

Do not be afraid of those who kill
the body but cannot kill the soul;
rather, be afraid of the one who can
destroy both soul and body.

MATTHEW 10:28

What Is a Soul, if Not...?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The Gospel of Matthew warns that the greater danger is not about those who may kill the body, but rather it is about those who can destroy both body and soul. Indeed, what if our soul dies long before our body dies? What then has become of our living?

Henry David Thoreau spent a year at Walden Pond in 1845. He did not go to escape life, he said, but to preserve it, to live it more fully. "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived," he wrote in *Walden* in 1854. "I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear, nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life."

To have a soul is not as if some other-worldly reality has been given a home in our body. Rather, to have a soul is to have a source of hope even in the face of failure, to love in imitation of Jesus even when we are not loved, to see goodness even when it is hidden, to trust in God even when we are powerless. It is the source of mystery, of all that is transcendent, the home of all that is holy. ●

Reflect

**How would you know
if your soul was in danger?**

Saint Michael's Catholic Church

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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.*

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For more information on staff, councils, ministries and schedules,
visit our website : www.saintmichaels.us
Prayerline: Chris Albrecht, 616.403.7110 or Judy Driedger, 616.899.2470

Mass Intentions

Saturday June 24

4:30PM † Paul Brown by Katy Pfaff and Family MA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday June 25

8:30AM † Don & John Tasker by Dave & Pat Goosen MI
10:30AM † Pat O'Connor by M/M Jim Jirous MA
4:30PM Thanksgiving to Sean Roush & Chris Albrecht MI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

Monday June 26 No Mass

Tuesday June 27

† Monica Zahm by Knights of Columbus #11581 MA
Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Mary

Wednesday June 28

† Sherm Hecksel by Joe & Katie Walker & Family MI
Adoration begins after Mass until 2pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM - St. Michael

Thursday June 29

9:00AM † Betty Oziemkiewicz by M/M John Grotenrath MA

Friday June 30

9:00AM † Margaret Jonio by A Loved One MI

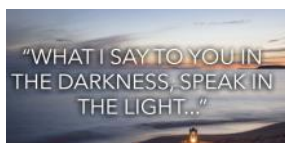
Saturday July 1

4:30PM † Joseph Harlett by M/M Jim Harlett MA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Mary

Sunday July 2

8:30AM † Emil O'Bradovich by Family MI
10:30AM † Joseph Harlett by M/M Jim Harlett MA
4:30PM † Edna Schumaker by Curt & Joan Kutchin MI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:30 PM—4:15 PM - St Michael

