

May 4, 2025 • The 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00PM • St Michael
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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday May 3

4:00PM † Roger Hecksel by Joan HeckselMI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday May 4

8:30AM † John Laug by the Laug FamilyMI
10:30AM † Bernice Swanson by M/M Gary KarrMA

Monday May 5 No Mass

Tuesday May 6

12:00M † Dennis Stevenson by Tamara KleinMA
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Wednesday May 7

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

Thursday May 8

12:00M † Agnes Schwartz by Leon SchwartzMA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Friday May 9

12:00PM † Alida D'Hondt by Chris Albrecht.....MI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael

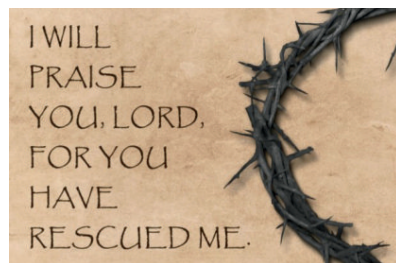
Saturday May 10

4:00PM † Art & Evelyn Schmidt by Joan HeckselMI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday May 11

8:30AM † Jack Mahn by Chris AlbrechtMI
10:30AM † For All Mothers of Our ParishMA

MA=St. Mary MI=St. Michael's



Scripture Readings for the Week of May 4, 2025

Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	May 10—4:00PM	May 11—8:30AM
Altar Servers	Dylan Ranney	Bryson Lindberg Reid Lindberg
Eucharistic Ministers	NEED TWO	Jennifer DeMull Joe Hitchings Zack Nelson Rosemary Weigel Cindy Lindberg Jeff Johnson Jennie Taylor
Lector	Mary Guilbault	Chris Albrecht
Sacristan	Sue DeVos	Judy Driedger
Ushers	NEED TWO	Wade Lindberg Joe Meerman Jim Ponshair Peter Nielsen
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	May 11 —10:30AM
Sacristan	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Noah Davis Calvin Davis
Precious Body	June Stevenson Nettie Leale Need One
Precious Blood	Christina Withers Marge Jirous Bruce Kamp Need One
Hospitality	Need Leonard Horter
Lector	Nicolette Looks
Music	Bernie Stanko

May is the Month of Mary

May is the month of Mary, we dedicate the month to Mary. We honor her. May crowning is a traditional Catholic ritual, it recognizes Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. It marks a new spiritual season. Mary was Jesus' mother. She was born without original sin. She was the 1st and most perfect disciple. She was married to Joseph. She stood at the foot of the cross when Jesus died. Mary is advocate, helper and intercedes for us so that we may receive the gifts of eternal salvation. Mary is the perfect follower of Christ.



Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Cluster News and Community News and Events

Mass of Thanksgiving for All 2025 Graduates

May 17 - 4PM

Parish Cluster Graduation Mass & Blessing at St Michaels

Invitations with detailed instructions have been emailed to all of our registered 2025 High School Graduates. **Please RSVP NOW.** 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.**



Catholic Service Appeal - 2025

This week, you will receive a letter from Bishop Walkowiak asking you to make your commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries through the Catholic Services Appeal. These are ministries that benefit us all but are difficult for any one parish to provide on its own. Your gift to the CSA enables the Catholic Church to reach out to people in our 11 counties in a variety of ways, including through seminarian and deacon formation; youth programming; support for the homebound and incarcerated; families who are struggling; the hungry, and the homeless. Through the CSA, we all work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our parish goal for 2025 is:

St Mary

CSA 2025 Pledge Goal: \$50,516.00

St Michael

CSA 2025 Pledge Goal: \$52,297.00

and **100% participation**, which means every parishioner should return their pledge card. Please join us in this important work!



