



[Jesus said], “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.”

JOHN 14:16-17A

Apron Strings

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

There are moments when we realize the baton has been passed to us, and now we must conduct the symphony of our lives. One such moment may be when both parents have died. “They” say we never fully grow up until that occurs, for from that time on we can no longer go home. I know of a daughter who received a gift from her mother when the daughter moved out on her own. Inside, the daughter discovered a pair of apron strings, a symbol of her break with home. At various times, life hands us a bountiful serving of responsibility as we commit to a vocation, or for many, become parents for the first time. On such occasions, the future may weigh heavily upon us.

This week’s Gospel is a farewell speech of sorts. Given to the Twelve on the night before his passion and death, Jesus promises he will not leave us orphans and that the Spirit will be given to us to do what we must do.

There have been any number of times when life has unfolded for me into new circumstances and life roles, occasions often filled with anxiety and sometimes even fear. I usually found I could deal with such realities by asking myself what would be the worst that could happen, and if it did, could I handle it? Every time, I found myself realizing I *could* handle the worst. Importantly, the ability to do what needs doing always seems to flow from God’s Spirit that is given to each of us. If our faith in God is alive in us, our spiritual apron strings are never severed. ●

Reflect

Has the Spirit of God ever helped you face a daunting responsibility?

Saint Michael's Catholic Church

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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.

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Deacon: Deacon Tom Roberts—troberts@saintmarysmarne.org

For more information on staff, councils, ministries and schedules,
visit our website : www.saintmichaels.us
Prayerline: Chris Albrecht, 616.403.7110

Mass Intentions

Saturday May 13

4:30PM † Betty Oziemkiewicz by Sue ZolinskiMA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday May 14

8:30AM † Jim Drake by Joan DrakeMI
10:30AM † Pat O'Connor by M/M Joe Jirous.....MA
4:30PM † Carmen (Goosen) Dietrich by Dave & Pat Goosen....MI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

Monday May 15 NO MASS

Tuesday May 16

9:00AM † Mary Klein by Terri Schoenborn.....MA
Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Mary

Wednesday May 17

Special Intentions of the David & Lisa Wilbur FamilyMI
Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Michael

Thursday May 18

9:00AM † Bob Bacon by Doug & Sue McKay.....MA

Friday May 19

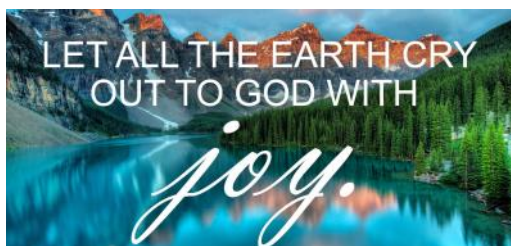
9:00AM † Deceased members of our Parish FamilyMI

Saturday May 20

4:30PM For our 2023 GraduatesMA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday May 21

8:30AM † Merlin & Angela Steffes by Lawrence & Sherri Lenhart ..MI
10:30AM For our 1st CommunicantsMA
4:30PM † Nancy Phillips by Mark & Donna Phillips & FamilyMI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael
MA=St. Mary MI=St. Michael's



St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

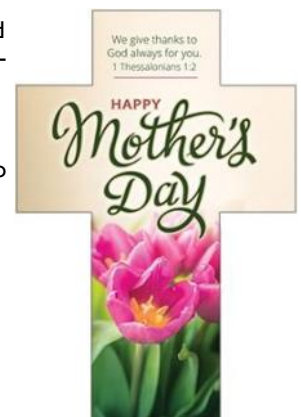
	May 21 / 8:30 AM	May 21 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Peter Nielsen Bryson Lindberg Melena Lindberg	NEED TWO
Eucharistic Ministers	Cindy Lindberg Joe Hitchings Jennifer DeMull Jennie Taylor Debbie Veneklas NEED TWO	Ken Schwallier NEED ONE
Lector	Dennis Zimmer	NEED ONE
Sacristan	Chris Albrecht	NEED ONE
Ushers	Duane Snowdin Mary Bueche Curt DeVos Jim Ponshair	NEED TWO
Music	Anna Jonaitis	Anna Jonaitis

