

April 20, 2025 • Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

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Weekend Mass Schedule

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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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 19 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

9:00PM Our Parish Family.....MA
9:00PM Out Parish Family.....MI

Sunday April 20 Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of The Lord

8:30AM Our Parish Family.....MI
10:30AM Our Parish Family.....MA

Monday April 21 No Mass

Tuesday April 22

12:00M † Sandra Scheid by family.....MA
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Wednesday April 23

12:00PM † Frank & Dorothy Sessions by the Styburski FamilyMI
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael

Thursday April 24

12:00M † Agnes Schwartz by Joan Umlor.....MA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Friday April 25

12:00PM † Troy Spencer by Richard & Mary Baker.....MI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael

Saturday April 26

4:00PM † Sherry Maslowski by Dave & Sharon CarlsonMI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday April 27

8:30AM † Marie Johnson by Ted Johnson & FamilyMI
10:30AM Our First Communicants.....MA

MA=St. Mary

MI=St. Michael's



St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	April 26—9:00PM	April 27—8:30AM
Altar Servers	Bryson Lindberg Dylan Ranney	Hyde Kosten Alivia Kosten
Eucharistic Ministers	Veronica Schumaker Cindy Lindberg NEED ONE	Jennifer DeMull Mary Guilbault Rob Guilbault Zack Nelson Rosemary Weigel Jeff Johnson Peter Nielsen
Lector	Kevin Schumaker	Lyndsey Kosten
Sacristan	Cindy Bleckley	Chris Albrecht
Ushers	NEED TWO	Jim Ponshair Joe Meerman Duane Snowdin Greg Helsen
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

		April 27 —10:30AM
Sacristan		Gary Karr
Altar Servers		Casimir Lothschutz Peter Lothschutz
Precious Body		Rhonda Boersma Jim Fritz Christina Withers
Precious Blood		June Stevenson Margie Jirous Bruce Kamp Need One
Hospitality		Nettie Leale Leonard Horter
Lector		Robert Lothschutz
Music		Bernie Stanko

Scripture Readings for the Week of April 27, 2025

Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 118:24; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

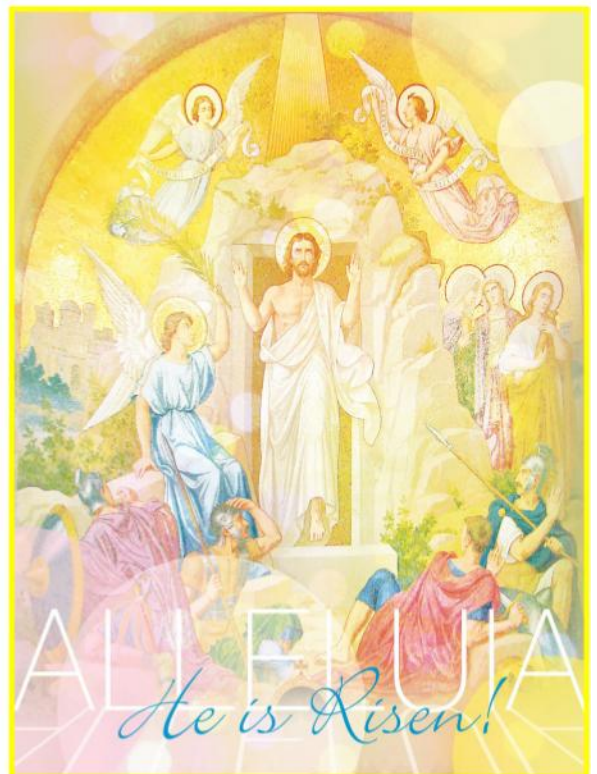
Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31



Cluster News and Community News and Events

Mass of Thanksgiving for All 2025 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 2024 Graduates.

May 17 - 4PM

Graduation Mass & Blessing at St Michael

Invitations with detailed instructions have been emailed to all of our registered 2025 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.



