

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish

May 3, 2026 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Tuesday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Wednesday 9:00AM - 11:30AM
Thursday 9:00AM to 4:00PM
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

Prayer to St. Mark the Evangelist.

O Glorious St Mark, through the grace of God our Father, you became a great Evangelist, preaching the Good News of Christ. May you help us to know Him well, so that we may faithfully live our lives as followers of Christ.
Amen.



Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday May 2

4:00PM † Roger Hecksel by Joan Hecksel & FamilyMI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday May 3

8:30AM † Dave & Sandy Balkon by Calvin & Cindy Lindberg.....MI
10:30AM † Fred & Ann Keena by M/M Jim Lothschutz.....MA

Monday May 4 No Mass

Tuesday May 5

12:00PM † Bill Oziemkiewicz by M/M Bob Rogers.....MA
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Wednesday May 6

12:00PM † Sherm Hecksel by Dave & Sharon CarlsonMI
Adoration begins after Mass until 3:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30PM-1:30PM - St. Michael

Thursday May 7

12:00PM † Wayne Kensil by Family and Friends.....MA
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30-1:30PM - St. Mary

Friday May 8

12:00PM Our Parish FamilyMI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 12:30PM-1:30PM - St. Michael

Saturday May 9

4:00PM † Deceased members of the Wing & Hoffman Families
by Ruth HeckselMI
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3:00 PM—3:45 PM - St Michael

Sunday May 10

8:30AM † Becky Schmidt by the Lovelace FamilyMI
10:30AM For All Mothers of the ParishMA

MA=St. Mary

MI=St. Michael's



Scripture Readings for the Week of May 3, 2026

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; I Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; I Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

St. Michael's Liturgical Ministers

	May 9 — 4:00PM	May 10 — 8:30AM
Altar Servers	Kassidy Britt MaKaelyn Britt	Kenzie Harker Melena Lindberg
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Tom Sue Felicioni Niki Schumaker	Jennifer DeMull Jeff Johnson Kenny Harker Cindy Lindberg Denise Nelson NEED TWO
Lector	Kevin Schumaker	Dennis Zimmer
Sacristan	Sue DeVos	Chris Albrecht
Ushers	Ray Maka NEED ONE	Wade Lindberg Greg Helsen Peter Nielsen Joe Meerman
Music	Craig Bleckley	Craig Bleckley

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers

	May 10 — 10:30AM
Sacristan	Gary Karr
Altar Servers	Eli Earle Sadie Earle
Precious Body	Steve Lampe Becky Warners Geary Farrell
Precious Blood	Mary Kirkwood Nettie Leale Austin Lampe Michelle Lampe
Hospitality	Leonard Horter
Lector	Vito Dolci
Music	Bernie Stanko

May is the Month of Mary

May is the month of Mary, we dedicate the month to Mary. We honor her. May crowning is a traditional Catholic ritual, it recognizes Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. It marks a new spiritual season. Mary was Jesus' mother. She was born without original sin. She was the 1st and most perfect disciple. She was married to Joseph. She stood at the foot of the cross when Jesus died. Mary is an advocate, helper and intercedes for us so that we may receive the gifts of eternal salvation. Mary is the perfect follower of Christ.



Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish News & Community News and Events

Catholic Service Appeal - 2026

If you have already turned in your CSA pledge card, thank you! If you haven't had the chance yet, please return your CSA pledge card this week to the parish office or make your pledge online at GRdiocese.org. Our participation in the CSA as individuals and as a parish enables us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Through the blessings we've received, together we can fund important work that benefits our parish and diocesan programs that support individuals, families, and communities throughout our 11 counties. Every gift, regardless of the amount, is important in this effort. Our parish goal for 2026 is:

St Mary

CSA 2026 Pledge Goal: \$52,482.00

Total Pledges Made: \$1000.00 (.02%)

Balance: \$51,482.00

Participation: 1 of 232 Active

Households (.01%)

Totals as of April 26, 2026

St Michael

CSA 2026 Pledge Goal: \$56,349.00

Total Pledges Made: \$000 (.0%)

Balance: \$0

Participation: 00 of 248 Active

Households (00%)

Totals as of April 26, 2026

and **100% participation**, which means every parishioner should return their pledge card. Please join us in this important work!



