

May 18, 2025 • The 5th 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
Wednesday..... 12:00PM • St Michael
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Thursday 12:00PM • St Mary
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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 May 17

4:00PM † Marie Johnson by Joan Hecksel.....MI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday May 18

8:30AM † Jack Riordan by Joe HitchingsMI
10:30AM † Joy Willmott Rander by M/M Rob RanderMA

Monday May 19 No Mass

Tuesday May 20

12:00M † Agnes Schwartz by Leon SchwartzMA
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Wednesday May 21

12:00PM † Brian Langlois by the Langlois FamilyMI
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael

Thursday May 22

12:00M † Dennis Stevenson by Tamara KleinMA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Friday May 23

12:00PM † Sherry Maslowski by Dave & Sharon CarlsonMI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael

Saturday May 24

4:00PM † Troy Spencer by St. Althea Spencer OSFMI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday May 25

8:30AM † Ron Racziewicz by Pam RacziewiczMI
10:30AM † Leo & Helen Byrne by M/M Rob RanderMA

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



Scripture Readings for the Week of May 18, 2025

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	May 24—4:00PM	May 25—8:30AM
Altar Servers	Dylan Ranney NEED ONE	Aiden Rogers Melena Lindberg
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Felicioni NEED TWO	Jennifer DeMull Mary Guilbault Rob Guilbault Cindy Lindberg Zack Nelson Joe Hitchings Peter Nielsen
Lector	Chris Albrecht	Dennis Zimmer
Sacristan	NEED ONE	Chris Albrecht
Ushers	NEED TWO	Wade Lindberg Jim Ponshair Greg Helsen Ray Maka
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	May 25 —10:30AM
Sacristan	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Ty Ricord Sela Ricord
Precious Body	Margie Jirous June Stevenson Nettie Leale
Precious Blood	Jim Fritz Becky Warners Mary Kirkwood Christina Withers
Hospitality	Leonard Horter Need
Lector	Rita Carmody
Music	Bernie Stanko

Catholic Service Appeal - 2025

Our Catholic faith is a gift that unites our parish family with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids and in the universal Church. We all are pilgrims on a journey of faith, striving daily to become disciples of Christ through stewardship. When we give to the CSA, we are supporting individuals and families in our parishes, in our communities, and beyond. With your generous response, to date, we have reached



St. Mary

CSA 2025 Pledge Goal: \$50,516.00

Total Pledges Made: \$13,270.00 (27%)

Balance: \$37,246.00

Participation: 35 of 260 Active - Households (14%)

St. Michael

CSA 2025 Pledge Goal: \$52,297.00

Total Pledges Made: \$10,570.00 (20%)

Balance: \$41,727

Participation: 30 of 255 - Active Households (12%)

Totals as of May 13, 2025

Thank you for your stewardship! Our goal is 100% participation, which means a completed

Cluster News and Community News and Events

God Bless Pope Leo XIV



A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Heavenly Father, we thank You for guiding the Church in electing Pope Leo XIV. Grant him wisdom, courage and compassion as he leads Your people. May his papacy be a beacon of hope and unity in our world. Amen.

St Mary & St Michael Annual Baby Bottle Drive!

Please take a Baby Bottle and fill it with your "extra change!" (dollar bills and checks are also welcome) Supporting the drive will benefit HELP Pregnancy's ministry in so many ways: Keeping them supplied with some of the most needed baby essentials such as pack-n-plays, diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, baby wash, lotion etc. It will also help them provide walk-in hours for a free ultrasound with a qualified ultrasound technician for those who may be considering abortion.

Please return Father's Day Weekend. Thank You!



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.



Congratulations to our 2025 High School Graduates

St Mary & St Michael parish cluster families would like to extend our prayerful best wishes to you and your future endeavors. This is a time to be thankful for all that God has helped you achieve and to pray for his continual guidance as you prepare for your future.

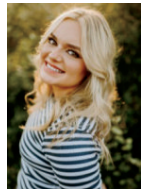
Prayer for Our Graduates :

May you have WISDOM in heart and mind, SUCCESS in every challenge you find, COURAGE to seek life's purpose for you, BELIEF in yourself to make it come true, STRENGTH to do your best and endure, And the guiding light of FAITH to ensure that wherever you go, whatever you do, God's LOVE will always see you through. Amen



Danny Becerra -

Danny is a 2025 Coopersville Area Public School Graduate. He is headed to MSU to study business, focusing on supply chain and accounting. Congratulations and God Bless You Danny!



Natalie Elzinga -

Natalie is a 2025 Grandville Public Schools Graduate. Her future plans are to join the United States Coast Guard. Congratulations and God Bless You Natalie!



Katie Kapral -

Katie is a 2025 Coopersville Area Public School Graduate. She is undecided on what she would like to study, but plans to attend community college at a later time. Congratulations and God Bless You Katie!



