

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 21, 2024

St. Francis de Sales

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm / Sunday 11am

St. Michael the Archangel

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Weekend Mass

Sunday 9am

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Knights of Columbus #706 Doug Zuidema

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Daily Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm

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..... Kitty Slasinski

Art & Environment Tim Duba

Knights of Columbus #13579 Joe Zagar

*God, author of all life,
bless, we pray, this
unborn child,
give constant
protection and
grant a healthy
birth that is
the sign of our
rebirth one day
into the eternal
rejoicing of heaven...*
~ excerpt from the Prayer of Blessing

Tuesday, January 23

5pm Confessions St. Michael
6pm †John & Sadie Predko St. Michael
†Edward & Joan Panyrek
†Art Sieminski by Jeannette Krehn

Wednesday, January 24-Feast of St. Francis de Sales

5pm Confessions St. Francis
5:30pm Pray the Rosary St. Francis
6pm †Dan Martin by John & Mary Allen St. Francis Church
†Ron Karch by Fred & Pat McWain
†Ed Olashske by Mary Monday & Women's Bible Study

Thursday, January 25

8:30am †Nancy McKay by family St. Francis
9-9:30am Confessions St. Francis
9am-6pm Eucharistic Adoration St. Francis

Friday, January 26

8:30am †Ted Mastee by Jim & Jean Mastee St. Michael
†Elda Policki
†Virginia Sibley by Lori & Stephen Way
9-9:30am Confessions St. Michael

Saturday, January 27

4pm Confessions St. Francis
4:30pm Pray the Rosary St. Francis
5pm †Martina Avorque by Vennie & family St. Francis
†Dr. Gregory Sobczak by Richard & Elaine Brothers
†Joel Pedro Pascwa by Vennie Avorque & family

Sunday, January 28

9am †Rose Brynes St. Michael
†Mr. & Mrs. Romuald Koryzno by family
†Nancy Voyt
11am †Casimer Kay by family St. Francis
†Tom Matz by Paula Martin
†John McKendry by Phil Kelly
†Ed Olashske by Mary Monday & Women's Bible Study

Another reminder Thursday & Friday are 8:30am Masses

(not 8am as previously listed in prior bulletins).

2024 Mass, Confession, Anointing of the Sick, & Adoration times:

SATURDAY	St Francis	4-4:30pm Conf.	5pm Mass
SUNDAY	St Michael		9am Mass
SUNDAY	St Francis		11am Mass
MONDAY	~ NO Liturgies scheduled ~		
TUESDAY	St Michael	5pm Confessions	6pm Mass
WEDNESDAY	St Francis	5pm Confessions	6pm Mass
THURSDAY	St Francis	9-9:30am Conf.	8:30am Mass
THURSDAY	St Francis	Eucharistic Adoration	9am-6pm
FRIDAY	St Michael	9-9:30am Conf.	8:30am Mass

St. Michael

Adoration Chapel- Everyday from 7am-7pm (call office for door code)
1st Friday 6pm Holy Hour & 6pm Fatima Masses May 13-Oct 13 (see bulletin)

Anointing of the Sick offered at BOTH parishes after these Masses:
4th full week of Lent, 1st full week of August, and 1st full week of Advent

Note: On unique Holy Days, please check the bulletin for Mass times. Confession times will vary during Fr Steve's vacations and HOLY WEEK. Variations will be noted in the bulletin.

Liturgical Roles

Please always refer to your schedules for accuracy

Saturday, January 27

5pm Mass at St. Francis

Altar Server

Elizabeth Cone

Eucharistic Ministers #2 Vennie Avorque

Grace Benedict, Chris Marquart,
Scott & Sue McAvoy, Danielle McCann,
Pat McKeown, Roger Morgenstern,
Josh Roznowski

Greeters

Allison Bush / Wayne & Irene LaPointe

Lectors

Marsha VanLente / Roger Routt

Ushers Team #1

Dan Alvesteffer / Dan Haggerty
Josh Roznowski

Sunday, January 28

9am Mass at St. Michael

Altar Servers

Matthew Adamski

Eucharistic Ministers

*Michele Sanocki & Tim Duba (Chalice)
Mary Saldana & Mary LaBash (Ciborium)

