

December 28, 2025 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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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 December 27

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

## Sunday December 28

8:30AM † Jack Riordan by Kurt & Margaret Bouchard .....MI  
 10:30AM † Gordon Powers by Family .....MA

**Monday December 29 No Mass**

**Tuesday December 30 No Mass**

## Wednesday December 31

6:00PM The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God—Vigil  
 Our Parish Family .....MI

## Thursday January 1

12:00PM The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God  
 Our Parish Family .....MA

**Friday January 2 No Mass**

## Saturday January 3

4:00PM † Winnie Spencer by Marcy Goosen & Family .....MI  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

## Sunday January 4

8:30AM † Margaret Jonio by the O’Bradovich Family .....MI  
 10:30AM † Jim Potts by M/M Duanne Perrin .....MA

MA=St. Mary MI=St. Michael’s



## Scripture Readings for the Week of December 28, 2025

**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

**Monday** I Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

**Tuesday** I Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a; 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

**Wednesday** I Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
 Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Friday Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,**  
 Bishops and Doctors of the Church  
 I Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Saturday** I Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

**Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12

## St. Michael’s Liturgical Ministers

	Jan 3—4:00PM	Jan 4 —8:30AM
Altar Servers	Kassidy Britt MaKaelyn Britt	Bryson Lindberg Reid Lindberg
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Tom NEED TWO	Deacon Tom Jennifer DeMull Jeff Johnson Zack Nelson Kenny Harker Greg Helsen NEED ONE
Lector	Sue DeVos	Chris Albrecht
Sacristan	Jane Vitunskas	Jane Vitunskas
Ushers	NEED TWO	Peter Nielsen Joe Meerman Curt DeVos Calvin Lindberg
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

## St. Mary’s Liturgical Ministers

	January 4 —10:30AM
Sacristan	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Sela Ricord Ty Ricord
Precious Body	Deacon Tom Geary Farrell Margie Jirous
Precious Blood	Vito Dolci Bruce Kamp Christina Withers Becky Warners
Hospitality	Leonard Horter
Lector	Robert Lothschutz
Music	Bernie Stanko

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the human family unit, as well as the ultimate family unit: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The feast is usually celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas.



The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families.

We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? What would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do? Finally, we can use this feast to ask ourselves what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities.

### Prayer for the Holy Family

*God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

## Cluster News and Community News and Events

### 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

New Year's is a day of new beginnings, goals, celebrations, and reflections. And it's also one of the most special days in the Church – the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. One week after we celebrate the birth of Christ, we give thanks to His mother.



#### Prayer for the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

*“O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.”*

Amen

### Fall in Love All Over Again!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience (WWME) is a time set aside for you and your spouse to connect more deeply and fan the spark of your love. Through presentations and time for private discussion, WWME offers tools to take your marriage to the next level. Apply today at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more info.

Upcoming Experiences:

Jan. 30- Feb. 1: Country Inn & Suites - Grand Rapids

### 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](http://Cherish-Marriage.net). Don't delay; this event always sells out!

### 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](mailto: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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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

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

### Bulletin Sponsor of the Week



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### 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.

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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.

There is no CLW on Sunday, 28 due to Christmas break. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

### 1st-7th Grade Faith Formation Classes -

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

### 8th Grade - Confirmation Classes -

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

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Christmas Celebration! 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! May God bless your New Year!

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

For more information or any questions on any of these programs Please contact Debbie Venekase at dre@saintmarys.marne.org or 616.677.3934

## St Mary Advent Giving Tree ~ Thank You

We would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's for your generosity in donating items for the Christmas Giving Tree. We were able to provide much needed items for HELP Pregnancy families and The Prison, Jail & Juvenile Detention Center Ministry. May God Bless you this Christmas Season. The Giving Tree Committee.



## 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

#### Pre-Register here:

[https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/11622258](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.



## Christmas Flowers in Honor Of/In Memory Of



Allan Boomgaard

Floyd & Mary Bradley

Stephen & Kathryn Frantz

Bernard Fritz

Betty Fritz

Philip Fritz

Joe Gavin

Warren & Genevieve LaDuke and Family

Shelley Lockey

Lynette Maki

Gordon Powers

Merrill & Margaret Roberts and Family

George & Bonnie Schippers

Holly Farrell Szost

Thank you for your donations. (donations/names received as of 12/15/2025)

## St Mary Parish Office Holiday Hours

Please note the Parish Office Hours for the Holidays.

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 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

<b>Mass: Attendance</b>	ec 14 -
Adult Contributions	\$1512.00
<b>Total</b>	
Weekly Offertory Needed	\$5658.74
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual	-\$2381.25

**Unavailable at this time**

## Welcome to the Cluster Parishes of St. Mary and St. Michael

# St. Michael's Parish News

**Scrip News**— Scrip totals will be updated next week.



## St. Michael's Parish Family

**Remembers in Their Prayers:** Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, Carol Tasker, 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.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Next Sunday, January 4, from 9:30—11:30 a.m.  
 Adults, \$12.00; Children 6-12, \$7; Under 6, free;  
 Immediate Family Max: \$33  
 Come make plans to attend and support the Knights and their efforts!



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

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 today, Dec. 28.



