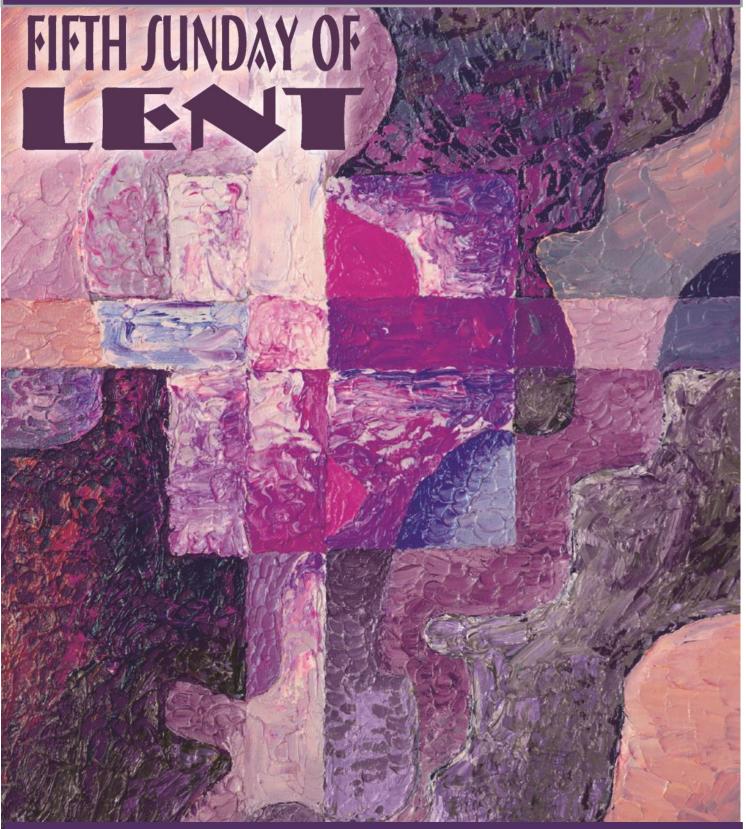
# Saint Mary's Church

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**St Mary's Mission Statement**: We, the Roman Catholic community of St. Mary's, by our baptism have become the People of God, dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a community built on faith and the sharing of individual talents, abilities and skills for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by prayer and the sacraments, we continue the mission of Jesus to reveal God's presence in all of human life.

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

# March 18, 2018



# The 5th Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule and Intentions / MA=St. Mary/ MI=St. Michael's

Saturday March 17

4:30 p.m. MA ⊕ James Hapon by M/M Ed Hapon

Sunday March 18

7:30 a.m. MI ∜Mary Jo Busman by Dave Busman 9:00 a.m. MI ∜Michael Dean by M/M Sherm Hecksel

10:30 a.m. MA ♣ Mike & Dee Schneider by M/M Rick Warners

Monday March 19 NO MASS

Tuesday March 20

9:00 a.m. MA ⊕Patrick Gavin by M/M Fred Gavin

Adoration begins after Service until 4pm

Wednesday March 21

9:00 a.m. MI ♣Deceased members of our Parish Family

Thursday March 22

9:00 a.m MA &Mart Egan by Michael & Jane Fenech

Friday March 23

9:00 a.m. MI & Deceased members of our Cluster Parish Family

Saturday March 24

4:30 p.m. MA ♣ Lucille Dressander by Family

Sunday March 25

7:30 a.m. MI ♣Lerine Lindberg by Esther Finkler 9:00 a.m. MI ♣Steven Rohen by M/M Paul Schmidt 10:30 a.m. MA ♣ Kathy Klungle by M/M Fred Gorton

Readings for the Week of March 18, 2018

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15;

Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21;

Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;

Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59 **Friday** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;

Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;

Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers for next week.				
	March 25—7:30 AM	March 25—9:00 AM		
Altar Servers	Craig Kutchin Karlee Kutchin Katie Jo Kutchin	Elizabeth Roush Sam Roush Matt Roush		
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Sorensen Cork Boersma Dave Carlson Sharon Carlson Jeremy Cusick Jennifer DeMull Jennie Taylor	Sean Roush Karen Helsen Greg Helsen Lauren Helsen Peyton Helsen Maureen Russell Mark Phillips		
Greeters	Arno & Judy Driedger	Kevin & Jayne Schoenborn		
Lectors	Mary Sorensen	Lyndsey Kosten		
Sacristan	Judy Driedger	Deb Mull		
Ushers	Dave Tronovich Deb Tronovich Ed Irwin Ray Maka	Connor Helsen Greg Helsen Herb Schoenborn Dennis Smith		
Music	Barb Rohen	Barb Rohen		

