

July 13, 2025 • The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# St. Mary St. Michael

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**Friday** ..... Closed

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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  
*Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30PM*  
**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 July 12

4:00PM † Charlie & Pat Sommers by the Kilpatrick Family ..... **MI**  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

## Sunday July 13

8:30AM † Troy Spencer by Sr. Althea Anne Spencer, OSF ..... **MI**  
 10:30AM † Gregg Carmody by M/M Jim Lothschutz ..... **MA**

## Monday July 14 No Mass

## Tuesday July 15

12:00PM † Matt Potts by M/M Duanne Perrin ..... **MA**  
 Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

## Wednesday July 16

12:00PM † Joan Nemecek by Otto Nemecek & Family ..... **MI**  
 Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael

## Thursday July 17

12:00M † Chuck Klein by M/M Duanne Perrin ..... **MA**  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

## Friday July 18

12:00PM † Bub Albrecht by Chris Albrecht ..... **MI**  
 Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Michael

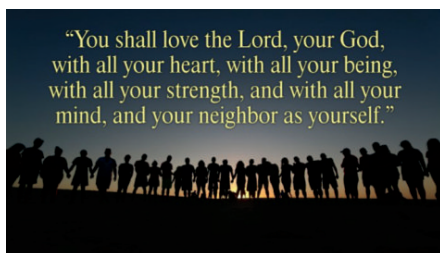
## Saturday July 19

4:00PM † Steven Rohen by Norm & Barb Rohen ..... **MI**  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

## Sunday July 20

8:30AM † Barbara Bellamy by Dave & Sharon Carlson ..... **MI**  
 10:30AM † Chuck Klein by M/M John Hansknecht..... **MA**

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



## Scripture Readings for the Week of July 13, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</b> Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34-11:1
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Friday</b>	Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
<b>Saturday</b>	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Mt 12:14-21
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

## St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	July 19 —4:00PM	July 20 —8:30AM
Altar Servers	Dylan Ranney NEED ONE	Aiden Rogers Kenzie Harker
Eucharistic Ministers	NEED TWO	Deacon Tom Sharon Carlson Zack Nelson Jennifer DeMull Cindy Lindberg Joe Hitchings Rosemary Weigel
Lector	Chris Albrecht	Dennis Zimmer
Sacristan	NEED ONE	Judy Driedger
Ushers	Ray Maka NEED ONE	Jim Ponshair Greg Helsen Peter Nielsen Calvin Lindberg
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

## St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	July 20 —10:30AM
Sacristan	Need one
Altar Servers	Madeline Serge Lauren Serge Lauren LeMieux
Precious Body	Christina Withers Geary Farrell Bruce Kamp
Precious Blood	Mary Kirkwood June Stevenson Becky Warners Need One
Hospitality	Leonard Horter
Lector	John Klein
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!

#### St Mary

CSA 2025 Pledge Goal: \$50,516.00  
Total Pledges Made: \$42,405.00 (84%)  
Balance: \$8,111.00  
Participation: 87 of 260 Active - Households (34%)

#### St Michael

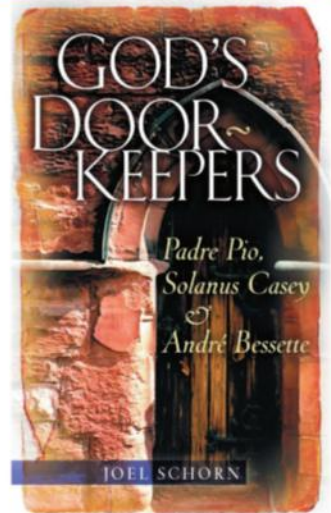
CSA 2025 Pledge Goal: \$52,297.00  
Total Pledges Made: \$ 28,910.00 (55%)  
Balance: \$23,387.00  
Participation: 73 of 255 - Active Households (29%)  
Totals as of July 8, 2025

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.



