

April 12, 2026 • Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM • St Michael
Sunday 8:30AM • St Michael
Sunday10:30AM • St Mary

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday 12:00PM • St Mary
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30PM
Wednesday12:00PM • St Michael
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Thursday 12:00PM • St Mary
Friday12:00PM • 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 April 11

4:00PM † Sherry Maslowski by Frank Maslowski.....MI
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday April 12

8:30AM † Nathan Syrek by the Syrek Family.....MI
 10:30AM † Rory Byrne by M/M Dean Allers.....MA

Monday April 13 No Mass

Tuesday April 14

12:00PM † Wayne Kensil by Friends & FamilyMA
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Wednesday April 15

12:00PM † Winnie Spencer by Diane Bergers.....MI
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30PM-1:30PM - St. Michael

Thursday April 16

12:00PM 60th Wedding Anniversary, Paul & Mary Kirkwood....MA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Friday April 17

12:00PM Elizabeth Hoffman by Ruth Hecksel.....MI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30PM-1:30PM - St. Michael

Saturday April 18

4:00PM † Ruth Beecham by Jean TheisenMI
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday April 19

8:30AM † Jamie Thomas by John & Denise Anderson.....MI
 10:30AM † Gregg Carmody by M/M Jim Lothschutz.....MA

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



Scripture Readings for the Week of April 12, 2026

Sunday Sunday of Divine Mercy
 Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Monday Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	Apr 18—4:00PM	Apr 19 —8:30AM
Altar Servers	Dylan Ranney NEED ONE	Adalyn Taylor Clare Taylor Lincoln Taylor
Eucharistic Ministers	Niki Schumaker NEED TWO	Sharon Carlson Mary Guilbault Rob Guilbault Kenny Harker Joe Hitchings Jennie Taylor Denise Nelson
Lector	Kevin Schumaker	Chris Albrecht
Sacristan	Cindy Bleckley	Judy Driedger
Ushers	NEED TWO	Ed Irwin Jim Ponshair Calvin Lindberg Duane Snowdin
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	April 19 —10:30AM
Sacristan	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Tanner Rose Austin Lampe
Precious Body	Michelle Lampe Steve Lampe Jim Fritz
Precious Blood	Becky Warners Bruce Kamp Margie Jirous Need One
Hospitality	Leonard Horter
Lector	Nicolette Looks
Music	Bernie Stanko

Prayer for Vocations

O God, hear our prayer
 and let our cry come to You.
 Bless the Diocese of Grand Rapids
 with many vocations to the
 priesthood, diaconate,
 and religious life.

Give Your sons and daughters
 the confidence to accept Your call,
 and the love to follow always
 in the footsteps of Your beloved Son
 with courage and dedication
 to Your will.

Amen.

Cluster News and Community News and Events

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wide-opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

Prayer for Divine Mercy Sunday

Lord our God, in this great sacrament we come into the presence of Jesus Christ, your Son, born of the Virgin Mary and crucial for our salvation. May we who declare our faith in this fountain of love and mercy drink from it the water of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mass of Thanksgiving for All 2026 Graduates

Calling All Graduates: Our Cluster Parish family wishes to congratulate you on your graduation and extend our prayerful best wishes to you and your future endeavors. This is a time for you to be thankful for all that God has helped you to achieve and to pray for His continual guidance as you prepare for your future. To help you celebrate, we invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving with a special Blessing for 2026 Graduates.



May 31 - 10:30AM

Graduation Mass & Blessing at St Mary

Invitations with detailed instructions have been emailed to all of our registered 2026 High School Graduates. Please RSVP at your earliest convenience. If you did not receive your invitation, please contact your Parish Office

College & Trade School Graduates are also welcome to attend. Please call the parish office and let us know you will be joining us.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

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Fr. Mike's Musings



Jesus' passion, death and resurrection are the most important events in all of history. Everything before those days was leading up to them and everything following those days is an opportunity to live the graces of those days, the grace of having the Risen Christ in our lives. The Gospels tell us about Jesus appearing to the Apostles, Mary Magdalene, and many others. In this Sunday's Gospel we hear of Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John seeing Jesus' empty tomb. In the First Reading from Acts, Peter said that the Father "granted that He be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead." The life of Jesus and His passion, death and resurrection has been impacting people ever since those days, more and more people are affected every year. If you throw a stone into a pond, it will cause a ripple to spread out more and more until eventually it gets to the edges of the pond and the entire pond has been affected. The graces of Jesus' death and resurrection have been spreading out to more and more people ever since.

