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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday4:00PM ● St Michael Sunday8:30AM ● St Michael Sunday10:30AM ● St Mary

Weekday Mass Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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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 June 21					
4:00PM	† AI & Winnie Spencer by the Spencer Family MI Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael				
Sunday June 22 8:30AM					
10:30AM	† Jack Riordan by Ray & Kathy MakaMI † Bruce LeMieux by Mary LeMieux and familyMA				
Monday June 23	Monday June 23 No Mass				
2 -	No Daily Mass, No Adoration, No Confessions				
II:00AM	Funeral Mass for Chuck KleinMA				
	Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary				
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Wednesday June 12:00PM					
12:00F11	† Frances Holmes by Larry & Diane VanDussenMI Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm				
	Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael				
Thursday June 2	6				
12:00M	Our Parish FamilyMA				
	Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary				
Friday June 27					
12:00PM	† Michael Kromer by Joe HitchingsMI				
	Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael				
Saturday June 2					
4:00PM	† Lelah Bouchard by Kurt & Margaret BouchardMI				
	Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael				
Sunday June 29					
8:30AM	† Bobby Raczkiewicz by Pam Raczkiewicz				
10:30AM	† Gregg Carmody by M/M Jim LothschutzMA				

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



Scripture Readings for the Week of June 22, 2025		
Sunday	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of	
	Christ	
	Gen 14:18-20; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17	
Monday	Gen 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22; Mt 7:1-5	
Tuesday	Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	
	Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk	
	1:57-66, 80	
Wednesday	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 7:15-20	
Thursday	Gen 16:1-12, 15-16 or Gen 16:6b-12, 15-16; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-	
	4a, 4b-5; Mt 7:21-29	
Friday	Friday Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
	Ex 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7	
Saturday	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	
	Gen 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55; Mt 8:5-17	
Sunday	The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	
	Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt	
	16:13-19	

St. IVIIc	St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers				
	June 28 —4:00PM	June 29 —8:30AM			
Altar Servers	Kassidy Britt MaKaelyn Britt	Bryson Lindberg Reid Lindberg			
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Tom Veronica Schumaker	Debbie Veneklase Cindy Lindberg Zack Nelson Sharon Carlson Greg Helsen Kenny Harker Peter Nielsen			
Lector	Kevin Schumaker	Chris Albrecht			
Sacristan	NEED ONE	Calvin Lindberg			
Ushers	NEED TWO				
Music	Bernard Stanko	Bernard Stanko			

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers June 29 - 10:30AM Sacristan Need Noah Davis Altar Calvin Davis Servers Eli Earle Nettie Leale **Precious** Bruce Kamp Body Need One **Precious** Margie Jirous Blood Need Three Hospitality Leonard Horter Lector Geary Farrell Music Bernie Stanko

Pray for Vocations

O God.

hear our prayer
and let our cry come to You.
Bless the Diocese of Grand Rapids
with many vocations to the
priesthood, diaconate,
and religious life.

Give Your sons and daughters
the confidence to
accept Your call,
and the love to follow always
in the footsteps of
Your beloved Son
with courage and dedication
to Your will.

Amen.

Cluster News and Community News and Events

Catholic Service Appeal - 2025

Thank you for your gifts to 2025 Catholic Services Appeal! Your generous support funds essential diocesan ministries that strengthen us in Christ. Every gift, regardless of the amount, is important in this effort. Our parish goal for 2025 is:

Thank you for your stewardship!

CSA 2025 Pledge Goal: \$50,516.00 Total Pledges Made: \$39,655.00 (79%)

Balance: \$10,861.00

Participation: 80 of 260 Active - Households (31%)

CSA 2025 Pledge Goal: \$52,297.00 Total Pledges Made: \$24,910.00 (48%)

Balance: \$27,387.00

Participation: 65 of 255 - Active Households (26%)

Totals as of June 16, 2025

Please keep in mind that any amount raised over our goal is returned 100% to the parish. Please continue to pray for the success of this important effort.



Will you help us Top off the Truck?

Diapers are a basic need, and the cost of diapers can be a financial burden to many families. That's why Catholic Charities West Michigan is hosting its second "Top Off the Truck" diaper drive event for St. Gianna's No Cost Baby Boutique! In 2024 alone, 4,500 families and 7,430 children entered the doors of St. Gianna's seeking support. Please consider helping parents and children in need by topping off our truck with these essential diapers! July 30 2-6 p.m.