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

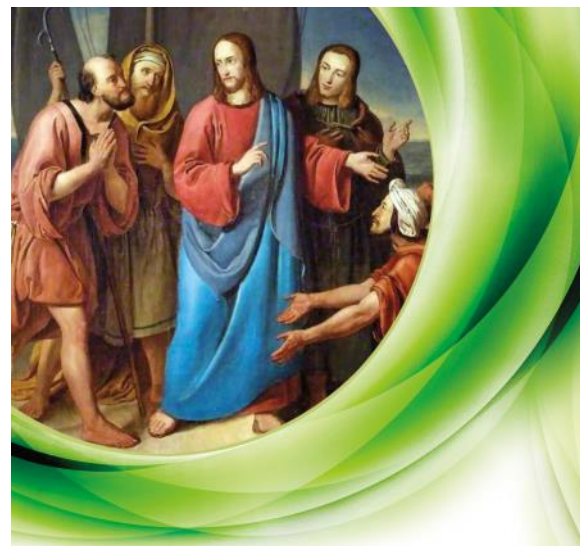


St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	July 2 / 8:30 AM	July 2 / 4:30 PM
Altar Servers	Bryson Lindberg Clare Taylor	NEED TWO
Eucharistic Ministers	Jennifer DeMull Joe Hitchings Debbie Veneklas Paul Schmidt Kenny Harker Rosemary Weigel NEED ONE	NEED TWO
Lector	Chris Albrecht	Carol Reens
Sacristan	Judy Driedger	NEED ONE
Ushers	Calvin Lindberg Pete Nielsen Curt DeVos Ed Irwin	NEED TWO
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	July 1 - 4:30PM	July 2- 10:30AM
Sacristan	Matt Karr	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Kassidy Britt MaKaelyn Britt	Lauren LeMieux Ty Ricord
Precious Body	Geary Farrell Julie Lothschutz Angie Hanks	Janette Ney Paul Madura Need One
Precious Blood	Butch Schoenborn Rosemary Schoenborn Michelle Lampe Austin Lampe	Margie Jirous Need Three
Hospitality	Jeff Schneider Need Three	Leonard Horter Jeanne Leale Rick Leale Need One
Lector	Steve Lampe	John Klein
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko



12th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge
before my heavenly Father."

Matthew 10:32

St. Michael's Parish News



Scrip News— Thank you to our 15 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$214.06.

2023 Vacation Bible School — **STELLAR: SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!**

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

Registration forms are in the narthex and on parish website. Many volunteers are needed! If interested please contact Debbie Veneklas with any questions. (616)384-4026. We are looking for donations for VBS. If you are willing to make a donation for teen snacks, please contact Debbie at 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 \$40,050 (or 67.56%) toward our goal. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.



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. Now enrolling for the 2023-24 school year!



St. Michael's Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Our program is now on summer break. CLW will resume in September.

Elementary Faith Formation: Grades 1-5 are now on Summer Break. Classes will resume in September.

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 are on Summer Break. Classes will resume in September.

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 the special intentions of our Parish Cluster Family

Finance Council —

The Finance Council will have an opening that will need to be filled, beginning in July, 2023. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Business Manager, Cindy Lindberg, at (616) 384-4026 or bsmgr@saintmichaels.us. You may contact Cindy or Fr. Mike if you have any questions or would like to discuss the opening.



Parish Directory — We will be updating our parish directory this year, and we want you to be included! Stay tuned for more details to come on our photo-taking schedule!



St. Michael's Chicken Dinner

Come one, come all. Our parish festival is August 27, 2023!

We will have big raffle, chicken dinner, mini-affle, kid's tent, grocery wheel . . . something for all ages! We will need many volunteers to help out. This year, we are looking for a lead chairperson for the large raffle. Please contact our co-chairs, Cindy Lindberg (616-822-1213) or Jenny Lindberg (616-862-3588), to see how you can volunteer to make this year's festival a huge success!



Giving Back to God

June 18, 2023

Adult Envelopes	\$3,406.00
Loose Cash	\$222.00
Children's Envelopes	\$12.00
Total	\$3,640.00
Building Fund	\$45.00
Financial Assistance	\$20.00

Thank you for your continued support!

June 25, 2023 ~ The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cluster News and Community News and Events

Prison & Jail Ministry Informational Sessions

We are actively seeking volunteers to help us offer weekly Catholic services including Masses, Communion services, RCIA classes and prayer services within 21 correctional facilities across our 11-county diocese. Join Bishop Walkowiak and more than 50 active volunteers in this vital ministry to the incarcerated. Want to learn more? Please attend an upcoming informational session.

When: Monday, June 26

Two identical sessions, come to either one: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 6 - 9 p.m.

Where: Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S., Grand Rapids, MI

Register Now or visit grdiocese.org/prison-and-jail-ministry/ **to learn more.**

Questions: Tricia Worrell, program director, 616-475-1255 or tworrell@grdiocese.org

Confident Kids Event

Saturday, Aug. 19, 1 - 4 p.m

Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM) hosts Confident Kids, a day for children in foster care to celebrate their unique identities, diversity, and feel truly special. CCWM will provide all children in its foster care program haircuts, styles, braiding, and back to school supplies. The event will also help educate current foster parents in areas of cultural competence, how to enable children of all backgrounds to connect with diverse leaders in the community, and how to empower children to feel confident. Every day, Catholic Charities cares for 300 children in foster care. To learn more, contact Karol Maurer, kmaurer@ccwestmi.org.