Those who were not privileged to see Jesus risen, had their lives touched and impacted by those who did see Jesus and enjoyed the graces of the Risen Christ in their lives. Peter saw Jesus risen and his preaching impacted so many others. We read that three thousand people were baptized after Peter's preaching at Pentecost (Acts 2:41). Jesus continued to be present after the resurrection, present through those who witnessed to him, present in the life of the Church. If you want to meet Jesus after His resurrection, the place to meet him is where the Church gathers. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus learned that Jesus was with them as He explained the Scriptures to them and then broke bread with them. Those two disciples learned that celebrating the Eucharist is where you can find Jesus. Jesus continues in the life of the Church. In the Letter to the Ephesians the Church is described as the 'Body of Christ', and Christ is the head and the whole body (us/believers) is joined to Him. How then can anyone who cuts himself or herself off from the life of the Church enjoy the fullness of Christ's life? After Jesus' resurrection, the place to find Him is in the Church. The life of grace continues in the Church to all who receive the Sacraments. When we receive a sacrament, we meet Christ just as the Apostles met Him risen from the dead. The sacraments are real encounters with the Risen Christ.

We also find Jesus in the community of people who gather every week to worship God. We who allow Jesus to transform us to become more like Him, allow us to encounter Christ through the sincerity of our lives given over to Jesus. A beautiful experience is to encounter someone who is close to the Lord, and when we meet that person we know that we are in some way meeting Jesus. This is experiencing the Risen Jesus continuing to live in the Church. "Jesus continues in the Church" are not just words, but is truth because we have experienced that 'Real Presence' ourselves, sacramentally and relationally.

When we experience Jesus present with us everything changes. We have discovered a new way to live when we have Jesus in our lives. There is a way to live that is incompatible with having Him in our lives and there is a way to live that reflects His presence in our lives. But there is something troubling happening today. Those who now live with Jesus in their lives are more and more being misunderstood; their freedom to live with Christ in their lives is being continually hindered, so much so that we are beginning to enter into a time of persecution of Christians. The early Christians were persecuted in Rome and martyred. If our society continues in its present direction, how much longer before Christians will be martyred in our country for no other reason than that they have experienced the Risen Christ in their lives and live their lives in a way that reflects that experience? But, in all faith and, is it not better to have experienced the Jesus and lived with and in His presence than not? God knows and, I'm sure, so do we.

Please Pray for our Engaged Couple

Greg Hood & Mary VanDenBrink

May 9, 2026 (St Michael)

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

St Mary Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW):

Pre-School thru 2nd Grade During 10:30 AM Mass.

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Sunday originated when Our Lord appeared to Saint Faustina, a humble, Polish sister. During these visions, Jesus asked specifically that the Feast of Divine Mercy be established so that all people would turn to Our Lord and find refuge in him and in his unfathomable mercy.

The Image of Mercy, during one of the visions, Jesus asked Sister Faustina to paint the image of Divine Mercy pouring forth from his heart.

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

Please keep our Second graders: Ayven, Marcus, Aliza, Genevieve, Ella, and Harper in your prayers as they continue to prepare for receiving the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, April 26th at the 10:30 mass

Faith Formation will resume on Wednesday, April 15.

Our school year ends on Wednesday, April 15th.

Families are asked to join us for Rosary prayer service and to celebrate in the Community room with an Ice Cream Social. Have a wonderful Spring break with your families!



8th Grade - Confirmation Classes -

Wednesdays at Hall / 6:00- 7:30pm .

Please keep our eight grade Confirmation students Jenny and Becky in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will be Confirmed on Tuesday, April 21, at The Cathedral of St. Andrew's at the 7pm Mass.

Adopt-A-Garden Volunteers Needed

UPDATE.. We have just a few more areas in need of being adopted.. Can you Help?? For more info or to see what areas are still available, please call the parish office.