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	May 20 - 4:30PM	May 21 - 10:30AM
Sacristan	Vito Dolci	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Need Two	Lauren LeMieux Ty Ricord
Host	Sara Patterson Paul Madura Matt Karr	Becky Warners Janette Ney Need One
Cup	Angie Hanks Lauren Greenland Keith Anderson Kathy Gomez	Margie Jirous Christina Withers Geary Farrell Need One
Hospitality	Megan Greenland MJ Potts Bryson Potts Need One	Anthony Leale Nettie Leale Rick Leale Jeanne Leale
Lector	Jose Gomez	Jessica Pabst
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko

A Prayer for Mothers Happy Mother's Day

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.



St. Michael's Parish News



Scrip News— Scrip totals will be updated next week.

Save the date —

2023 Vacation Bible School: STELLAR, SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!

July 24-28th, from 6-8:30 pm.

Contact Debbie Veneklas with any questions. 616-384-4026.



CSA 2023 — Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. Our parish goal for 2023 is \$59,280.00 and 100% participation, which means every parishioner should return their pledge card. To date, we have pledged \$35,250 (or 59.46%) toward our goal. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Our program is now on summer break. CLW will resume in September. Thank you Catechists and helpers for the dedication and talents you share with the children of our parish! Join us for Vacation Bible School July 24-28. Theme is **STELLAR, SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!**

Elementary Faith Formation: Thank you catechists and helpers for your dedication in sharing our Catholic faith with the Faith Formation students! Your generosity of giving your time and talent is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Our program is on summer break and classes will resume in the fall. Our First Communicants were welcomed to the Lord's Table last Sunday. **Jordyn, Kensington, Hunter, Aiden, Piper, Viktor and Clara**, may Jesus' gift of the Eucharist inspire your joyful hearts to serve God. *We are very proud of you!*



Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 is on Summer Break. Thank you Catechists for helping to catechize the students. Class will resume in September. Congratulations to our newly Confirmed students Elijah, Maxwell, Alivia, Dylan, Aurora, and Klara. May the Holy Spirit guide you always!



St. Michael's Parish Family

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

St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp



for Dennis Goosen
by Bob & Linda Rogers

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.



Knights of Columbus News

Supporting our Seminarians — We encourage St. Michael's parishioners to pray for and send cards or letters to the following seminarians: 1) Mr. Casey Kreiner, Mundelein Seminary, 750 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Casey is in the 1st phase of formation, the "Spirituality Year." 2) Mr. Charlie Leidel, Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060. Charlie is a First-Year theologian. 3) Mr. Greg Wasinski, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. Greg is in his 2nd year of college at St. John Vianney College Seminary at the University of St. Thomas.



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

May 7, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$4,476.00
Loose Cash	\$276.00
Children's Envelopes	\$51.00
Total	\$4,803.00
Financial Assistance	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$185.00

Thank you for your continued support!

May 14, 2023 ~ 6th Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

Cluster News and Community News and Events

Mother's Day/Father's Day

PREGNANCY HELP Baby Bottle Drive!

Please pick up a Baby Bottle from the Narthex and fill it with your "extra change!" (dollar bills and checks are also welcome) Please return Father's Day Weekend. Thank You! Supporting the drive will benefit HELP's ministry in so many ways: Keeping them supplied with some of the most needed baby essentials such as pack-n-plays, diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, baby wash, lotion etc. They provide walk-in hours for a free ultrasound for those who are abortion minded; this service has the cost of providing a qualified ultrasound tech on staff. Thank You!