Lector

Carol Hesling

Sunday, January 28

11am Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Jackson & Grayson Anderson

Eucharistic Ministers #1 Corey Allard

Steve Anderson, Michael Banka,
Ken Council & Vela Cabrera, Hannah Jones
Brian MacLachlan, Pam Matthews,
Kathy Vanderwater

Greeters

Austin Goulet & family/Dave & Linda Olejarczyk

Lectors

Brian MacLachlan / Randy Kostrzewa

Ushers Team 2

Paul LeRoux, Leo Raap, John Schneller



Out of all the infinite ideas of humans that God can possibly create, the ideas that He "loves" become human! God loves us into being. We participate in the divine mind by building, reasoning, and loving. When couples bring eternal souls into the world, they allow God to plan parenthood. God creates through their cooperation. He allows their "yes" to fill the earth and subdue it (see Genesis 1:28 and Acts 17:26).

The recent March For Life in Washington D.C., our local Baby Bottle Boomerang, and the prayers and support we offer for expecting mothers are all tangible ways to promote life. To defend life is to say "yes" to God. Let us cooperate with His holy will so all people (whether in the womb or in their final days) will enjoy the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.



Thank you for welcoming Deacon Jim Cross and his wife Lisa! He enjoyed his first weekend of ministry. Despite the snowy roads, we still had a good turnout at all Masses and for his reception.

Having a deacon at my side is a new experience for me. I look forward to discovering Jim's vision for ministry, learning his strengths, and working as a team to build God's kingdom. Jim heard God's voice and answered the call to be a deacon. We are blessed by his "yes" to God!

RCIA Schedule

Jan 21st - Intro to Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation
Jan 28th - Morality & dignity of human life

Happy New Year from the staff of St. Francis & St. Michael!

Back: Fr. Steve, Deacon Jim Cross, Randy Anderson (St. Francis/St. Michael Maintenance) and Mark Robillard (St. Francis Maintenance).
Front Kim Brush, St. Francis secretary, Michele Sanocki, St. Michael secretary, Lisa Cross, Kimberly Plyler, Business Manager and Pam Goodman, St. Michael maintenance.
(not pictured: Chris & Kristin Barnhill, Co-Music Ministry, Liorah Marianos, Youth Ministry and Jerry Mazurek, St. Francis Maintenance)



Saint Michael the Archangel

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:30am Praying the Rosary to good health & peace



Welcome to our Parish Family!

St. Michaels would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest parishioner, Greg & Colleen Paquin..

St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231)759-8164

Marlene Evans (231)670-6149

St. Michael's Offertory

January 14, 2024

Sunday offertory: \$3,634

Online giving: \$585

Stay in the know with Sister Agnes Mary

BIRTHDAY BASH SUCCESS



With the unexpected passing of her biological sister, Sister Agnes was not at her Toast N Jams Birthday Brunch, but we celebrated for her with prayer, good eats and conversation! Thank you to all who came & participated!

She thanks everyone for thinking of her with gifts & cards & especially for keeping her in your prayers! She is working hard to adjust to her new pace of life but looks forward to what God has in store for her.



Her sister, Patricia Cherry was 91 years young & passed away on Jan. 9th. Her funeral will be held on Jan. 27th at St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord, MI. Please continue to keep Sister & the whole Wojtokowiak family in your prayers.

