

St. Mary St. Michael

15164 Juniper Dr., Marne MI 49435
616.677.3934 • www.saintmarysmarne.org

17150 88th Ave., Coopersville, MI 49404
616.384.4026 • www.saintmichaels.us



Pastor: Rev. Michael Hodges

frmhodges@grpriests.org • For emergencies please call: 616.745.1409

Saint Mary Parish Staff

St. Mary Parish Office Hours
Monday9:00AM - 4:30PM
Tuesday9:00AM - 4:30PM
Wednesday 9:00AM - 11:30AM
Thursday 9:00AM to 4:30PM
Friday Closed

Deacon
Tom Roberts
troberts@saintmarysmarne.org

Business Manager
Todd Kline
businessmanager@saintmarysmarne.org

Parish Secretary
Cathie VanGessel
secretary@saintmarysmarne.org

Director of Faith Formation
Debbie Veneklas
dre@saintmarysmarne.org

Maintenance
Jim Looks

Custodian
Marian Looks

Liturgical Minister
Gary Karr
gkarr@saintmarysmarne.org

Music Director
Dr. Bernie Stanko
616.490.3836
berniestanko@hotmail.com

St Mary Prayer Line
616.677.3934 or
Linda at 677.3269
For evening requests call
Darlene 616.453.0157 or
email bfa1414@yahoo.com

Saint Michael Parish Staff

St. Michael Office Hours
Monday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Tuesday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Wednesday... 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Thursday Closed
Friday 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Deacon
Tom Roberts
troberts@saintmarysmarne.org

Business Manager
Todd Kline
bsmgr@saintmichaels.us

Parish Secretary
Beki Rotman
secretary@saintmichaels.us

Director of Faith Formation
Debbie Veneklas
childrensministry@saintmichaels.us

Maintenance
David Goosen

Custodian
Carol Reens

Liturgical Minister
Kevin Kilpatrick
liturgy@saintmichaels.us

Scrip Coordinator
Brenda Kilpatrick
616.837.6363

St Michael Prayer Line
Chris
616-403-7110
Judy Driedger
616-899-2470

Director of O.C.I.A
Cliff Kozminski
616.437.5318

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 December 20

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

Sunday December 21

8:30AM † Tom Taylor by Kurt & Margaret BouchardMI
 10:30AM † Floyd and Mary Bradley by Lisa BradleyMA

Monday December 22

No Mass

Tuesday December 23

12:00PM † Jim Potts by M/M Nick UmlorMA
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM

Wednesday December 24 The Nativity of The Lord—Vigil

4:00PM Our Parish FamilyMI
 4:00PM Our Parish FamilyMA
 7:00PM Our Parish FamilyMI
 7:00PM Our Parish FamilyMA

Thursday December 25 The Nativity of The Lord

8:30AM Our Parish FamilyMI
 10:30AM Our Parish FamilyMA

Friday December 26

No Mass

Saturday December 27

4:00PM † Bev Hehl by Doug Hehl & FamilyMI
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday December 28

8:30AM † Jack Riordan by Kurt & Margaret BouchardMI
 10:30AM † Gordon Powers by FamilyMA

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

Scripture Readings for the Week of December 21, 2025

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday The Nativity of the Lord
 Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
 Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr
 Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
 1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	Dec 27—4:00PM	Dec 28 —8:30AM
Altar Servers	Dylan Ranney NEED ONE	Aiden Rogers Kenzie Harker
Eucharistic Ministers	Veronica Schumaker Sue Felicioni NEED ONE	Deacon Tom Joe Hitchings Jennie Taylor Cindy Lindberg Rosemary Weigel Denise Nelson Peter Nielsen
Lector	Kevin Schumaker	Joe Meerman
Sacristan	NEED ONE	Chris Albrecht
Ushers	Ray Maka NEED ONE	Ed Irwin Duane Snowdin Jim Ponshair Wade Lindberg
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	December 28 —10:30AM
Sacristan	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Sadie Earle Eli Earle
Precious Body	Deacon Tom Mary Kirkwood Becky Warners
Precious Blood	Christina Withers Bruce Kamp Margie Jirous Need One
Hospitality	:Leonard Horter
Lector	Geary Farrell
Music	Bernie Stanko

