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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 November 22

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

Sunday November 23

8:30AM † Barbara Bellamy by Dave & Sharon Carlson MI
 10:30AM † Gordon Powers by Family MA

Monday November 24 No Mass

Tuesday November 25

12:00PM † Stanley "Buck" Chesla by M/M Larry AntcliffMA
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Wednesday November 26—Thanksgiving Eve Mass

6:00PM Our Parish Family MA

Thursday November 27—Thanksgiving Day

9:00AM Our Parish Family.....MI

Friday November 28

No Mass or Confessions / Parish Offices Closed

Saturday November 29

4:00PM † Carl Goosen by Marcy Goosen..... MI
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday November 30

8:30AM † Tom Anderson by John & Denise Anderson MI
 10:30AM † Jim Potts by Robbie Gross MA

MA=St. Mary

MI=St. Michael's

Winter Weather Reminder....

When there is inclement weather and Coopersville and/or Kenowa Hills Schools are closed. All Parish Events and Daily Mass will be cancelled that day. The Mass intention for that day will be rescheduled at our earliest opportunity. The Parish Office will be closed. Staff will be working from home and respond to emails and voicemails through out the day.



Scripture Readings for the Week of November 23, 2025

Sunday Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

Monday Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28

Friday Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday First Sunday of Advent
 Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	Nov 29—4:00PM	Nov 30 —8:30AM
Altar Servers	Dylan Ranney NEED ONE	Adalyn Taylor Clare Taylor
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Tom NEED TWO	Deacon Tom Joe Hitchings Jeff Johnson Greg Helsen Cindy Lindberg Denise Nelson Jennie Taylor
Lector	Mark Phillips	Carl Pohlman
Sacristan	Chris Albrecht	Chris Albrecht
Ushers	NEED TWO	Peter Nielsen Jim Ponshair Wade Lindberg Ed Irwin
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	November 30 —10:30AM
Sacristan	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Noah Davis Calvin Davis Lauren LeMieux
Precious Body	Deacon Tom Nettie Leale Bruce Kamp
Precious Blood	Becky Warners Geary Farrell Need Two
Hospitality	Leonard Horter
Lector	Nicolette Looks
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



Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, November 30 - 6:30PM—
St Mary Parish Hall

An evening of fellowship for woman.

Hosted by: The St Mary's Our Lady of Fatima Guild

All ladies of the community and their Middle School or older daughters are invited to come and start the Advent season with a beautiful candlelit evening. Music of the season be provided by a talented hand bell choir. If you are interested in reserving & decorating a table, or would like more information please contact: Lori Rander, lrander81@gmail.com or 616-215-6524.

Tickets are \$5.00 each. Available after all Masses.



Exploring Priesthood Discernment Meetings

Discernment is a time of obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding. If you are considering the priesthood, the Diocese of Grand Rapids invites you to meet with other young men (ages 16+) to gather and discern God's will for your life. Meetings will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at St. Luke University Parish, 10144 42nd Ave., Georgetown Twp. and are offered on the following Sundays in 2025/2026: **Nov. 23**, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 22, Apr. 19, May 17. Just show up or email Pattie Reynolds, preynolds@grdiocese.org



Fr Mike's Musings



"King" is a word we do not normally use to describe Jesus because we associate the word "king" with power and majesty, but Jesus did not display majesty. If we heard someone describing Jesus as king, we might reply: "But He was born in a stable." True, Jesus was not the kingly, majestic type. When Satan showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and said they could all be His if Jesus worshipped him, Jesus replied that only God is to be worshipped. Satan offered a temptation to display power, but Jesus resisted that temptation. Jesus avoided all shows of earthly power and authority.

Jesus is a king because He has a kingdom, but this kingdom is totally at odds with any display of power. Some people like to dominate others, abuse their power, and manipulate others. That has no place in Jesus' kingdom. Those with power can abuse their power in so many ways but Jesus was totally powerless on the Cross; people mocked Him saying: "He saved others, let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God." The values in Jesus' kingdom are service and humility. We are to carry our crosses in imitation of Jesus. There is no place for violence or retribution in Jesus' kingdom. It was because nations and states (Italy, Russia, etc.) were abusing their power that Pope Pius XI introduced this feast in 1925. This is only a recent feast in the Church, and abuse of power is what led to its introduction--using power opposite to Jesus. Jesus did not abuse power, and therefore He is our model of a truly benevolent ruler.

