Grant that their ministry may be fruitful and our worship pleasing in your sight. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

If you would like more information on becoming a Liturgical Minister, please contact the parish office. We always have a need for Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans, Hospitality and Musicians.

The just man is a light in
darkness to the upright.



St. Michael's Parish News



Scrip News— Thank you to our 8 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$46.00.

A Fun Night of Trivia —

At St. Michael's, on Feb. 11, 7-9 PM. Teams of 8 or less, please bring a snack to share and your own drink. Signup in the glass hallway.



Festival Planning Meeting — There will be an informational/planning meeting for 2023's Annual Festival, on Sunday, February 26, after 8:30 AM Mass, in the church. If you are interested in chairing an event this year, or adding input to the planning process, we would love to see you there! Please save the date for this year's festival: Sunday, August 27!



Knights of Columbus News

The Knights of Columbus welcome and value Catholic men seeking community and ways to put their faith into action. If you would like to join the Knights of Columbus, it is a very simple application process. You can go online to KofC.org/joinus and fill out the information requested, putting in our Council #9909 where asked. We will have Knights available in the back of church after both Masses on Sunday, February 12th, to assist you. Come and see us for more information! Please join us this morning after the 8:30 AM Mass for our monthly Pancake Breakfast in the Family Center!

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. In today's Gospel Jesus said we are like salt. Salt helps bring out the good flavor in foods. When we let God's goodness shine in us, we help bring out the goodness in others. Like a lamp shines light for everyone, we shine God's goodness on others when we are loving and kind.

Elementary Faith Formation: This program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:15- 7:30 pm.

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. Please keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they continue to prepare for Confirmation.

St. Michael's Parish Family

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



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Paula Raczkiewicz-Kelly
by Pam Raczkiewicz

St. Michael's Preschool

Have you considered St. Michael's Preschool for your child or grandchild? If not, you should! Come see what a great experience St. Michael's Preschool can provide. Come meet our Director/Teacher, Cindy Lindberg! Preschool meets on MWF from 8:45—11:45 am (Mon. 8:45am-2:30pm for 4-year-olds). For more info, call the Parish Office at 616-384-4026.

TV's For Sale — St. Michael's has two "barely used" big screen TV's for sale, \$50 each. (Not smart TV's.) Call the Parish Office for info.

Schedule Change — This Wed., February 8, there will be daily Mass celebrated as usual at 9 AM, however, there will be no Adoration or Confessions that day. The Parish Office will also be closed all day. If you need to schedule a private Confession, please call the Parish Office. Confessions will be heard again on Wed., Feb. 15.



What is it? The PaperGator® is a fundraiser where St. Michael's is paid to collect paper products for recycling.

What CAN go in the bins?
Newsprint
Catalogs/Magazines
Junk Mail
Phone Books
Office/School paper
Hard and soft cover books

What CANNOT go in the bins?
Paperboard
(Grocery Item boxes)
Plastic
Metal
Trash
Glass
Cardboard

Giving Back to God

January 29, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$13,750.00
Loose Cash	\$118.00
Children's Envelopes	\$39.25
Holy Day	\$25.00
Total	\$13,932.25
Building Fund	\$25.00

Thank you for your continued support!

February 5, 2023 ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cluster News and Community News and Events

40 Days for Life ~ March 2, 2023

Would you be willing to pray for one hour?

40 Days for Life is a unique pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil in front of abortion clinics. This will be the 27th campaign in Grand Rapids, and it will take place in front of Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street. This is the only free-standing surgical abortion facility still operating in our community. Dozens of area churches have adopted a day of prayer. **Our parish family has chosen Thursday, March 2, 2023~** Would you be willing to pray for one hour to fill in the time slots to pray to end abortion and close the Heritage abortion clinic in Grand Rapids? Contact Lisa Potts 616-723-3213 or potts.lisa99@gmail.com to sign up or for more information. We will need 2 prayer volunteers from 7 am till 7 pm throughout the day. This is a powerful and proven effective way to close abortion centers and show the Mother's that we are praying and thinking about them and their babies. Please consider a hour of your time~ If you are unable to attend that day you may go to the clinic and pray any time! Thank you for your commitment to LIFE! God bless! www.40daysforlife.com/GrandRapids

Please Note: Fr Mike will be leading the Rosary at 11 AM for our prayer group on March 2.