### Women's Book Club

All Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church - Marne and St. Michael's Church - Coopersville are welcome! Thursdays 11:30AM in the St Mary Community Room. First book we will read is God's Door-Keepers, by Joel Schorn, a short book that tells the stories of Padre Pio, Solanus Casey and Andre Bessette who were all humble men obedient to God and who are becoming more and more well known because of their healing and compassionate ministries. Andre and Solanus were gate keepers in that they literally stood and opened the doors at their monasteries while Padre Pio opened the doors of the confessional and there led people to healing relationships with God. All three were humble men giving their lives to God and thus opening the way for God to work through them. For More Info please contact the parish office. Please purchase the book and bring it with you.



**COOPERSVILLE**  
Area Public Schools  
*One Community. One Campus... Endless Opportunity.*

## Summer Food Resources

**Free Meal Distribution at Coopersville Area Public Schools**

**198 East Street Coopersville**

Pick up in Bus Loop behind South Elementary

**Wednesdays 11:30 am-1:00 pm**

**June 11-August 13 (closed July 2)**

7 breakfast and lunch meals provided once per week

Must live within CAPS District

Available to all ages 0-18

Meals may require preparation and/or refrigeration

**Questions: CAPS Food Service Director Tom Gordon, [tgordon@capsk12.org](mailto:tgordon@capsk12.org)**

\*Please note families may choose to pick up meals OR eat on site at West ECC.

Families may not participate in both.



180 68th Ave, Coopersville  
616-997-8602

Must live within CAPS District  
Visit food pantry once per week

**Hours:**

**T/TH 10AM -12 PM**

**Tues 5:30 PM -6:30 PM**

[www.coopersvillecare.org](http://www.coopersvillecare.org)



**CAPS West ECC**

**198 East Street**

**Coopersville**

M-F June 9-Aug 15

(closed June 30-July 4)

Must eat on site

**Breakfast 8:30-9:30 AM**

**Lunch 11-12:30 PM**

2 day meal pack given on Fri

**Marne United Methodist Church**

14861 Washington Marne

**Food Pantry**

**Sun 11:30-12:30 PM**

**Tues 10-11 AM**

**Thurs 3-6 PM**



[ottawafood.org/findfood/](http://ottawafood.org/findfood/)

**FEEDING AMERICA**  
Feeding America  
at Coopersville Cares at 10 AM  
**Tues June 10**  
**Tues July 8**  
**Tues Aug 12**  
or  
[feedwm.org/findfood/](http://feedwm.org/findfood/)

**Call 211 to access additional resources**

### 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/](http://grdiocese.org/employment/)

### Bulletin Sponsor of the Week



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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.**

CLW is on Summer break.

This is the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Luke 10:25-37, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan to explain that a "neighbor" is anyone in need, not just those we know or like. The story highlights that we should show compassion and help others, even those who are different from us, just as the Samaritan helped the injured traveler.

**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.

**Registration is now open for the 2025/2026 school year.** Forms are available online or in the Narthex.

**Register ONLINE HERE:** <https://www.saintmarysmarne.org/religious-education-elementary>

Classes resume in September. We are working on class lists and ordering books and supplies. To help us get an accurate number of students, please take a minute and register your child(ren) today.

**For more information** or any questions on any of these programs Please contact Debbie Veneklas at [dre@saintmarysmarne.org](mailto:dre@saintmarysmarne.org) or 616.677.3934

### Vacation Bible School 2025 ~ The Great Journey with Jesus

We had a AWESOME week this year at VBS! The enthusiasm and faithful community of the kids and volunteers were great. This past week the students embarked on an exciting journey through the life of Christ. The children had a fun time learning and celebrating The Liturgical seasons. Thanks to all who helped set up and to the station leaders, crew leaders, kitchen crew, and the many behind-the-scenes volunteers who helped wherever they were needed throughout the week! A special Thank You to everyone who donated items to this program. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you! Cindy Lindberg and Debbie Veneklas



