

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 28, 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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St. Michael the Archangel Staff Directory

Office hours: Mon/Wed 8:30am-3:30pm

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Daily Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm


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..... Kitty Slasinski

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*If today
you hear God's voice,
harden not
your hearts*



Tuesday, January 30

5pm ConfessionsSt. Michael
 6pm †Casey GorajecSt. Michael
 †Edward Borkowski

Wednesday, January 31

5pm ConfessionsSt. Francis
 5:30pm Pray the RosarySt. Francis
 6pm †Patrick Bisson & Kathy Stratton by Geri Denslow ...St. Francis
 Birthday blessings to Marguerite Fitzsimmons

Thursday, February 1

8:30am †Bill McCabe by familySt. Francis
 †Phyllis Ann Hoekenga by Roger & Jo Anne Hoekenga
 9-9:30am ConfessionsSt. Francis
 9am-6pm Eucharistic AdorationSt. Francis

Friday, February 2

8:30am †Helen Ferski.....St. Michael
 9-9:30am Confessions.....St. Michael

Saturday, February 3

4pm ConfessionsSt. Francis
 4:30pm Pray the RosarySt. Francis
 5pm †Ron Ring by Bev Ring & familySt. Francis
 †Joan Kling by St. Francis Women's Guild

Sunday, February 4

9am †Larry Spataro by Kell familySt. Michael
 †George Secord by Helen Secord
 †Josephine Piotrowski & Mieczyslaw Gasior by Piotrowski family
 11am †Joseph & Mary Maslowski by familySt. Francis
 †John Partenio by Arvilla Atkinson & family
 †Art Sierminski by Linda Slade



Readings for the Week of January 29, 2023

Monday	2 Sam 15:13-14,30;16:5-13	Ps 3	Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday	2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3	Ps 86	Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday	Saint John Bosco		
	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17	Ps 32	Mark 6:1-6
Thursday	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12	1 Chron 29:10-12	Mark 6:7-13
Friday	Presentation of the Lord		
	Malachi 3:1-4	Ps 24	Luke 2:22-40
Saturday	Saint Blaise		
	1 Kings 3:4-13	Ps 119	Mark 6:30-34
Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Job 7:1-4, 6-7	Ps 147	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
			Mark 1:29-39

Liturgical Roles

Please always refer to your schedules for accuracy

Saturday, February 3

5pm Mass at St. Francis

Altar Server

Jack Meissner / Bentlee Savaya

Eucharistic Ministers #3 Dick & Melanie S.

John & Mary Allen, Grace Benedict,
 Chris Marquart, Scott & Susan McAvoy,
 Danielle McCann, Pat McKeown, Roger Routt
 Roger Morgenstern, Josh Roznowski

Greeters

Marcia Ahearn / Bev Ring

Lectors

Bryan Jennings / Sue McAvoy

Ushers Team #1

Dan Alvesteffer / Dan Haggerty
 Josh Roznowski

Sunday, February 4

9am Mass at St. Michael

Altar Servers

Julie Wodzisz

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Cashbaugh & Lynn Korabik (Chalice)
 Michele Sanocki & Rosemary Robinson
 (Ciborium)

Lector

Vinnie Desmond

Sunday, February 4

11am Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Jackson & Grayson Anderson

Eucharistic Ministers #2 Kathy Kuharevicz

Lisa Cross, Sarah Emmerson, Pat McWain,
 Nancy Rogers, Patrick Willcutt,
 Bob & Susan Young

Greeters

Lisa Cross / Rosemary Hammond
 Volunteers needed

Lectors

Julie Anderson / Peg Alexander

Ushers Team 3

Paul LeRoux, Larry Finner,
 Dan Matthews, Mikee VanWalsum



Are you familiar with the Seven Sisters group? These are seven women in my parishes who are lifting me up in prayer. They are each assigned a different day of the week to pray for my protection. From time to time, I ask them for a prayer request. It's so encouraging when they send me an email or speak to me after Mass to reassure me of their prayers. Thank you, Seven Sisters, for your important ministry! Be assured of my prayers for you!