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Catholic Services Appeal

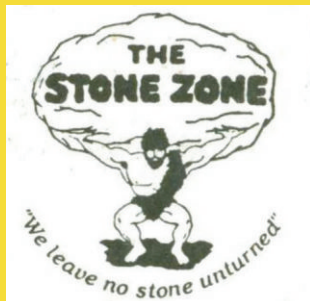
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Fr Mike's Musings

Over the past two weekends a number of our youth in our parish families received their First Communion. It is a time of great joy for these children, their families, and for all of us at St. Mary and St. Michael. These children have been preparing for this moment for quite a while. The was a feeling of excitement and enthusiasm that was palpable when I met with them throughout the course of the past faith formation year. We must extend our thanks to our faith formation coordinator and to our catechists for creating that atmosphere, because it is meant to be an exciting time in the faith journeys of these children. Pray that they never lose this enthusiasm for Christ in their lives.



The Eucharist is a time to remember what Jesus Christ did for us on the Cross. The bread and wine becoming His Body and Blood are tangible, physical reminders of Christ's love for us. Every time we eat and drink, it is a reminder of the sacrifice of Christ. Just as we depend on food and drink to survive physically, we can only live spiritually through Jesus Christ because of His sacrifice.

At the same time, communion is also a time to examine ourselves and our walk with God, as instructed. Are we walking out our faith and living in an active relationship with Jesus, allowing the Holy Spirit to move in our lives and to sanctify us. Or are we living life according to our choices and only partaking in the Eucharist ritualistically? It's all about communion and fellowship with God. The dictionary describes 'communion' as: "a close relationship with someone in which feelings and thoughts are exchanged."

The Eucharist is a relationship that is close and special. A relationship where we enjoy the presence of one another and give importance to spending time with them. This could be our spouses or our best friends, or someone we confide in very deeply and closely. Our fellowship with God must be greater than these. Do we love God in such a manner, do we magnify Him, do we long to be in His presence, do we thirst to hear from Him, and value the time we give to God?

How much time we spend with God? Time is a precious commodity that we give to things that mean something to us. We give our time to our work because it pays our bills. We give time to our families because they are special to us, we take time to go on vacations or have "me-time", etc. How much time do we give to fellowship with God? The answer to this question reveals how much we treasure Christ and love God? Is Christ our delight and the love of our lives? We seek to find satisfaction in the things that we want to achieve, but the truth is that we will only truly be satisfied when we are satisfied in Christ.

As we examine ourselves, some of us may feel unworthy to come to Him, thinking that we are not good enough, that we are constantly failing in your walk with God and that we have "blown it" yet again. I want to remind and encourage all of you; this is the very reason Christ died, and that is why He came for us. This is the supreme irony of the Gospel. The only way to be worthy of Him is to admit that we are completely unworthy of Him.

Enter the mercy of God and allow Him to work in our lives as we adore and love Him. The Holy Spirit will transform us into His likeness, day by day. Everything that we do must flow from our heart's desire for God and because of our love for Him. When we realize our unworthiness and the extent of God's sacrifice for us, to rescue us and give us hope for the future, how can we not fall entirely in love with Jesus Christ.

Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 26— 8AM

Fr. Mike will be celebrating Mass outside at the St. Mary cemetery altar. (If weather is rainy, Mass will be moved indoors.) Please Bring a chair. Please join us to pray for our beloved dead, especially those who were killed in the line of duty.



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 the Third Sunday of Easter.

In today's Gospel Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection, including Peter, and asks him to "Feed my sheep." This means Jesus is giving Peter a special job to love and take care of his followers, just like Jesus loves and cares for them.

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

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

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.



For more information or any questions on any of these programs Please contact Debbie Veneklas at dre@saintmarysmarne.org or 616.677.3934

Adopt-A-Garden

We are looking for parishioners to "adopt" an outdoor area on our parish grounds to help keep that area looking good and creating a great first impression for all who come to our parish. Sign-up for a small, specific area on the Parish grounds and keep your area cleaned-up on a regular basis. For more info or to see what areas are still available, please call the parish office.



Welcome

We are pleased to **welcome** our newly baptized children of God into the St Mary's parish family

Aiden Charles Warren
 Baptized on May 4, 2025
 Son of Jordan & Erica (Pizarro) Warren

Arielle Hope Warren
 Baptized on May 4, 2025
 Daughter of Jordan & Erica (Pizarro) Warren

Through this baptism you have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life. Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father. Congratulations and May God Bless you All!



