

## Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 10, 2024

### **St. Francis de Sales**

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### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5pm / Sunday 11am

### **St. Michael the Archangel**

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### **Weekend Mass**

Sunday 9am

**Fr. Steve Geerling ~ (231) 755-1953 x222 ~ [pastor@stfrancisns.org](mailto:pastor@stfrancisns.org)**

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**(231) 755-1953 x225**



*God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.      John 3:17*



## **Tuesday, March 12**

5pm Confessions .....St. Michael  
 6pm †Theresa Doppel by family .....St. Michael  
 †George Secord by Helene Secord  
 †Larry Spataro by Lisa & Ben Benjamin  
 Birthday celebration for Kristopher Piotrowski

## **Wednesday, March 13**

5pm Confessions .....St. Francis  
 5:30pm Pray the Rosary.....St. Francis  
 6pm †Pat Tomorsky by Mary Ellen Johnston .....St. Francis

## **Thursday, March 14**

8:30am †Kristopher Bates by Jan Bates .....St. Francis  
 9am Confessions .....St. Francis  
 9am-6pm Eucharistic Adoration .....St. Francis  
 6pm Stations of the Cross .....St. Francis Chapel

## **Friday, March 15**

8:30am †Stanley Jastrzemski..... St. Michael  
 †Lucille Collins  
 9am Confessions .....St. Michael  
 6pm Stations of the Cross.....St. Michael

## **Saturday, March 16**

4pm Confessions .....St. Francis  
 4:30pm Pray the Rosary .....St. Francis  
 5pm †John Partenio by Atkinson family .....St. Francis  
 †Michael VanFossen by Margo VanFossen

## **Sunday, March 17**

9am †Larry Spataro by Patrick & Sheila Miller .....St. Michael  
 †Mr. & Mrs. Edward Koryzno by family  
 †Edward, Anna, Frank & Sofie Maciag byfamily  
 †Larry Spataro by Lisa & Ben Benjamin  
 12:30pm Gorzkie Zale .....St. Michael  
 11am †Tom Matz fy Paula Martin .....St. Francis  
 †Zbiegniew Lezon by family  
 Healing & recovery for Dave Fouchea by McDermott family



## **Readings for the Week of March 11, 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	Isaiah 65:17-21	Ps 30	John 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12	Ps 46	John 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	Isaiah 49:8-15	Ps145	John 5:17-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Exodus 32:7-14	Ps 106	John 5:31-47
<b>Friday</b>	Wisdom 2:1, 12-22	Ps 34	John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Ps 7	John 7:40-53
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>		
	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Ps 51	Heb 5:7-9
			John 12:20-33

## **Liturgical Roles**

***Please always refer to your schedules for upcoming holy days & accuracy***

### **Saturday, March 16**

#### **5pm Mass at St. Francis**

##### **Altar Server**

Elizabeth Cone

#### **Eucharistic Ministers #1 Marge Winkler**

Orrin Bush, CC Cone, Suzette Heeres,  
 Dee Marquart, Marilyn Meinhardi,  
 Mary Amy Sanocki, Vickie Welbes

##### **Greeters**

Pat Rasch / Tyler & Taylor Cumbee

##### **Lectors**

Roger Routt / Melanie Schroder

##### **Ushers Team #1**

Dan Alvesteffer / Dan Haggerty  
 Josh Roznowski

### **Sunday, March 17**

#### **9am Mass at St. Michael**

##### **Altar Servers**

Peter Adamski & Logan Gutierrez

##### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Beth Adamski & Tim Duba (Chalice)  
 Michele Sanocki & Rosemary Robinson  
 (Ciborium)

##### **Lector**

Thomas Lack

### **Sunday, March 17**

#### **11am Mass at St. Francis**

##### **Altar Servers**

Lauren Jones / Moxie Peltó

#### **Eucharistic Ministers #2 Kathy Kuharevicz**

Lisa Cross, Sarah Emmerson, Paul Kuharevicz  
 Pat McWain, Nancy Rogers, Patrick Willcutt  
 Bob & Susan Young

##### **Greeters**

Jan Bates / Sandy Drabczyk  
 Mike & Charlene Matteson

##### **Lectors**

Randy Kostrzewa / Don Kalisz

##### **Ushers Team #3**

Paul LeRoux, Larry Finner, Dan Matthews,  
 Mike VanWalsum

## St. Francis Calendar of Events

### Monday, March 11

9am MOMs Group	Guild Room
10am Mary Monday Rosary	Marian Chapel
6:30 pm That Man Is You (TMIY)	Conf. Room 3

### Tuesday, March 12

9am Women's Guild	Guild Room
10am St. Joseph Bible Study	Conf. Room 3

### Wednesday, March 13

2pm Euchre	Conf. Room 2
7pm Relate Bible Study	Youth Room

### Thursday, March 14

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

### Saturday, March 16

9am Men's Faith & Fellowship	Conf. Room 3
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### Sunday, March 17

9am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium
After Mass Sunday Social	Shepherds Hall
12:15pm RCIA class	Conf. Room 3

### RCIA Sessions

10th: Eucharistic miracles  
17th: Holy Week explained  
24th: Recap and Q&A

### 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**

### St. Francis Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Facilitator: Kathy Workman

Join us on Tuesday, March 12 from 10-11:30am for a 3 week study on St. Joseph. We are doing this now as the Feast day of St. Joseph will be on March 19.