CONTACTING SISTER AGNES MARY

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Grand Rapids, MI 49503-3895

DIRECT TO HER ROOM: 616.259.1725

St. Francis Calendar of Events

Monday, January 22

9am MOMs Group Guild Room
10am Mary Monday Rosary Marian Chapel
6:30 pm That Man Is You (TMIY) Conf. Room 3

Tuesday, January 23

9am Women's Guild Guild Room

Wednesday, January 24

2pm Euchre Conf. Room 2
7pm Fr. Steve talk about St. Francis Shepherds Hall

Thursday, January 25

9:45am TOPS Conf. Room 2
6pm Handbell rehearsal Bella Cava Room
6:30pm Religious Formation classes
7:30pm Music Ministry rehearsals Choir Room

Saturday, January 27

9am Men's Faith & Fellowship Conf. Room 3
10am Confirmation retreat Youth Room
6pm Relate Youth Room

Sunday, January 28

9am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium
12:15pm RCIA class Conf. Room 2
After Mass Sunday Social Shepherds Hall
7pm Middle school Youth Group Youth room

That Man Is You (TMIY)

Facilitator: Pat McKeown

Join us Monday any evening at 6:30 p.m. as we hear and discuss "The Wine Press of the Gospel" with presenter Mike Gormley. Handouts available.

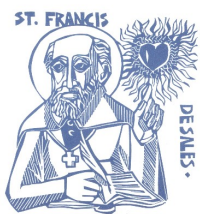
- Theme: Called to bear fruit
- We have an unhealthy fear of pain & suffering
- Realize pain & suffering can purify our souls
- Fruitlessness in ourselves to take to the world
- Three levels of embracing suffering
- Learn the 5 lessons suffering teaches us

Saturday Morning Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier

Come join us Saturday at 9am as we view and discuss *Virtue and Freedom* a series by Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ. Come and spend a morning sharing your faith and fellowship along with refreshments! No homework.

The Feast Day of Saint Francis de Sales is January 24th.



After the Wednesday 6pm Mass on the 24th, Fr Steve will give a talk in Shepherds Hall about the life of our patron saint and some spiritual insights that he is famous for. We will offer light refreshments. All are welcome to attend!

"You know well that when you search for something too anxiously you can come upon it a hundred times without ever seeing it. So do not let anxiety sabotage your search for God. Anxiety is the enemy of a soul's peace. It cannot come from God."

-St Francis de Sales

Faith Formation

Ages 3-5: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Every Sunday from 9:15—10:45 a.m.

♦ Next class January 21 & 28

1st—5th Grade: Faith Formation classes

Every Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

♦ Next class on January 25

♦ Classroom style learning w/amazing volunteers!

6th—12th grade: Youth Group

We meet on Sundays from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

♦ Middle school will meet again January 28

♦ Enjoy snacks, games, fellowship & learn about the Lord

Confirmation retreat

Meet on Saturday, January 27 from 10am-5pm

Relate—Adult Group

A group focus on our shared love for God & seeking connection, friendship & encouragement with others.

♦ Our next outing is January 27

Questions? Contact Liorah, Youth Ministry
youth@stfrancisns.org or 231-755-1953 x226

St. Francis Mom's Group News!

We meet on Monday's for coffee, conversation and always much laughter. Our wonderful group of grandmas will watch your toddlers and preschoolers so you can grab some much needed fellowship with other Catholic moms. Moms of all ages and stages are welcome!

Contact Becky Bingham for more information. Also find us on Facebook (St Francis Norton Shores Mom's Group) and join us for our monthly Mom's nights out!

Upcoming meetings are 9-10:30am in the McCabe Center.

February 12 and 26

March 11 and 25

April 8 and 22

May 13

Keep watching for summer gatherings

St. Francis Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Facilitator: Kathy Workman

Please join us Tuesday January 23 from 10–11:30am for 4 weeks, as we study the Beauty of our Catholic Faith on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. This includes a DVD and discussion after. *No book, no homework.* We will discuss what we believe, how we live and God's amazing plan for our lives. Week 4 will be on the last days of Jesus as we enter into Lent.

Looking forward to seeing everyone! Please call the office and let the office know you plan to attend.

