

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ~ March 24, 2024

## St. Francis de Sales

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## Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm / Sunday 11am

## St. Michael the Archangel

1716 Sixth St. Muskegon, MI  
Office: 231-722-3071 Fax: 231-722-3243  
[saintmichaelsmuskegon.com](http://saintmichaelsmuskegon.com)

## Weekend Mass

Sunday 9am

Fr. Steve Geerling (231)755-1953 x222 ~ [pastor@stfrancisns.org](mailto:pastor@stfrancisns.org)  
Emergency # only (231)747-9949  
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*St. Francis de Sales Staff Directory*  
**Office hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm**

**Parish Secretary** ..... Kim Brush  
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..... [maintenance@stfrancisns.org](mailto:maintenance@stfrancisns.org)

## Maintenance Assistants

Jerry Mazurek and Randy Anderson

**Adoration** (Thursday 9am-6pm) Al Lutkus

**Art & Environment** Sarah Emmerson

## Knights of Columbus #706

..... Doug Zuidema

*St. Michael the Archangel Staff Directory*

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

**Friday 8:30am-12:30pm**

Daily Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm

**Parish Secretary** ..... Michele Sanocki  
[office@stmichaelsmuskegon.org](mailto:office@stmichaelsmuskegon.org)

**Maintenance**..... Randy Anderson

**Rosary Altar Society President** .....  
..... Kitty Slasinski

**Art & Environment** ..... Tim Duba

## Knights of Columbus #13579

..... Joe Zagar





## **Tuesday, March 26**

No liturgies

## **Wednesday, March 27**

5pm Confessions ..... St. Francis  
 5:30pm Pray the Rosary..... St. Francis  
 6pm †Daniel Martin by John & Mary Allen ..... St. Francis  
 †Sylvia Zinger by Sarah Emmerson

## **Thursday, March 28—Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet**

Confession 2-3:30pm ..... St. Michael  
 4pm Mass ..... St. Michael  
 6pm Mass ..... St. Francis

## **Friday, March 29—Good Friday Service**

2-3:30pm Confessions..... St. Michael  
 3:30pm Stations of the Cross..... St. Michael  
 4pm Service ..... St. Michael  
 5:30pm Stations of the Cross..... St. Francis Church  
 6pm Service ..... St. Francis

## **Saturday, March 30—Holy Saturday**

2-4pm Confessions ..... St. Francis  
 9pm †Winkler & LaBelle families by Marge Winkler... St. Francis

## **Sunday, March 31—Easter Sunday**

7am †Paul Grabinski by Monica & Rich Collett ..... St. Michael  
 9am †Roger DePouw by Joanne Rhode ..... St. Michael  
 11am †Janice Casadonte by Art..... St. Francis  
 †Ben Jones by Robert Doerr  
 †Ed Olshaske by Mary Monday & Women's Bible Study  
 †Ron Villanueva by Gloria Herrera



## **Readings for the Week of March 25, 2024**

|                  |  |                  |                                    |
|------------------|--|------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Isaiah 42:1-7  | Ps 27            | John 12:1-11                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Isaiah 49:1-6  | Ps 71            | John 13:21-33, 36-38               |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Is 50:4-9  | Ps 69            | Matthew 26:14-25                   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>      |                  |                                    |
|                  | Ex 12:1-8, 11-14                                     | Ps 116           | 1 Cor 11:23-26 John 13:1-15        |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Good Friday: Passion of the Lord</b>              |                  |                                    |
|                  | Is 52:13-53:12                                       | Ps 31            | Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42 |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil</b>                   |                  |                                    |
|                  | Gen 1:1-2:2  | Ps 104           | Gen 22:1-18 Ps 16                  |
|                  | Ex 14:15-15:1  | Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 | Is 5:54:5-14 Ps 30                 |
|                  | Is 55:1-11   | Is 12:2-6        | Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ps 19        |
|                  | Ez 36:16-17, 18-28                                   | Ps 42            | Rom 6:3-11 Ps 118 Mark 16:1-7      |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> |                  |                                    |
|                  | Acts 10:34, 37-43                                    | 118              | Col 3:1-4 John 20:1-9              |

## **Liturgical Roles**

**Please refer to your schedules  
for upcoming holy days**

### **Saturday, March 30**

#### **9pm Mass at St. Francis**

##### **Altar Server**

Check your schedule

##### **Eucharistic Ministers #1 Marge Winkler**

Orrin Bush, CC Cone, Suzette Heeres,  
Dee Marquart, Marilyn Meinhardi,  
Mary Amy Sanocki, Vickie Welbes

##### **Greeters**

Volunteers needed

##### **Lectors**

Don Kalisz/ Julie Anderson

##### **Ushers Team #1**

Dan Alvesteffer / Dan Haggerty  
Josh Roznowski

### **Sunday, March 31**

#### **7am Mass at St. Michael**

##### **Altar Server**

Julie Wodzisz

##### **Eucharistic Minister**

Mary Saldana & Liz Trzaska (Chalice)  
Jim Young & Gwen Young (Ciborium)

