

October 12, 2025 • The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM • St Michael
Sunday 8:30AM • St Michael
Sunday 10:30AM • St Mary

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday 12:00PM • St Mary
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30PM
Wednesday 12:00PM • St Michael
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30PM
Thursday 12:00PM • St Mary
Friday 12:00PM • St Michael

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday and
Thursday 12:30PM to 1:30PM • St. Mary
Wednesday and
Friday 12:30PM to 1:30PM • St. Michael
Saturday 3:00PM to 3:45PM • St. Michael

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday October 11

4:00PM † David Balkon by K of C #9909.....MI
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday October 12

8:30AM † Fred Boswell by the O'Bradovich FamilyMI
 10:30AM † Jim Potts by M/M Paul KirkwoodMA

Monday October 13 No Mass

Tuesday October 14

12:00PM † Agnes Schwartz by Leon SchwartzMA
 Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Wednesday October 15

12:00PM † Sherry Maslowski by Greg & Susan Griffith.....MI
 Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael

Thursday October 16

12:00PM † Chuck Klein by Knights of Columbus #4404MA
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Friday October 17

12:00PM † Marie VanDragt by Chris Albrecht.....MI
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael

Saturday October 18

4:00PM † Kathie Poelma by Larry & Diane VanDussen.....MI
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday October 19

8:30AM † Sherman & S.J. Hecksel by Ruth HeckselMI
 10:30AM † Janet Farrell by M/M Jack Roberts.....MA

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



Scripture Readings for the Week of October 12, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19
Monday	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Sunday	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

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St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	Oct 18—4:00PM	Oct 19 —8:30AM
Altar Servers	Kassidy Britt MaKaelyn Britt	Kenzie Harker Melena Lindberg
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Tom NEED TWO	Deacon Tom Jeff Johnson Denise Nelson Debbie Veneklas Rosemary Weigel Joe Hitchings Rob Guilbault
Lector	Mark Phillips	Amber Nelson
Sacristan	Sue DeVos	Chris Albrecht
Ushers	NEED TWO	Ed Irwin Jim Ponshair Wade Lindberg Joe Meerman
Music	NEED ONE	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

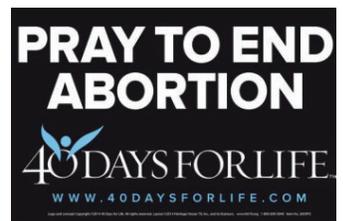
	October 19—10:30AM
Sacristan	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Casimir Lothschutz Peter Lothschutz Timothy Lothschutz
Precious Body	Deacon Tom Jim Fritz Need One
Precious Blood	Nettie Leale Bruce Kamp Margie Jirous Need One
Hospitality	Leonard Horter
Lector	Robert Lothschutz
Music	Bernie Stanko

40 Days for Life!

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 32nd campaign in Grand Rapids, and it will take place in front of **Planned Parenthood- Grand Rapids,**

This facility provides the abortion pill and refers for abortions. Dozens of area churches have adopted a day of prayer. **Our parish family has chosen Friday, October 17, 2025 ~** Would you be willing to pray for one hour to fill in the time slots to pray to end abortion? 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!



Cluster News and Community News and Events

Mass for God's Children

Nov. 3 | 7 p.m. Cathedral of Saint Andrew

The Diocese of Grand Rapids invites anyone who has experienced the loss of a child before baptism to this special Mass, including parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives and friends. A memorial rose with a naming card will be provided for families who have lost a child(ren). If you would like to reserve a memorial rose, contact Lauren Vandervort at 616.288.0588

Exploring priesthood?

Annual Seminary Visit is Nov. 13-15

The Diocese of Grand Rapids and St. John Vianney College Seminary are offering men who are juniors or seniors in high school and want to discern their vocation an opportunity to take a closer look at the priesthood. Travel with Father Rob Mulderink, director of the Office of Priestly Vocations, to experience a few days at St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Transportation, accommodations, and meals are provided at no cost. Space is limited. Register by Oct. 17 by contacting Pattie Reynolds, preynolds@GRdiocese.org.

We're Hiring!

We are looking for individuals who are passionate about sharing the Catholic faith to fill positions in our Catholic schools, parishes, and at the diocese. Find openings at: grdiocese.org/employment/

Catholic Service Appeal - 2025

St Mary

CSA 2025 Pledge Goal: \$50,516.00

Total Pledges Made: \$55,055.00 (109%)

Balance: \$4,539.00 OVER- THANK YOU!