### 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](mailto:b.kamp@charter.net) / Phone 616-780-4941



**Upcoming Blood Drive & Community Breakfast**

**Pre-Register here:**

**Oct 12** [https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/11598498](https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11598498)

### School Supply Drive

Our Lady of Fatima Guild is hosting their annual school supply drive. Donations of backpacks, lunch boxes, pencils, notebooks, markers, and other school supplies would be appreciated. *Donations will be collected July 20 through Aug 10.* There will be a box in the Narthex to place your do-



### Giving Back to God

<b>Mass: Attendance 7/6- 10:30AM:</b>	<b>143</b>
Adult Contributions	\$3805.00
Children Contributions	\$9.58
Loose Contributions	\$130.00
Capital Improvement	\$365.00
Online Giving	\$1715.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6024.58</b>
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$5402.83
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual	+\$1222.08

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



### Save the Date Parish Picnic - September 7



Volunteer / Informational Meeting - August 19 -6 PM - Church Community Room

## 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 the 9 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$57.25. Fr. Mike has requested a new line item for Scrip. You can now have your profit go toward the purchase of new hymnals.



### 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

**Faith Formation Registration school year 2025-2026**— Attention families with children ages 3 through grades 12. You can find registration forms on the parish website and forms are also located in the church narthex.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** We are currently on Summer Break. We will see you in September. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is asked who a neighbor is. The tells a story about the Samaritan. The story highlights that showing love and kindness is not limited to our friends or people we know. The Samaritan, in the story, was someone who was not well-liked by the Jewish people, but he still helped the injured man. This shows that we should treat everyone with compassion and mercy, just as God loves all people.



**Elementary Faith Formation:** The elementary program is for students in grades 1-5. 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. The 8th Grade students will also receive Confirmation Preparation. Our programs are on Summer break. Class will resume in September.

## 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 Jesus—our "True North!" Together, let's give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus - 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 Veneklas 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 +Sherry Maslowski  
by the Maslowski Family

## 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.



## Can You Help?

Prison and Jail Ministry of the Diocese of Grand Rapids is collecting items for the Michigan Department Of Corrections Offenders Success Reentry Summit. The summit offers individuals on parole and probation the opportunity to meet with support service providers. Items being requested include the following:

**Wallets and gift cards** to Salons/barbershops and restaurants that do not serve alcohol.

**New Backpacks, bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths. Toiletries, such as shampoo, conditioners, body wash and lotion.**

Items can be placed in the collection box in the back of church until Wednesday July 23. Thank you for your help!

## Giving Back to God

July 5/6 2025

<b>Mass: Attendance 7/5– 4:00PM:</b>	74
<b>Mass: Attendance 7/6 8:30AM:</b>	116
Adult Envelopes	\$2,976.00
Loose Cash	\$289.00
Children's Envelopes	\$9.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,274.00</b>
Building Fund	\$165.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	+\$297.34
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual	\$5,180.61

**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 Makes Us Family

**T**hrough Baptism, Saint Paul tells us, we are “strangers and aliens no longer,” but “fellow citizens of the saints and members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19). God has “rescued us from the power of darkness.” He did it by “bringing us into the kingdom of his beloved Son” (Colossians 1:13). The sign that we have been redeemed, that we are saved, is that “there does not exist among [us] Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28).

Baptism is not just a washing. It is above all an incorporation. The blood of Christ only washes away the sins of his own Body—and by Baptism we became the Body of Christ. We were baptized “into” the body that hung on the cross. We are saved by our union with him in one Body. It is only because we are one with Christ that, when he died, we died in him. It is only because we are his Body that when he rose, we rose in him free of sin.