##### **Lector**

Michael Saldana

#### **9am Mass at St. Michael**

##### **Altar Servers**

Matthew Adamski

##### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Tom Schmiedeknecht & Michele Sanocki  
(Chalice)

Sue Deuling & Mary LaBash (Ciborium)

##### **Lector**

Michael Saldana

### **Sunday, March 31**

#### **11am Mass at St. Francis**

##### **Altar Servers**

Sophia & Adeline Muskovin

##### **Eucharistic Ministers #1 Corey Allard**

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

##### **Greeters**

Chip & Marti Oosdyke / Rosemary Hammond

##### **Lectors**

Marsha VanLente / Diane DeGrazia

##### **Ushers Team #3**

Paul LeRoux, Larry Finner,  
Dan Matthews, Mike VanWalsum





The Palm Sunday celebration is an accurate description of fallen humanity. One day amid many blessings we are "waving palms" and praising the Lord, and other days we might find ourselves angry at Him. Notice how Jesus was rightly treated when He arrived in Jerusalem: The people were joyfully waving palm branches! Yet days later they were yelling out, "crucify Him!". We also have days when we shake our fist at Him in frustration.

As we begin this most sacred time of the liturgical year, may we find within ourselves the firm resolve to always hail Jesus as our King, regardless of the days we feel loved or hated. May we truly believe that Jesus never leaves our side during the times when we feel crushed under the weight of our crosses. In all things, we must choose to wave the palms!



Foot washing was not part of the Passover ritual. By washing the disciples' feet, Jesus was revealing the meaning of the Eucharist: He gave up Himself for us because of His love. We can imagine the sandals worn back in the day were not as well constructed as the ones we wear today, so the customary sign of hospitality upon entering a house was for a servant to offer water for the guest's dirty feet. So when Jesus assumed the role of a servant (undignified and humiliating) rather than as master, this was a humble sign of His love for his disciples.



Thank you for reading our bulletin! We put so much time and effort into creating them. Remember that in every parish the Holy Week schedule is always unique. Please join us for the Holy Thursday foot washings and Good Friday services at both parishes, and the most solemn 9pm Easter Vigil at St Francis.

Please take a free Easter book at both parishes. These quick reads cover the miracle of life given to us by God, and the power of the Bread of Life!



## 2024 DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1716 6th St. • Muskegon, MI 49441

### TRIDUUM

Good Friday - March 29th  
Holy Saturday - March 30th **3:00pm**  
Easter Sunday - March 31st

### Monday - Saturday

April 1st - April 6th **6:00pm**  
Tuesday, April 2nd Mass at 6 - Novena following

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 7th, 2024

Divine Mercy Devotions **3:00pm**

Please join us for the Chaplet and various devotions to Divine Mercy.  
Everyone is Welcome!

Please notice there is NO additional afternoon Holy Mass or Confession for Divine Mercy Sunday.

## Saint Michael the Archangel

**Sunday, March 31**

8:30am Praying for patience during this Lent season for each of us

**Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024**

**4 p.m. at St. Michael**

Jim Young & Gwen Yourg (Chalice)

### Eucharistic Ministers

Please check your schedules for Holy Days

St. Michael Parish invites everyone for an Easter Blessing tradition on Saturday, March 30th that begins at 10:30am All are welcome to bring in your Easter baskets and place them on the communion railing for a short prayer blessing by Deacon Jim.



**First Friday Devotions** with the Sacred Heart Litany will be prayed following the Divine Mercy Novena on Friday April 5th.

### St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231)759-8164

Marlene Evans (231)670-6149

### St. Michael's Offertory

March 17, 2024

Sunday offertory: \$5,758

Online giving: \$2,775

Men of the Eucharist

STRENGTHENED IN  
**CHRIST**  
RESPONDING WITH JOY



Pray for Seminarian:

**Andrew R. Whipple**

Mundelein Seminary  
1000 E. Maple Avenue  
Mundelein, IL 60060



Learn more about the Seminarians in our Diocese by visiting [grvocations.org/](http://grvocations.org/)

**Please keep them in your daily prayers.**



## St. Francis Bingo

**Monday, April 1 at Noon in Wilma Hall.**

Please bring in your favorite dish to share.

## St. Francis Calendar of Events

### Monday, March 25

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

### Tuesday, March 26

9am Women's Guild Guild Room  
10am St. Joseph Bible Study Conf. Room 3

### Wednesday, March 27

2pm Euchre Conf. Room 2

### Thursday, March 28

9:45am TOPS Conf. Room 2

### Friday March 29—OFFICE CLOSED

### Sunday, March 31

After Mass Sunday Social Shepherds Hall

## Faith Formation

### Ages 3-5: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Sunday from 9:15-10:45 a.m. in the Atrium room

### 1st—5th Grade: Faith Formation classes

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

♦ Classroom style learning w/amazing volunteers

### 6th—12th grade: Youth Group

Sundays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the youth room

♦ Middle school will meet again March 24

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

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

## That Man Is You (TMIY)

Facilitator: Pat McKeown

**Monday 6:30 p.m.** as we hear and discuss "Good Friday through Jewish Eyes" with Fr. John Bergsma.

- Travel through the passion of the Gospel of John
- Explore the significance of the crucifixion in regard to Christ's role as a bridegroom and priest
- Jesus as bridegroom and priest throughout His ministry
- Jesus' passion calling to mind Jewish traditions
- Understand the sacraments as they relate to Christ's sacrifice and our salvation
- Jesus as the new Adam taking humanity as his bride

## Saturday Morning Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier

**Come any 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.

## 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 McCabe Center.**

**April 8 and 22**

**May 13**

Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



**Blood Drive**  
**St. Francis De Sales**  
**Catholic Church**

2929 McCracken Street, Norton Shores

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**  
**12:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.**

Sponsored by Muskegon Area Catholic Churches.