There are many ways shown in the Gospels where we see how Jesus' kingdom is totally at odds with any display of power in this world. He kept company with tax collectors, sinners, and prostitutes, so much so that the authorities described Jesus as "a glutton and a drunkard..." We would expect kings to receive important people and dignitaries, but Jesus received the lowly and rejected. A king might expect to receive gifts, but Jesus gave gifts. Kings wear crowns. What sort of crown did Jesus wear? A crown of thorns. On what throne do we see Jesus sitting? It is the throne of the Cross. Instead of an army, there were people beneath the Cross mocking and abusing Him. And yet, He responded with love rather than the retribution expected from an earthly king.

This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority of any kind to compare their use of power or authority with Jesus. Are they using their power to serve others or to manipulate? Are they using their power for the building up of a more just society or to feather their own nest? Are they using their power in any way that might cause pain to others or in a way that could help to alleviate pain? In the prayer Jesus taught us, we pray "thy kingdom come." Jesus has shown how to bring about that kingdom. We hope that nations and individuals will be humble enough to look at how Jesus used power properly and lovingly to bring about the Kingdom of God amidst our earthly pettiness and jealousies.

St Mary & St Michael Parish Cluster Advent 2025 Schedule

- **Advent Lecture Series** with Fr. Michael Hodges
Scripture Roots of the Sacraments
Mondays- December 1, 8, 15 - 7-8:30PM—
St Mary Community Room
All are Welcome. (no registration needed)
- **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day**
Monday, December 8 - 12:00PM Mass~ St. Michael
Monday, December 8 - 6:00PM Mass ~ St. Mary
- **Christmas Hymn Sing Along with organ, piano, over 20 flutes & your voices**
Sunday, December 14, 2025-3PM - St Mary
- **Additional Advent Resources Available at NO COST to you in the Narthex.**
 - "Little BLUE Books" will enrich your Advent season with daily prayer & reflections.
 - "The Word Among Us" includes Daily Scripture readings and prayers from the Liturgy. Free Mass Supplement, Daily meditations based on the Mass. Practical featured articles on Advent and the saints.



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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.

1st-7th Grade Faith Formation Classes -

Wednesdays at Hall / 6:00- 7:30pm

8th Grade - Confirmation Classes -

Wednesdays at Hall / 6:00- 7:30pm

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

Please Note: There is no class Wed., Nov. 26, due to Thanksgiving Eve Mass. Please join your parish family for Mass at 6PM.

Prayers for Debbie

Continued prayers of healing, peace and strength for Debbie (our friend and Religious Education Director) as she begins treatment for Chronic Myeloid Leukemia. *Heavenly Father, we commend our friend Debbie to your loving care. Please touch her with your healing hand to restore her strength, comfort her heart, and bring her peace. May she feel your presence and know your love as she recovers. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Please make plans to join us to praise God and give Thanks for our great blessings.

Wednesday, Nov 26, 6PM at St Mary

Thanksgiving Eve Mass, Grocery Collection & Annual St Mary's Slideshow

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, on this day of Thanksgiving, we ask your blessings on our family, our friends, our home, our health and on the food we eat. We thank you for this time together and the many gifts that you have given us. Help us to remember in this time of bounty those less fortunate. And may your love consume us all that we might share your glory. Amen



13th ANNUAL MARNE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, November 29, 2025 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Come out and enjoy the Fun, Free Community Event!

Marne Veterans Memorial Park (across from the Interurban Depot Café)

Christmas Music & Hot chocolate, Christmas tree lighting at 6:30 pm

Then follow Santa on a short walk to the Wright Township Fire Station for more Free Fun!

- Photos with Santa Claus,
- Decorate Cookies, Create Christmas
- Cards for the Veterans.
- Light meal served with beverage.

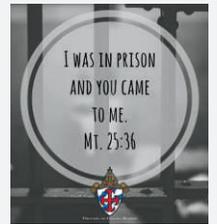
All are welcome.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be up in the Narthex beginning Thanksgiving weekend. This year we will be helping two local organizations within the diocese. HELP Pregnancy and The Prison, Jail & Juvenile Detention Center Ministry. Parishioners are asked to take a tag off of the tree and replace it with one of the ornaments provided and purchase the requested item listed on the tag. Please return these items **UNWRAPPED** and place under the tree with the ORIGINAL gift tag attached to the item no later than **Sunday, Dec 14.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

If you have questions or would like to help with this ministry, please contact: Rob and Lori Rander (616) 215-6524



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



Next Blood Drive & Breakfast will be Feb 1, 2026

Knight Person of the Month- November: Fr. Mike Hodges

Knight Family of the Month- November Tim & Teresa Sobie

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 you for your service and commitment to our Parish Family.