St. Gianna's No Cost Baby Boutique, 1400 Plainfield Ave. NE, Grand Rapids

For more information, please visit

ccwestmi.org/top-off-the-truck/

Diocesan Employment Opportunities We're looking for you!

Catholic schools, parishes, affiliated organizations, and the diocese are hiring! See available opportunities at: grdiocese.org/employment/

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

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Fr Mike's Musings

We divide time into BC and AD: BC, before Christ, and AD, Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord), time since Jesus' birth. This is our way of showing that Jesus is the center of history; Jesus is the most important event in history. Everything in history pales into insignificance compared to Him. It is the same in our lives; Jesus is or should be the



center of our lives. Because Jesus is the center of our lives, we come to celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday and afterwards we go in peace to love and serve the Lord whom we encountered here in the Eucharist.

lust as we divide time into BC and AD, before Christ and after his birth, the Sacred Scriptures do the same, and so we have the Old Testament and the New Testament. In the Old Testament, from time to time we get glimpses and hints of Jesus in events or people anticipating or pointing the way to Him.

In the First Reading the priest Melchizedek is one of those people giving us a glimpse of what is to come. Melchizedek was a priest, though not in the priestly tribe of Levi, and Jesus is the High Priest of the New Testament, also not in the tribe of Levi, prophesied by the Psalm: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek" (i.e., outside of the tribe of Levi). Melchizedek offered bread and wine to God which was a foreshadowing of the Eucharist that Jesus would give. In Eucharistic Prayer I, we hear, "O Lord Be pleased to accept these offerings as once you were pleased to accept the offering of your high priest Melchizedek." There are other hints and glimpses of the Eucharist in the Old Testament: the manna which the Israelites received in the desert, and the food that sustained the prophet Elijah for forty days and nights until he reached Mount Horeb in Sinai.

In the Gospel today, Jesus performs a miracle by feeding thousand from only five loaves and two fish. This miracle is preparing for the greatest New Testament miracle, the Eucharist. Jesus performed the same actions over the bread and fish when he multiplied them as he would do later over the bread during the Last Supper-Took, Blessed, Broke, and Gave.

The Second Reading is a description of the Last Supper that is very precious to us because it is the oldest account of the Last Supper in the Scriptures, written even before the Gospels. Paul wrote this letter sometime during the two and a half years he spent preaching in Ephesus in AD 54-57. Jesus says, "This is my body." He did not say, "This is a symbol of my body" or "This represents my body" but "This is my body." Transubstantiation--the name we give to the bread and wine miraculously changing into the Body and Blood of Christ while retaining the outward appearances of bread and wine. Just as Jesus is the center of all universal time, BC and AD, our celebration of 'Corpus Christi' reminds us to keep Him, in the Eucharist, at the center of our lives. Jesus desires that we live each day in union with Him; He is not a stranger to meet for just one hour every Sunday. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we should be reminded of the great love of Jesus for us, giving Himself for us in His Passion and death. And in His Resurrection giving us the promise of eternal life, forever dwelling in that same divine, giving love present in the Eucharist.

Prayer for Corpus Christi

The Most Holy Body & Blood Christ (Corpus Christi Sunday)

"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." Where the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is not observed as a holy day, it is assigned to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, which is then considered its proper day in the

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray,

so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever.



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.

CLW is on Summer break.

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi. This is a special feast day for Catholics. It is a day to celebrate and give thanks for Jesus's true presence in the Eucharist, the bread and wine received at Mass.

Ist-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. Keep your eye on the bulletin for next year's registration information. Have a fun and safe summer.

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

Vacation Bible School

July 6-10, 2025 6PM-8:30PM

For ages 4-10 / Ages II and up can volunteer.

The Great Journey with Jesus!

Come join us as we walk with Jesus through The Liturgical Church Year. We will journey through Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent and Easter. Registration is now open! you can find forms in the back of the church, or you can register online

https://www.saintmarysmarne.org/vacation-bible-school

VBS WISH LIST - Donations Needed

To help keep this a FREE event, donations are needed. Please take an "item tag" or two from our wish list on the bulletin board in the Narthex and return the requested items by June 29.



Stay Connected & Informed

Do we have the right personal information on file? Did you get rid of your land line? Do you have a new cell phone number? Do we have your most recent email address on file? Are you getting your "Church News" emails



from the office? If not, be sure to call the Parish Office and update your contact information with us.

