

March 30, 2025 • The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM • St Michael
Saturday 6:00PM • St Mary
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
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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
Sunday 12:00PM to 1:00PM • St. Mary

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday March 29

4:00PM † David Balkon by the Kilpatrick FamilyMI
 6:00PM † Richard Thomas by M/M Jim HarlettMA
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday March 30

8:30AM † Anita Bouchard-Brown by M/M Kurt BouchardMI
 10:30AM † Kenneth Brouwer by M/M Larry Antcliff.....MA
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - St Mary

Monday March 31 No Mass

Tuesday April 1

12:00M Our Parish FamilyMA
 Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Wednesday April 2

12:00PM † Earl & MaryAnn Meerman by Gary & Diane Klein.....MI
 Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael

Thursday April 3

12:00M † Kathleen Sobie by Roseanne LynchMA
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Friday April 4

12:00PM † Frankie Holmes by Larry & Diane VanDussenMI
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael

Saturday April 5

4:00PM † Felix & Catherine Styburski by the Styburski Family ...MI
 6:00PM † Agnes Schwartz by Leon SchwartzMA
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday April 6

8:30AM † Jamie Thomas by John & Denise AndersonMI
 10:30AM † Sandra Scheid by FamilyMA
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - St Mary



MA=St. Mary

MI=St. Michael's

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 30, 2025

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Ps 51:12a, 14a; Jn 5:1-16

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Sunday

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

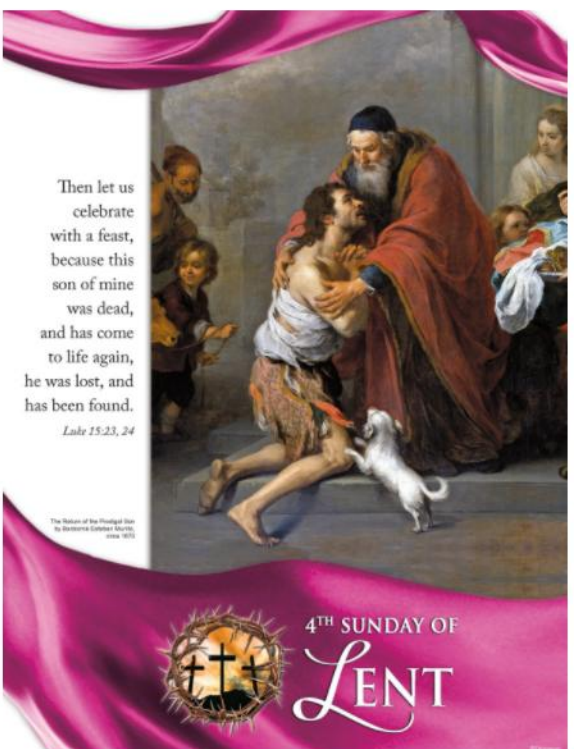
Scrutiny Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	April 5—4:00PM	April 6—8:30AM
Altar Servers	NEED TWO	Reid Lindberg Bryson Lindberg
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Tom NEED ONE	Deacon Tom Sharon Carlson Joe Hitchings Chris Albrecht Kenny Harker Greg Helsen Denise Nelson
Lector	Sue DeVos	Cindy Lindberg
Sacristan	Jane Vitunskas	Jane Vitunskas
Ushers	NEED TWO	Ed Irwin Curt DeVos Wade Lindberg Peter Nielsen
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	April 5—6:00PM	April 6—10:30AM
Sacristan	Vito Dolci	Need
Altar Servers	Need	Ty Ricord Sela Ricord
Precious Body	Deacon Tom	Deacon Tom Margie Jirous Bruce Kamp
Precious Blood	Mary Kirkwood Rhonda Boersma	Becky Warners Need Three
Hospitality	Need	Nettie Leale Leonard Horter
Lector	Doug Frantz	John Klein
Music	Bernie Stanko	Bernie Stanko



Cluster News and Community News and Events



Soup Super
April 11, 2025 at 6:30PM
An Evening of Food and Fellowship ~ ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Soup Super tradition is a gathering to pray and share a simple meal during Lent. At this meal we share by placing our abundance in a common pot, eating less ourselves, and bringing the surplus to those in need.

Join us for Stations of the Cross at 6PM along the Outside Meditation Path. Stations will be led by the Knights of Columbus Councils #11581 & #9909. Stations will be moved inside pending weather conditions.

PLEASE RSVP by April 4
Sign Up form is available in the Narthex or call Cathie at the parish office 677.3934.

NO COST to attend. Donations will be accepted and the proceeds given to The St. Marys Christian Service Fund



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Fr Mike's Musings



"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered,

"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."