Matthew 7:7

Ask and you shall receive.

Seek and you will find.

Knock and the door will be opened.

RCIA Schedule

Jan 21st - Intro to Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation

Jan 28th - Morality & dignity of human life

February RCIA topics

4th - Eucharist

11th - Lent

14th - Ash Wednesday 6pm Mass

18th - Reconciliation / Anointing

25th - Priesthood - Fr Steve's vocation story

Blessing of Throats

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste (now Sivas, Turkey). The first known record of the saint's life comes from medical writings where he is recorded as helping patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. He is depicted holding two crossed candles in his hand. He is also shown with steel combs. The similarity of the steel combs and the wool combs made a large contribution to Saint Blaise's as the patron saint of wool combers and the wool trade.

A doctor and then later a "physician of souls", later in life he lived in a cave with wild animals. He died a martyr in the year 316.

Many Catholics have their throats blessed on his feast day on (or near) February 3rd. Anyone of any faith can come forward to receive this blessing on:
Friday the 2nd: after the St Michael 8:30am Mass.
Saturday the 3rd: after the St Francis 5pm Vigil Mass.

Saint Michael the Archangel

Sunday, February 4

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

Please join us from 6-7pm every **FIRST FRIDAY** at St Michaels for litany prayers and Adoration.



The First Friday devotion was designated by Jesus Himself to honor His Sacred Heart, to increase our love for Him and to make reparation for past and present offenses against His love.

St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231)759-8164

Marlene Evans (231)670-6149

St. Michael's Offertory

January 21, 2024

Sunday offertory: \$3,258

Online giving: \$915

St. Francis Stations & Soups

All are welcome to join us for the Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings at 6pm in Marian Chapel followed by Soup Suppers in Shepherds Hall. Thank you to the following groups for their help:

Feb. 15	Pastoral Council
Feb. 22	
Feb. 29	Mary Monday Rosary
March 7	Men's Faith & Fellowship group
March 14	MOMs Group
March 21	

Please call the office if you are willing to bring soup, bread or dessert for any of these dates. Thank you!



Please remember in your prayers *the Anderson family*. May God give them comfort and peace during this time of the loss of their loved one, **Beverly M. Anderson**.

Pray the Rosary Daily

We continue to pray for our priests and vocations

St. Michael the Archangel

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

St. Francis Calendar of Events

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

9am Women's Guild Guild Room

Thursday, January 31

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

Saturday, February 3

9am Men's Faith & Fellowship Conf. Room 3

Sunday, February 4

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

Faith Formation

Ages 3-5: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Every Sunday from 9:15—10:45 a.m.

♦ Next class January 28

1st—5th Grade: Faith Formation classes

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

♦ Next class on _____

♦ 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

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

From Our Deacon:

I'd like to start out my first bulletin article with a huge thank you to everyone in both parishes for the warm and enthusiastic welcome Lisa and I have received. We both feel overwhelmed with gratitude for your kindness. I only hope that our service to St. Michael's and St. Francis's parishes will be worthy of the tremendous support we've received.

While my office is at St. Francis, I will work hard to serve the needs of both St. Francis and St. Michael's parishes, as well as to be involved with Muskegon Catholic Central. I can be reached at (231) 755-1953 x225 or by email at deacon@stfrancisns.org. I will not be in every weekday, so if you have an urgent need, the office managers of both parishes are able to reach me at any time.

I've been asked several times over the past couple weeks, "So just what does a deacon do?" So here's a brief overview. What a deacon isn't is a mini-priest. Ordination to the diaconate is a separate ordination than to the priesthood (though all priests were first ordained deacons, and therefore are *also* deacons). The diaconate is a whole different animal, so to speak, with different charisms and responsibilities. Deacons' roles vary based on the unique talents, skills and experiences of the individuals, but usually deacons are focused on both the Word of God (i.e. preaching, teaching, the Gospel, etc.) and on service (including leadership as well as "getting dirty") to the Church community. A deacon is a good person to reach out to for any need, whether it be spiritual, physical, formation, or other.