November Special Donations:

Coopersville schools/ Coopersville Cares, 24 winter coats for kids in need. And a cash donation to Holy Cross Charities.

Looking Ahead- Save the Dates

Nov 26	Thanksgiving Eve Mass-Grocery Collection, Annual Slide Show 6PM St Mary
Nov 30	Advent by Candlelight 6:30 Parish Hall
Dec 1	Fr Mike Lecture Series- Scripture Roots of the Sacraments. 7PM- Community Room
Dec 6	Cookies After Mass - Volunteers needed
Dec 7	COR- 7AM Community Room
Dec 8	Fr Mike Lecture Series- Scripture Roots of the Sacraments. 7PM- Community Room
Dec 9	Our Lady of Fatima Guild Meeting 7PM Community Room
Dec 13	COR- 7AM Community Room
Dec 14	Christmas Hymn Sing Along -3PM
Dec 15	Fr Mike Lecture Series- Scripture Roots of the Sacraments. 7PM- Community Room
Dec 21	Decorate the Church for the Christmas Season- 11:30AM

Giving Back to God

Mass: Attendance 11/16	170
Adult Contributions	\$2005.00
Children Contributions	\$34.02
Loose Contributions	\$205.00
Capital Improvement	\$75.00
Online Giving	\$1655.00
CCHD	\$335.00
Total	\$3819.02
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$5600.82
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual	+2943.98

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

St. Michael's Parish News

Scrip News— Thank you to our 7 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$97.61. Please remember to buy your Christmas gift cards through Scrip. We are now carrying various \$5 and \$10 cards, which are perfect for the Giving Tree. Also, we are carrying Cabela's \$25 for the Christmas season.



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, Debbie Veneklas, 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

CLW 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. There will be no class on Sunday, November 30, due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.



Elementary Faith Formation: The elementary program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesday from 6:00- 7:30 pm in the parish school. Registration forms are in the back of church and on the parish website. There will not be class Wednesday, Nov. 26th due to Thanksgiving. May your heart be glad on Thanksgiving Day. Best wishes and Happy Thanksgiving!

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 meet on Sundays from 9:45-11:15am in the Youth Room. The 8th Grade students will also receive Confirmation Preparation. Please donate to the Middle School's Giving. Thank you! There will not be class Sunday, Nov. 30 due to Thanksgiving. Contact Debbie if you have any questions (616) 384-4026.

The Giving Tree— St. Michael's Middle School Faith Formation's has the Giving Tree in the Glass hallway. Parishioners are asked to take off as many ornaments as you would like and purchase a gift for the age listed on the tag. Please place these unwrapped presents in a bag and return them under the Giving Tree. The teens are often overlooked because they can be hard to buy for. We have a great solution. You can purchase a \$10.00 gift card from St. Michael's scrip program and place in the gift card box under the giving tree. You will be giving in two ways. All gifts need to be turned in no later than December 8th, so they can be delivered to Coopersville Cares. Thank you for your support and generosity. May God bless you as you have blessed others.



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Sherry Maslowski
by Frank Maslowski & Family



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

Liturgical Ministers Needed

We are in need of more Liturgical Ministers. Have you ever been interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Sacristan, Lector or Usher? Now is the time to volunteer your time and talent. Many volunteers are needed for our Saturday 4:00 PM Mass time. Training is available for all positions. See Kevin Kilpatrick for more information. Thank you!



Giving Back to God

November 15/16

Mass Attendance: 11/15- 4:00 PM:	91
Mass Attendance: 11/16: 8:30 AM	156
Adult Envelopes	\$4,004.00
Loose Cash	\$194.00
Children's Envelopes	\$12.56
Holy Day	\$10.00
Total	\$4,220.56
Building Fund	\$50.00
CCHD	\$819.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$5,545.06
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual	+\$3,196.58

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November 23, 2025 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe

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"This Is the King!"

We celebrate the feast of Christ the King, oddly enough, by looking at Jesus hanging in apparent defeat on the cross. But if we understand what we are seeing, we will understand what we are celebrating. The image of Jesus as crucified King says it all.

This image tells us, first of all, that Jesus has triumphed; he is King. He has conquered sin and all the power and consequences of sin.