Congratulations

May God bless our second graders, who received Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Eucharist on April 27, 2025. Let us pray that they will always know Jesus' love for them and go out and share that love with everyone they meet. Best Wishes to Timothy, Lauren, Ellis and Jaysea.



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

Upcoming COR Dates: 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

Charity Raffle- Just in Time for Summer.

Win a Blackstone 1550 Tailgater Grill and Griddle Combo with 20lb filled Propane Tank.

Tickets \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00 - Maximum 300 tickets sold.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses beginning May. Drawing will be June 5th at 7:30PM . License # X12847 Proceeds to help fund our council's charitable giving.



Giving Back to God

Mass: Attendance 4/27- 10:30AM: 192	
Adult Contributions	\$2155.00
Children Contributions	\$111.00
Loose Contributions	\$191.00
Capital Improvement	\$30.00
Online Giving	\$595.00
	\$245.30
Total	\$3227.30
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$6701.88
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual	\$-9398.00

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



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

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St. Michael's Parish News

Scrip News— Thank you to our 12 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$112.00. Gift cards make great graduation gifts!



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. **In today's Gospel Jesus tells Peter that he will be led "where you do not want to go" and then says, "Follow me." This passage shows us that even though we are sinners, Jesus continually showers his mercy on us, gives us countless second chances to show our love for him and never gives up on us. Like Peter we are called to be open to Jesus and we are called to be followers and to spread the Good News to everyone. CLW will resume in September. Thank you Catechists and helpers for the dedication and talents you share with the children of our parish!**

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! Today our First Communicants make their Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Welcome to the Lord's table, Quincy, Jase, Annette, Johnathan, Jayden and Kenten. May Jesus' gift of the Eucharist inspire your joyful hearts to serve God. We are very proud of you!



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 +Carl Goosen
by Marcy Goosen

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.



What is it? The PaperGator® is a fundraiser where St. Michael's is paid to collect paper products for recycling.

What CAN go in the bins?
Newsprint
Catalogs/Magazines
Junk Mail
Phone Books
Office/School paper
Hard and soft cover books

What CANNOT go in the bins?
Paperboard (Grocery Item boxes)
Plastic
Metal
Trash
Glass
Cardboard

Giving Back to God

April 26/27 2025

Mass: Attendance 4/26- 4:00PM:	96
Mass: Attendance 4/27 8:30AM:	152
Adult Envelopes	\$2,736.00
Loose Cash	\$271.00
Children's Envelopes	\$14.00
Easter Collection	\$315.00
Total	\$3,336.00
Easter Flower Memorials	\$90.00

Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$4,479.67
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual	+\$4,732.94

Thank you for your continued support!

Online Giving — Now there's an even more convenient way to contribute to St. Michael's! To donate now, open your phone camera, scan the QR code and follow instructions. Or text the word GIVE to: 616-384-5011.



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LIVING GOD'S WORD

DAVID M.
KNIGHT

Baptism Commits Us to a Reliving

In his Resurrection appearances, Jesus teaches his apostles—and us—how to “be Jesus”: how to carry on his life and mission as his Body on earth. This means, however, that each one of us, in some way, must relive the pattern of his own life, death and resurrection.

Jesus came to be the recurring “Crisis” in people’s lives. Again and again, he presented people with challenging choices to make, so that they might grow. After his resurrection he continues: he comes to his disciples on a discouraging day, when the fishing is bad, and without revealing his identity, calls them to an act of faith and hope: “Cast your net on the starboard side, and you will find something.”

Today it is we, as the risen Body of Christ on earth, who are sent to call people to faith and hope and growth. In reality it is Jesus doing this in us, but his identity is hidden. Like the disciples, who just saw a man standing on the shore when Jesus spoke to them, people will not see Jesus obviously visible in us. They will have to recognize his presence through what we call them to do. If we invite them to greater faith, greater hope in the fullness of life, they will know him. We have to believe, and urge others to believe, that Jesus calls every human being to the fullness of life, that everyone’s net should be filled to the breaking point.