Please Pray for our Engaged Couple

**Greg Hood & Mary VanDenBrink -
May 9, 2026 (St Michael)**

Lord God, the source of all love, the wise plan of your providence has brought these young people together. As they prepare themselves for the sacrament of marriage and pray for your grace, grant that, strengthened by your blessing, they may grow in their respect for one another and cherish each other with a sincere love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen



Bulletin Sponsor of the Week



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Fr. Mike's Musings

Remember the days when families would go on Sunday afternoon drives? The beauty of the surrounding countryside, providing one stayed off of the interstate, the soft tunes emanating from the radio, and the unceasing cacophony of kids in the backseat bellowing the same question over and over--"Are we there yet?" Most drivers did not really know where "there" was, it was just a meandering drive to nowhere in particular, but that did not make a lick of difference to the passengers. They wanted results to justify their forced confinement in the rear of a '78 Pontiac Catalina station wagon, being regularly fumigated by clouds of exhaust from a faulty exhaust system, Mom's menthol Salem cigarettes, and Dad's overly generous pre-ride dousing of Aqua Velva (I still heave at these memories of nearly a half-century past).

Our current day version of a family road trip, the consolidation process of St. Mary and St. Michael into a single parish entity, is near its end and the destination is known, a vigorous new life bringing the Gospel message to the world—or, at least, our little corner of it. Through the ongoing 'Rooted in Christ' pastoral plan initiated in the diocese in 2024 and formalized as a workable plan in 2025, it was determined that the course of survival of the Church's presence in rural, eastern Ottawa County was the closure of one of the two parishes pastored by your humble servant. I found this plan to be unacceptable and put forth an idea of consolidating the properties and resources of both parishes into a single new parish consisting of two already-existing worship sites—St. Mary and St. Michael.

This model had been implemented in other dioceses throughout the U.S., notably Saginaw in Michigan, and was found to be successful. Nothing was to be closed, the combining of resources only served to strengthen and empower the presence of the Church in a particular region, and this newfound strength seeped into the lives of parishioners reinvigorating their faith and their involvement in the life of the parish community. The first two benefits have been realized in our efforts, the third remains to be seen and is fully in the hands of laity of the newly proclaimed parish of **St. Mark the Evangelist**.

On Monday, April 20, 2026 I received notification that Bishop Walkowiak had signed the document of proclamation that formally established our new parish. This proclamation, copies of which have been posted in the churches and can be found online, takes effect on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Henceforth, St. Mary and St. Michael will cease to exist as individual parishes but will take the role as worship sites of the new parish of St. Mark the Evangelist. Aside from the parish name on the bulletin not much will be changed so far as the lay community is concerned. The changes are largely at the clerical/office level. Other noticeable changes will be in the consolidation of redundant resources and programs, with the goal of making the parish more effective and efficient in its evangelization, educational, and social efforts. Among these changes:

- A single faith formation program under the direction of Mrs. Debbie Veneklas with the assistance of the newly appointed faith formation secretary, Beki Rotman (also serving as part-time parish secretary).
- A single sacramental preparation program for our young people. Celebration of the sacraments will rotate on a yearly cycle between the worship sites.
- Celebration of the Christmas and Easter sacraments will likewise be on a yearly rotation between the sites with scheduling announced via the bulletin and electronic venues.
- The annual festival at St. Michael and the picnic at St. Mary will continue but utilizing the volunteer efforts and resources of both. These events are now under the auspices of St. Mark the Evangelist, the cooperation of both communities is expected.

Other practical and operational changes are on the horizon, like those few that have been listed will be implemented with only the good of the parish community in mind. Look closely at what we will become and it is readily evident that nothing has been lost, nobody has lost their job, and the continued life and history of our communities have been secured, just in a different form. There will be some naysayers and rumor-mongers who will continually lament change, echoing the cry from the backseat, "Are we there yet?" To them I say, "Yes, we are very close. Our destination is well within sight." Let us now all buckle-up and hang-on, it's going to be an interesting and fruitful journey in the days to come.

May 3, 2026 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

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St. Mary's News

St Mary Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW):

Pre-School thru 2nd Grade During 10:30 AM Mass.

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Today's Gospel is John 14:1-12 is a comforting passage where Jesus reassures His disciples about His return and the promise of eternal life.

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. Thank you to all of the Catechist and helpers. Your help is greatly appreciated. Have a fun and safe summer. Keep your eye on the bulletin for next year's registration information

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



Congratulations to our second graders, who received Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of Eucharist on April 26, 2026. Let us pray that they will always know Jesus; love for them and go out and share the love with everyone they meet.

Best Wishers to Ayven, Marcus, Aliza, Genevieve, Ella, and Harper



Congratulations to the newly Confirmed Jenny and Becky on your Sacrament of Confirmation. May you hold Jesus Christ forever in your heart and may the memory of this special day stay with you always. (pictured with sponsors)

St. Mark the Evangelist Annual Baby Bottle Drive!