Sacramentally speaking, a deacon IS ordained clergy, and is therefore authorized (both by the Church and legally) to do the same sort of work that a protestant minister might do. For example, deacons often preside at weddings, baptisms and funerals, especially if they do not take place as part of a full mass. The reason deacons don't usually preside at those sacraments when they are part of a mass, is because only a priest or bishop may preside at a full mass (i.e. including the consecration), and since there is already one there, it makes sense that the priest would also preside for the wedding/baptism/funeral as well. That said, in the unforeseen absence of a priest, a deacon may lead a communion service *in place of* the mass. The biggest difference is that the communion service will not include the consecration of the eucharist, since that can only be done by a priest or bishop. In a communion service, consecrated hosts are brought in from a different mass, so that the parish can still receive communion. Hopefully this won't happen often, because a full mass is always a better option when possible.

A deacon cannot give Last Rites or hear confessions. I guess it's not so much that I can't hear confessions, but that I cannot give absolution (and also that I *don't want to* hear confessions). Here's an interesting thing. While the priest (in our case Father Steve) is the pastor of our parishes, and therefore the final authority in all things for the parishes, the deacon actually works directly for and under the authority of the bishop in the same way the priest does. When I met with Bishop Walkoviak and was assigned to these parishes, he gave me some direction for my role here. Among other things, he has asked that I focus my service on marriage prep and the sacrament of marriage, the Cursillo movement, preaching, giving spiritual direction and guidance, and to involve myself with the Catholic Schools and faith formation. Needless to say, that's a lot to take on, so I plan on working into those roles very gradually and in a limited fashion. In other words, I have no intention of replacing anyone, but every intention of providing support to the wonderful lay leaders we already have in both parishes.

While deacon wives are much less formal in their service (and not ordained), they often find themselves in pretty high demand as well. Lisa and I have discussed this, and she is prepared to provide support as she is available as well, though I think Lisa tends to be more comfortable as a "behind the scenes" support person rather than taking on big leadership roles.

I hope this helps to answer the questions about what my role will be in the parishes. But I would love to add one more thought. We need more deacons, especially along the lakeshore. Now that Bishop Walkoviak has opened up the diaconate formation program again, married couples with grown or mostly grown children, who are interested in considering "next level" service to the church are encouraged to come and see me to find out more about it. The 4-5 year formation process is a bit grueling, and not all candidates end up as deacons. For those who do, diaconate service is an unpaid position, but the retirement plan is *out of this world*.

Thank you all again for your warm welcome. Please continue to pray for me as I continue to pray for you.

Yours in Christ!
Deacon Jim Cross

Please remember them in your daily prayers

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 Zarembo

**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.

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.

That Man Is You (TMIY)

Facilitator: Pat McKeown

Come any Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. as we hear and discuss *"The Real Presence of Christ"* with presenter Deacon Harold. Handouts available.

- Why kids think Mass is boring
- Fans vs followers of Jesus
- Building spiritual muscle memory
- Crank the half-nelson
- Exegesis vs Eisegesis
- "Do this in remembrance of me"

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.

Fat Friday Paczki Party

**February 9 at the Polish Falcon Hall (1014 W. Hackley)
7-10pm with \$8 admission fee**

You will receive 2 paczki from Morats Bakery, coffee/punch, and live music by the Stan Mroz band. A cash bar also available. To purchase tickets call Joane (231)780-3162 or Barb (231)343-6445 **Limited tickets will be available at the door.** Sponsored by the Music Polish Festival

Men of the Eucharist

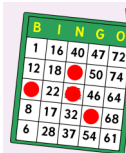
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Pray for Seminarian:

Aiden P. McGavin

University of St. Thomas
St. John Vianney Seminary
2115 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105



St. Francis Bingo

Monday, Feb. 5 at Noon in Wilma Hall.
Please bring in your favorite dish to share.

St. Francis Weekly Offerings

January 21, 2024

Contribution envelopes	\$9,137.00
Online Giving	\$7,503.39

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