It wasn’t only his own people that Jesus called into growthful crisis; that he challenged to sometimes painful but always life-giving decisions in faith and hope. We have seen how he called the pagan Magi through a star. He is the “Universal Lord,” the Savior of the whole human race. To be authentically Jesus on earth, we must believe that every single human being on the face of the earth—and not just those we easily relate to—is called to and is capable of life in its fullness. To write anyone

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Acts 5:27-32, 40-41;
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

off as hopeless, or as hopelessly mediocre, is to betray our mission as Christ’s Body on earth.

Life is only living when it translates itself into love. Jesus prepares breakfast on the shore for his disciples. He then says to them and to each one of us, beginning with Peter, “Feed my lambs” To live is to be life-giving. To be life-giving is to love. And to love is to be life-giving as Jesus was: to give one’s own life that others might

live. Like Peter, we are all called to “stretch out our hands” in surrender, to let ourselves be led where we were not choosing to go, until the whole of our lives is consummated in love. Ultimately, it is always as the “Suffering Servant” that Jesus redeems the world and

continues to redeem it in us, his offered Body on earth.

The pattern of Jesus’ life led him into conflict with this world. The pattern of Christ’s life in us will be the same. It will lead us into conflict: not only with the world outside of us, but with the sin and selfishness and darkness that are within us. Jesus is the crisis who leads us into conflict with ourselves—not so that we might just suffer from it, but so that we might overcome. We have to remember that this Gospel is a story of triumph. When the disciples, in faith and in hope, cast their net again at Jesus’ suggestion, the net was filled to the breaking

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point. Jesus is the “Anointed One,” the Messiah sent by God himself. He triumphs. When we live by his word, our lives become full to the breaking point.

Jesus triumphs in us. We were anointed at Baptism and sent into this world, not to be defeated by it, but to overcome. Even in the midst of trials, suffering and surrender, we are the victorious Jesus. And we are sent to proclaim his victory to the world. We are sent as the risen Jesus to be the living sign and expression of his triumph over sin and death and everything that keeps any human being from the fullness of life in grace. This is who we are. This is what Baptism sends us to do.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Third Week of Easter

***Pray daily:** Lord, I want to be part of your mission. You came and taught and suffered and triumphed. Give me the grace to bear witness to your saving presence and power through every word and action of my life. Amen.*

Monday: John 6:22-29: Jesus said, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.” How often do you actively, consciously, explicitly make an act of faith in Jesus as Savior? Teacher? Victor over sin and death?

Tuesday: John 6:30-35: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus? How do you interact with him?

Wednesday: John 6:35-40: “For this is the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.” How frequently do you look at Jesus in your imagination, seeing him doing the things he did on earth, seeing him interacting with you today?

Thursday: John 6:44-51: “It is written in the prophets: ‘They shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.” What draws you to Jesus? What have you learned

about him from the Father? What longing for him is in your heart?

Friday: John 6:52-59: Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.” How often do you receive Jesus in Communion? How often is Eucharist available to you? How much does it mean to you? What do you think about when you are receiving Christ in Communion?

Saturday: John 6:60-69: Simon Peter answered, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” Can you say this? Is this why you remain in the Church? Is this why you participate in Eucharist? How do you go to Jesus to hear “the words of eternal life”?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Kneel before Jesus and formally, explicitly ask him to save your life, here and now, from veering off into destructiveness, distortion, mediocrity or meaninglessness. Decide on concrete ways to keep you conscious of consulting him before every decision.

As Disciple: Ask yourself seriously if you believe Jesus “has the words of eternal life.” If you do, make a decision about how you should use the Bible.

As Prophet: Ask what your body language and other behavior during the eucharistic celebration express about your understanding of the Mass. When you enter Church, make a conscious act of acknowledging Jesus’ presence in the tabernacle by bowing or genuflecting.

As Priest: Participate in the eucharistic celebration as a priest by Baptism. Remember you are a player. Participate in the liturgy fully, actively, consciously.

As King: Receive Communion at Mass with conscious faith that Jesus has overcome the world. Use the Eucharist to strengthen yourself to keep trying to change things in your environment.

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