Fourth Sunday

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23



Cluster News and Community News and Events

Advent Family Prayer

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your
greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love
during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for
his coming. We pray in the
name of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen



Christmas Mass Schedule

The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas Eve Vigil)

Wednesday, Dec 24

4:00PM, 7:00PM ~ St. Mary - Msgr. Louis Stasker

4:00PM, 7:00PM ~ St. Michael - Fr. Michael Hodges

The Nativity of The Lord

Thursday, Dec 25 Christmas Day

8:30AM ~ St. Michael - Fr. Michael Hodges

10:30AM ~ St. Mary - Msgr. Louis Stasker

The Solemnity of Mary,

Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31 6:00PM ~

St. Michael- Fr. Michael Hodges

Thursday, January 1 12:00PM ~

St. Mary - Fr. Michael Hodges



Please Join us ~ All are Welcome

Cherish Marriage 2026

Join other couples from across the Diocese of Grand Rapids for a night to strengthen your marriage. The annual Cherish Marriage event is planned for Friday, Feb. 6, 2026, at Watermark Country Club. The evening runs from 6 – 11 p.m.

Michael Gormley of Lay Evangelist will be the keynote speaker. Registration is now open at Cherish-Marriage.net. Don't delay; this event always sells out!

We're Hiring!

We are looking for individuals who are passionate about sharing the Catholic faith to fill positions in our Catholic schools, parishes, and at the diocese.

Find openings at: grdiocese.org/employment/

A Message from Bishop Walkowiak—Jubilee Year Closing

December 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

In these final days of Advent, the season of hope, we reflect on how the Jubilee Year has reminded us that "Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love" (Spes non confundit, 3).

In coming as a lowly infant, we are reminded of God's desire to be close to us, and "as a result, we live our lives in expectation of his return and in the hope of living forever in him. In this spirit, we make our own the heartfelt prayer of the first Christians with which sacred Scripture ends: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'" (Rev 22:20; Spes non confundit, 19).

I invite you to join me as we close the Jubilee Year in our local **Church. The Closing Mass will take place on December 28 at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Priests will be available for confession beginning at 2 p.m. Mass begins at 3 p.m., with a reception in the Catholic Central gymnasium to follow.**

I pray that this past year has been a journey of hope, mercy and renewal for you. May the good works begun in our parishes, schools and communities continue to bear much fruit beyond this Jubilee Year.

Together, let us give thanks for the graces of this holy year and embrace the Advent promise that Christ comes to dwell among us. May this sacred season deepen our hope and ready our hearts to welcome the Lord who always draws near.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, Bishop of Grand Rapids

Is God calling you to consider the permanent diaconate?

Has the Vocations Prayer moved you to question if God is calling you to become a deacon? The Office of Diaconate Formation invites men with interest or questions about discernment and formation to a "Discerning the Diaconate" information session.

Wednesday, Jan. 7 or Monday, May 4

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S. Grand Rapids.

To RSVP or learn more, contact Deacon Jerry Roersma, director of Deacon Formation, at 616-288-0913 or jroersma@grdiocese.org

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 2026: Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 22, Apr. 19, May 17** just show up or email Pattie Reynolds, preynolds@grdiocese.org, to RSVP or with questions.

Feeling overwhelmed this holiday season? We're here for you.

The Franciscan Life Center counselors are accepting new clients—including adults, children, families, and couples. (at both the Grand Rapids and Lowell Campuses) If you need a little extra support, we would be honored to walk alongside you. Please contact us at 616-897-7842 to schedule an appointment and take the first step toward peace and healing.

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR BULLETIN!

Winter Weather Reminder

St Mary Winter Weather Policy-

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 throughout the day.

St Michael Winter Weather Policy-

When there is inclement weather and Coopersville 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 throughout the day.



December 21, 2025 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Advent

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

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.

There is no CLW on Sundays, December 21 and 28 due to Christmas break. Merry Christmas!

Elementary and Middle School Faith Formation Classes Grades 1st – 8th

This past week the Faith Formation Catechist, students and their families celebrated the coming of Our Savior Jesus Christ with a Christmas Celebration. We sang Christmas carols, heard The Word of God and enjoyed some Christmas treats and refreshments as we talked with each other.