Participation: 107 of 260 Active - Households (42%)

St Michael

CSA 2025 Pledge Goal: \$52,297.00

Total Pledges Made: \$42,380.00 (81%)

Balance: \$9,917.00

Participation: 100 of 255 - Active Households (39%)

Totals as of October 6, 2025

Thank you for your stewardship!

Please keep in mind that any amount raised over our goal is returned 100% to the parish. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.



Fr Mike's Musings



For most of us growing up in the Catholic Church, missions were something that we thought about at a distance. Missionaries were priests, brothers and sisters who were sent by their religious orders to faraway places to convert, to spread the Gospel and to minister to their populations in missionary lands. Unless we felt called to this kind of missionary vocation, we never expected to meet or encounter the missions up close and personal.

Regularly, missionaries come to our parishes, and we take up special collections for the missions and over the years, our prayers and contributions have sustained priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

During his papacy, our Holy Father Pope Francis has often spoken of the Catholic Church as a "Missionary Church" and has encouraged all of us to consider ourselves as "missionary disciples." For him, the missions were not simply far-away places but, were as near to us as Jesus Christ Himself. As baptized Catholics, we are all called to a "missionary vocation", to be missionary disciples because we are all called by our baptism to be His witnesses.

While missionary lands still exist with tremendous needs and we are asked to give our generous support, the whole Church is missionary by its very nature. Every baptized Catholic is asked to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit. We accomplish that goal in our prayers, in our words and in our deeds. To apply an old cliché to our missionary nature and reality as a Church, "don't just tell me that you love me ... show me!" These are the ways we bear witness to the Lord who draws us all into a spirit of missionary discipleship. There are many ways we identify and become one with those missionaries who "go out to all the world to spread the Good News."

When we contribute to the 'World Mission Sunday' collection, we make it possible for the Holy Father to provide for the formation of our seminarians and religious men and women. We assist in building schools and orphanages that care for children in places few visit. Missionaries can build churches in areas with scarce resources because of us. Priests and religious brothers and sisters can buy food and the essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments because of our generosity.

We are the Lord's witnesses to the ends of the earth. Let us not just tell Him that we love and serve Him. Next Sunday, October 19th, let us **show** Him. To use other well-worn clichés: "Let us put our money where our mouth is."; "Actions speak louder than words."



World Mission Sunday

State March for Life – November 6!

Will you join us? We need your presence in Lansing on Thursday, Nov. 6 to make sure our elected officials know that the defense of life matters to Michiganders!

Date: Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025

Where: The State Capitol, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing

Time: 11 a.m. – Rally, Capitol lawn

Noon – March to the State Supreme Court

Transportation options: The diocese will be sponsoring two buses for this year's Michigan March for Life in Lansing. One bus will pick up and drop off at St. Isidore the Laborer Catholic Church in Grand Rapids, and the other pick up and drop off at St. Francis de Sales, Norton Shores. The cost is \$23 per person. To reserve your spot, please scan the QR code or contact Lauren Vandervort at lvandervort@GRdiocese.org or 616-246-0588.

Please note that unaccompanied minors are not allowed to ride the diocesan-sponsored bus.

To find other publicly available bus transportation, visit marchforlife.org/mi-bus-2/



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St. Mary's Parish News

St Mary Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW):

Pre-School thru 2nd Grade During 10:30 AM Mass.
This is the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Luke 17:11-19 -

Jesus heals ten lepers who come to Him with a skin disease. After being healed, only one of the lepers returns to thank Jesus. While the others forget. This story teaches children about thankfulness and the importance of recognizing and expressing gratitude for God's kindness.

1st-7th Grade Faith Formation Classes - Wednesdays at Hall / 6:00- 7:30pm

8th Grade - Confirmation Classes - Wednesdays at Hall / 6:00- 7:30pm

Welcome back! Faith Formation students! Classes have started, but it is not to late to join us.

For more information or any questions on any of these programs Please contact Debbie Veneklas at dre@saintmarysmarne.org or 616.677.3934

Our Lady of Fatima Guild - Meeting

OUR LADY OF FATIMA GUILD: is a service-oriented group dedicated to praying the Rosary and helping people in need. Those who benefit from the Guild are St. Mary's Parish and area organizations. Help is given in many forms: food, clothing, money, friendship, Christmas Cards, and gifts. Funds are raised from member donations and Ladies Advent by Candlelight as well as drives conducted to collect items for the different organizations in need. Meetings are held in the Community Room monthly from September through December at 7PM on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings consist of praying the Rosary, Guild matters, and fellowship. **All ladies of the parish are invited to join.** For mor information call Lori Rander 616-215-6524 or the Parish Office. **Please plan on joining us: Oct 14, Nov 11 & Dec 9 at 7PM.**

Save the date: Advent by Candlelight-Nov 30, 2025 Watch for more details and ticket information.