The poor blind man had a tough life before he met Jesus. Not only was he blind, but he also had to deal with a society that was blind in many ways though it did not know it was blind. That blindness of society was the bias and prejudice towards him simply because of his handicap. Jesus' disciples asked who sinned, the blind man or his parents that he was born blind. Even after he had his sight restored, the Pharisees said he was totally born in sin. The blind man's eyes could see the light for the first time, but the Pharisees were in the darkness of prejudice. The blind man had been enlightened by Jesus, but the Pharisees remained blind in their ignorance.

Jesus healed this man during a Jewish festival called 'Tabernacles'. During this feast, four giant candelabras were lit in a courtyard of the Temple in Jerusalem remembering the flame of fire that guided the Hebrews by night in the desert from Egypt to Canaan. It is said those candelabras were so big that they lit up the whole of Jerusalem. During the festival, with their special light every evening, Jesus cured the blind man, giving him the ability to see the light. Twice before curing him, Jesus said, **"I am the light of the world."** The giant candelabras lit up Jerusalem every evening, but Jesus said that He is the light of the whole world. The light their giant candelabras gave was nothing compared to the light Jesus gives—to the blind man and to those who accept Him into their lives.

There are all sorts of lights around us demanding attention, telling us they have something we want or need or that they are the answer for us. But just as the giant candelabras in Jerusalem were nothing compared to Jesus, all the lights around us are nothing compared to Him. Jesus is the light of the world. Jesus is the answer. We all need more of the light of Jesus. We all need Jesus to open our eyes more, to let more of his light into our lives, to help us see more as he sees. It is not a big secret how we can receive this divine light. Pray more. Pray as much as possible every day. Prayer brings us in contact with Jesus and allows His light to shine on us and guide our way to His Kingdom.

Rooted in Christ - Next Steps Meeting

Please join Fr. Mike for a parish cluster meeting regarding the next steps in the "Rooted in Christ" pastoral planning process. Parishioners are asked to meet in the **St Michael Family Center on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:00 PM**, where Fr. Mike can inform the parish of the results of the study conducted and answer questions. Rooted in Christ information:

<https://gdiocese.org/rooted-in-christ/>



Meeting Notice

Please Pray for our Engaged Couple

Sam Felicioni and Lindsay Ebling

..... June 14, 2025 (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



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St Mary Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW):

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

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Father Mike is using the Scrutiny reading from year A.

Jesus heals a man born blind, demonstrating God's power and the importance of faith, while also highlighting the blindness of the Pharisees who reject Jesus and his teachings

1st-7th Grade Faith Formation Classes -

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

8th Grade - Confirmation Classes -

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

Please keep our eight grade Confirmation students in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation today Sunday, March 30 at The Cathedral of St.

Andrew's at 3pm Mass:

Noah, Mason, Alivia,

Aaron, Amelia, Benjamin,

Brian, Kaitlyn, Casey and Katy.

Questions

Please contact Debbie

Veneklas at

dre@saintmarysmarne.org

or 616.677.3934



Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 6PM

April 4 - Led by Our Lady of Fatima Guild

April 11 - Knights of Columbus Councils #11581 & #9909 at the Outdoor

Meditation Path

Stay for the Soup

Supper in the Parish

Hall following Stations..

Please RSVP at the

Parish Office by April 4.

We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by Your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.



Spring Clean Up - April 5, 9AM-12PM

The Knights of Columbus #11581 and The Our Lady of Fatima Guild are planning a Spring Cleaning Day. They will be working on cleaning the inside of the church and the outside church grounds clean up.

Please save the date and help! All Ages Welcome.

Many hands make light

work. Bring cleaning

rags, brooms, rakes, gardening tools. Thank

you in advance for helping keep our church and church grounds beautiful.



The Light is On For You, an Evening of Penance

Individual Confessions -

Wed, April 2 - 12:30- 1:30PM at St Michael

Thursday, April 3 - 5:00-8PM at St Mary

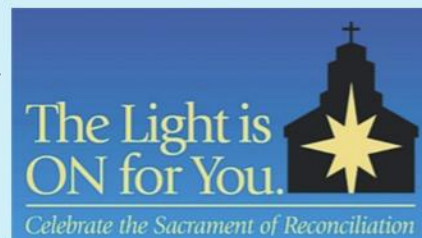
Experience Christ's healing love in the sacrament of reconciliation

"God knows our struggles. He knows that we often fail. Yet His love never fails. No matter how many times we stumble, we find Him ready to receive us again. In the sacrament of penance, we encounter a God who does not simply wait for us but rushes out to meet us. This is the beauty of the sacrament." – Bishop Walkowiak

The season of Lent by its penitential nature is an opportune time for anyone seeking forgiveness to receive God's unfailing mercy and restore and renew their relationship with Jesus through the sacrament of penance.