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers for next week.			
	March 24 / 4:30PM	March 25 / 10:30AM	
Altar Servers	Madison Potts Nina Lothschutz Ashley Lothschutz	Ethan Haisma Jack Kluting Aaron Ricord	
Host	Jim Schwallier Joyce Schwallier Sara Patterson	Jim Looks Marian Looks Mary Hendershot	
Cup	Lisa Potts Lori Rander Rob Rander Kay Willcome	Janette Ney Lloyd Ney Dave Benedetti Vicki Benedetti	
Hospitality Ministers	Need Three Jean Schwallier Tom Schwallier	Mike Dunphy Joe Brown Pat Wolters Leonard Horter Joe Kamp	
Lector	Vito Dolci	Need One	
Lector	Geary Farrell	Vince Schoenborn	
Narrator	Doug Frantz	Mark McDonald	
Voice	Kurt Kline	Kim Lothschutz	
Music	John Vesbit	John Vesbit	

# BISHOP DAVID J. WALKOWIAK ASKS US TO PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Loving God, raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians of our Diocese who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become

priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We especially pray for: David Jameson

Mar 19

Mar 23

Mar 29

Mar 30

Mar 31

April 1

Aptil 1

April 6

April 8

April 8

April 8

Apr 14

Apr 21

Apr 22

Jun 25-29

April 13-15

# ST MARY'S PARISH NEWS SAVE THE DATES All Parish Reconciliation Service 7PM Stations of the Cross 7PM Holy Thursday Mass 7PM Good Friday Service 3PM Easter Vigil 8PM Easter Vigil 8PM Easter 10:30AM Easter Egg Hunt (immediately following Mass) Mass of Hope, Health and Healing 7PM Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast Divine Mercy Sunday Confession 2PM Divine Mercy Sunday Mass 3PM

Mass-Bishop Walkowiak / Vocation Fundraiser

Visit www.saintmarysmarne.org for all church happenings! "Like" St. Mary's Catholic Church—Marne on Facebook and "Follow" us on Twitter and download our MyParishApp

Pre-Cana Workshop

First Communion Mass

Vacation Bible School



# **Giving Back to God**

His Global Love Weekend Retreat

March 10/11	
Adult (94)	\$4115.00
Loose	\$225.40
Children's	\$17.76
Total	\$4358.16
Capital Improvement	\$565.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1404.00

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# Catholic Services Appeal 2018 / So Faith May Flourish.

Thank you for your gifts to CSA 2018. Your generous support will



fund essential diocesan ministries that support our seminarians, provide training for teachers and faith formation staff, as well as assist our brothers and sisters in need. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.

With your generous response to date, we have reached 22% of our parish CSA goal. **Thank you for your stewardship!** (Totals as of March 3. 2018)

CSA 2018 Pledge Goal: \$56,802.00 Total Pledges Made: \$12,590.00 (22%)

Balance: \$44,212.00

Participation: 33 of 368 households (8%)

Our goal is 100% participation, which means a completed pledge card from every household. If you have not responded, please do so as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that any amount raised over our goal is returned to the parish. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.

#### ST MARY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Pre-School thru 2nd grade Children's Liturgy / 10:30AM Mass
Today in Children's Liturgy of the Word we talked about staying focused on Jesus and God? We told the children that if we find ourselves getting too attached to possessions or too busy with activities, we may want to take some time and think about why certain things matter so much or why our time is too consumed with the things of this world. We told them that taking some quiet time to pray or to sit and be still allows our minds and bodies to slow down. This is important time for the Holy Spirit to keep us focused on God and to keep us spiritually well. This way, if we have a period of sadness in our life, we'll be able to know that God is with us in our sadness, cares for us, and wishes to help us in love. This is the best news ever! God is never far from us.

<u>1st-7th Grade Classes-</u> Wed, Parish Hall / 6:15- 7:30 pm <u>8th Grade Confirmation Classes-</u>Wed, Parish Hall 6:45-8:30 pm

Congratulations to all those who made their Confirmation last Wednesday, March 14. May the Love of Jesus always be Wednesday, March 21 at 6:15 p.m. is the Religious Education Penance Service

**Saturday, March 24** from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon is the First Communion Workshop for the second graders and their parents.

Sunday, April 1 Happy Easter To celebrate Easter we will have an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Donations of candy and prizes are appreciated and can be left in back of church. No Children's Liturgy of the Word on Easter Sunday.