Each week there is a 60-70 minute DVD with discussion following. Learn about Joseph the hidden king, chaste spouse and father. You will not be disappointed! No books ~ handouts available. Please RSVP to the parish office (231) 755-1953.

## Saint Michael the Archangel

### Sunday, March 17

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.

### St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231)759-8164  
Marlene Evans (231)670-6149

### St. Michael's Offertory

March 3, 2024

Sunday offertory: \$4,496

Online giving: \$2,770

### Men of the Eucharist

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### ~ Anointings 101 ~

What if a priest doesn't have blessed olive oil? Can he still give an Anointing? If blessed olive oil is not available (like in some parts of the world), the oil from another plant may be used, but a non-vegetable oil is invalid matter. A situation may arise that the oil blessed by the bishop is not available. Possible scenarios are decomposition of old oil, running out of or not having the blessed oil in an emergency situation. Thankfully, these cases are rare.



### **Laetare Sunday: Catholicism's Best-Kept Secret**

'Rejoice with Jerusalem; be glad for her, all you that love this city! Rejoice with her now, all you that have mourned for her! You will enjoy her prosperity, like a child at its mother's breast.' (Isaiah 66:10-11)

Most Catholics know about the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday — the day in which our excitement for the coming of the Lord is heightened because the Church assures us that it will soon be upon us. Less known is Laetare Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Both days refer to happiness. In fact, the word laetare means "rejoice" in Latin. Gaudete means "joyful." The connection is obvious as they are both days of joyous anticipation in the midst of what might seem like darkness. In fact, Easter is exactly 21 days from Laetare Sunday.

The Church is so committed to both Advent's Gaudete Sunday and to Lent's Laetare Sunday. She so seeks to impress and inspire joyful hope in the faithful during both fasting, vigilant periods, that she tells our clergy to wear rose-colored vestments. It's not easy to do, but only a real man can pull off pink.

In both Lent and Advent, the color is a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Christ's coming — both in his birth and in his re-birth (i.e., Resurrection). Laetare Sunday is meant as a joyous day despite the darkness of Lent. Laetare Sunday signifies a temporary recess to our self-imposed penitential observations. There was a time when marriages during Lent could only be celebrated on this one day.

Interestingly, Notre Dame University announces the recipient of its Laetare Medal on this day. Hopefully, I won't be passed over yet again this year. Historically, the Church had celebrated this day by handing out blessed golden roses to Catholic monarchs around the world, hence the name, Dominica de Rosa. Not coincidentally, the word rosa means "pink" in Italian. Liturgically, rose describes a lighter shade of the color violet, thus signifying a relaxation of the Lenten rules.

Laetare Sunday is meant to direct Catholics to "keep your eyes on the prize" in anticipation of Easter. We don't suffer the deprivations of not eating chocolate just for some masochistic reason. Instead, our suffering unites us with Christ and, as Paul points out:

And now I am happy about my sufferings for you, for by means of my physical sufferings I am helping to complete what still remains of Christ's sufferings on behalf of his body, the church. And I have been made a servant of the church by God, who gave me this task to perform for your good. It is the task of fully proclaiming his message, which is the secret he hid through all past ages from all human beings but has now revealed to his people. (Colossians 1:24-26)

Once Easter arrives after an arduous Passion Week, we celebrate Christ's Resurrection for 50 days. We fast and then we feast. If not, we lose the meaning of both. As Scriptures teach us, I wait eagerly for the Lord's help, and in his word I trust (Psalm 130:5). Celebrate Laetare Sunday keeping in mind Christ's Resurrection, which the Jewish Patriarchs anticipated and hoped for. For us, it is at last in sight, for we are an Easter people!

Yours in Christ! Deacon Jim

Adapted from an article by Angelo Stagnaro in the  
National Catholic Register

### **That Man Is You (TMIY)**

Facilitator: Pat McKeown

**Join us on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.** as we hear and discuss "The Triduum through Jewish eyes" with presenter Fr. John Burns. Handouts available.

- Theme: Called to lift up your mind
- Explore & understand the details we miss in the Passion
- The four sources that provide the Jewish perspective
- The Treasures of the Dead Sea Scrolls
- Shedding light on our understanding of Christ's last days
- Unraveling the mysteries & oddities of what the Gospel tells us

### **Saturday Morning Men's Faith & Fellowship**

Facilitator: Mark Schrier

**Come any 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.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

Phone the parish office when ill or entering the hospital as we can't know unless we are informed.

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Parents whose children are to be baptized should call the parish office.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Arrangements for marriage must be made at least 6 months before the wedding.

