

Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 3, 2024

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm / Sunday 11am

St. Michael the Archangel

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Weekend Mass

Sunday 9am

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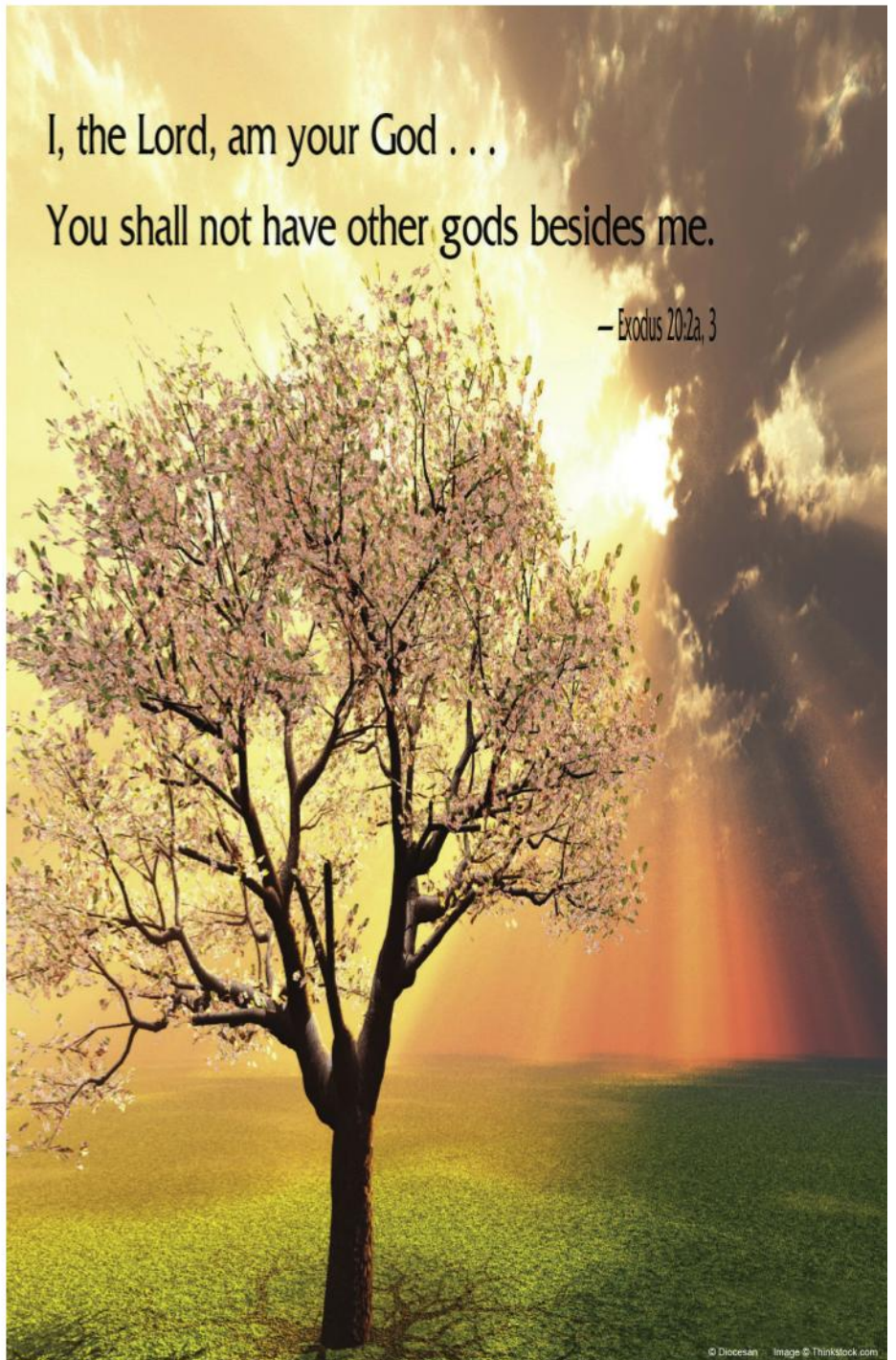
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I, the Lord, am your God . . .