**Wednesday, April 4** No Religious Education Classes Have an enjoyable Spring break with your families!

**High School Ministry - Youth/Life Teen Nights:** *Sundays from* 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.. **See cluster page for more info** 

# Chili Cook Off & Parish Auction.

THANK YOU to everyone that attended, donated and volunteered at our event. We could not have done it without you! We had a great time, and hope that you all did too. After a prelimi-





nary run through on expenses and income, we raised just over \$7100.00 for the church! That is an increase of \$1000.00 over last year. I would say that the event was a success. If you have suggestions on things to improve for next year's event, or better yet, if you would like to help in the planning of the event, please let Cathie or Todd know. Congratulations to all of our Chili Cook Off Winners, your recipes were delicious! (pictures available on our facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pg/St-Marys-Catholic-Church-Marne-295827960489327/photos/?tab=album&album\_id=1842303885841719)

# PLEASE REMEMBER THESE ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS

William Brown, Sharon & Steve Cook, Pat Goodwin, Mary Klein, Mike Magnotta, Jon Perrin, Ann Pols, Mabel Siemen, Kathleen Sobie, Judy Wensink, our sick, hospitalized & homebound parishioners and all of the personal intentions that St Mary's Parish parishioners hold close to their hearts. If you or a loved one would like to be added to this prayer list, please contact the parish office at 677.3934 or Linda at 677.3269 for evening requests call Darlene 616.453.0157 or email: bfa1414@yahoo.com

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

# **CLUSTER NEWS and COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS**

That Man Is You! (Winter Sessions 14—26)

It is not too late for the men of the Parish Cluster to come join us or to bring a friend. **Wednesdays 6pm—7:30pm** / St Mary's Community Room.

- March 21 / Session 23: The Hidden Face of God
- Expanding our Heart for to Find Christ in Others
- Living Tabernacles
- Story of John Pridmore, Gangland to Promised Land
- Encountering God in the Poor
- God in Your Home
- The Practice of the Hidden Face of God
- For more info contact: <a href="mailto:tmiy@saintmarysmarne.org">tmiy@saintmarysmarne.org</a>

#### SAVE THE DATE- April 8 /DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Individual Confessions will begin at 2:00PM
(additional priests will be available to hear your confessions) Mass will be at 3:00PM.
All Are Welcome.



Thank you for the prayers, cards and kind words extended to us, after the passing of our mother and grandmother, Mildred. A special thank you to Fr. Ayub, who helped celebrate her funeral Mass. We appreciate this faith community and all that you do. Sincerely, the family of Mildred Snowdin

#### <u>Saturday, March 24 at 6PM at St Michael's</u> Sheri Wohlfert – a well-known motivational speaker.

Sheri presents with a great sense of humor, but more importantly, an amazing spirituality. Her focus at this event will be The Cross, Suffering, The Eucharist and Easter Glory and how we can use those things to truly become an Easter People.

#### **Vocations Fundraiser-April 21**

Bishop David Walkowiak will be celebrating 4:30 Mass at St. Mary's. The Knights of Columbus will be Co-sponsoring a Vocation Fund Raising Dinner following Mass in the Parish Hall. Fr. Kyle Kilpatrick will be our KeyNote Speaker along with Bishop David Walkowiak as our guest speaker.

# PRAY FOR OUR ENGAGED COUPLES



Ashley Steffes & Joseph Messier June 9, 2018 (St Mary) Jaclyn Guza & Spencer Stanitzek / July 7, 2018 (St Michael) Jessica Fox & Taylor Laug / August 18, 2018 (St Michael) Kelley Van Weelde & David Van Dyke / Oct 6 2018 (St Mary) Emily DeVos & Evan Schumann / Oct 27, 2018 (St Michael)

## St. Michael's Council #9909 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

The St. Michael's Knights meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit https://saintmichaels.us/knights-of-columbus-9909

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#### 2018 Lenten Schedule

Fridays at St Mary / March 23

7:00 PM—Stations of the Cross

Fridays at St. Michael / March 23

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - K of C Fish Dinners in the Family Center / 7:00pm - Stations of the

Cross



Holy Thursday - March 29 /

Mass of The Lord's Supper

7:00pm at St. Mary (Fr. Ayub) Followed by Night Watch in the Community Room until 10:00pm

7:00pm at St. Michael (Fr. Anderson) Followed by Night Watch in the Family Center until 10:00pm

Good Friday - March 30

3:00pm at St. Mary - Good Friday Service (Fr. Ayub

3:00pm at St. Michael - Good Friday Service (Fr. Anderson)

7:00pm at St. Mary - Tenebrae Service (Dr. Al TenEyck)

Holy Saturday - March 31

8:00pm Easter Vigil at St. Mary (Fr. Ayub) 8:00pm

Easter Vigil at St. Michael (Fr Anderson)

Easter Sunday - April 1 / Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am at St. Michael (Fr. Anderson)

10:30am at St. Mary (Fr. Ayub)

FULL SCHEDULE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX & ONLINE.