HOW TO HELP: To donate school and hair care supplies, or learn about sponsorship opportunities, email Karol at kmaurer@ccwestmi.org. To volunteer on August 19, email Davina Bryan at dbryan@ccwestmi.org.

Youth Ministry

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@saintmarysmarine.org



Fr. Mike's Musings



In Roman Catholicism the leaders of worship and the custodian/administrator of the Sacraments of the Church are called priests, and ancient term to denote persons delegated to be the spiritual guide or touchstone for a system of belief. Faith traditions throughout the history of the world and its peoples have relied on priests to guide believers in transitory journeys from whatever realm the system in question holds to be the goal of both the temporal and spiritual existence in the universe. Therefore, it is not unusual for this term for a spiritual master to have been adopted by those who adhere to the beliefs and tenets of Catholic Christianity. But there are in fact o forms of priesthood that exists within the Church, and both forms have a heritage that predates the existence of either Christianity or Catholicism—the “priesthood of the faithful” and the “sacramental priesthood”.

The word “priest” comes from the Greek “presbyteros”, meaning “elder”, and refers to one who is authorized to perform the sacred rites of a religion, one who is mediator between the people and the Divine. In the Old Testament priests came from families that could trace their lineage directly to Aaron, the brother of Moses, or generally to the tribe of Levi. As consecrated ministers they held a special place for leading the people in worship. But there was also a “priesthood of the people” as all of the Hebrew people were dedicated to God and were expected to participate in the sacrificial rites conducted by the consecrated priests.

The early Church knew that Jesus established and ordained priesthood through His delegation of the Twelve Apostles to minister to the growing number of His disciples, the ordinary believers. But this Church also recognized a “priesthood of the faithful” in accordance with the traditions of their Jewish forebearers. This form of priest was tasked by virtue of their Baptism to give witness to their faith in Christ through their lives and interactions in the world. What they lacked, however, was the direct mandate and responsibility to continue Christ's mission through the administration of the Sacraments as was given to the original Apostles.

The Second Vatican Council in the Dogmatic Constitution of the Church taught that the baptized faithful are deemed to be a “common priesthood”. This state differs from the ordained priesthood but still participates in the continuing mission and ministry of Jesus. The faithful exercise their “common priesthood” by joining in the offering of the Mass and the Sacraments, through prayer and a devotional life, and by witnessing Christ in the world through that life of faith.

This implication of faith means that Catholics come to Mass not as mere spectators, but as people who are offering their lives to God through their belief in Christ. This also means that our prayers are part of the priestly prayers offered in the Eucharistic sacrifice. Whether we are praying individually or communally, we are joining ourselves directly to Jesus who always is at our side.

The “common priesthood” or “priesthood of the faithful” means that Christ depends on his current-day disciples to continue his mission on earth. All of our thoughts, words, and actions are to become a part of and a witness to the loving action of God among His people in the world. Paired with the actions and prayers of the “sacramental priesthood”, the desire of God to bring all peoples to Himself through Christ can come to fruition, but only if this role is embraced and implemented fully by those who realize their role in the continuing mission of Jesus Christ and His Church.

PREGNANCY HELP

Baby Bottle Drive!

Please return Bottles Next Weekend.

Thank You.



Please Pray for our Engaged Couples

Joe Heminger & Laura Wierman.....July 22, 2023 (St Michael)
Wyatt VanDyke & Olivia Killebrew..... July 29, 2023 (St Michael)
Christian Hall & Kayleigh Kutchin August 25, 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

Thank you to VBS Team for making the 2023 Marvelous Mystery VBS a great success! Also, again thank you to everyone who made donations to VBS!



2023-24 Sacrament Prep:

It's time to save your child's spot for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation preparation. Please contact Rebecca Chicklon to register. Thank you.

Religious Education meets on Wednesdays and will resume in the fall.

Children's Liturgy of the Word meets during the 10:30 a.m. Mass and will resume in the fall.

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.

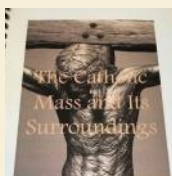
Thank You Volunteers!