You shall not have other gods besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3





Tuesday, March 5

No Confessions

6pm Communion ServiceSt. Michael

Wednesday, March 6

No Confessions

5:30pm Pray the RosarySt. Francis

6pm Communion ServiceSt. Francis

Thursday, March 7

8:30am Communion ServiceSt. Francis

No Confessions

9am-6pm Eucharistic AdorationSt. Francis

6pm Stations of the CrossSt. Francis Chapel

Friday, March 8

8:30am Communion Service St. Michael

No Confessions

6pm Stations of the Cross.....St. Michael

Saturday, March 9

4pm ConfessionsSt. Francis

4:30pm Pray the RosarySt. Francis

5pm †Joan Kling by St. Francis Women's GuildSt. Francis

†Cre & Theresa Lombardi by family

†Loretta Murphy by Vennie Avorque & family

Sunday, March 10

9am †Theresa Doppel by familySt. Michael

†George Secord by Helene Secord

†Larry Spataro by Lisa & Ben Benjamin

Birthday celebration for Kristopher Piotrowski by Piotrowski family

12:30pm Gorzkie ZaleSt. Michael

11am †Samuel Tardani by Tardani familySt. Francis

†Lois H. Wrase by Roger & JoAnne Hoekenga

†Matthew Workman by family



Readings for the Week of March 4 2024

Monday Saint Casimir

2 Kings 5:1-15

Ps 42; 43

Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday Daniel 3:25, 34-43

Ps 25

Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday Deut 4:1, 5-9

Ps 147

Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday Saints Perpetua and Felicity

Jeremiah 7:23-28

Ps 95

Luke 11:14-23

Friday Saint John of God

Hosea 14:2-10

Ps81

Mark 12:28-34

Saturday Saint Frances of Rome

Hosea 6:1-6

Ps 51

Luke 18:9-14

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137 Eph 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

Liturgical Roles

Please always refer to your schedules for accuracy

Saturday, March 9

5pm Mass at St. Francis

Altar Server

Jack Meissner / Bentlee Savaya

Eucharistic Ministers #3 Richard & Melanie S.

John & Mary Allen, Bob DeLong,
Marjorie Eddy, Cheri Kimball, Gayle Lagerman,
Kristi Nagengast, Marc Soles

Greeters

Tom & Peg Feldt / volunteers needed

Lectors

Howard Bard / Wayne LaPointe

Ushers Team #1

Dan Alvesteffer / Dan Haggerty
Josh Roznowski

Sunday, March 10

9am Mass at St. Michael

Altar Servers

Julie Wodzisz

Eucharistic Ministers

Jim Young & Gwen Young (Chalice)
Lynn Korabik & Carol Hesling (Ciborium)

Lector

Vinnie Desmond

Sunday, March 10

11am Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Charlotte DeLong / Kaelan Schneller

Eucharistic Ministers #1 Corey Allard

Steve Anderson, Michael Banka,
Ken Council, Vela Cabrera, Hannah Jones,
Brian MacLachlan, Pam Matthews,
Kathy Vanderwater

Greeters

Judy Rahrig / Jan Buck / Kathy Hall
Rosemary Hammond

Lectors

Sue McAvoy / Brian MacLachlan

Ushers Team #2

Paul LeRoux, Leo Raap, John Schneller



Simple acts of charity this Lent:

- *Say hello with sincerity, every time.
- *Say "thank you" (even if you're not expected to say it).
- *Remind loved ones how much you care.
- *Listen without negative judgement.
- *Pay attention to those who need you.

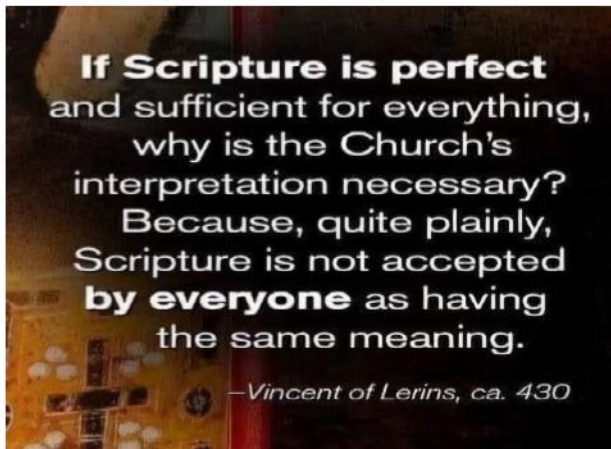
- *Help lift someone's sorrow with a kind word.
- *Forgive yourself. Dump your grudges.
- *Celebrate the successes of others.
- *Scale back and donate items to those in need.
- *More helping, less resting.
- *Call your parents if you are lucky enough to still have them.