Made for More Event

Join us for a very well done nationally known event called, Made for More. Made for More is about Theology of the Body. Guest Speaker; Christopher West. This event is for all adults but is also good for families with teens. St. Mary and St. Michael are co-hosting this event with St. Mary, Spring Lake, MI. For more information please contact Rebecca Chicklon or Debbie Veneklas. Debbie: 616-384-4026 or childrensministry@stmichaels.us Rebecca: 616-677-5065 or dre@saintmarysmarne.org



Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry (6-12 Grade)

Summer Activities for Youth

Youth may engage in a Mission Trip, Steubenville Trip, help with Vacation Bible School, Michigan Adventure Trip and engage in Parish service projects and other fun day trips! Some of these options are for High School aged Youth and some are for Middle School Youth and some are for both. Dates and times have been sent out in email. If you're not on the Youth Ministry email and would like to be please contact Rebecca. After May 21, Middle School Youth are those entering 6-8 grade next fall and High School Youth are those entering 9th grade through 12 grade next fall, as well as, those newly graduated. For more information and/or dates please contact Rebecca.



Questions or comments

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

Fr. Mike's Musings



The modern structure and theology of the Sacrament of Reconciliation began to take form as far back as the 12th Century. The usage included a sincere sense of contrition (sorrow), confession of one's offenses to a validly ordained priest, satisfaction or penance to atone for the confessed sins, and the imposed forgiveness of those sins—absolution. It should be noted that absolution only takes effect when then penance has been satisfied by the penitent. These elements were formally codified by the Council of Trent in 1551 in response to question about the sacrament were being voiced by adherents of the Protestant Reformation. In our current day this formula is the basic structure commonly used by the Catholic faithful in confession.

The Second Vatican Council (1959-1965) revised the sacramental pattern in order to express the spiritual nature and effects more fully. This revision incorporated more use of scripture as foundational evidence of the sacrament, emphasized the role of the confessor (priest) as bearing the healing authority of Christ, and offered options by which the sacrament is received.

The first of these options in the traditional form wherein an individual confesses their sins in the privacy of a dedicated confessional or reconciliation room, either face-to-face with the priest or through the anonymity of screen between the priest and the penitent. The second is by means of a communal penance service where a congregation gathers to pray and prepare for the sacrament, and then go individually to confess their sins to a priest. Just attending the service and not availing oneself of the sacrament individually is not sufficient and has not the reconciling effect on the penitent. The third option, and the least frequently used, is the so-called "General Confession". This is used only in dire or emergency situations where there are not enough priests available to hear the confessions of a large number of penitents—i.e. soldiers departing for war. In this instance a common prayer of sorrow is made, but there is no individual confession of sins. The third option is never to be used in ordinary service in parishes or at special events conducted by the Church. It is for emergencies only. The chief reason for this final option being restricted is that it has never been in the Catholic tradition to confess one's sins publicly. This is a matter strictly between God and the penitent through the mediation of a priest-confessor.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a meeting with Christ. Preparing oneself begins with prayer to become fully aware of His presence among us. This prayer should also be for the grace to see ourselves as Christ sees us—wounded pilgrims on a journey of faith and healing. Through this grace we come to a realization of our sins, understanding how we have offended God, and being able to confess them honestly and with regret. Many try to categorize or enumerate their sins by their severity (mortal vs. venial). However, we must never allow ourselves to fall into complacency about our offenses. A sin is a sin, big or small, and we can unknowingly allow the "smaller" sins to build-up by not acknowledging them, thus creating larger problems to weigh on our souls over time. Mortal sins are indeed the more serious, but the venial sins can be more insidious as we tend to ignore them and allow them to take us into even greater separation in our relationship with God.