Abigail LeMaire -

Abigail is a 2025 Coopersville Area Public School Graduate. Her future plans are to attend Michigan State University and study Pre-Med. Congratulations and God Bless You Abigail!



Lauren Lothschutz -

Lauren is a 2025 Coopersville Area Public School Graduate. Her future plans are to attend Central Michigan University. Congratulations and God Bless You Lauren!



Lauren Meerman -

Lauren is a 2025 Grand Rapids Catholic Central graduate. Her future plans are to attend Aquinas College and study education and play basketball.



Jonathan Monroe -

Jonathan is a 2025 Coopersville Area Public School Graduate. He will be pursuing a career in construction after graduation. Congratulations and God Bless You Jonathan!



Logan Perrin -

Logan is a 2025 Coopersville Area Schools Graduate. His future plans are to join the work force. Congratulations and God Bless You Logan!



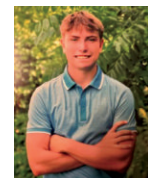
Madelyn Ruster -

Madelyn is a 2025 Coopersville Area Public School Graduate. Her future plans are to attend Michigan State University to study Agribusiness. Congratulations and God Bless You Madelyn!



Luke Schulz -

Luke is a 2025 Coopersville Area Public School Graduate. His future plans are to attend Michigan State University in the fall and is interested in pursuing a degree in engineering. Congratulations and God Bless You Luke!



Lucas Way

Lucas is a 2025 Sparta Public Schools Graduate. His future plans are to attend Ferris State University and study HVAC. Congratulations and God Bless You Lucas!

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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 Fifth Sunday of Easter. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives his followers a new command: to love one another, just as he has loved them. This is the sign that the world will know they are his followers, by their love for each other. Jesus emphasizes that this love is not just a feeling, but an action, a way of life that reflects his love 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

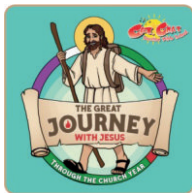
Faith Formation classes will be on break until the fall. Thank you to all of the Catechist and helpers. Your help is greatly appreciated. Have a fun and safe summer. Keep your eye on the bulletin for next year's registration information.

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

Vacation Bible School July 6 -10, 2025

The Great Journey with Jesus

Watch for more details



Parish Picnic Planning Meeting June 9 at 6PM

Please come and share your thoughts and comments on food, games, activities and help in the planning discussion for our annual parish picnic. Meeting will be held in the Church Community Room.

Parish Picnic will be Sept 7, 2025.



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 child of God into the St Mary's parish family

Angela Clare Lothschutz

Baptized on May 18, 2025

Daughter of Robert & Anne (Rokos) Lothschutz



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!

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 . (or contact a Knight)

Drawing will be June 5th at 7:30PM . License # X12847

Proceeds to help fund our council's charitable giving.



Knight Person of the Month- May Rob Rander

for his continuing support of our council.

**Knight Family of the Month-
May Bret Petrauskas family** for their positive contributions to our community

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- Special Olympics and Indian Trails Camp totaling over \$1000. We couldn't have done it without the support of our church community.

Giving Back to God

Mass: Attendance 5/11- 10:30AM:	185
Adult Contributions	\$4508.00
Children Contributions	\$40.00
Loose Contributions	\$122.00
Capital Improvement	\$100.00
Online Giving	\$1295.00
Total	\$6065.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$7016.86
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual	\$-9684.00

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 14 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$89.83. 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.

Spring Cleanup at St. Michael's

will be Saturday, May 24, beginning at 8 a.m. Bring a rake, shovel, wheelbarrow and be ready to cleanup the grounds. Many hands make light work!



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 his disciples, "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." We love others by serving others in every possible way no matter how small, seeing the face of Jesus in them. We love others by forgiving rather than condemning, by challenging rather than condoning. Finally, we love others by sacrificially sharing our time, talents and blessings with them.

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 catechists 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!

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.



PAPERGATOR
KEEPING THE EARTH GREEN

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

May 10/11 2025

Mass: Attendance 5/10- 4:00PM:	75
Mass: Attendance 5/11 8:30AM:	205
Adult Envelopes	\$2,951.00
Loose Cash	\$426.00
Children's Envelopes	\$14.00
Online Giving	\$1,355.00
Total	\$4,746.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$4,360.43
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual	+\$3,264.44

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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Baptism Commits Us to Prophetic Witness

Why did Jesus say the Father was “glorified” in him and that he himself, through his death and resurrection, would be “glorified?”

In the early Old Testament, the “glory of God” just meant his beauty and power. Later in the Bible it came to mean God’s beauty and power made manifest on earth. In the New Testament God’s beauty and power are made manifest in Jesus Christ, but in an unexpected way. In Jesus the power of God shows itself as a deliberate renunciation of power on this earth. In Jesus the beauty of God was revealed on the cross when, humanly speaking, there was nothing that would attract us to him (see Isaiah 53:2).