## St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Carl Goosen  
by Marcy Goosen

## Giving Back to God

December 20/21

Mass Attendance: 12/20- 4:00 PM:

Mass Attendance: 12/21: 8:30 AM

Adult Envelopes

Loose Cash

Children's Envelopes

Holy Day

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ing Fund

Christmas Flower Memorials

Cemetery

Retirement for Religious

Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget

Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual

Thank you for your continued support!

## 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!



## Bride-Love Revisited

God's treatment of Joseph, Mary and Jesus is shocking. God lets them be driven from their country, their relatives and their family house (see Genesis 12:1) into the poverty and isolation of refugees in a foreign land. God sends an angel only to warn them, not to protect them (see 2 Kings 19:35). This is certainly a strange way to show love!

Compare that treatment to the blessings God promises to those who show love and respect for their parents; we can extend this to good family life in general. God promises riches, gladness, a long life, and answers to their prayers. Sirach says, "A father's blessing strengthens the houses of the children" (3:9), but here we see God the Father letting his special family be uprooted from their homeland!

Saint Paul provides the key to God's new way of dealing with us since Jesus came: "Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved..." What? Will God bless you or give you long life? No. Paul continues: "...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another... forgive..." And "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Paul invites us to think in terms of living and giving in love, not of receiving. He urges us to surrender our hearts to that peace which comes from Christ, to dedicate ourselves to thankfulness. His practical advice is to let God's word dwell in us; that is, to shape all our thoughts, speech and action; to help one another understand Christ's words and live by them ("teach and admonish one another"); to pray and celebrate our faith together ("sing psalms, hymns and spiritu-

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### THE HOLY FAMILY

Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21;  
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

al songs to God"). "And whatever you do, in word or deed," he says, "do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus."

This is a change in perspective. Under the terms of the old covenant, people kept God's law for the sake of getting the most out of life. God's laws are instructions for using the human nature the Creator gave us. If we follow them in personal and community life, human society on earth will be what it is supposed to be, and we will all be "healthy, wealthy and wise." When we sin, we ruin things for ourselves and others and that is still true. But Jesus has given us a whole new perspective.

We live not simply to enjoy good human lives, but to let Christ live in us and con-

tinue his saving work (see Romans 6:4 and Galatians 2:20). We know that people frequently do not follow God's law. Our aim as Christians is not to separate ourselves from others, forming an isolated community to enjoy the fruits of right living while the rest of the world destroys itself. Our goal is to join Jesus in giving ourselves for the life of the world (see John 6:51). This means offering ourselves along with the "Lamb of God," choosing to endure suffering and injustice. In this way we allow our lives to reveal God's love, which

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calls the world to new life, the life which God alone can give, which was revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

Living by the New Law of Jesus, the law of total abandonment of self in love, is the fruit of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22 and Colossians 3:12-15). The law of Jesus reflects the wisdom of the cross (see Matthew 11:25 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-25). Now we can identify fulfillment with “emptying” ourselves (see Philippians 2:7) and superiority with being least and last (see Matthew 20:25-28; Mark 9:35; Colossians 3:18-21).

Marriage and family life are a school of love; whatever teaches, enables or calls us to love more selflessly, even heroically, is the blessing God promises. Love is true “riches, gladness,” and fullness of life. The power to love is God’s answer to our prayers.

## REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

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*Pray daily: Jesus, help us to live as one holy family on earth, united with all people in respect and love. Let us experience now the joy and peace of our home with you in heaven. We ask this through your victory as Christ our Lord.*

**Monday:** Luke 2:22-35. When Mary and Joseph brought in the child Jesus, Simeon blessed God, saying: “My eyes have seen your salvation.” Do you spontaneously bless God for his presence and action in every person? Or do you see some as adversaries or a threat to you? What is the answer to this?

**Tuesday:** Luke 2:36-40. “Anna began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.” Do you please God when you recognize grace at work in others and speak of it?

**Wednesday:** John 1:1-18. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” Can you affirm this with faith about every person who is still alive? In every human encounter, how can you keep yourself aware of the active presence and power of God?

**Thursday:** Luke 2:16-21 (Mary, Mother of God). The shepherds “made known the message that had been told them about this child.” How do you share the Good News in your daily life?

**Friday:** John 1:19-28. The Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask John, “Who are you?” How would you answer that question? Do you identify yourself primarily by your relationship with Christ? What is that relationship?

**Saturday:** John 1:29-34. John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” Since you are the Body of Christ, you are also the “lamb of God.” How do you live it out?

## LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

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**As Christian:** Decide how you would define yourself in relation to Jesus. Write that down and put it where you will see it every day.

**As Disciple:** Each day ask yourself how Jesus used one of his bodily powers—sight, hearing, taste, touch or speech—and compare this with the way you, as a member of his Body, use yours.

**As Prophet:** Once a day look back over your actions and ask, “Did I do that as the Body of Christ?”

**As Priest:** Each day offer yourself deliberately as the “lamb of God” through a word or act that is healing for others.

**As King:** Each time you move from one place to another, remind yourself that you are the Body of Christ, charged to continue his mission on earth. Ask yourself how you can do this at your destination.

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