During The Light is ON For You, Thursday, April 3, individual confession will be available in most of our churches from 5 – 8 p.m.

View Participating Parishes: <https://grdiocese.org/penance/>



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



4th Degree Scrap Metal Drive -April 4-5-6, at St Josephs in Conklin. Help out our 4th degree Knights with any extra scrap metal that you have.

Tootsie Roll Drive- April 12/13.

Get a Tootsie Roll, for a donation to help us support

Special Olympics.

Also, there will be Knights in the back of church after Mass to sign up anyone who would like to join our Council.

Upcoming COR Dates: April 12, 26 - 7AM

Upcoming Blood drives: June 8 & October 12, 2025.

Pre-Register here:

June 8 https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11598499

Oct 12 <https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/>



Vacation Bible School

July 6 -10, 2025- The Great Journey with Jesus

Watch for more details.



Giving Back to God

Mass: Attendance 3/22- 6:00PM: 46	
Mass: Attendance 3/23 10:30AM: 155	
Adult Contributions	\$610.00
Children Contributions	\$23.45
Loose Contributions	\$279.00
Capital Improvement	\$10.00
Online Giving	\$465.00
Total	\$3925.90
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$6400.53
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual	\$-5999.02

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



St. Michael's Parish News

Scrip News—

Scrip totals will be updated next week.



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 Ladies' Tea Party —

A big thank you for everyone who donated and all of the wonderful who help to make this possible!



St. Michael's Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

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. **In today's Gospel Jesus and his friends were walking when they saw a man who couldn't see since he was born. Jesus' friends wondered if the man was blind because he or his parents had done something wrong. Jesus said it wasn't because of anyone's fault, but that God wanted to show his power through this man's healing.**



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 ends on Wednesday, April 2nd with an End-of-the-Year Celebration for all students and their families. Parents and siblings are asked to join us at 6:00 pm in the church. There will be an Ice cream social immediately following. Let us end the school year, with faith, fun and fellowship! Please pray for our First Communicants as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Quincy, Jase, Annette, Johnathan, Jayden and Kenten.**

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays after the 8:30am Mass from 9:45 to 11:15 in the Youth Room. The 8th Grade students will also receive Confirmation Preparation. **Please pray for our Confirmation students and their catechists as they continue to prepare them for the Sacrament of Confirmation: Lucas, William, Braden, Peyton, Sean, Alayna, Cole, Lainey and Celia. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide them throughout their preparation and fill them with joy. Confirmation is on Sunday, March 30, 2025 at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. Mass is at 3:00pm.**



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Sherry Maslowski
by the Maslowski Family

Knights of Columbus News

Fish Fry Dinners! Every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) — **5:30-7:00 PM.** Come to Stations of the Cross at 6 PM and then enjoy a fish dinner! Gluten-free baked cod, deep-fried cod, tater tots, jalapeno poppers, fries, coleslaw, green beans, grilled cheese, and dessert. Adults: \$13, Ages 6-10: \$6, Under 6: free

Bunny Business —

We will be filling 100 Easter baskets for Coopersville Cares to offer to needy families of the area next Sunday, April 6, following the 8:30 Mass. If you are donating any items to the Bunny Business, please put them in the basket in the glass hallway **NO LATER THAN** today. There is also a container for donations if you would prefer that, and we will do the shopping. Adults to help with the children will be needed as well as workers to bag, tie and deliver the baskets to Coopersville Cares.



Easter Choir — Anyone interested in singing in the Easter Choir this year, should contact Craig Bleckley in person or at bleckleyc@gmail.com. Practices will be Sundays, April 6 and 13, in the church, at 6:30 PM.

Giving Back to God

March 22/23 2025

Mass: Attendance 3/15– 4:00PM:	66
Mass: Attendance 3/16 8:30AM:	192
Adult Envelopes	\$17,417.00
Loose Cash	\$230.00
Children's Envelopes	\$17.00
Total	\$17,664.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$4,383.58
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual	+\$4,505.00
Thank you for your continued support!	

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Conversion: When Is It Real?

We live in a time of multiplied conversions. Hardly one among us does not know someone who has had a “conversion experience.” Sometimes the conversion is to another religion. We see Catholics converting to fundamentalist churches or to some “non-denominational” church (no church is non-denominational; some are just undefined) in which enthusiasm replaces theology and the popularity of the preacher dispenses with any historical connection with Jesus.