Fr Mike's Musings

On Sunday, the first day of the Jewish week, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. When she saw the tomb empty, it never occurred to her that Jesus had risen. Instead, she thought that since "they" (Jewish authorities and the Romans) who had ganged up against Him to kill Him, "they" would not even let Him rest in death and had done something with His body. She reported it to Peter and John who both ran to the tomb, John running quicker and reaching the tomb first as he was younger and more vigorous than Peter. John waited outside until Peter arrived to allow Peter to go into the tomb first. This was John showing deference to Peter since Peter had been chosen by Jesus to lead the Church. Peter and John saw the burial cloths neatly folded and set aside. John then went into the tomb, saw, and believed. When Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the mountain and they saw Him transfigured, He told them they were not to tell anyone until He had risen from the dead, but they didn't know what rising from the dead meant. On three occasions Jesus had told them He would be handed over, be killed, and rise after three days. Again, they did not understand what Jesus meant. Now suddenly as John saw Jesus' tomb empty, a light went on in his head and he remembered that Jesus had said that He would rise from the dead and now he understood and believed.



On that first Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to many. We take it for granted that He appeared first to His mother Mary but that it was so beautiful an encounter that words could not do it justice and that it was so well-known at the time the Gospels were written that no evangelist had put it into writing. The Gospels report Jesus on Easter Sunday appeared to Mary Magdalene, to the Apostles, and to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. On the following Sunday, Jesus again appeared to the Apostles. As Jesus appeared on Sundays, the early Christians met to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and so the Christian sabbath became Sunday, the first day of the week while the Jewish sabbath remained Saturday, the last.

Early Christians began to meet on Sundays to celebrate the Eucharist because they knew that was how Jesus was present to them, and now we know it is how Jesus continues to be present to us. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus learned that when Jesus explained the Scriptures to them, and then broke bread with them—the Eucharist—before becoming invisible to them, He was still present in their midst through that same Eucharist. They knew Jesus was still with them even though they could not see him, and we know Jesus is with us under the accidental appearance of bread and wine. After the consecration, we know that the bread is no longer bread but is truly Jesus' Body and only has the appearance of bread. After the consecration, the wine is no longer wine but is Jesus' Blood and only has the appearance of wine.

Jesus is not in the tomb. He is risen and is here with us as the Scriptures are proclaimed and here with us after the consecration of the gifts of bread and wine into His Body and Blood. To reassure us, from time to time, Eucharistic miracles occur in which the bread not only becomes the Body of Jesus but also changes appearance to become human tissue, and the wine not only becomes the Blood of Jesus but changes appearance to become verifiable human blood. These Eucharistic miracles reassure us that Jesus is really with us in the Eucharist just as Jesus appeared on the Sundays following the Resurrection to the Apostles to reassure them of his presence with them.

**HE IS RISEN!
HE IS TRULY RISEN!
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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'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 Easter Sunday. Alleluia! He Is Risen! The ancient proclamation, Alleluia, is a prayer of abundant joy. In this single word, we exclaim praise for God, who raises us to new life. Happy Easter! In this season of rebirth, may you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new with the hope Easter brings. We do not have CLW today due to Easter Sunday.

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

- Attention Parents of second graders:
- Wednesday, April 23 there is a First Communion Mass practice in Church for the second graders and their parents from 6-7:30pm.
- Saturday, April 26, there is a First Communion Mass practice in Church for the second graders and their parents from 9-11am.
- Sunday April 27, 2025, the Second graders will make their Sacrament of First Holy Communion. During the 10:30 Mass.

8th Grade - Confirmation Classes - Wednesdays at Hall / 6:00- 7:30pm

Our school year ended this past Wednesday. Thank you to all of the Families who joined us for the celebration of another great year!

Faith Formation classes will be on break until the fall.

Thank you to all of the Catechist and helpers. Your help is greatly appreciated. Have a fun and safe summer. Keep your eye on the bulletin for next year's registration information.

Vacation Bible School July 6 -10, 2025

The Great Journey with Jesus . Watch for more details.

Questions

Please contact Debbie Veneklas at dre@saintmarysmarne.org or 616.677.3934

New Mass & Confession Schedule April 26/27

Effective the weekend of April 26-27 the 6:00 PM Saturday Mass at St. Mary and the 12:00 PM Sunday Confession at St Mary will be taken off the schedule.

New Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM • St Michael

Sunday 8:30AM • St Michael

Sunday 10:30AM • St Mary

New Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule

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



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

Knight Person of the Month- March Paul Lothschutz, he has been our financial secretary since the beginning of the council.

Knight Family of the Month- March Rob and Lori Rander, they have been indispensable in the operation of our council and have been involved with many Knight activities.

The Knight Person/Family is a way to recognize someone who has gone above and beyond for our community. Thank you for your commitment!

Monthly Donation- Alexander Urbanski, he's a seminarian studying in Minnesota.

Upcoming COR Dates: Apr 26, May 17, 31, Jun 14, 28 -7AM - Community Room

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/drive_schedule/11598498



Easter Flowers

Special thanks to those of you that contributed to the Easter Flower Fund. Please remember in your prayers throughout the Easter Season the following people in whose honor and/or memory the flowers were donated.

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Edward & Elizabeth Voss

Deceased Members of the Warren Families

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John Zolinski Jr.



Wishing our St Mary's Parish Family a Happy and Blessed Easter Season. May the joy of Jesus' Resurrection and Christ's message of eternal life fill your heart with love and peace. Your Parish Staff, Fr. Mike, Deacon Tom, Todd, Gary, Bernie, Jim, Marian, Debbie & Cathie.



Giving Back to God

Mass: Attendance 4/12- 6:00PM: 44	
Mass: Attendance 4/13 - 10:30AM: 139	
Adult Contributions	\$3139.00
Children Contributions	\$28.00
Loose Contributions	\$318.00
Capital Improvement	\$145.00
Online Giving	\$1420.00
Total	\$5050.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$6632.26
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual	\$-8660.93

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

St. Michael's Parish News

Scrip News— Thank you to our 11 families that purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$77.10.



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, Kathie Poelma, Ken Heflin, Marvin Hecksel, Payton Patterson, Pat Harlett, the victims of abortion, & the men and women in the military.

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. **Today is Easter and it is the happiest and most joyful day of the year for the Church. Today is when we celebrate Jesus Christ rising from the dead. Alleluia! He Is Risen! There is no CLW this week due to Easter. Wishing you a blessed Easter filled with peace, love, and the joy of the risen Lord.**

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!

First Communion Mass Practice: For First Communicants and parents on Wednesday, April 30, from 6:00-7:30pm and Saturday, May 3, from 9:00am - 11:00am in the church. Contact Debbie Veneklas with any questions 616-384-4026.

Please continue to 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 is on Summer Break. Thank you Catechists for helping to catechize the students. Class will resume in September.



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Ron Racziewicz
by Pam Racziewicz

Festival News

Save the Date for Festival:

August 24, 2025

Now is the time to begin thinking about how you can volunteer or contribute to the festival! Stay tuned to the bulletin for more information in the coming months.



Knights of Columbus News

Adoration for Vocations —

The Knights of Columbus will be holding an Adoration for Vocations here at St. Michael's Church on Thursday, April 24, from 7-8 PM. All are welcome.

Lord Jesus Christ, you promised always to give your Church shepherds. In faith, we know your promise cannot fail. Trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church, we pray you raise up sacred ministers from your holy people, that the sacrifice in which you give your body and blood may be daily renewed in the world until we come to that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Giving Back to God

April 12/13 2025

Mass: Attendance 4/12- 4:00PM	87
Mass: Attendance 4/13 - 8:30AM	185
Adult Envelopes	\$4,376.00
Loose Cash	219.00
Children's Envelopes	14.05
Holy Day	\$50.00
Total	\$4,659.05
Building Fund	\$90.00
Easter Flower Memorials	\$280.00
CRS	\$20.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$4384.46
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual	\$2452.19

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Priests Minister

Every baptized person is a priest. We were anointed with chrism and consecrated to fulfill the mission of Jesus as priest, prophet and king. The angel at Jesus' empty tomb told the women, "He has been raised; he is not here!" Paul echoes these words to us, "You were raised with Christ!" The angel continued, "He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." And Paul concludes, "Set your minds on things that are above, where Christ is!"