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated their time and talents to help make this year's Christmas celebration such a success! Thank you, may God bless you and your family this Christmas season!

Faith Formation will not have classes on December 24 and December 31st. Classes will resume on January 7, 2026.

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

Together is where we Belong.

Invite a family member back to church this Advent / Christmas Season.

If you have friends or loved ones who have been away from Mass, invite them back. Let them know they are missed, and we are here with open arms..

All are Welcome!

If you have been away, Come back to the place where you can be fed. Our Cluster parishes are places of welcome where the love of Christ is shared in community, service, and sacrament. Gather with us ! Come back to Mass. The Doors are Open!

Together is where we belong!



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



Knight Person of the Month- December: Matt Karr

Knight Family of the Month- December: Jim & Annette Lown
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.



December Special Donations: Help Pregnancy Aid, in memory of Judy Brown

Next Blood Drive & Breakfast will be Feb 1, 2026

Pre-Register here:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11622258



Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program

The Knights of Columbus are honored by receiving a Catholic Icon " Most Sacred Heart of Jesus" which will serve as a center piece for prayer services, **January 1-8.** This is a parish & community program to foster greater devotion to the Sacred Heart. of Jesus and pray for Our Lord to make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us. More details will be announced soon.



St Mary Parish Office Holiday Hours

Please note the Parish Office Hours for the Holidays.

Monday Dec 22 - 8AM to 12PM
Tuesday, Dec 23 - 8AM to 12PM
Wednesday, Dec 24 - Closed
Thursday, Dec 25 - Closed
Friday, Dec 26 - Closed

Monday Dec 29 - Closed
Tuesday, Dec 30 - Closed
Wednesday, Dec 31 - Closed
Thursday, Jan 1 - Closed
Friday, Jan 2 - Closed

For emergencies please call 616.745.1409



Looking Ahead- Save the Dates

Dec 21	Decorate the Church for the Christmas Season- 11:30AM
Dec 31	The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Vigil 6PM St Michael
Jan 1	The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God 12PM St Mary
Jan 1-8	KofC-Pilgrim Icon Program
Jan 4	Cookies after Mass (Need Volunteers)
Jan 8	Deacon Tom 4 Year Diaconate Anniversary
Jan 10	COR- 7AM Community Room
Jan 24	COR- 7AM Community Room

Giving Back to God

Mass: Attendance	Dec 14 – 171
Adult Contributions	\$3926.00
Children Contributions	\$34.00
Loose Contributions	\$180.00
Capital Improvement	\$350.00
Online Giving	\$855.00
Retirement for the Religious	\$870.00
Total	\$6215.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$5654.37
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual	-\$3926.25

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

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

St. Michael's Parish News

Scrip News— Thank you to the 15 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$214.26. Any orders placed between now and Christmas are not guaranteed to arrive before Christmas.



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Carl Goosen
by Marcy Goosen



Giving Back to God

December 13/14

Mass Attendance: 12/13- 4:00 PM:	68
Mass Attendance: 12/14: 8:30 AM	164
Adult Envelopes	\$4,591.00
Loose Cash	\$105.00
Children's Envelopes	\$30.00
Holy Day	\$55.00
Total	\$4,781.00
Building Fund	\$95.00
Christmas Flower Memorials	\$450.00
Cemetery	\$235.00
Retirement for Religious	\$1,166.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$5683.17
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual	-\$3342.01

Thank you for your continued support!

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.

We Need Your Help!

Today, after 8:30 AM Mass, we will be decorating the church for Christmas! If you are able to stay after Mass (or come to the church if you attend Mass a different day) to help us out, it would be much appreciated. There is so much that goes into preparing for this special week, and every little bit helps! Thank you so much for giving of your time!

Would you like to be a part of our Adult Christmas Choir?

All are welcome, and we'd love to have you! Practices will be held on Sundays, December 21 at 6 PM in the church. Contact Craig Bleckley with any questions or for more information (616) 460-3143.



All men are welcomed to join us for our Annual Men's Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, Michigan. Our retreat will be hosted the weekend of January 23-25. *The retreat theme this year is Good & Holy: Why "Good" isn't Good Enough.* Suggested Donation is \$215.00. Car pooling will be available. For more information about the Retreat house. <https://www.stfrancis.ws/mensretreats>. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mark Phillips 616-550-2766. Or Joe LeMieux 616-888-9106.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. There are 1st and 2nd place prizes for each group.