Explore Priesthood Discernment Group

The Explore Priesthood Group is a discernment opportunity sponsored by the diocesan Office of Priestly Vocations. Each month, young men (ages 16 – 35) are invited to gather and discern God's will for their lives. Time for prayer and reflection will be held monthly at St. Stephen Parish in East Grand Rapids from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **This year's discernment opportunities are offered on the following Sundays: Feb. 12, March 12, and Apr. 23.** Questions? Please email Fr. Stephen Durkee, director of priestly vocations, sdurkee@grdiocese.org

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: 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 Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit <https://saintmichaels.us/knights-of-columbus-9909>

Fr. Mike's Musings

The spirit and action of giving is one of the most important spiritual practices a disciple of Jesus can claim. The attitude we have toward our money and finances directly influences the condition of our relationship with Jesus. How we feel about tithing and sharing our finances can also reflect the level of giving in other areas of our lives. Generosity is contagious, as it spreads from our money to our time, our talents, our abilities, and our presence. Our lack of generosity and the willingness to share is also contagious. We know as Christians we are taught to share what has been given to us with those who have less. We must share all of our gifts; talents, time, treasure, and ourselves.

We should not give because we think God needs our gifts in order to be God, or that the Church needs our money to be the Church. We give to the Him. We give back to God what is God's so that through our gifts the love of God can become a tangible reality in our world. Our giving is a reminder of the blessings God gives us and continues to give to us through Jesus Christ.

We find in John 3:16 three thoughts that should be the foundation of our giving. God's motivation for giving was love; He gave Himself in the person of Jesus; and God gave in response to our needs—physical and spiritual. As we use this example for the basis of our giving, we realize that the only giving God recognizes is giving out of love. In 1 Corinthians 13:3, St. Paul writes; "If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing."

Giving is not by defined by the size of our gifts, but by the condition of the heart from which the gifts are given. For Jesus and for us, motivation is everything when it comes to giving. A disciple of Jesus will give because of their gratitude for God's gifts so freely given. To paraphrase John F. Kennedy; "Ask not what God can do for us, but what we can do for Him." What we do is to love one another with the gifts that He has given to us for that very purpose.

"...if you bestow your bread on the hungry
and satisfy the afflicted;
then light shall rise for you in the darkness."
(Isaiah 58:10)

Touched by Mercy ~ March 4

"It is a profound spiritual experience to contemplate our loved one with the eyes of God and to see Christ in them." Joy of Love. The Franciscan Life Process Center invites all who have been affected by suicide to Touched by Mercy on March 4 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. The day will include reflection, sharing, and prayer led by Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, FSE, MA. Lunch and Mass included. Cost: \$65. Go to www.lifeprocesscenter.org

Coopersville Cares 9th Annual Winter Benefit Sale

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 . 7 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

at the Coopersville Community Center, 182 East Street, Coopersville. All proceeds go to Coopersville Cares.

High School Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry Gatherings are offered on most Sundays and some Saturdays. Additional events are offered on occasion too. For information about Youth Ministry gatherings, trips or events, please contact Rebecca.

Spiritual Stock Fundraiser:

Thank you to all who have already made a donation! We really appreciate your donation and we are closer to our goal.

We are still in need of more donations and hope you will consider supporting Youth Ministry by investing in our Youth. Spiritual Stock envelopes are in the back of Church. You may donate with check or cash. Please make check out to St. Michael Youth Ministry. If you have questions or would like any help making your donation please feel free to contact Rebecca Chicklon. Your support is much appreciated!

Questions or comments

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



St. Mary's Parish News

Religious Education

This Sunday's Gospel Reflection:

When someone makes us comfortable, doesn't put on any false pretenses, and values simplicity, we often refer to them as "salt of the earth." Salt is basic. It preserves food and helps sustain us. Salt adds flavor. Think of what it adds to popcorn! Salt can also be used to help heal us, like gargling with salt and water when you have a sore throat.

Our personal salt or flavor is what makes each of us different and distinguishable from one another. God wants us to sprinkle humanity with our uniqueness. Along with the flavor of our diversity, Jesus encouraged us to celebrate our talents and gifts. We are supposed to let our light, our special abilities, shine. Shining doesn't mean we are always in the spotlight. It means if I have the special gift of laughter, that I use that gift to help cheer others up. The gift of kindness toward others may inspire them to shine and pass the kindness on.

Jesus doesn't ask us to be flashy. Jesus calls us to develop, hone, and share the talents and characteristic we possess, to flavor the world with our selves, and to illuminate the world with our loving deeds. Let us go into our sessions and help one another find ways to be "salt" and "light."

Reflection Q's:

What does it mean to let your light shine?
Why does Jesus want us to let our light shine?
What are ways we can do that?

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

dismisses and meets during 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Questions or comments

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



High School Youth Ministry

SEE CLUSTER PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

2022 Church Contributions

2022 Contribution Statements are available in the Narthex. Please pick up after Mass or during parish open office hours. If you would like yours mailed or emailed, please call the parish office. Thank You. **Please Note: In an effort to save money on postage we will only mail statements if requested.**



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.



Knight's of Columbus #11581 News

Breakfast & Blood Drive ~ Feb 12, 2023

- Breakfast will be served 9AM till noon.**
The price will be \$8 for adults. \$6 for seniors and \$4 for kids 5-11. Come out and support our Knights!
- Blood Drive will be from 8:30 to 1:00**

Register Here: https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/144764

Or watch for sign up forms available in the Narthex.