Jesus on the cross was weakness and foolishness to human eyes, but in reality, he was the “power of God and the wisdom of God” revealed as never before (see 1 Corinthians 1:18-25). He was the glory of God. Jesus glorified the Father by showing what the Father really is. And now it is our mission to glorify Jesus by showing what he really was and is. Jesus prayed for his disciples at the Last Supper, saying, “It is in them that I have been glorified” (John 17:10). And Jesus is glorified in us today whenever our lives reveal the power of his grace, the truth of his identity as Savior of the world, the reality of his victory on the cross over sin and death. In other words, Jesus is glorified in us whenever our lives bear witness to the presence of his Spirit in us and to the power of his grace.

We glorify Jesus, whom the world last saw defeated and dead on the cross, when our lives make it evident that we are indeed the risen Body of Jesus still present and ministering on earth.

This is a mission to which we were consecrated and committed by Baptism. By Baptism we were incorporated into Christ; we became members of his body, the body that hung and died on the cross, the body that rose again. Saint Paul teaches that through Baptism we died in Christ and rose again in Christ to live a new life, a life on his own divine level (see Romans 6:3-11; Colossians 2:12; 3:1-11). And so, we are the Body of Christ on earth. We are his continuing, risen presence. We exist in this

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Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5;
John 13:31-35

world as sent; we are sent as Jesus was sent: to be the visible manifestation of God’s divine life present and acting in human flesh. By Baptism we were commissioned to be the glory of the risen Christ!

This is a consecration to Christian witness. And Christian witness, to be effective, must be prophetic. This means that what we do must express a level of insight and ideals beyond what is commonly taken for granted in our society—even beyond what is commonly and correctly identified as Christianity. Effective witness to Jesus Christ and to his Spirit dwelling within us begins when our behavior goes beyond what is commonly expected of good human beings or even of good Christians.

The reason for this is fairly simple: if all we do is live up to what is commonly expected of Christians, there is no way for anyone to know whether we are just conforming to our religious culture out of inertia or whether we ourselves are in live, personal contact with Jesus and with his Spirit. If, on the other hand, we are “prophetic” in our behavior; that is, if we find new and creative ways to apply the teaching of Jesus to the actual circumstances of our own times, then it will be evident that Christ’s words are abiding in our hearts, are part of us, and that his Spirit is guiding our response to them. We are “prophets,” not when we just repeat what everybody says and accept what everybody sees (although much of our religion will obviously be this), but when we also see things nobody else has seen yet and apply the Gospel to life by doing things nobody else has ever thought to do. When we do this, we glorify Jesus by showing that his



defeat was in fact a victory, and that he has indeed redeemed the world.

We bear witness to Jesus when our lives bear witness to his divine life working within us; that is, when our behavior is on the level of God.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Fifth Week of Easter

***Pray daily:** Lord, fill me with desire to glorify you, to make your truth credible and your grace visible in everything I do. I want to promise you a life of continual conversion. Give me the love to keep changing things in my lifestyle in order to bear more authentic witness to you. Amen.*

Monday: John 14: 21-26: Jesus said, “The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” What in your behavior shows that you are acting in a way that at least tries to be a response to inspirations of the Holy Spirit?

Tuesday: John 14:27-31: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” What in your life shows that your peace, your security, are not based on money, position, power, or anything else this world can give?

Wednesday: John 15:1-8: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” How has God “pruned” you most recently? What is the last thing you have changed in your lifestyle in order that you might bear fruit more effectively for God?

Thursday: John 15:9-11: “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.” What words of Jesus have you read recently that have increased your joy? Did the joy come from responding to them? In action? Is there a visible and growing joy in your life that bears witness to your awareness of loving him and being loved by him?

Friday: John 15:12-17: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” How are you loving others precisely as Jesus has loved you? What is different between the kind of love you give and the kind of love for people that any decent person respects and admires?

Saturday: John 15:18-21: Jesus said, “If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you.” What in your way of living or acting arouses hostility in people, not because it is bad, but because it is based on the values of Jesus? If everybody accepts you, is that something to worry about?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Kneel before Jesus and consciously commit yourself to living a life of prophetic witness. In practical terms, promise to keep making changes in your lifestyle guided by the goal of making everything your own, use, do or say bear witness to the values of Christ.

As Disciple: As you read Scripture, look for the teachings or sayings of Jesus that are so different from what “everybody” does that it is hard to take them seriously. Ask how you could take them seriously.

As Prophet: Each day this week find one thing in your environment or behavior that you can change precisely to make it bear better witness to the values of Jesus. What do people see and hear when they are around you? What values are you expressing to them?

As Priest: Each day this week, think of yourself as commissioned by God to nurture those you live and work with. See how many ways you can do this.

As King: Ask yourself—or others you know well—what the “mission” of your business is in terms of serving people or making the world a better place in which to live. Ask what needs to be changed in order to fulfill this mission more effectively. (If you are not working, ask the same question about your parish or your family life. Offer to help.)

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