Today’s Gospel calls us to give external expression to the mystery of unity that is ours with Christ and with all who are “in Christ,” who are members of his Body by Baptism. The fundamental commandment for those who are united to him, Jesus tells us, is love: to love God above all things; to love our neighbor as ourselves. Love is a sign of our Baptism, and love is a sign of grace, because love is a sign of unity. If we are one in Christ, we don’t categorize each other as being “one of us” (“Jew”) or “one of them” (“Greek”—or, in today’s Gospel, “Samaritan”). We don’t take either a chauvinistic or a militant stance toward each other as male or female. We don’t relate to people as rich or poor (“slave or free”). In the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus shows us that Baptism abolishes all these divisions. Now we are simply one people: “a chosen race, a royal priesthood,

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Deuteronomy 30:10-14;  
Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

a holy nation, a people he claims for his own to proclaim the glorious works’ of the One who called [us] from darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). Our “neighbor” is anyone who is, or who is called to be, a child of God. We have no more “neighbors” and “non-neighbors.” We only have brothers and sisters in Christ, actual or potential. This is what Baptism brings about.

***We cannot love  
our neighbors as  
ourselves unless we  
know who we are.***

Baptism calls us to many virtues. Saint Paul lists “heartfelt mercy,” kindness, humility, meekness, patience and forgiveness. But over all of these, he says, “put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect.” The fruit of this is peace. “Christ’s peace must reign in your hearts, since as members of the one body you have been called to that

peace” (Colossians 3:12-15).

We cannot love our neighbors as ourselves unless we know who we are. Before we can know what to cherish and respect in our neighbor, we have to be aware of what we should cherish and respect in ourselves. And we cannot value ourselves or anyone else as we should unless we are aware that we are the sacred Body of Christ, sanctified temples of the Holy Spirit, sharers in the life of God by grace, called to live forever in absolute beauty and loveliness in heaven.



This is true of us, and this is true of every other person who has been baptized into Jesus Christ. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be conscious that our neighbors are all of these things and relate to them accordingly.

Our neighbors don't always behave like enlightened, loving embodiments of Jesus Christ. But then, neither do we. We know from experience that it is possible to be redeemed and surrendered to Christ's ideals of love and goodness while still failing in many ways. That is why we need to forgive each other constantly. To do this it helps to remember that we are all one Body in Christ.

## REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

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### Fifteenth Week of the Year

***Pray daily:** Lord, so that we all might be in communion with God and with each other you became one of us. You took on our human condition. Teach me to identify with every human being on that level where you have already made us one by creation and by grace. And teach me to grow from there into conscious communion with every person I meet. Amen.*

**Monday:** Matthew 10:34 to 11:1: Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword. For I have come to set a man 'against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.'" Has anyone rejected you because of the ideals you have accepted as a Christian? Because of the people you accept? If so, does this make you divisive?

**Tuesday:** Matthew 11:20-24: "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes." If you reject the call to be one with all the family of God, where does that leave you?

**Wednesday:** Matthew 11:25-27: "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father

except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." Do you know Jesus? Do you know the Father? Do you experience deep communion of heart with all who do?

**Thursday:** Matthew 11:28-30: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Is his voice saying this to others in you? Does your behavior toward others invite them to find comfort in you?

**Friday:** Matthew 12:1-8: Jesus said, "If you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless." If you truly understand the heart of Christ, will you condemn people for doing what is right? Do you now? Do you stand by while others do?

**Saturday:** Matthew 12:14-21: Isaiah said of the Messiah, "He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets." Would Jesus shout slogans at people who are doing wrong? How would he try to convert them? What is your approach to people in error?

## LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

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**As Christian:** Sit down and face very seriously your attitude toward the rest of the human race. How has your Baptism affected it? Do you see every child of God as your brother or sister? How do you show it?

**As Disciple:** Read Paul's letter to the Colossians, chapter 1, verses 9 to 23.

**As Prophet:** Ask yourself what signs of acceptance or of fellowship you give to the people you identify with but not to others. See what happens if you make the same gesture to someone else.

**As Priest:** List in order of priority the people you are committed to taking care of. What seems to determine the priorities?

**As King:** Do the same thing with the work you take responsibility for. What goals are you most committed to accomplishing and why?



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