### **New Parishioners**

If you wish to join our parish, please call the parish office. We are always happy to welcome new parishioners to our parish family. Our parish is made up of many beautiful and interesting people, trying their best to build the kingdom of God on earth by responding to Jesus' call and following His way.

### **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 14 MOMs Group

March 21 Tuesday Bible Study

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

### **St. Francis Family Corner**

#### **Welcome new families**

Larry & Mary Butcher

John & Emily Childers  
child: Beau

Timothy & Barbara Flahive

Bea & Jerome Moore, Jr.  
children, Sean, Roman & Davien

## 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

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Leonard  
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Jerry McKenzie  
Paul Medenbach  
Barbara Nehra  
Phyllis Oza  
Theresa Panzero  
Margaret Platt  
Barb Sidock  
Jimmy Sowa  
Barbara Wyman  
Larry Zarembo

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Assisted Living**  
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Winnie Yost

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Don Girvin  
Marlene Kelly  
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Louise Sanford

**Day Spring**  
Kathy Hale  
Mary Hynes  
Pat Jensen  
Irene Lodzinsky  
Bernice Sebring  
Marcella  
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

Due to HIPAA laws, only names that have been given to the parish by an individual or family member can be printed in the bulletin. Our apologies for any names omitted for this reason.

### *St. Francis de Sales Staff Directory* **Office hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm**

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**Maintenance Assistants**  
Jerry Mazurek and Randy Anderson

**Adoration** (Thursday 9am-6pm) Al Lutkus

**Art & Environment** Sarah Emmerson

**Knights of Columbus #706** Doug Zuidema

### *St. Michael the Archangel Staff Directory*

**Office hours: Mon/Wed 8:30am-3:30pm**

**Friday 8:30am-12:30pm**

Daily Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm

**Parish Secretary** ..... Michele Sanocki  
office@stmichaemuskegon.org

**Maintenance** .....Randy Anderson

**Rosary Altar Society President**.....  
.....Kitty Slasinski

**Art & Environment** ..... Tim Duba

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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

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, Grand Haven on Tues. March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. For more info, call 616-842-0001.

### **Serra Speaker Series**

Please join us on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> as we begin our 2024 Serra Speaker Series with an inspiring talk by **Fr. Peter Omogo**, Pastor of St. James Parish in Montague. Fr. Peter will share **Exciting News from Nigeria** including video footage from his recent trip. This event will be held at St. James Catholic Church at 5149 Dowling Street in Montague starting at 5:00 pm with a social hour and light meal followed by Father Peter's talk at 6:00 pm. All are welcome. To reserve a meal, please call or text Tom Zmolek at (231) 740-0044.

### **St. Francis Weekly Offerings**

March 3, 2024

Contribution envelopes	\$12,734.00
Holy Day	\$ 248.00
Online Giving	\$ 5,362.00

Learn more about on line giving through Our Sunday Visitor  
at <https://www.osvhub.com/stfrancisns/funds>

## Faith Formation St Francis de Sales

January

- 11
- 18
- 25

February

- 1
- 8
- 22
- 29

March

- 7
- 14
- 21

April

- 11
- 18
- 25 - Final Class
- 27 - 1st Communion Retreat

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youth@stfrancisns.org

Thursday @ 6:30p

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

January

- 14
- 21
- 28

February

- 4
- 11
- 25

March

- 3
- 10
- 17
- 24

April

- 7
- 14
- 21
- 28

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To learn more about these programs, contact Liorah, Youth Group ministry  
(231) 755-1953 x226 or youth@stfrancisns.org

## Adult Group

AGES 18+

Bible Study

7p in youth room

- January: 10
- February: 28
- March: 13
- May: 22

Outings

- January: 27
- March: 23
- April: 27
- June: 1

What is it?

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## St Francis de Sales Youth Groups

High School

7-8:30p

- January - 7
- February - 4
- March - 10
- April - 14, 28
- June - Retreat 21-23

Middle School

7-8:30p

- January - 28
- February - Retreat 9-10, 25 (Youth Group)
- March - 24
- April - 21
- May 5

All retreat information  
will be sent via email

Confirmation

12:15p-1:45p

- January - 7, Retreat 27
- February - 4
- March - 10 with Sponsors
- Confirmation Mass  
◦ 3/17/23 @ 3p

Let's get Connected!



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## 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#](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. Joseph, pray for us!*

9 DAY NOVENA  
BEGINS MARCH 10 -ENDS MARCH 19

## *St. Joseph Novena Prayer*



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Saint Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. You know that I have confidence in you and that, after Jesus and Mary, I come to you as an example for holiness, for you are especially close with God. Therefore, I humbly commend myself, with all who are dear to me and all that belong to me, to your intercession. I beg of you, by your love for Jesus and Mary, not to abandon me during life and to assist me at the hour of my death.

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, pray for me to have a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Loving Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, I raise my heart to you to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the Divine Heart of Jesus all the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special grace I now implore:  
(Mention your request)

Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel confident that your prayers on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.  
St. Joseph Most Loving Husband, Pray for us!

Amen.

Glory be to the Father... Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.





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