- **Fast** from an attitude and fill yourself with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and fill yourself with gentleness.
- Fast from pessimism and fill yourself with hope.
- Fast from anxiety and fill yourself with prayer.
- Fast from entertainment and fill yourself with scripture.

This Lent, may we increase our charity. Life moves fast.... so **fast** from what dims our light.



I try to take an annual winter vacation between Christmas and Lent, but with an early Ash Wednesday this year and Deacon Jim's arrival in January, this trip was postponed until now. I'll be away from February 27th to March 8th. Deacon Jim will offer Communion Services, but there will be no weekday Confessions while I'm away. We all need to recharge from time to time. It's a reciprocal blessing for both the pastor and the people. Be assured of my prayers!



Saint Michael the Archangel

Sunday, March 10

8:30am Praying the Rosary for feeding and helping the poor



Bring Your 2023 Palm Branches Back to Church!

Do you have old palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday Services? If so, consider bringing them back to church and place them in our baskets by the communion rail.



Muskegon County Right to life wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Fr. Geerling for allowing us to hold our annual "LifeSavers" Drive at St. Michael's this past weekend on Feb 25. We received a total of \$275 in freewill donations which will be a tremendous help towards our 2024 billboard campaign to raise awareness of all the pro-life issues and laws in our State that do not value the sanctity of human life. God bless everyone at St. Michael's!



A special thank you to all those who donated to the Mary's Heart Food Pantry. It is a grate way to help put food on the table for children, families, and seniors who may otherwise go without.

St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231)759-8164

Marlene Evans (231)670-6149

St. Michael's Offertory

February 25, 2024

Sunday offertory: \$3,972

Online giving: \$ 835



St. Francis Bingo

Monday, March 4 at Noon in Wilma Hall.

Please bring in your favorite dish to share.



40 HOURS DEVOTION: MARCH 17 - 19, 2024

The Forty Hours Devotion is a time of continuous prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and a beautiful opportunity for our Catholic Family to draw closer to Him. We will gather for personal prayer in adoration of Jesus beginning **6pm, Sunday, March 17, ending with Holy Mass at 6pm, Tuesday, March 19 at St. Michael Catholic Church.** Each evening, 6-7pm, a reflection will be given by Father Steve Geerling (March 17); and Deacon Jim, (March 18). All are welcome to attend as much of this devotion as your schedule permits.

To ensure that Jesus is never left alone there is a sign up available at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA9AF23A5FBC70-48205711-40hours#/>
For any questions please contact Zofia at 231-773-1022

After your visit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, please take and wear an "I Adored" sticker. Your sticker just might produce a Holy Spirit-filled moment or conversation with someone you know or will know soon.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S DEVOTION HOUR: MARCH 18 & 19, 1-2PM

Parents are especially invited to bring children of all ages to the 40 Hours Devotion for any length of time but a special hour from 1-2pm, Monday, March 18 and Tuesday, March 19 is offered especially for the children. Picture books, age-appropriate reading materials, soft music playing in the church, and activity/prayer booklets will be featured during this hour to facilitate age-appropriate prayer. Parents are also encouraged to talk quietly with their children in the pews and around the church during this hour regarding the presence of Jesus.



St. Francis Calendar of Events

Monday, March 4

10am Mary Monday Rosary	Marian Chapel
12pm Bingo	Wilma Hall
6:30 pm That Man Is You (TMIY)	Conf. Room 3

Tuesday, March 5

9am Women's Guild	Guild Room
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Thursday, March 7

9:45am TOPS	Conf. Room 2
6:30pm Religious Formation classes	
6:30pm Soup Supper	Shepherds Hall

Saturday, March 9

9am Men's Faith & Fellowship	Conf. Room 3
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Sunday, March 10

9am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium
After Mass Sunday Social	Shepherds Hall
12:15pm RCIA class	Conf. Room 2
12:15pm Confirmation meeting	Wilma Hall
7pm High School Youth Group	Youth Room

St. Francis Stations & Soups

Join us for the Stations of the Cross on Thursday at 6pm in Marian Chapel followed by Soup in Shepherds Hall.

Thank you to the following groups for their help:

March 7	Men's Faith & Fellowship group
March 14	MOMs Group
March 21	Tuesday Bible Study

You do not need to bring anything, all are welcome!

Faith Formation

Ages 3-5: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Sunday from 9:15-10:45 a.m.

