

Easter Sunday ~ March 31, 2024

St. Francis de Sales

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm / Sunday 11am

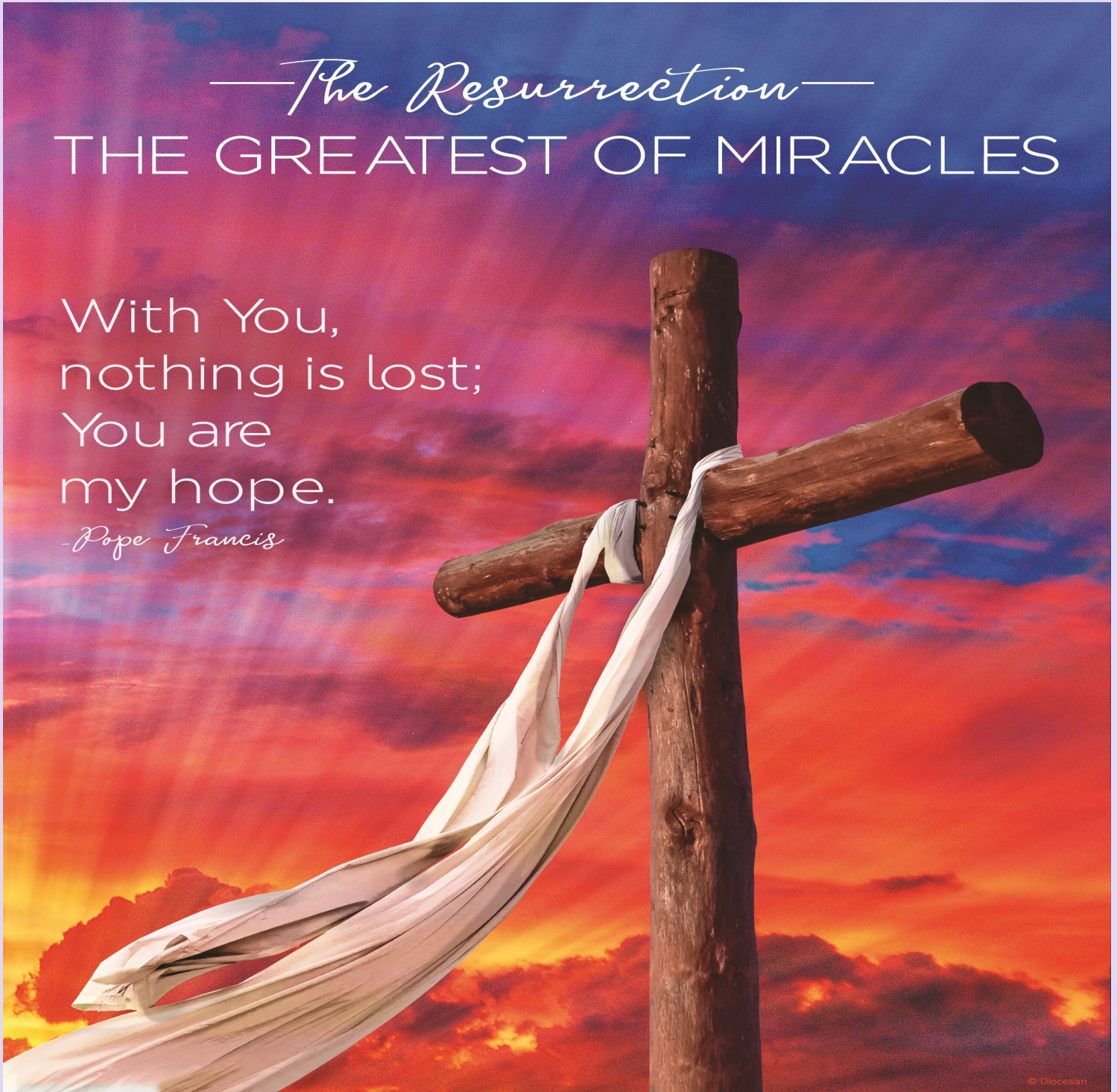
St. Michael the Archangel

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Weekend Mass

Sunday 9am



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Emergency # only ~ (231)747-9949

Deacon Jim Cross ~ (231)755-1953 x225 ~ deacon@stfrancisns.org



Tuesday, April 2

11am Huss funeral Mass St. Francis

No Confession

6pm Communion Service w/Deacon Jim St. Michael

Wednesday, April 3

No Confession

5:30pm Pray the Rosary St. Francis

6pm Communion Service w/Deacon Jim St. Francis

Thursday, April 4

No Confession

8:30am Communion Service w/Deacon Jim St. Francis

9am-6pm Eucharistic Adoration St. Francis

Friday, April 5

No Confession

8:30am Communion Service w/Deacon Jim St. Michael

Saturday, April 6

4pm Confessions St. Francis

4:30pm Pray the Rosary St. Francis

5pm ✠ Bob Ahearn by Marcia & Tony Ahearn St. Francis

✠ John Moran by Carol & family

✠ Ron Ring by Bev & family

Sunday, April 7

9am ✠ Joseph & Agnes Adamczak by family St. Michael

✠ John & Henrietta LaBash by family

✠ Fr. Edward Boucher & David Beebe by family

11am ✠ Sylvia Zinger by Sarah Emmerson St. Francis

✠ Ed Olshaske by Mary Monday & Women's Bible Study

✠ Stanislaw Burdyn by Piotrowski family



Readings for the Week of April 1 2024

Monday	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Ps 16	Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41	Ps 33	John 20:11-18
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10	Ps 105	Luke 24:13-35
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26	Ps 8	Luke 24:35-48
Friday	Acts 4:1-12	Ps 118	John 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21	Ps 118	Mark 16:9-15
Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday		
	Acts 4:32-35	Ps 118	1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