After confession, thanksgiving should be offered to God for the healing grace of the sacrament and the penance given by the priest should be carried out as soon as possible. The penance can take many forms ranging from prayer, to service, to the self-denial of actions or things that may have led to the commission of the sins. The penitential acts serve to rectify any harm done through our offenses, and joins ever closer to Jesus, who suffered for us, and who has given us this sacramental gift so that we may enjoy the full fruits of that sacrifice. To ignore or misuse this gift cheapens His sacrifice of love and pulls us further away from that divine love. Confess regularly (once a month is recommended), it is good for the soul, good for our peace of mind, and in the end, good for all as it will always bring us closer to the Lord.

Please Pray for our Engaged Couples

Joe Heminger & Laura Wierman.....July 22, 2023 (St Michael)
Wyatt VanDyke & Olivia Killebrew..... July 29, 2023 (St Michael)
Marissa McDonald & Christopher Barczak.....October 7, 2023 (St Mary)
Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for your grace, grant that, strengthened by your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

St. Mary's Parish News

Religious Education

Vacation Bible School will be held June 10-15 and there are many ways for teens and adults to serve. Teens entering 6th grade next fall and older are invited to serve on the VBS team. VBS will be for children entering Pre-school-5th grade aged children.



Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Meets for the last time this ministry year during 10:30 a.m. Mass



Please pray for the children that will be making their First Communion on Sunday, May 21 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Questions or comments:

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

High School Youth Ministry

See Cluster Page for more information.

Adopt-A-Garden

We are looking for parishioners to "adopt" an outdoor area on our parish grounds to help keep that area looking good and creating a great first impression for all who come to our parish. Sign-up for a small, specific area on the Parish grounds and keep your area cleaned-up on a regular basis. For more info or to see what areas are still available, please call the parish office.

Meal Train for Fr Mike

Fr Mike has been enjoying his weekly homemade meals from our Parish Family. THANK YOU to everyone that has prepared a meal for him. It is very much appreciated. We do have a few open spots. Please take a moment to see if there is a date that would work for you to drop off a meal. It does not have to be fancy, he is very easy to please! If you would like to cook a meal for Fr Mike, please sign up here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/8vv97n> (or call the parish office)

Save the Dates

May 20	Graduation Mass
May 21	First Communion Mass
June 10-15	Vacation Bible School
August 4	Mass of Hope, Health and Healing
Sep 10	Parish Picnic
Sept 12-16	Parish Directory Pictures- Watch for Sign Ups and more Info.
October 8	Knights of Columbus Councils Breakfast & Blood Drive

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.

Welcome

We are pleased to **welcome** our newly baptized child of God into the St Mary's parish family

Ariah Piper Lampe

Baptized on May 14, 2023

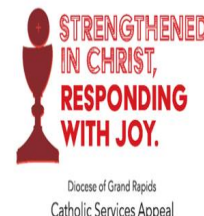
Daughter of Austin and Ashley (Rose) Lampe

Through this baptism you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life. Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father.



Catholic Service Appeal 2023

Our Catholic faith is a gift that unites our parish family with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids and in the universal Church. We all are pilgrims on a journey of faith, striving daily to become disciples of Christ through stewardship. When we give to the CSA, we are supporting individuals and families in our parishes, in our communities, and beyond. Our goal is 100% participation, which means a completed pledge card from every household regardless of your level of participation. Remember that any amount collected over the goal will stay in the parish. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. Learn more at GRdiocese.org/CSA



CSA 2023 Pledge Goal: \$51,834.00

Total Pledges Made: \$15,730.00 (31%)

Balance: \$36,104.00

Participation: 41 of 292 Active Households (14%)

Totals as of May 8, 2023 - (will have updated totals next week)

Thank you for your stewardship!

Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 29 — 8AM Fr. Mike will be celebrating Mass outside at the St. Mary cemetery altar. (If weather is rainy, Mass will be moved indoors.) Please bring a chair. Please join us to pray for our beloved dead, especially those who were killed in the line of duty.