For an appointment visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code: Muskegon Catholic), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Please remember in your prayers the McArdle family. May God give them comfort and peace during this time of the loss of their loved one, **Bernard McArdle** who will have a funeral Mass on Monday, April 8.

## St. Francis Greeter Ministry NEEDS YOU!

Greeter schedules are made in advanced and can be worked around the Mass you attend! Call Chip & Marti Oosdyke at (231)798-4741.



## Pray the Rosary Daily

We continue to pray for our priests and vocations

[St. Michael the Archangel](#)

Friday at 8am and  
Sunday at 8:30am

[St. Francis de Sales](#)

Wednesday at 5:30pm and  
Saturday at 4:30pm



## 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  
Rita Greeley  
Connie Harrison  
Maxine Janowski  
Dorothy Jones  
Madeline Joseph  
Alice Kujawski

Barb Lauretti  
Pat Linck  
Rhonda Nathan-  
Leonard  
Kristine Masters  
Dale McKay  
Jerry McKenzie  
Paul Medenbach  
Barbara Nehra  
Phyllis Oza  
Theresa Panzero  
Margaret Platt  
Nora Rasch  
Barb Sidock  
Jimmy Sowa  
Barbara Wyman  
Larry Zaremba

### Christian Care Assisted Living

Veronica Rush  
Winnie Yost

### Chestnut Fields

Mary Jane Bard  
Jackie Dillard  
Don Girvin  
Marlene Kelly  
Mary Therese  
Kendra  
Patricia Numerdor  
Dona Robinson  
Louise Sanford

### Day Spring

Thora Rhoades-Gill  
Kathy Hale  
Mary Hynes  
Maureen Kelly  
Irene Lodzinski  
Elizabeth  
Middlecamp  
Bernice Sebring  
Marcella  
Sharnowski  
Joe Sirianni  
Karen Szeinski  
Ruth Tague  
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.

### Mary's Heart Food Pantry (St. Mary Church 239 W. Clay)

Currently our pantry is serving double what it was when it was centrally located at Sacred Heart in Muskegon. Since joining their effort with our parish, we have seen it only grow in its service to those I need, Th food pantry works in collaboration with Love INC. to vet all those who wish to receive groceries from the pantry and operates to distribute them M-W, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. It also offers food baskets to families during Thanksgiving and Christmas yearly. This year, we gave over 60 baskets to families in need of food support!

#### We are seeking your parish support in three needs:

- **Volunteer Support:** We kindly request volunteers from your parish who are willing to dedicate their time and energy to help run the food pantry. The commitment can be flexible, and any amount of time volunteered will make a significant difference.
- **Food Donations:** We invite your parishioners to contribute non-perishable food items to "Mary's Heart." By pooling our resources, we can ensure a more consistent and varied supply of food for those who depend on our pantry.
- **Monetary Contributions:** Financial support is crucial for sustaining and expanding the reach of "Mary's Heart." We ask for your parish's consideration in making a financial contribution to help cover operational costs and potentially extend our services to even more individuals and families in need

For more information, contact Adam Raha, office manager at (231)722-2803 or by email at [manager@stmarysmuskegon.org](mailto:manager@stmarysmuskegon.org)

### Employment opportunity Muskegon Catholic Central

The position is for HR & Payroll Coordinator and is full time, calendar year, with benefits, including free tuition for the first child.

For more information and application, please visit [Muskegon Catholic Central - Career Opportunities](https://www.osvhub.com/stfrancisns/funds)



## Pilgrimage

Shrine of Christ's Passion

May 7, 2024

\$99 per person

**YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:**

Transportation by luxury motor coach.  
Guided Tour of the Shrine.  
Tour of St. John Church.  
Meal at Teibel's Restaurant.

**REGISTER NOW!**

Seats are limited!

Registration Deadline April 5, 2024

Register online @ [grdccw.org](http://grdccw.org)

**DEPARTURE**

Bus departs St. Isidore Parish, lower parking lot at 7:00 am. 628 Diamond Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Shrine of Christ's Passion St. John, Indiana

To register by mail See reverse side



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Grand Rapids Diocesan Council of CATHOLIC WOMEN

Ride through the Shrine

Tram is available for an additional cost of \$11.00 per person.

[www.grdccw.org](http://www.grdccw.org)

[facebook.com/grdccw](https://facebook.com/grdccw)

### St. Francis Weekly Offerings

March 17, 2024

Contribution envelopes \$11,840.00  
Online Giving \$ 7,217.00

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