1st—5th Grade: Faith Formation classes

Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

♦ Classroom style learning w/amazing volunteers

6th—12th grade: Youth Group

We meet on Sundays from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

♦ High school will meet again March 10

♦ Middle school will meet again March 24

♦ Enjoy snacks, games, fellowship & learn about the Lord

Questions? Contact Liorah, Youth Ministry
youth@stfrancisns.org or 231-755-1953 x226

St. Francis Mom's Group News

We meet on Monday's for coffee, conversation and always much laughter. Our wonderful group of grandmas will watch your toddlers and preschoolers so you can grab some much needed fellowship with other Catholic moms. Moms of all ages and stages are welcome!

Contact Becky Bingham for more information. Also find us on Facebook (St Francis Norton Shores Mom's Group) and join us for our monthly Mom's nights out!

Upcoming meetings are 9-10:30am in McCabe Center.

March 11 and 25 April 8 and 22 May 13

That Man Is You (TMIY)

Facilitator: Pat McKeown

Come any Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. as we hear and discuss "The Choice for Heaven" with presenter Fr. John Burns. Handouts available.

- Theme: Called to lift up your heart
- Determine if your ultimate orientation is going in the right direction
- Discover the true reality of human freedom
- Getting to the roots of our sins
- How to have the mind of Christ to see the way He does
- See how St. Paul calls us to pay attention to ourselves
- Learn how to say "I Choose"

Saturday Morning Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier

Come join us Saturday at 9am as we view and discuss *Virtue and Freedom* a series by Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ. Come and spend a morning sharing your faith and fellowship along with refreshments! No homework.

Men of the Eucharist

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Pray for Seminarian:

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Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Avenue
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Pray the Rosary Daily

We continue to pray for our priests
and vocations

St. Michael the Archangel

Friday at 8am and
Sunday at 8:30am

St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday at 5:30pm and
Saturday at 4:30pm

Please remember them in your daily prayers

Leah Bell
Jim Benedict
Dick Brooks
Michael Cashbaugh
Charlotte Cook
Pam Cueller
Martin Deater
Andrew Degner
Dorothy Doza
Lorraine Feiber
Jim Geisler
Connie Harrison
Maxine Janowski
Madeline Joseph
Alice Kujawski

Barb Lauretti
Rhonda Nathan-
Leonard
Kristine Masters
Dale McKay
Jerry McKenzie
Paul Medenbach
Barbara Nehra
Phyllis Oza
Theresa Panzero
Margaret Platt
Barb Sidock
Jimmy Sowa
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Larry Zarembo

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Winnie Yost

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Pat Jensen
Irene Lodzinski
Bernice Sebring
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Sharnowski
Joe Sirianni
Karen Szepeinski
Hope Varela

Roosevelt Park
Beverly Berber
Nancy Hux
Margaret Jawor
Verone Jawor

Marirose McDaniel
William Norkus
Francis Somers
Deborah Wagner

Seminole Shores
Bev Collins
Mary Lou Curik
Al Karaba
Cheri Ludovicz
Marilyn Pilon
Irene Rogers
Nancy Schmalzer
Jo Youngstrom

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DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

March 3, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another." (1 Jn 4:11)


The way we love others testifies to God's presence in the world. Jesus cared for the needy, the poor, sinners, the sick, and those who were possessed. Like Christ, we must love in an authentic and merciful manner.

One way you can reveal Christ's love to others is through the annual Catholic Relief Services Collection. We will participate in this special collection next weekend, March 9/10.

By participating in this collection, you support Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Holy Father's Relief Fund, and four other agencies of the United States Bishops. These organizations aid victims of persecution and natural disasters, provide legal services to poor immigrants, and advocate for the powerless.

Since we are made in God's image, our vocation is to love. Please reflect upon how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about how your gift will change lives, please visit uscgb.org/catholic-relief. Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection!

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

In the past few years, Pope Francis has initiated the Synod on Synodality to see how we are carrying out our lives as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

To continue the listening journey that began two years ago, the GR diocese is conducting another opportunity to engage the people of God in the Synodal process. The GR diocese invites you to participate in the lakeshore listening session held at St. Patrick Parish in Grand Haven on Tues. March 12th. It will begin at 6pm. For more info, call 616-842-0001.



Raising Chickens to Support Her Family ~ Operation Rice Bowl

In Morazan, El Salvador, it's very difficult to know when the rainy or dry season will be. Learn how strong family dynamics enable families to participate in Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and help their communities.

Visit csrcicebowl.org

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St. Francis Weekly Offerings

February 25, 2024

Contribution envelopes	\$10,029.00
Holy Day	\$ 405.00
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