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Youth Ministry Life Nights (YMLN) I Sundays from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. (location rotates between St Marys & St Michaels) All High School students are welcome, Bring a friend! For a class schedule or more information please contact Michael at 616-384-4026 / 616.677.5065 or youthministry@saintmichaels.us

# **SAVE THE DATES**

March 18, 25: Youth Night at St. Michael's

April 8: Youth Night returns from Spring Break at St. Mary's.

April 15: Youth Night at St. Michael's

April 22: Youth Night at St. Mary's (with Praise and Worship).

April 29: Youth Night at St. Mary's

May 6: Youth Night at St. Mary's

May 13: Mother's Day hanging baskets.

May 20: Last Youth Night of the Spring at St. Michael's

June 10-15: Youth Mission Trip to Baldwin.

# St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council #11581 News

The Knights meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at 8:00PM in the Parish Hall. For more info please contact Grand Knight: Steve Lampe:(616) 293-7355 or visit: https://saintmarysmarne.org/knights-of-columbus Next Breakfast April 8, 2018

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# Meditations for the Fifth Week of Lent

# WE THIRST FOR YOU,

# The Son of Man

John 12:20-33

s the Gospel opens, Jesus is Awell aware that his time on earth is coming to a close. In fact, he admits that he is "troubled," but adds, "Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Upset as he admits he is, he still puts the Father first.

In today's Gospel, a voice responds to Jesus' prayer by saying, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." In the second part of this passage, Jesus tries to explain to the crowds his true identity, the Son of Man, and the real meaning of the cross — the salvation of all the world.

Through his obedience to the Father, Jesus reveals God's glory. He foreshadows his crucifixion and death through the language of service: "If someone might give service to me, let him follow. Where I am, there also will be my servant." As we enter the final weeks of Lent, we are called to bring forth the glory of the Lord as we follow Christ in service to God and one another. Let us remember not just the pain of Christ's passion, but the reason for his death

the Father.

## FOR REFLECTION

- > Am I carving out enough time to pray this Lenten season?
- > Is there someone in my life that I need to forgive?
- ) How am I doing on keeping my Lenten discipline?

# Lenten Prayer

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

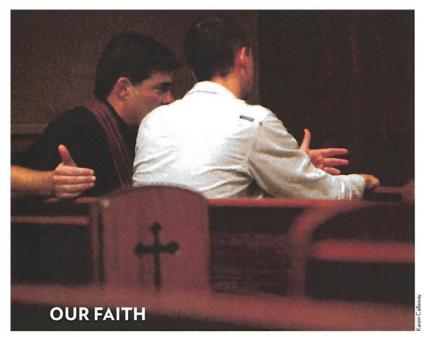
"This is the promise that he made us: eternal life."

- 1 John 2:25

Thank you, my God, for your steadfast love, which guides me in this life and waits to welcome me home to the next.



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# The Sacrament of Reconciliation

A ccording to Church law, all Catholics "having reached the age of discretion" are required to confess all "grave sins" at least one a year. It is also recommended that they confess venial sins. Lent is the ideal time to make a good confession. Most parishes offer extended confession times and even special penance services.

# **Catechism CONNECTION**

"It is called the sacrament of forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent 'pardon and peace.' It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the life of God who reconciles: 'Be reconciled to God.'"

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1424

# SIGNS OF THE SEASON Fasting

Fasting, one of the Lenten practices, is often observed as fasting from food. It is not because our bodies need to be punished (or that we need to go on a diet). We fast to allow our physical hunger to remind us of our spiritual hunger, our need for God. We fast to remind ourselves of our baptismal commitment and need for renewal.

Fasting not only reminds us of our dependence on God but also on the needs of others, the hungry and the poor. Fasting is a Gospel value, but not fasting by itself. Fasting and almsgiving are Gospel twins. Our tradition of fasting has never been to purge, to deprive the body for deprivation's sake, but to have more to give away. We fast in order to place ourselves in solidarity with the poor and hungry. If the grocery money saved by our fasting does not somehow help feed the poor and hungry then our fasting is empty and useless.



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# **FAMILY ACTIVITY**

# Random Acts of Kindness

Part of penance is service, and we are called to serve one another with joyful hearts! As a family, write out several random acts of kindness that can be carried out over the week. Include things like smiling at someone, picking up trash, inviting someone to play a game, making a phone call to a grandparent, and helping someone carry a package. Throughout the week, have each family member draw a slip and complete the action. When everyone has completed their random act, talk about what happened and how it felt. Be sure to pray for the recipients of your acts of kindness.