For more info please contact Grand Knight: Rob Rander: robrander82@gmail.com



Lent & Easter Church Decorating Volunteers Needed

Would you like to help create a prayerful environment here in our church worship space? We need help with decorating during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. No experience required. You would be responsible for setting up and watering the flowers through out Lent, Holy Week and Easter. You would also help with Putting up Lent and Easter Banners as needed. All members of our faith community, high school age or older, are eligible to be a part of this ministry. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in helping.



Save the Dates

Feb 12	Knights of Columbus #11581 Community Breakfast and Blood Drive 8AM St Mary
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday 9AM Mass St Michael / 7PM Mass St Mary
Feb 24	Stations of the Cross 7PM St Mary / 7PM St Michael
March 2	40 Days for Life- Cluster Day of Prayer 7AM-7PM Heritage Clinic for Women at 320 East Fulton Street
March 3, 10, 7, 24	Stations of the Cross 7PM St Mary / 7PM St Michael
March 23	The Light is On for You, An Evening of Penance (Diocese Wide) 5:00PM to 8:00PM St Mary
March 25	Soup Supper 5:30PM St Mary Parish Hall. (Join us for 4:30PM Mass prior)
March 31	OUTSIDE Stations of the Cross at The St Mary Meditation Path Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Councils #11581 & 9909)

Giving Back to God

	Jan 27/28
Regular Contributions	\$2900.00
Capital Improvement	\$100.00
Online Contributions	\$2736.00
Children's Contributions	\$12.00
Total	\$5748.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

St. Mary's Sponsor of the Week SOBIE MEATS

Tim & Teresa Sobie ~ 616.453.7201 ~ 3450 Remembrance Rd. NW

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN!

Welcome to the Cluster Parishes of St. Mary and St. Michael

Dear Padre,

Sometimes I become pretty disgusted with my life and myself. I wonder if anyone really loves me. Is there any way I can know that God loves me?

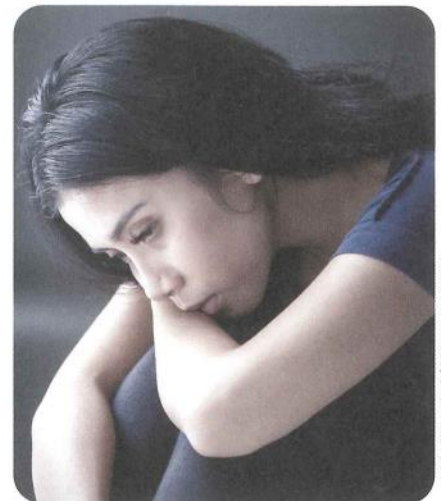
Every human person is made in the image of God. This means that your life is infinitely precious in God's eyes. God values and loves you beyond anything you could ever imagine.

God has also placed into our hearts a yearning for love and happiness that cannot be satisfied by anything less than God. True love will not be found in riches or well-being, in fame or power. True happiness will be found in God alone, the source of all life and all love.

In New Testament times, many people believed that wealth and success were signs of favor and love from God. If disaster struck, you would assume that God was angry with you, or that you had done something wrong. Ill-fortune was a "sign" that God's love had been withdrawn from you.

Jesus turned this sort of thinking on its head. Jesus taught that God truly loves all people, including those who are down on their luck. God's love is not based on wealth, fortune, or success. Rather, God loves you because you are God's own creation, God's child, and heir to God's own kingdom.

You might find it helpful to talk over those feelings of self-disgust with a spiritual director or a confessor. Meanwhile, take comfort in the words of Isaiah: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine (Isaiah 43:1). ●

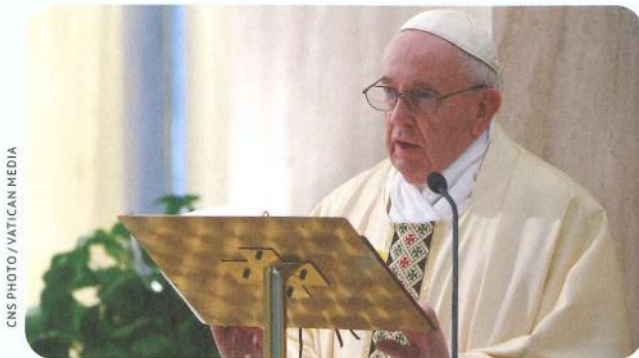


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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56	February 7 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 1:20-2:4 Mk 7:1-13	February 8 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:5-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23	February 9 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30	February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37	February 11 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10	February 12 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sir 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?
Since 1964, the Redemptorists' *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God changes the world by transforming our hearts, and this he cannot do without us. The Lord wants us to open the door of our hearts in order to enter into our lives....For when God finds an open and trusting heart, he can work wonders there.

HOMILY BAKU, AZERBAIJAN, OCTOBER 2, 2016