The levels of competition are: Kindergarten; Grades 1 and 2; Grades 3 and 4; Grades 5 and 6; and Grades 7 and 8.

All posters should contain our motto, "Keep Christ in Christmas" Please do not put your name on the front of the poster.

There are posters available in the Glass Hallway with entry forms taped to the back, and instructions. Posters are due back at St. Michaels by Dec. 28.

St. Michael Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who attended and helped with the Haunted Hayride and Pumpkin Carving event on October 25th. We collected 296lbs of food and \$58 cash for Coopersville Cares. It brings people from the community to our parish to have some fun. The hayride was extra special with two haunted horse riders!

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. **CLW will be on break until January 11, 2026. Merry Christmas! May your family share special moments celebrating the New Year!**

Elementary Faith Formation: The elementary program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesday from 6:00- 7:30 pm. **Elementary faith Formation is on break and will resume this Wednesday January 7, 2026. Have a safe and blessed Christmas Season!**

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. Contact Debbie if you have any questions (616) 384-4026. **Middle School Faith Formation will be on break and will resume on January 11, 2026. May you and your family experience the true meaning of Christmas and keep it with you throughout the New Year!**

The Giving Tree – Thank you to all of St. Michael's parishioners who so generously donated to our Giving Tree. Your help in supporting Coopersville Cares is greatly appreciated. May God bless you as you have blessed others. Merry Christmas!



December 21, 2025 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

An Unambiguous Sign

Matthew and Isaiah both speak of the virgin who conceives as a sign of *Emmanuel*: God-with-us. The Incarnation or enfleshment of God took place when God the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, was conceived in Mary and of Mary without any act of human intercourse. Jesus, the fruit of her womb, is called Emmanuel because he is truly God and truly man. He is God-with-us as a human being.

God had to take flesh in Mary in order to be truly human. Jesus was not prefabricated in heaven from some divine stuff and then put into Mary's womb. His body was formed from hers.

Mary had to be a virgin so that it would be clear that Jesus was divine. If he had no human father, it would be clear that Jesus was conceived by the power of God. Mary's virginity was an unambiguous sign that Jesus is both divine and human.

Jesus visible as Emmanuel, God-with-us, is an unmistakable sign of God's love for us. Jesus' "being there" cannot be explained except as the sign, the proof, the expression of God's desire to be with us, to reveal God's self to us and to save us. Jesus' every human word and action flowed from this desire, which reached its apex in Jesus' offering himself for us on the cross. In every Mass we celebrate his death and resurrection to new life.

The Church is the continuation of Jesus' visible, human presence and action in the world. In the Church, Christ's Body on earth, the Incarnation is extended in time; Jesus continues to be Emmanuel, God-with-us. The existence, witness and ministry of the Church cannot be explained except as the continuation of Jesus' divine presence and action

*God has chosen to act
with divine power through
human words and actions*

DECEMBER 21, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7;
Matthew 1:18-24

in us, the human members of his Body on earth.

For years Catholics have described sacraments as visible signs instituted by Jesus Christ to give grace. A sacrament gives grace through some visible, human action. The sacraments do not depend on any human power, even on the holiness of their ministers. Like the virginity of Mary, they are signs of God's action taking place through human beings, but without using any human power to produce their effect. Unless Jesus Christ is speaking and acting through these signs, the water of Baptism does not cleanse, the bread and wine

of Eucharist do not nourish, the words of absolution do not pardon, the vows of marriage do not commit irrevocably, the laying on of hands at Confirmation and ordination do not consecrate and empower, and the oils of Anointing do not heal.

When we receive the sacraments, we give unambiguous signs of faith in Jesus-Emmanuel, God still with us in the flesh. The way we express and experience the invisible faith we have in God, in Jesus and in the Church is through visible, human gestures which do not make complete sense unless we have that faith.