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# St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp For Mary Jo Busman By Dave Busman



St. Michael's Parish family remembers in their prayers:

Art Klein, Sr., Bill Spencer, Helen Langlois, Kevin Johnson,
Chase & Harrison Tasker, Anne Pols, Lucille O'Bradovich,
Margaret Langlois, Ruth Langlois, Alexandria Gordon, Georg

Margaret Langlois, Ruth Langlois, Alexandria Gordon, George Langlois, Brooke Campbell, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Bev Hehl, Lori Hastings, Nathan Syrek, the victims of abortion, and the men and women in the military.

# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH NEWS

# Giving Back to God St. Michael's Contributions from last week.

Adult Envelopes	\$5,610.29
Loose Cash	\$208.00
Children's Envelopes	\$4.91
Total	\$5,823.20
Budgeted Income	\$5,913.00
Surplus/Deficit	(\$89.80)
Building Fund	\$160.00
Endowment Fund	\$20.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$968.00
Easter Flower Memorials	\$225.00

# Thank you for your continued support!

**Scrip News:** Thank you to our 15 families that purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$62.13.

**Bunny Business is back in business!** We will be collecting candy, Easter baskets, blow bubbles, chalk, coloring books, crayons, books and small stuffed animals for the next few weeks. There will be a container for all donations in the glass hallway. Please come to help stuff Easter baskets today in the family center after the 9 o'clock Mass. With your help, the Knights of Columbus hope to stuff 100 baskets again this year.

# ST. MICHAEL'S PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool meets on MWF from 8:45—11:45 am. Your child must be 3 or 4 by October 1st, 2018. For more info, please call our Preschool Director, Annette Lown at 616-384-4026.

#### ST. MICHAEL'S FISH DINNERS

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #9909 Dinner includes: Deep fried fish OR baked fish, fries, rolls, coleslaw, green beans, dessert and beverage, grilled cheese sandwich also available.

Every Friday during Lent from 5:30 – 7:00 PM
PRICES: Adults - \$9.00, Senior Citizen - \$7.00,

Children – Ages 6-10 - \$3.00, Children under 6 – Free, Immediate Family Rate - \$27.00 Maximum (Parents and children)

TAKE A BREAK! LET US DO YOUR LENTEN COOKING!
JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Every Friday During Lent at St. Michaels, at 7PM following the Fish Dinner.

Thank you for your gifts to CSA 2018. Your generous support will fund essential diocesan ministries that support our seminarians, provide training for



teachers and faith formation staff, as well as assist our brothers and sisters in need.

To date 93 families, representing 26% of our parish households, have contributed \$22,095 or 49% of our parish goal. Please keep in mind that any amount raised over our goal is returned to the parish.

Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.



We are pleased to welcome a newly baptized child of God!

Elijah Kurt Ferguson Child of Douglas and Kelli Ferguson

Baptized on March 18, 2018

**Parish Prayer Line**: If you would like to request a prayer for our parish prayer line please contact Mary Ann Laug at 616-837-8223 or Winnie Spencer at 616-837-8631



**Cap Recycling**— When bringing in your rigid caps for recycling, please take them out of the bag or box you transport them in, and just dump them in the container labeled "Caps." Thank you.

# **RCIA**

Please keep our Candidates in your prayers as they prepare for receiving the sacraments at Easter Vigil.

Luke Porter and Michael Weiden

# ST. MICHAEL'S FAITH FORMATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word— This program takes place on Sundays during the 9:00 am Mass. Children ages 3-7 years old are welcome to join us each week as we pray, read and explore the Sunday Gospel from a child's viewpoint. In case you are wondering why CLW Gospel Reading have been different than what you're hearing in church, it is that for three weeks Fr. Ayub will be using the optional Year A readings. In CLW we are following the Liturgical Year B calendar for the Gospel readings. We will not have CLW next week due to Palm Sunday.

**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 begins in the church. Contact Debbie Veneklase if you have any questions (616) 384-4026. We will not have class on Aril 4th due to Spring Break. Faith Formation will resume on April 11th.

**Middle School Faith Formation**- Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays. Starting March 4th class will be from 10:15-11:45am. We will not have class on April 1st or 8th, due to Spring Break. Faith Formation will resume on April 15. Hope you have a fun and safe Spring Break!

**High School Youth Ministry (YM2)-** Meets tonight at St. Michael's at 7 PM. All are welcome—bring a friend!

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