Sometimes conversion is to a different way of living one’s own religion, or to a significantly different level of spiritual awareness and activity. We see this happening frequently in youth who have made powerful retreats or adults who have made the Cursillo weekend. We see it in members of charismatic prayer groups.

Sometimes the conversion is away from Christianity itself, to one of the ancient “pagan” religions such as Buddhism or Hinduism. Sometimes it is away from God and religion entirely: a conversion to agnosticism or atheism.

Some conversions last a few days or weeks. Others are for a lifetime.

Whatever the conversion is to or from, we live in an age of it. And it makes us ask when a conversion or “conversion experience” is authentic. Can there be a real conversion which is nevertheless incomplete, or lacking some element which is needed for the conversion to be authentically Christian?

In the story of the Prodigal Son, Jesus himself shows us what authentic conversion involves.

Conversion is an active choice (“I will return...”) which is conscious and aware (“Coming to his senses...”) and expressed in action (“With that he set off...”). An authentic conversion to Christ is radical: it goes to the roots of our attitudes and values, and is, in fact, an act of emancipation from every human culture or value system (“I will break away...”). It can, however, be a

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Joshua 5:9, 10-12;
2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-32

gradual process (“he set off...” and “While he was still a long way off...”).

Christian conversion is expressed in a confession of sin (“Father, I have sinned...”). But to be truly Christian, it must be a conversion, not just to good human behavior, but to a whole new level of life: the divine life of grace (“was dead and has come back to life”).

An explicitly Christian conversion must in some way be motivated by the event of Christ’s coming into this world. This is suggested in the parable by the words, “he was lost, and is found.” In the story, the Prodigal was not found; he just came home. But in reality, every sinner is sought out and brought to God by Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Likewise, a truly Christian conversion must be inspired by faith in Jesus. This can be only implicit: that is, a faith that is not conscious of Jesus as such, but which does not make sense without him. In the story, the Prodigal returns to his “Father.” In reality, however, no one can legitimately believe in God as “Father” except those who know him through faith in Jesus the Son; and are “sons in the Son,” made members of Jesus, the “only Son” of God, by Baptism.

Lent is a good time for us to ask about conversion—not only because the season is an invitation to “repentance”; that is, to a “change of heart,” but also because during Lent the Church gives special attention to those preparing for Baptism. It is a time for all of us to reflect



on the conversion which our own Baptism expressed, and to ask if we are still expressing it in action as a conscious, radical choice to live on the level of God in response to the coming of Jesus Christ into our lives.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Fourth Week of Lent

***Pray daily:** Father, I believe that “eternal life is this, to know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.” Give me the grace to be loyal in loving and living your word. Amen.*

Monday: John 4:43-54: Jesus said, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe.” Are you conscious of believing in Jesus by a free choice? Have you given your word to him firmly? Do you need new and miraculous events to motivate you to live out what you believe?

Tuesday: John 5:1-3, 5-16: The sick man answered Jesus, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am on my way, someone else gets down there before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your mat, and walk.” Are you lying around waiting for a miracle while Jesus is saying to you, “Get up and walk!”?

Wednesday: John 5:17-30: Jesus said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life.” How often do you make a conscious act of faith in the words of Jesus that you hear? Do you do this in response to the Scripture read at Mass? To all the words of the Eucharistic liturgy? To the words of absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Thursday: John 5:31-47: Jesus said, “The works that the Father gave me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. Moreover, the Father who sent me has testified on

my behalf.” Do you know enough about Jesus to convince you intellectually that he was sent from God? Do the works Jesus does in the Church convince you? Have you recognized the testimony to Jesus that God himself is giving you in your heart?

Friday: John 7:1-2; 10, 25-30: Jesus cried out in the temple area as he was teaching and said, “You know me and also know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true. And you do not know him.” Can you truly say you know Jesus? Is it also true that you can never know him in this life as you desire? What are you doing to know him better?

Saturday: John 7:40-53: “There was division in the crowd because of Jesus. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.” Are the people you know or work with ambivalent in their attitude toward Jesus? Do they accept him and not accept him at the same time? What about you? Do you accept him absolutely and unconditionally as the only Savior of the world and only authentic Teacher of life?

SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR LENT

Prayer: Recite the Profession of Faith or Apostles’ Creed each day this week. Consciously make an act of faith in everything you say.

Fasting: Look around your house to see if anything you have, wear or use implicitly denies your faith in Jesus Christ and his values. Abstain from it during Lent—and then get rid of it.

Almsgiving: Pope John Paul II teaches that “moderation and simplicity ought to become the criteria of our daily lives” (World Day of Peace address, 1993). Take time during Lent to simplify your lifestyle, trim down your possessions, and give what you renounce to the poor.

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