Knights of Columbus #11581 News

Knight Person of the Month for May- Randy Graftema

Knight Family of the Month for April - Jim & Annette Lown

The Knight Person / Family of the month is a way of recognizing someone who has gone above and beyond, or done something extra for the council or the church community. Congratulations and Thank You for your service and commitment to our Parish Family!



For more info please contact Grand Knight Rob Rander: roblander82@gmail.com or visit: <https://www.saintmarysmarne.org/knights-of-columbus>

Giving Back to God

	May 6/7
Regular Contributions	\$5238.00
Capital Improvement	\$465.00
Online Contributions	\$660.00
Children's Contributions	\$6.00
Total	\$6369.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

St. Mary's Sponsor of the Week

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



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Office of the Bishop

May 13/14, 2023

Dear friends in Christ,

"The reality that, in the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ without ceasing to appear as bread and wine to our five senses is one of the central mysteries of the Catholic faith."¹

But it is not enough for us to only enter this mystery once a week. We must continue to enter into it to renew our belief in Christ's real presence and seize the adventure that arises from an encounter with Him.

Therefore, I invite you to join me for "**Into the Mystery**," a special event coming up on **June 10** in our diocese. It will be held at the Sturris Sports and Fitness Center on the campus of Aquinas College from **9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.** This event will help move us into the parish year of the National Eucharistic Revival.

This day will be one of encounter – with both Christ and your Catholic brothers and sisters from around the diocese. The celebration will feature inspiring talks by Father Jonathan Kelly, rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary, and Missionary Meg Hunter-Kilmer, along with the celebration of Mass, a public Eucharistic procession, and the opportunity to visit the Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. A family festival with food and beer for purchase will follow from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Understandably, the summer months are full of events so I invite you to join us for either all or a portion of the day. Tickets are just \$10 per person or \$40 for a family household. Registration is now open at: bit.ly/intothemysteryregister

We are nourished through the mystery of the Eucharist. Come encounter and celebrate what we have been given.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

1. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, 2021, no. 21

Dear Padre,

If the Catholic Church recognizes baptisms from other Christian denominations, why not confirmations?

Baptism signs us with an indelible mark. It defines our character and can never be repeated. A baptism is always held to be valid if a person is baptized with water using the Trinitarian formula (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1256). If a priest is unsure of the validity of a person's baptism, he would baptize the person conditionally, recognizing the earlier baptism if it happened and was valid. The minister of baptism is usually an ordained minister, but in necessity anyone can baptize, including a non-Christian, if the person intends what the Church intends.

Confirmation also leaves an indelible mark, as does holy orders, and they also cannot be repeated. What makes confirmation different from baptism is that the minister of confirmation is ordinarily the bishop because this expresses the apostolic unity of the Church (CCC 1312). If someone had been confirmed in a Church that has apostolic succession, their confirmation would be considered valid, and the person wouldn't be reconfirmed.

Timely topics viewed with a Catholic perspective
Catholic Update explores contemporary issues through the lens of Catholic teaching and traditions. Print and digital subscriptions! For more information, visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.

Most Christian churches have a common understanding of what the sacrament of baptism is, but while other churches might have communion, confirmation, and ordination, their celebration of those sacraments may not include all the requirements necessary for the Catholic Church to consider them valid. ●

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
DearPadre.org



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
May 15 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:11–15 Jn 15:26–16:4a	May 16 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 16:22–34 Jn 16:5–11	May 17 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 Jn 16:12–15	May 18 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 18:1–8 Jn 16:16–20	May 19 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 18:9–18 Jn 16:20–23	May 20 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 18:23–28 Jn 16:23b–28	May 21 <i>Ascension</i> Acts 1:1–11 Eph 1:17–23 Mt 28:16–20



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[The Holy Spirit] is the Gift of God; he is God himself, who helps us to be free people, people who want and know how to love, people who understand that life is a mission to proclaim the wonders that the Lord accomplishes in those who trust in him.

REGINA CAELI, ST. PETER'S SQUARE, MAY 17, 2020

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