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



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https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11598498

Cor- Prayer, Formation & Fraternity for Men

The men of Knights of Columbus 11581 are excited to share the implementation of Cor, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of our parish. Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Cor will be held the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 7:00 am in the St. Mary's community room. This is open to all men of our parish cluster, not just knights. If you have any questions, please reach out to Robert L at616.292.5964 Upcoming COR Dates: June 28, July 12, 26-7AM - Community Room

Knight Person of the Month- June: Doug Frantz Knight Family of the Month- June: Rob & Lori Rander

The Knight Person / Family of the month is a way of recognizing someone who has gone above and beyond, or done something extra for the council or our church community. Congratulations and Thank your for service and commitment to our Parish Family!



Monthly Charitable Donation - \$500.00 to Down to Defend



	Giving Back to God		
	Mass: Attendance 6/15-10:30AM:	141	-
	Adult Contributions	\$2290.00	8
	Children Contributions	\$34.30	9
	Loose Contributions	\$122.00	f
	Capital Improvement	\$85.00	
	Online Giving	\$1455.00	
	Total	\$3986.30	
	Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$12,810.00	
	Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual	\$-14,440.00	

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— Thank you to the 12 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$144.63.





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 Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word: program is offered on Sunday during 8:30 Masses. Children 3-9 years old are wel-

come to join us each week as we pray, read and explore the Sunday Gospel from a child's viewpoint. We are currently on Summer Break. We will see you in September.



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. What is Corpus Christi?

Corpus Christi means "Body of Christ" in Latin.

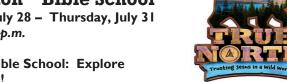
The Catholic Church believes that, through God's power, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus during Mass. It may still look and taste like bread and wine, but it is truly lesus.

Elementary Faith Formation: The elementary program is for students in grades I-5. We meet on Wednesday from 6:00- 7:30 pm. Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 meet on Sundays from 9:45-11:15am. Our programs have ended for this school year. We are on Summer break. Class will resume in September. Please watch the bulletin for registration information.

St. Michael's Catholic Church 2025 Vacation Bible School

Date: Monday, July 28 - Thursday, July 31

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.



2025 Vacation Bible School: Explore mountains of fun!

This year we will guide children through an engaging journey of faith, focusing on the theme of friendship with God amidst the beauty of Alaska's wilderness.

It's hard to find your way in a world gone wild. But we have Jesusour "True North!" Together, let's give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to lesus - their unmovable, unshakable friend forever!

Registration forms are in the narthex and on parish website. Many volunteers are needed! This is a great way to help our parish and get involved. If interested, please contact Debbie Veneklase with any questions. (616) 384-4026.

We are looking for donations for VBS. If you are willing to make a donation for teen snacks, please contact Debbie at 616-384-4026.



St. Michael's **Sanctuary Lamp**

for +Dave & Sandy Balkon by Calvin & Cindy Lindberg

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

Praying for Seminarians —

Our Seminarians this year are Isaac Schneider and Jeff Davlin. Please pray for them. Since they are on summer break, please send letters and cards of support and encouragement to them in care of the:

Diocese of Grand Rapids Office of Priestly Vocations 360 Division Ave. S Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Giving Back to God			
June 14/15 2025			
Mass: Attendance 6/14-4:00PM:	86		
Mass: Attendance 6/15 8:30AM:	153		
Adult Envelopes	\$3,601.00		
Loose Cash	\$140.00		
Children's Envelopes	\$23.00		
Total	\$3,764.00		
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$3,852.00		
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual	\$1,350.00		
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.



Body, Heart of Christ

Tesus multiplied the loaves in the desert. God gave manna from heaven in the desert. What is the difference between the two events?

First, the multiplication of the loaves was a preview of the cross and the Mass. Saint Luke makes the connection clear by quoting the familiar words of the eucharistic liturgy: "Taking the five loaves, Jesus raised his eyes to heaven, pronounced a blessing, broke them, and gave them to his disciples." The bread Jesus gives us is his own Body and Blood (compare with John 6:1-59), and he gives himself to us as nourishment in every eucharistic celebration (see Luke 24:30-35).

Second, the loaves Jesus multiplies don't just come down from heaven; they come from community sharing. Jesus came down from heaven to be the Bread of Life, but he comes to us now in a community celebration. And the full nourishing effect of that celebration depends on two things: the contribution made by each person there, and the multiplication of each person's gift by the grace of God acting through it. Jesus gives himself to us in the Mass in many ways: in the words of Scripture proclaimed; in the visible faith-expression of each one's presence and participation in the singing and prayer; in the making present of the Sacrifice of Calvary; in the gift of Communion. But by the time we receive the Body of Christ in Communion, we have already been prepared through an experience of communion with the Body of Christ celebrating in the rest of the Mass. The bread Jesus gives us is his real presence, both in the bread that becomes his Body during the celebration and in the people who became his Body at Baptism. Both are the Body of Christ. We need communion with both to be fed in the desert.