Save the Dates

Oct 14	Our Lady of Fatima Guild Meeting 7PM Community Room
Oct 17	40 Days for Life- Day of Prayer 7AM-7PM Signup sheets in the Narthex
Oct 25	COR- 7AM Community Room
Oct 27	Fr Mike Ordination of Priesthood Anniversary- 13years
Nov 2	Cookies After Mass - Volunteers needed
Nov 11	Our Lady of Fatima Guild Meeting 7PM Community Room
Nov 22	COR- 7AM Community Room
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Eve Mass-Grocery Collection, Annual Slide Show 6PM St Mary
Nov 30	Advent by Candlelight 6:30 Parish Hall
Dec 1	Fr Mike Lecture Series- Scripture Roots of the Sacraments. 7PM- Community Room

Knights of Columbus #11581 News

How to become a Knight: You can enroll in the Knights of Columbus immediately as an "Online Member" by scanning the QR Code. Once you complete and submit the form on that page a local council will contact you. For additional information or to learn more about what the Knights do, Contact Grand Knight: Bruce Kamp b.kamp@charter.net / Phone 616-780-4941



Blood Drive & Community Breakfast - Oct 12

Blood Drive is 8:30AM to 1:00PM - Breakfast will be served 9AM till 12PM
Come for Breakfast even if you do not donate blood. All are welcome!

Knight of the Month

Knight Person of the Month- October: Mark & Debbie Veneklas
Knight Family of the Month- October: Doug Frantz

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 our church community. Congratulations and Thank you for service and commitment to our Parish Family!

Monthly Charitable Donation- Cross Catholic Outreach



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Council #11581

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Drawing - November 6th, 7:30 pm
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and more

Giving Back to God

Mass: Attendance	10/05	143
Adult Contributions		\$3255.00
Children Contributions		\$44.00
Loose Contributions		\$245.00
Capital Improvement		\$355.00
Online Giving		\$1755.00
Total		\$5654.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget		\$5512.78
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual		+4555.71

Thank you for your continued support and generosity! To donate now, open your phone camera, scan the QR code and follow instructions.



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

Gratitude: A Foundation for Love

The Mass is called “Eucharist,” which means “thanksgiving.” This Gospel invites us to take a long, deep look at what we have to be thankful to Jesus Christ for.

The list could be interminable. But fortunately, this Gospel focuses our attention on just one out of the many things for which we need to be consciously grateful to Jesus: we are grateful to him for forgiveness and healing.

Actually, we have experienced what it is like to be a leper—not the physical affliction of Hansen’s disease, which is a sickness like any other, but the “leprosy” which the storytellers have made grotesque and terrifying to the popular imagination. This is the leprosy which makes us feel “unclean,” ugly, and outcast from human society. This is the experience of sin.

This “leprosy” (like the real Hansen’s disease), is not immediately perceptible. Its first effect on us is just numbness. It doesn’t become terrifying until we know we have it. Sin is the same. While we are committing sin, we blind ourselves to its evil. The first effect of sin, too, is numbness: numbness to God, numbness to justice, to love, to the effect of our behavior on others and on ourselves. But when the reality of what we have done, and of what we have become through that, becomes evident to us, then we feel “unclean,” ugly and outcast.

If this is not immediately evident, reflect on the sins you have recognized as such. Did you ever consciously, deliberately cheat someone? Lie to a friend? Take out your feelings on someone weaker than yourself? Stand by and let someone else suffer because you were afraid? Have sex without the total and permanent commitment sex expresses?

You may have been numb to the evil at the time you did any of these things, but when you realized what you were making of yourself, how did you feel? Unclean? Ugly?

Alienated from people and from God? When we

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2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13;
Luke 17:11-19;

felt this way, weren’t we unable to reach out for love and acceptance?

When we felt most deeply, most painfully, that no one else would want to have anything to do with us, that is when Jesus sought us out. His love for us is not conditional on how good we are, how attractive. He came to save us—and “saving” includes salvaging what is wrecked.

“Jesus” is the name God chose for himself when he came among us as a human being. It means “God saves.” We appreciate its significance more when we think of all the other names God could have chosen to express what he intended to be for us. God could have called himself “Justice,” for example, or “Avenging Sword.” He could have named himself “Collector” and called in all our debts. He could have come just as “Advisor,” pointing out the way for those who were ready to take it. Or as “Leader,” calling to himself all who were strong enough to follow. But he chose to come as “Jesus,” a name which means “God saves.” And this is what he does for us: He saves us.