Saint Paul's claim to "be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God," consecrated and empowered for ministry, is based on this same faith. Beginning in a radically new way with Jesus and continuing in the Church, God has chosen to act with divine power through human words and actions. Jesus was born of Mary "according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power"—not with the human power that comes from wealth, education, connections or the authority to command armies, but "according to the spirit of holiness," by abandoning all human power on the cross and by his "resurrection from the dead." The Church's ultimate refusal to rely on human power to spread the Good News is the clearest sign of its reliance on God's power.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Fourth Week of Advent

Pray daily: God, you chose to redeem the world through human beings acting with divine power, beginning with Jesus, your Son. Teach me to open myself to your power so that you might do through me what you desire. Amen.

Monday: Luke 1:46-56. And Mary said: "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name." What great things has God done for you? How do you remember and celebrate them?

Tuesday: Luke 1:57-66. "Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son." Was John's birth more important to God than yours? Than anybody else's?

Wednesday: Luke 1:67-79. "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably upon his people and redeemed them." What signs in the world proclaim this same truth today?

Thursday: (Christmas) John 1:18: "No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known." How can you let Jesus help you to better know God?

Friday: (Saint Stephen) Matthew 10:17-22. "When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given at that time." When you are put on the spot because of your values, are you conscious that Jesus is your friend?

Saturday (Saint John): John 20:2-8. "Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb... [The other disciple] bent down and saw the linen wrappings lying there." What did Jesus accomplish during his time on earth? What does his life and death help you accomplish now?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Put a picture of Mary where you will see it frequently. Imagine her pregnant. Remember that you are also giving flesh to God.

As Disciple: Reread one of the Sunday readings. Then reflect on it, ask questions about it and make a decision in response to it.

As Prophet: Realize that you belong to the Body of Christ. Each day consciously do something that can be explained only by your faith.

As Priest: Through some word or action, minister to someone else, conscious that you are sharing the love of Jesus Christ within you.

As King: Before each thing you do this week, remind yourself that God's power enables you to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.?

THROOP FUNERAL HOME
214 Church
Coopersville
837-8161

CONTRACT ELECTRIC CO., INC.
• RESIDENTIAL
• COMMERCIAL
59 Years in Business
784-2393

SUPERIOR MONUMENT
"High Quality Granite & Bronze
Grave Markers
At Affordable Prices"
Ruth Brown, Parishioner
**2470 ARTHUR
677-5921**

GEORGE HOFACKER
LAWN & GARDEN EQUIPMENT
Residential-Commercial Lawn Equip.
Parts for what we have sold.
TRY BEFORE YOU BUY
SNAPPER - ARIENS - HONDA
GRASSHOPPER - DIXIECHOPPS
Complete Engine Rebuilding Service
**3633 4 MILE RD. NW
784-2998**

FOX CHEVROLET Only the Best.

Nick Bravata Bill Gavin
BGavin@foxmotors.com
www.foxchevrolet.com
616-891-8104
NEW & USED CARS
TRUCKS • LEASING

Arsulowicz Brothers
MORTUARIES INC.
"Family Owned & Operated"
458-1297
PRE-ARRANGEMENTS AVAILABLE

THE STONE ZONE
Sales & Custom Cutting of:
Limestone • Marble • Slate
also
Building & Landscape Stone
677-3112
14100 IRONWOOD DR.

THE PICKLE BACK

616-677-5180
Downtown, Marne

"Salt Is All We Do!"
Chulski's Salt Service
616-677-1700
616-677-3893
Fax: 616-677-5164
Commercial and Residential
• Prompt Delivery
• Water Softener Salts • Pool Salt
• Deicing Salts/24 Hour Availability
• Quantity Discounts • Competitive Prices
• Locally Owned and Operated
www.chulskisaltservice.com

5977 ALPINE • COMSTOCK PARK
632 E MAIN ST. • CALEDONIA
616-837-6521

SHABLUK & MAY
General Dentistry
706 W RANDALL ST. COOPERSVILLE
www.davidshablukdds.com
office@davidshablukdds.com
616-837-6521

Zoko TEAM
five star
REAL ESTATE SERVICES
250 LAKE MICHIGAN DR
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49534
616-901-9632
ZOKOTEAM.COM
"OUR WORK ISN'T DONE TILL EVERY CLIENT FEELS LIKE FAMILY"