Please take a Baby Bottle and fill it with your "extra change!" (dollar bills and checks are also welcome) Supporting the drive will benefit HELP Pregnancy's ministry in so many ways: Keeping them supplied with some of the most needed baby essentials such as pack-n-plays, diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, baby wash, lotion etc. It will also help them provide walk-in hours for a free ultrasound with a qualified ultrasound technician for those who may be considering abortion. **Begins Mother's Day and ends Father's Day.**



Mass of Thanksgiving for All 2026 Graduates

Calling All Graduates: St. Mark the Evangelist Parish family wishes to congratulate you on your graduation and extend our prayerful best wishes to you and your future endeavors. To help you celebrate, we invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving with a special Blessing for 2026 Graduates. **May 31 - 10:30AM—Graduation Mass & Blessing at St Mary**
Please RSVP THIS WEEK



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



Upcoming Blood Drives –

June 14 Pre-Register:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11622155

October 11 Pre-Register:

https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11630810



Meijer Gift Card Raffle License # X15441.

1st Place - \$250, 2nd Place - \$150, 3rd Place - \$100.

Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00.

Sales begin April 26 after Mass. Drawing will be 6/4 at 7:30.

Save the date– September 19, 2026—Golf Outing-

Terra Verde Golf Course. This outing is reserved for Knights of Columbus members, their family members and friends of the KoC. (Councils #11581 & #9909)

Please contact Carl Spence for more information.

carlspence62@gmail.com / 248-807-3567 (leave a voice mail message)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

July 27-30, 2026 \ 6-8:30PM at St. Michael's. Watch for more info.



Giving Back to God

April 25 — Mass: Attendance:	227
Adult Contributions	\$4684.00
Children Contributions	\$56.00
Loose Contributions	\$374.00
Capital Improvement	\$20.00
Online Giving	\$1320.00
Total	\$6454.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$5074.55
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD-Actual	+\$213.58

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 Parish of St. Mark the Evangelist

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St. Michael's News

Scrip News— Thank you to our 14 families who purchased Scrip this week. Our total profit was \$146.21.



St. Michael Campus Family

Remembers in Their Prayers: Kevin Johnson, Anne Pols, Alexandria Gordon, Carol Tasker, Brooke Campbell, Marcy Fortin, Linda Abel-Carroll, Jackie May, Jean Mayse, Debbie Veneklas, Ken Heflin, Marvin Hecksel, Payton Patterson, Pat Harlett, Anne Walker, 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 Mass for children 3-9 years old. We are currently on summer break. We will see you in September. This is the fifth Sunday of Easter. John 14-1-12. In today's Gospel Jesus says that when we follow Jesus, we are not alone. He is with us always, guiding us through good and hard times. His way leads to peace, joy, and love. Even when we don't understand, we can trust Him because He has shown us the truth and promised to take us home.



Elementary Faith Formation: The elementary program is for students in grades 1-5. We meet on Wednesday from 6:00- 7:30 pm. Our program ended for this school year. We are on summer break. Thank you, catechist and helpers, for your dedication in sharing our Catholic faith with the Faith Formation students! Your generosity of giving your time and talent is greatly appreciated! Thank you! **Our First Communicants were welcomed to the Lord's Table:**

Liam, Jackson, Piper, Cooper, Delilah and Sarah, may Jesus' gift of the Eucharist inspire your joyful hearts to serve God. We are very proud of you!

Middle School Faith Formation: Grades 6, 7 and 8 will meet on Sundays after the 8:30am Mass from 9:45 to 11:15 AM in the Youth Room. Congratulations to our newly Confirmed students Brecca and Sonja. May the Holy Spirit guide you always! Contact Debbie if you have any questions (616)384-4026.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

— Save the Date: July 27-30, 2026, from 6-8:30 pm. at St. Michael's. More information to come.



St. Michael's Sanctuary Lamp

for +Deceased loved ones of St. Michael's Parishioners

Knights of Columbus



Breakfast — PRE- Mother's Day breakfast 2026 — Since mothers are so special, AND Mother's Day is usually quite busy, we decided to celebrate Mother's Day today,

Sunday, May 3rd, following the 8:30 Mass, with a breakfast for everyone. All proceeds go to our two pregnancy centers that we support. The donations are matched 100%! We support the Muskegon Pregnancy Center and the Help Pregnancy Center in Grand Rapids.

Please bring your mother and wives to the Knights of Columbus PRE-Mother's Day breakfast this morning!

Festival News

Save the Date for Festival:

August 30, 2026

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.



Giving Back to God

April 25/26

Mass Attendance: 4/25- 4:00 PM:	91
Mass Attendance: 4/26: 8:30 AM	155
Adult Envelopes	\$3,121.00
Loose Cash	\$270.00
Children's Envelopes	\$10.00
Total	\$3,401.00
Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$6,077.65
Offertory-YTD Budget vs YTD Actual	-\$9,865.49
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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LIVING GOD'S WORD

DAVID M.
KNIGHT

"Come to the Lord!"