WOW... have you seen the church grounds lately? Jim has worked "volunteered" endlessly to remove, trim, plant, edge, weed, spread woodchips, water and more... We have had many other volunteers also help to clean-up many of the garden areas around the grounds.. GREAT thanks go out to Jim, Pat, Jim, Marian, Peggy (and grand kids) , Jean (and kids). Scott, Lisa, Karen, Jeff, Rob, Lori, Steve... and the many others that have showed up to volunteer their time and talents.. Many hands make light work and we appreciate you all very much! This is a work in progress and will continue to need help-ers to maintain.. Please reach out to the parish office if you would like to help..



The Catholic Mass and It's Surroundings

Booklets are available in the Narthex. These booklets were designed, printed and donated by a parishioner. It explains the WHAT, WHY And HOW of the Catholic Mass and all of it's surroundings. This is a very informative and nicely written booklet..



A Message from Kay Willcome

Kay Willcome would like to THANK everyone from the Parish Community for all of the cards, prayers, words of encouragement and help given to her and her family through her recent heart surgery. Kay is recovering at home and appreciates the continued prayers.



Knights of Columbus #11581 News

Knights of the Month

Knight Person of the Month for June - Steve Lampe
Knight Family of the Month for June - Jeff & Karen Emelander
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!

Save the Date: October 8

Community Breakfast and Blood Drive Register here:
https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/rive_schedule/149333



Catholic Service Appeal 2023

Thank you for your gifts to 2023 Catholic Services Appeal!

Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. 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: \$37,210.00 (72%)

Balance: \$14,624.00

Participation: 101 of 292 Active Households (35%)

Totals as of June 19, 2023

Thank you for your stewardship



Giving Back to God

	June 17/18
Regular Contributions	\$3884.00
Capital Improvement	\$175.00
Online Contributions	\$815.00
Children's Contributions	\$8.18
Vacation Bible School Mass	\$23.70
Total	\$4905.88

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

St. Mary's Sponsor of the Week
ARSULOWICZ BROTHERS MORTUARIES INC.

616.458.1297

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN!

Save the Dates

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

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

Dear Padre,

A friend of mine wants to be cremated. Does the Church permit it?

The Church permits cremation when extraordinary circumstances warrant it. There was never a direct canonical ban on cremation until 1886, simply because it was not widely practiced by the Christian Church; its members preferred inhumation—the traditional form of burial—in hopeful imitation of Christ, whose body was resurrected from the dead. The Church reacted to a proliferation of nineteenth-century cremation societies, primarily in Europe, with a decree that forbade Catholics from membership in these societies or from cremation (with obvious exceptions made in times of public crisis, plagues, wars, etc.). The Church restated the ban as late as 1926 out of concern that these groups were anti-religious in promoting cremation as an argument against belief in the resurrection.

The Vatican has allowed cremation as an acceptable alternative to burial since 1963, except in cases where irreligious motives are apparent (Canon 1176, No. 3). Nevertheless, “although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in those rites” (No. 413, *Order of Christian Funerals*, “Appendix 2, Cremation,” 1997). Moreover, while the Church permits cremation, the scattering of ashes is forbidden. They are to be reserved with reverence in a sacred place. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS



The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent

yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience.... God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, JOY OF THE
GOSPEL (EVANGELII GAUDIUM),
NOVEMBER 24, 2013

MONDAY

June 26
Weekday
Gn 12:1–9
Mt 7:1–5

TUESDAY

June 27
Weekday
Gn 13:2, 5–18
Mt 7:6, 12–14

WEDNESDAY

June 28
St. Irenaeus, Bishop
and Martyr
Gn 15:1–12, 17–18
Mt 7:15–20

THURSDAY

June 29
Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles
Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18
Mt 16:13–19

FRIDAY

June 30
Weekday
Gn 17:1, 9–10, 15–22
Mt 8:1–4

SATURDAY

July 1
Weekday
Gn 18:1–15
Mt 8:5–17

SUNDAY

July 2
Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a
Rom 6:3–4, 8–11
Mt 10:37–42

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