CUSTOM CAULKING 616-677-3999
CustomCaulking.com
"SKILLED TRADE PROGRAM - EARN AS YOU LEARN"

SOBIE MEATS
Let Us MEAT Your Needs
TIM & TERESA SOBIE
Locally raised beef & pork
Tues 9-6 • Wed-Fri 8-6 • Sat 8-3 • Closed Sun-Mon
3450 Remembrance Rd. NW
Good Ol' Fashioned Service! 616-453-7201
BEEF • PORK • CHICKEN • STEAKS • KIELBASA • SAUSAGES • JERKY • BACON

Alt OIL COMPANY
616-837-6633
• Custom Diesel Fuel
• Gasolines
• Home Heating Oils
• Lubricants
1374 W. Randall
Coopersville

Developers of Underground
Water Supply Since 1890
Raymer
WATER SUPPLY CONTRACTORS
WELLS & PUMPS
616-677-2751
1357 Comstock St. • Marne
www.raymerwaterwells.com

RIDGE HEATING & COOLING
Relationship-based business at an affordable price
Rinke-Family Owned Parishioners
616.520.8505
RidgeHeatandCool.com

River City Insurance Group
Auto, Home, Life, Farm, Medicare Plans
616-677-3136
14637 16th Ave. • Marne, MI 49435

Specializing in Service Licensed & Insured Free Estimates
CHC
Coopersville Heating & Cooling
Mark Janose (616) 837-1312
Don Janose (616) 292-3344

Putt Putt Bar
GRAND RAPIDS MI
You're Only a Stranger Once!
C'mon Down and Say Hi!
The Fischer Family 774-9129 • 1148 W Fulton

Get this bulletin emailed to you every week.
Simply go to **www.DM.CHURCH/1216** ...or scan →
DISCOVERMASS

Edward Jones You talk. We listen. In person. Here for you.
Dana Belliel | Financial Advisor | 6440 Alpine Ave N W Suite 1 | Comstock Park, MI 49321 | 616-784-9622
edwardjones.com Member SIPC
MKT-58940-A AECSPAD

myParish The App for Catholic Life Every Day
www.myParishApp.com
Available for Apple and Android

VITO DOLCI REAL ESTATE

DOLCI GROUP REAL ESTATE
five star REAL ESTATE LEADERS
4165 Lake Michigan Dr
Parishioner
vito@dolcigroup.com
dolcigroup.com
616.791.1010

SCHNEIDER TIRE OUTLET, INC.
NOKIAN TYRES
schneidertire.com

KSpence Homes
From the shore to the city
CITY2SHORE
GATEWAY GROUP
Kelly Spence REALTOR®
Parishioner
5596 Lake Michigan Dr
Allendale, MI 49401
C: 616-250-1203
kelly@kspencehomes.com
kspencehomes.com

DIODESAN Catholic Life Every Day
PUT YOUR FAITH TO WORK.
SALES REPRESENTATIVE
Join Our Family • Diocesan.com/Careers

WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dynamic. Excellence-Driven.
GRWESTCATHOLIC.ORG

EWTN Global Catholic Radio
TUNE IN

Holy Family RADIO
We will take care of all the paperwork and expense of moving the vehicle!
1140 AM 98.3 FM 91.5 FM 89.7 FM
GRAND RAPIDS GRAND RAPIDS KALAMAZOO BATTLE CREEK
Call 844-33-RADIO (844-337-2346)

catholicmatch Michigan
CatholicMatch.com/goMI

ADVERTISE HERE
Promote your Business **Andrew Beadling**
AND support your Parish. **616-446-6892**

Support your LOCAL Catholic radio station by donating your car, truck, boat or camper to **Holy Family Radio** and our parish will receive a portion of the proceeds!

VAUGHN & PATTY STEVENS
3949 Remembrance Rd.
www.rodenhouse.com
453-4547 • Fax: 453-6406

HERITAGE
Life Story Funeral Homes
ALT & SHAWMUT HILLS CHAPEL
VAN STRIEN - CRESTON CHAPEL
616-453-8263

Daniel's
Hair Salon & Tanning
837-6617
323 Main St. • Coopersville

Rodenhouse Body Shop

DIODESAN To Advertise 1-800-783-1623 Online at Diocesan.com/Business VISA 1216