Please remember them in your daily prayers

Beverly Anderson
Leah Bell
Jim Benedict
Dick Brooks
Michael Cashbaugh
Charlotte Cook
Pam Cueller
Martin Deater
Andrew Degner
Dorothy Doza
Lorraine Feiber
Jim Geisler
Connie Harrison
Maxine Janowski
Madeline Joseph
Alice Kujawski

Barb Lauretti
Rhonda Nathan-
Leonard
Kristine Masters
Bernard McArdle
Dale McKay
Jerry McKenzie
Paul Medenbach
Barbara Nehra
Phyllis Oza
Theresa Panzero
Margaret Platt
Barb Sidock
Virginia Sibley
Barbara Wyman
Larry Zaremba

Christian Care Assisted Living

Veronica Rush
Winnie Yost

Chestnut Fields

Mary Jane Bard
Ann Briggs
Jackie Dillard
Don Girvin
Marlene Kelly
Patricia Numerdor
Dona Robinson
Louise Sanford

Day Spring

Kathy Hale
Mary Hynes
Pat Jensen
Irene Lodzinski
Bernice Sebring
Marcella
Sharnowski
Joe Sirianni
Karen Szepeinski
Hope Varela

Roosevelt Park

Beverly Berber
Nancy Hux
Margaret Jawor
Verone Jawor

Marirose McDaniel
William Norkus
Francis Somers
Deborah Wagner

Seminole Shores

Bev Collins
Mary Lou Curik
Al Karaba
Cheri Ludovicz
Marilyn Pilon
Irene Rogers
Nancy Schmalzer
Jo Youngstrom

Due to HIPAA laws, only names that have been given to the parish by an individual or family member can be printed in the bulletin. Our apologies for any names omitted for this reason.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

~ SEEING IS BELIEVING ~

MONDAY, JANUARY 29
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
MASS AT 5:45 PM BEFORE THE PRESENTATION.



Can miracles stand up to the test of science?

- Exclusive film footage of a stigmatist who bleeds from her hands, feet, and head. Are these the wounds of Christ? What does science have to say?
- A consecrated Communion Host becomes living flesh and blood. Is it heart tissue? What does science have to say?
- A scientist (former atheist), an attorney and a famous TV Journalist witness statue of Jesus weeping real tears and shedding real blood. Are these claims true? What does science have to say?

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Catholic Parish is hosting an **EVENT** for everyone in the area. If you have an "I will believe it when I see it" attitude, don't miss this event!

"Put it this way: this is either the biggest hoax of the 20th Century, in which case it would have to be a fairly huge conspiracy, or the most important moment of the century, if not the whole millennium."

Alastair Thompson
New Zealand journalist

St. Patrick-St. Anthony Catholic Parish
920 Fulton St.
Grand Haven, MI 49417

For detailed itinerary go to
www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/GrandHaven

Same presentation each night - choose one



Save the Date!

Saturday, January 27

12:00 Noon

Muskegon County Right to Life

Prayer Walk and Memorial for the Unborn

Location: St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception Catholic Church
239 W. Clay Avenue - Muskegon

Details:

- Meet at Hackley Park for Prayer Walk. Signs will be provided.
- Following the walk, return to the Church Lower Level (parking lot side) for Memorial, Program and Social Time.

Join Bishop Walkowiak for the Mass for Life Monday, January 22 at 7pm Cathedral of St. Andrew

All are encouraged to join Bishop Walkowiak to pray for the legal protection of unborn children. Catholics are also encouraged to pray for an end to abortion during the Nine Days for Life novena beginning Thursday, January 16. Find the daily intentions in English and Spanish at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena>

Resources to support moms and families can be found on the Diocese website at <https://grdiocese.org/walking-with-moms/>



St. Francis Weekly Offerings

January 14, 2024

Contribution envelopes	\$19,190.71
Online Giving	\$ 2,752.00

Learn more about on line giving through Our Sunday Visitor at <https://www.osvhub.com/stfrancisns/funds>

Sacrament of the Sick

Phone the parish office when ill or entering the hospital as we can't know unless we are informed.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents whose children are to be baptized should call the parish office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements for marriage must be made at least 6 months before the wedding.

New Parishioners

If you wish to join our parish, please call the parish office. We are always happy to welcome new parishioners to our parish family. Our parish is made up of many beautiful and interesting people, trying their best to build the kingdom of God on earth by responding to Jesus' call and following His way.