If we celebrate this feast of Corpus Christi as we should, it should focus our attention on the love of Christ expressed in three ways: in the giving of his Body for us on the cross; in the giving of his Body to us in sacramental communion, and in the communion we have with each other in the Church as his real Body on

JUNE 22, 2025

BODY DE BLOOD OF CHRIST

Genesis 14:18-20; I Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:10-17

earth. For that communion the expression of our love for each other is required.

This explains why the feast of his Sacred Heart is celebrated on the Friday after Corpus Christi. The heart of Jesus shows us God loving us, not just from heaven, but on earth, in the flesh, in a visibly expressed human way. It reemphasizes the closeness and intimacy with God made possible through the Incarnation. It encourages us to think of Jesus as a human being, to reflect on what it means for him to love us in a human way as well as divinely. And it calls us to respond to his love as we would respond to another human person's love: by recognizing it, acknowledging it, returning it and expressing our response in physical, human ways.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart calls us to physical acts such as receiving communion, visiting our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, spending time with him in the place where he expresses his love for us through his physical presence in the Eucharist. It calls on us to recognize that to ignore his presence on the altar is in fact an expression of ingratitude, whether it is intended as such or not. Devotion to the Sacred Heart, by focusing our attention on the human embodiment of Jesus' love for us, calls us to be aware of how important the human expression of our love is to him.

A "devotion" in the Church is simply a focus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart means a special focus on the heart of Christ in order to comprehend and respond to its meaning. If we look at the symbol of our Lord's



heart—pierced and open on the cross or revealed to Saint Margaret Mary aflame with love for us and pierced with thorns of human ingratitude and sin—it leads us to physical acts of adoration and thanksgiving, to reparation for sin and to loving one another as he has loved us.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Twelfth Week of the Year

Pray daily: Lord, you came to reveal the heart, the love of God to us. I consecrate myself to learning your love: to recalling it, pondering it, accepting it and returning it. Help me with the graces flowing in abundance through your words and sacraments. Amen.

Monday: Matthew 7:1-5: Jesus said, "For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you." How have you been judging God? How have you been measuring his love? When you presume that God's love for you is small, how does that limit your heart's capacity to receive it?

Tuesday: Matthew 7:6, 12-14: Jesus taught, "How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few." There is nothing narrower than a straight line. How many aim at making every action of their lives a direct response to the heart of Christ? How often do you do this?

Wednesday: Matthew 7:15-20: "By their fruits you will know them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Just so, every good tree bears good fruit, and a rotten tree bears bad fruit." Are the fruits of your religion obviously the fruits of love? Does your religion ever make you judgmental? Harsh toward others? Unmerciful? Vindictive?

Thursday: Matthew 7:21-29: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." What, above all, is the Father's will? What did

Jesus say was the first and greatest commandment? The second? Are these the root and focus of your life?

Friday: Matthew 8:1-4: "A leper approached Jesus, did him homage, and said, 'Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean." With what kind of faith do you approach Jesus? Are you sure he loves you? That he wants to do for you what people do for those they love?

Saturday: Matthew 8:5-17: The centurion said to Jesus, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed." Do you ever refrain from receiving Eucharist because you feel you are unworthy? Is this because you believe in your heart that you have turned away from Jesus Christ by mortal sin? Do you ever think about how much he, on his part, wants to come to you and heal you? (Note: the guideline used by confessors is that you can always receive Communion unless you are certain that you have done something so bad that it amounts to a rejection of the divine life of God given to you in Baptism, and that you did it with sufficient appreciation of how bad it was, and with the unreserved consent of your will.)

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Write the word "love" somewhere where you will see it every day or all day. Live your day in response to what it says.

As Disciple: Read John's Gospel, chapter 14. If you have time, read chapter 15 also.

As Prophet: Look for something you do for some other motive than love. Change your motivation. See how that affects the way you do it.

As Priest: Find the soup kitchen nearest to where you live or work. (The diocesan office should know the Catholic ones; call a Protestant church for others.) Give a few hours of service or bring some food.

As King: Ask who you know or work with that does not feel loved. Try to identify the cause of this. See what you can do to change the cause.

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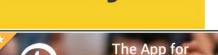
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