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.

Looking Ahead- Save the Dates

Apr 19	Hymns of Praise Sing Along 3PM St Mary
May 3	Cookies after Mass
May 9	COR- 7AM St Mary Community Room
May 23	COR- 7AM St Mary Community Room
May 25	Memorial Day Mass 8AM
May 31	Graduation Mass—10:30AM
June 13	COR- 7AM St Mary Community Room
June 14	Blood Drive—Parish Hall

Hymns of Praise and Thanksgiving Sunday, April 19 at 3:00PM



A sing-along featuring over 20 flutes, organ, piano, your voices.
Free and open to all.

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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



Upcoming Blood Drives – Save the Dates

June 14 Pre-Register:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11622155

October 11, 2026 Pre-Register:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11630810

We raised just over \$500.00 during the MI (Tootsie Roll) Drive. Thank you for your continued support.



Daily Meditation and Mass Readings Booklets

Easter "Little White Books" and April "The Word Among Us Books" are available at NO cost to you. Please pick up your copy in the Narthex today.

Giving Back to God

April 4—Mass: Attendance:	79
April 5 -Mass: Attendance:	217
Adult Contributions	\$8110.00
Children Contributions	\$40.00
Loose Contributions	\$573.00
Capital Improvement	\$1320.00
Online Giving	\$3500.00
Total	\$13,543.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$5130.08
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual	+\$3905.58

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

St. Michael's Parish News

Scrip News— Scrip numbers will be updated next week.



St. Michael's Parish Family

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

Prison and Jail Ministry Donation Box — There is a donation box in the glass hallway for individuals returning to society after incarceration. They face many challenges, and we ask that you prayerfully consider donating items to support these individuals as they rejoin the community. Some items to consider might be: gift cards for salons/barbershops, grocery stores, clothing retailers, take-out/fast food restaurants; tennis shoes; laundry baskets; socks; bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths; backpacks; toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash and lotion. Thank you for your consideration!



St. Michael's Faith Formation

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. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, the second Sunday of Easter, is a Catholic feast day focused on the love and mercy of God, particularly as revealed through Jesus's suffering and death. It's a good opportunity to teach children about mercy, forgiveness, and the love of God, and can be celebrated through prayer, reflection and it is encouraged it pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



Elementary Faith Formation: The elementary program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesday from 6:00- 7:30 pm. Our program ended for this school year. We are on summer break. Thank you, catechist 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! Please pray for our First Communicants as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Liam, Jackson, Piper, Cooper, Delilah and Sarah.

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays after the 8:30am Mass from 9:45 to 11:15 AM in the Youth Room. Please pray for our Confirmation students and their Catechist as they continue to prepare them for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Brecca and Sonja. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide them throughout their preparation and fill them with joy. Confirmation is on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at The Cathedral of St. Andrew's. Mass is at 7:00pm. Contact Debbie if you have any questions (616)384-4026.



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Ron Racziewicz
by Pam Racziewicz

Knights of Columbus

Our Beginning — 29-year-old Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Why?

He knew first-hand of the hardships faced by families during this time. He had to leave the seminary to help support his mother and siblings after his father died.

Factors that led to the formation of the Knights of Columbus:

- * A culture with deep mistrust of the Catholic community.
- * Often dangerous working conditions.
- * Other organizations that promised social benefits and mutual aid but came with strong anti-Catholic biases.
- * The burden of knowing that their death would likely to leave their families penniless and at risk of being separated.

Now what started at St. Mary's in New Haven, Connecticut, has become the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. Men of St. Michael's formed Knights of Columbus Council 9909 in 1988.



Knights of Columbus

Giving Back to God

April 4/5

Mass Attendance: 4/5: 8:30 AM	308
Adult Envelopes	\$4653.00
Loose Cash	\$361.00
Children's Envelopes	\$41.75
Online Giving	\$1210.00
Total	\$6265.75
Easter Flowers	\$65.00
Building Fund	\$225.00
<i>Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget</i>	\$5708.67
<i>Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual</i>	-\$10,270.74

Thank you for your continued support!

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