The very fact that he needed to triumph—and triumph in this way—tells us something else: Jesus is a King who is not acceptable to everyone. He is a contradiction and a threat to the attitudes and values of this world—and especially of those who have the most power and influence in the world. Jesus was not crucified by the weak, but by the strong.

This calls on us to ask where we stand: are we on the side of Jesus or on the side of his enemies? Or do we, at different times and in different ways, unconsciously support both sides?

Divided loyalty is the common human condition. It is the source of all sin and the very definition of idolatry. When we serve “two masters” (Matthew 6:24), letting Christ reign over some areas of our lives and something else reign over other areas, we break the First Commandment: “You shall not have other gods beside me.” Divided loyalty led Pilate to hand Jesus over to death: “If you free this man you are no friend of Caesar” (John 19:12). We cannot serve Jesus Christ with undivided hearts and at the same time cling to money and power, or the approval of those who have both.

Christians do not believe that money and power are evil in themselves. We do not believe that Jesus rules over the “good” things of creation, while the devil rules over the “bad” things. We believe that Jesus is King over everything that is, money and power included. Everything that is, everything that is done, must be subjected to his wisdom, his teaching, his rule of love.

And so, we consecrate ourselves to serving Jesus with everything we are and everything we have. Our

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

2 Samuel 5:1-3;
Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

every act should bear witness to him. Every word we speak, every choice we make, should extend the reign of his love.

This includes the choices we make in our use of material things. How much of the evil done in this world involves the use of material things? The use of drugs, the use of alcohol, the use of guns? Every time we drive a car, we are using one of our material resources well or dangerously. Every time we spend money, we are doing good or doing evil. Every dollar bill is a “vote”: What we spend it on speaks of what we stand for, what we believe in, what we want to support on this earth.

It is in this context that we look at the mission we share as Church to establish the reign of Christ on earth. We want to use everything we have—our faith, our gifts of ministry, and our material resources also—to express our priorities, to say what we believe in. We have a very small voice in determining the national budget, or the priorities our country expresses as a nation. But many small voices become one large voice when they are all saying the same thing. There is a cynical expression, “Money talks.” We believe that. And we believe that our own use of money can say whatever we want it to say—and can express our belief as a parish in the kingship of Christ.

What actually determines your use of material things? What has the most influence on your choice to buy or not to buy? To use something or not to use it? To use it in this way or some other way? Is it whim? What you feel like at the moment? The persuasion of an ad



or a very effective store display? Is it an unrecognized acceptance of the values promoted in the media? Or is it a conscious desire to use what you have received from God to do the work of God?

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Thirty-Fourth Week of the Year

Pray daily: Jesus, you are Lord. You came to bring everything in heaven and on earth together into unity under your headship. I acknowledge your rule; I offer to you and surrender all I own, all my gifts and talents, all my time on earth, to be used in your service, to extend your reign. Amen.

Monday: Luke 21:1-4: Jesus noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest." Who are the biggest benefactors of the parish: those who give the most, or those who give the most that they can afford?

Tuesday: Luke 21:5-11: While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." If everything you build up is going to be torn down, and all you acquire is going to be lost or destroyed eventually, what is the best use you can make of your possessions? Is it a waste to hold on to them until you die?

Wednesday: Luke 21:12-19: When he predicted persecution to his disciples Jesus said, "Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." How much do your fears for the future keep you from using what you have to do the work of God today? How much of this is prudence and how much just failure to trust in God?

Thursday: Luke 21:21, 24-27: Jesus said, "But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." What do you fear? Poverty? Sickness? Death? Are you free of fear because none of these things are threatening you right now, or because you know that none of them can harm you?

Friday: Luke 21:29-33: Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Are you more concerned about making money or about learning seriously the word of God? How much time and energy do you spend on each? Which will last you longer?

Saturday: Luke 21:34-36: Jesus said, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap." Every night, when you go to bed, can you say that you have spent that day preparing for the coming of Christ? Do you say it?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: As an expression of your acceptance of Jesus as Lord, decide to tithe: that is, to offer at Mass each week some percentage of your income "off the top."

As Disciple: Take some time away from one thing you do each day or week and dedicate it to learning more about Jesus and his words.

As Prophet: Give away or get rid of one thing you own as a sign that Jesus is worth more than all your possessions.

As Priest: Use something you own to help or minister to others: drive someone somewhere, give someone temporary shelter in your house, lend someone a tool or utensil.

As King: Examine your spending to see if you are "voting" with dollar bills for anything you really do not believe in. Decide what you want to vote for by your spending.

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