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled! Come to me! I am *the way, the truth, the life*. I have prepared a place for you, that you might be with me forever. Come to me! Come to me believing I am alive."

We know "with certainty" that Jesus is the *Way* that leads to the fullness of life, both now and forever. He is the *Truth*. What he tells us is true. He has seen the Father. In knowing him, we know the Father, we know God. Jesus teaches the truth that makes us free from the fears that paralyze us, the allurements of a culture which leads us into dead-end streets empty of life, the pressures which drive us to work without let-up, without conviction or joy, for the "bread that does not satisfy." We know "with certainty" that Jesus is the *Life*. He came that we might "have life, and have it to the full." He will give us what he promises—if we "come to the Lord" believing that he is alive.

Jesus is the "living stone," rejected by the world but approved and precious in God's eyes. He is—he must be for us—the cornerstone, the way we structure our lives. We need to make his words, example and mission the foundation of all our decisions, all the directions we take in life. He is the keystone of the arch, the cornerstone of our lives, the living stone present to us every moment of the day, penetrating our minds with truth, filling our hearts with love, giving strength and life and joy to everything we do.

We, too, are living stones.

We are not dead, inert building blocks to be hauled around by God and set in place in the Church to just "be there" until Jesus comes again. God has made us coworkers with Christ, prophets "full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom" in order to share Jesus' truth with others, show others his way and be a community of love

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9;
John 14:1-12

and truth. We do so by celebrating his Resurrection, living his risen life, bearing witness to his presence in the world, living his teachings joyfully, proclaiming in word and action the glorious works of God, who calls the world from darkness into his marvelous light.

We are "a chosen race." God has selected us, chosen us, gifted us with Baptism to live as the Body of Christ on earth, to continue his mission. We are "a royal priesthood." We are ordained and consecrated by God, each one of us, to offer together until the end of time the Holy Sacrifice which redeems the world. In every Mass, we join with Jesus in lifting up to the Father the sins of the world. We offer ourselves with Je-

sus as priests in the Priest, victims in the Victim, our flesh with his, given for the life of the world—given to others, offered in love, sacrificed passionately in our every word and action so that others may have life.

We are "a royal priesthood." We are stewards of

the kingship of Jesus the Lord, who came to establish his loving reign over every area and activity of human life. We are sent to transform, to consecrate every human undertaking on earth. We are priests who lift up the bread of human labor, love and dreams so that every human activity may be transformed by grace into

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life-giving bread for the world: life without end, life to the full. When we consecrate bread at Eucharist to be the Body of Christ, we also consecrate ourselves as the Body of Christ, bread for the world. We sacrifice ourselves to the work of transforming society until Christ is all in all.

Why should our hearts be troubled? Jesus has promised to keep doing in us and through us the works he did. And we will do “greater works than these” if we come to the Lord believing he is alive in us and we are alive in him.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

Fifth Week of Easter

Pray daily: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have revealed to the nations your saving power and filled all ages with the words of a new song. Give us voice to sing your praise throughout this season of joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday: John 14:21-26. Jesus said, “[T]hose who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” Do you believe that Jesus will draw you into intimacy with himself in knowledge and love if you invite him? Have you invited him?

Tuesday: John 14:27-31. Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” Do you experience his peace? Do you believe in his words? Do you read them?

Wednesday: John 15:1-8. “I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit....” How do you “abide in Christ”? How would you affect others if you were always consciously aware of Christ’s presence in you?

Thursday: John 15:9-11. “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.” How often do you deliberately recall and believe in God’s love for you?

Friday: John 15:12-17. “I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.” Do you believe Jesus delights in sharing his heart—his thoughts, feelings, desires and dreams—with you? Do you want to share yourself with those you love? Does Jesus feel the same way?

Saturday: John 15:18-21. “If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you.” Jesus is the stone rejected by the world’s builders but approved by God. Do you tend to forget about him because our culture ignores him? When you base your choices on him, do you experience intimacy with God?

LIVING THIS WEEK'S GOSPELS

As Christian: Plan how you can make Jesus the cornerstone of your life. What are your key goals or motives at work? At home? In your social life? How can Jesus transform them?

As Disciple: Ask what you can do to become “full of the Spirit and wisdom.” What books could help you in this? Are there Scripture study groups you could join? Adult religious education talks you could attend?

As Prophet: Each morning choose one particular area of your life—home, work, recreation, civic life—where you can proclaim the glorious works of Christ. Choose an action which will speak without need of words.

As Priest: Consciously offer yourself with the bread and wine at the Offertory of the Mass, and again with Christ when his Body and Blood are lifted up at the Consecration. Be given, offered and lovingly sacrificed for the good of others at home, at work, at play.

As King: Ask how Jesus can work through your special gifts and situation to extend his reign in the world. Try to improve something in your environment.