We have to respond, of course. We can’t just go limp and wait for him to carry us off to heaven. But as long as we are willing to cry out for help and do the little we can do, his relationship to us is not “God advises,” or “God points the way,” or even “God helps,” but “God saves.”

The point of this Gospel is gratitude. Jesus is saying

we need to be thankful for salvation. Why is that?

The reason is that gratitude makes our relationship with Jesus a constant, abiding reality. Without gratitude, we may be glad or relieved that we have been healed or forgiven, but we do not remain in contact with the one who saved us.

Relief focuses on a past affliction; joy on a present state of well-being. But gratitude focuses on a person. Gratitude is the basis for an abiding relationship of love for Jesus Christ. And it is this relationship that saves us.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Twenty-Eighth Week of the Year

Pray daily: Lord, thank you. Amen.

Monday: Luke 11:29-32: Jesus claimed, "Something greater than Solomon is here. Something greater than Jonah is here." Are you thankful for the gift of Jesus? How do you show it?

Tuesday: Luke 11:37-41: The Lord said, "Oh you Pharisees! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil." Do you know from experience what it is to go through religious gestures without really making them inside of your heart? How can you make every Mass, every use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation an encounter with Jesus that leaves you glad and grateful?

Wednesday: Luke 11:42-46: Jesus said, "Woe to you Pharisees! You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God. These you should have done, without overlooking the others." What religious acts do you do which are just acts of love and gratitude to God? Do you do anything conscious only that it is your duty?

Thursday: Luke 11:47-54: Jesus said, "Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge. You yourselves did not enter and you

stopped those trying to enter." When you were younger, were you taught so much about avoiding sin that you did not really think about how to enter into personal relationship with Jesus? What is your focus now?

Friday: Luke 12:1-7: Jesus said, "I tell you, my friends... Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows." Are you aware of being loved by God? Are you grateful for his love? For the security he promises you? Do you thank him for placing so much value on you?

Saturday: Luke 12:8-12: Jesus said, "I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God." How do you acknowledge Jesus before others? Is it obvious you believe all your gifts and talents come from God? Do you ever pray publicly in thanksgiving when something good happens to you? Are you ashamed to?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: At every Eucharist give thanks to God consciously for "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion in the Holy Spirit."

As Disciple: Be grateful for the word of God. It is given to help us know God and know how to live on earth. Show your gratitude by reading from the Bible every day.

As Prophet: Say grace after every meal, whether in public or in private.

As Priest: Make the Eucharist your personal act of thanksgiving to God by participating in every Mass fully, actively, consciously.

As King: Look around you at people who seem to have little to be thankful for, at least in some areas of their lives. See if you can change this.

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Scrip News— Thank you to our 15 families that purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$105.85.



St. Michael's Parish Family

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

St. Michael's Faith Formation



Faith Formation Registration for the 2025-2026 school year: **Classes have started. It is not too late to join us.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word: CLW program is offered on Sunday during 8:30 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. Today's Gospel reflection – In this Sunday's gospel ten lepers experience healing by obeying God's command, as spoken by Jesus. Only one recognizes the miracle and honors the presence of God in Christ. How often do we take God's grace for granted, failing to recognize the miracle of life and to praise God in Jesus? Let's always remember to praise and thank God for his many blessings.

Elementary Faith Formation: The elementary program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesday from 6:00- 7:30 pm in the parish school. Registration forms are in the back of church and on the parish website. **Classes have started, but It is not too late to join us.**

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 meet on Sundays from 9:45-11:15am in the Youth Room. The 8th Grade students will also receive Confirmation Preparation. Classes have started, but it is not too late to join us.



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Sherry Maslowski
by the Maslowski Family

Knights of Columbus



Have you ever attended the Halloween event at St. Michael's? The Knights of Columbus is hosting a haunted hayride with pumpkin carving on Oct. 25 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM.

A "spook"tacular family activity of carving pumpkins, enjoying a hayride (possibly a little haunted), hot dogs, snack and hot chocolate for our ghoulish guests!

Admission to this fa"boo"lous event is one or more non-perishable food item(s) per person – benefiting Coopersville Cares.

If anyone is interested in helping with decorations, serving hot dogs and hot chocolate, or adding a little "scary" to the hayride route, please contact Randy Mergener @ 616-460-8461

Giving Back to God

October 4/5

Mass Attendance: 10/4- 4:00PM:	82
Mass Attendance: 10/5: 8:30 AM	173
Adult Envelopes	\$4,154.00
Loose Cash	\$228.00
Children's Envelopes	\$12.00
Total	\$4,394.00
Building Fund	\$140.00
<i>Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget</i>	\$5,432.51
<i>Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual</i>	+\$3,960.97

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