

November 2025

Dear St Mary Church Family:

We will be participating in Giving Tuesday (December 2) in the hopes of receiving donations from our parish community and being awarded additional funds from winning grant challenges being offered by The Catholic Foundation of West Michigan.

What is Giving Tuesday?

#GivingTuesday is a global day dedicated to giving back, especially after the commercialism and consumerism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It is a time to think about giving rather than receiving, and giving back is what we do every day as Catholic Christians, so why not participate with millions around the world during this secular event to support our own ministries?

During these 24 hours of giving, we encourage you to donate to your favorite parish, school, or other ministry in the diocese ([St Mary-Marne](#)) with the goal of accomplishing good things together through the power of generosity. #GiveCatholicWM

Once again this year, the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan generously agreed to sponsor the #GiveCatholicWM campaign with grants totaling \$10,000! Five challenges were intended to encourage participation, inspire the sharing of faithful, joyous stories, and spark good-natured competition. We need to rally participation from YOU our parish family throughout the 24-hours of giving Dec. 2 and compete to receive additional funds! Challenge grant details: [Giving Tuesday: Challenges - Diocese of Grand Rapids](#)

How do I donate?

The opportunity to give begins at 12 a.m. (midnight) to 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 2. Individuals are able to give securely online through the diocesan giving page. In order to qualify for any challenge grants, all donations must be received through the diocesan giving website. The Catholic Foundation of West Michigan will issue checks to the winning entities. **Credit card fees will not be charged** which means 100% of your designated donation goes to us!

Our goal is to raise \$4,500 for new laptops, monitors, keyboards, and accessories for our parish Office Staff and IT support to help with the set up and installation of the new equipment.

St Mary Marne Giving Page- [Donation Page GT2025 - St Mary \(Marne\) - Roman Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids](#)

Please note: The donations MUST be made via the [St Mary-Marne](#) giving link and MUST be made on Giving Tuesday, December 2, 2025 in order to qualify for the additional grant challenge awards.

Any donation, big or small will go a long way in helping us reach our goal. Mark your calendar and plan your strategy to play along and help us win the grant challenges.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office.

Thank You

Your St Mary Parish Office Staff,
Fr Mike,

Deacon Tom, Gary, Todd, Debbie and Cathie



Dec. 2, 2025
GIVING TUESDAY
Challenge Grants

Sponsored by:
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
of West Michigan



In the Beginning

Timeframe: Begins at 5 a.m.

First 10 entities to receive a donation after 5 a.m. on Giving Tuesday wins!

Prize: \$250 each



St. Peter's Power Hours

Timeframe: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The entity with the highest total raised between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Giving Tuesday wins!

Prize: \$1,000



Be Fruitful & Multiply

Timeframe: 24 Hours

The three entities with the most donors over the 48 hours of Giving Tuesday will be awarded a grant.

Prize: \$1,250 for 1st, \$1,000 for 2nd, and \$750 for 3rd



Where 2 or 3(0) are Gathered

Timeframe: 24 Hours

The first 12 entities to have 30 donors through the diocesan website wins!

Prize: \$500 for 1st & 2nd,
\$200 for 3rd - 12th



The Chosen One

Timeframe: 11 - 11:59 p.m.
on Tuesday

Any entity that receives a donation through the diocesan website from 11 - 11:59 p.m. on Giving Tuesday will be entered into a drawing! One winner will be selected at random.

Prize: \$500 for one winner