Both these texts speak of a fact and an act: the fact that Jesus has risen and that we have risen with him to new life; and the act of seeking him where he is. And the truth is, all our acts, and everything we seek in life, depend on how we understand the fact of our existence, what we are, and what we are called and able to do.

The basic fact of our baptized existence is simply "You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." That is a fact, and that fact changes everything. Because we "set our minds on what is above, where Christ is," our whole outlook on life is different: we now think of what is above, not of what is on earth. Our life's goal and all our objectives, short-term and long-term, are on a different plane.

Concretely, what specific goal should give unity and direction to all our efforts? John Paul II teaches that "Jesus' way of acting and his words are the moral standard of Christian life"; that is, of Christian direction-setting. And he specifies, "Jesus asks us to follow him and to imitate him along the path of love which gives itself completely to the community out of love for God." (*The Splendor of Truth*, #20).

This amounts to priesthood—the priestly ministry to which every Christian is consecrated at Baptism. And the model for this "path of love" was presented by an earlier Pope in one of the earliest evangelizing sermons on record: "You know ... how God anointed Jesus of Naza-

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EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34a, 37-43;
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

areth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses..." (Acts 10:38).

That, in a nutshell, is what Jesus came out of the womb to do—and out of the tomb to continue doing. As he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power during his earthly life, so is he still anointed in the risen life he lives in his Body, the Church. To all the baptized he says the words he first spoke to the apostles, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses."

The power we receive through the Holy Spirit is the power Jesus showed when he went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil. We are empowered by the love of

God poured out in our hearts to go about doing good—in family and social life, in business and politics—and to heal all those oppressed by the devil, who works through the darkness and distortions of our culture, or through the divisions and indifference to others which turn our communities cold.

All the baptized can echo Peter's words: "He commanded us to preach to the people ... testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Priests in Holy Orders are

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have risen with him to
new life*



commissioned to minister publicly; that is, in the name of the whole community. Therefore, they are bound by special ties of obedience to the bishop who, since he is responsible or “answerable” for anything done in the community’s name, must have authority to regulate it. (Every right exists only by virtue of an obligation.) And when nonordained priests do ministry that is public, this is always under the authority of the bishop, either directly or through a pastor. But the private exercise of priesthood in family, social life and business should be just as all-embracing and continuous as the ministry of the ordained. It was to continue serving as priest, both publicly and privately, that Jesus came out of the tomb. In all we do as his Body, our goal is to be his priests.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Easter Week

***Pray daily:** Lord Jesus, you rose from the dead to continue your ministry as priest in me and in all who have become your Body by Baptism. Make me a faithful minister and witness to you. Help me to “go about doing good and healing” all I meet today.*

Monday: Matthew 28:8-15. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.” Where, when, how do you “see” Jesus acting in your life? Is it when you try to minister to others?

Tuesday: John 20:11-18. “Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and repeated what he told her.” How have you experienced the risen Jesus? With whom have you shared this?

Wednesday: Luke 24:13-35. Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. How is the Mass an experience of the risen Jesus? Is it for you?

Thursday: Luke 24:35-48. “You are witnesses of these things.” Do you think of yourself as a “witness” to the events of Christ’s life? When, where, to whom could you be a witness?

Friday: John 21:1-14. “He said to them, ‘Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some [fish].’ So, they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.” When have you experienced Jesus filling your net? How often do you cast it?

Saturday: Mark 16:9-15. He said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” Do you understand this as a mission entrusted to you? How are you fulfilling it?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Begin each morning this week by saying, “He is risen; he is going ahead of me.” Then renew your baptismal commitment to live and work as Christ’s Body that day.

As Disciple: Each time a situation arises which calls for a response, ask how Jesus would handle it.

As Prophet: Each morning identify one thing you will be doing that day which in fact, recognized by others or not, bears witness to the risen Jesus living in you. Be conscious of that act or fact during the day.

As Priest: Each morning ask how you can “go about doing good and healing” that day. Be sympathetic to those who offend you.

As King: Ask what good initiatives you have been afraid to take—in family, social or professional life—and reflect on your fears in the light of Christ’s victory over sin and death.

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