Liturgical Roles

**Please refer to your schedules
for accuracy**

Saturday, April 6

9pm Mass at St. Francis

Altar Server

Jack Meissner

Eucharistic Ministers #2 Vennie Avorque

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

Greeters

Marcia Ahearn / Bev Ring

Lectors

Camille Gabris / Wayne LaPointe

Ushers Team #1

Dan Alvesteffer / Dan Haggerty
Josh Roznowski

Sunday, April 7

9am Mass at St. Michael

Altar Servers

Natalie Adamski

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Cashbaugh & Kitty Slasinski (Chalice)
Mary Saldana & Tim Duba (Ciborium)

Lector

Josie Olshaske

Sunday, April 7

11am Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Jackson, Grayson & Branson Anderson

Eucharistic Ministers #2 Kathy Kuharevicz

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

Greeters

Lisa Cross/ Rosemary Hammond
Barb Novak-Banta / Tom Clarke

Lectors

Brian MacLachlan / Marisha Agana

Ushers Team #2

Paul LeRoux, Leo Raap, John Schneller



Out of sheer goodness God created humanity, and in the fullness of time sent His Son Jesus Christ to become flesh to die for our sins and redeem us from death! (CCC #1- paraphrased)

The empty tomb was not proof of the Resurrection but a fact to be discovered. The disciples were confused and grappled with this event. Only when they experienced the risen Lord did the meaning of the empty tomb become clear. So clear that all the disciples (except John) died as martyrs.

The stone was rolled back not so Jesus could get out, but so we could get into heaven, and to be assured that Jesus' tomb of death will remain empty forever! The Resurrection of Jesus signified a new life that would not be subject to death again. It was eternal life- an undying and glorious existence in the presence of God! Meditating on Easter clarifies our interior life. To grow in our faith not only blesses our personal life, but also positively affects our neighbor due to the good works stemming from our intimate union with God.

A joyous Easter to you all!

A note of gratitude to all the Lent and Holy Week volunteers who helped with church decor, Stations of the Cross, RCIA, rehearsals, choir subs, and St Francis



Thursday eve soups! Deacon Jim and Fr Steve are so thankful for all the ways you helped them successfully lead their first "Ash Wednesday to Easter" celebrations at our parishes.



Please remember in your prayers *the Brooks & Huss families*. May God give them comfort and peace during this time of the loss of their loved one, **Dick Brooks and Elizabeth 'Betty' Huss**.

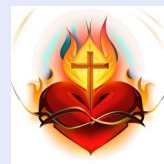
Exploring Priesthood Discernment Meeting on Sunday, April 21 from 12:30-1:30pm at St. Stephen Church (750 Gladstone Dr. SE in E. Grand Rapids). Discernment is a time of obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding. If you are considering the priesthood, the Diocese of Grand Rapids invites you to gather with other young men (ages 16+) and discern God's will for your life. Just show up or RSVP to Pattie Reynold at preynolds@GRdiocese.org. For questions or to learn more email Fr. Stephen Durkee, director of priestly vocations at sdurkee@GRdiocese.org

Saint Michael the Archangel

Sunday, April 7

8:30am Praying the Rosary for the many blessings God has given to us

First Friday Devotions



April 5, 2024

Holy Hour 6 p.m. at St. Michael's Church
Please join us on **FIRST FRIDAYS** of each month for an hour with

~ Divine Mercy Novena ~

~ Holy Rosary ~

~ Litany to the Sacred Heart ~

~ Other Prayers and Devotions to the Most Sacred Heart ~

The first Friday of each month was designated by Jesus himself as consecrated to honoring 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

March 17, 2024

Sunday offertory: \$3,001

Online giving: \$2,440



2024

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

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

TRIDUUM

Good Friday - March 29th

Holy Saturday - March 30th

Easter Sunday - March 31st

3:00pm

Monday - Saturday

April 1st - April 6th

Tuesday, April 2nd Mass at 6 - Novena following

6:00pm

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.

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

St. Francis Calendar of Events

Monday, April 1

10am Mary Monday Rosary	Marian Chapel
12pm Bingo	Wilma Hall
6:30 pm That Man Is You (TMIY)	Conf. Room 3

Tuesday, April 2

9am Women's Guild	Guild Room
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Thursday, April 4

9:45am TOPS	Conf. Room 2
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Saturday, April 6

9am Men's Faith & Fellowship	Conf. Room 3
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Sunday, April 7

9am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium
After Mass Sunday Social	Shepherds Hall



St. Francis de Sales Staff Directory

Office hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm

Parish Secretary Kim Brush
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Maintenance Director Mark Robillard
..... 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@stmichaemuskegon.org

Maintenance..... Randy Anderson

Rosary Altar Society President Kitty Slasinski

Art & Environment Tim Duba

Knights of Columbus #13579 Joe Zagar

Faith Formation

Contact Liorah, Youth Ministry
youth@stfrancisns.org / 231-755-1953 x226

Ages 3-5: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Sunday from 9:15-10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

That Man Is You (TMIY)

Facilitator: Pat McKeown

Join us any Monday at 6:30 p.m. as we hear and discuss

"Easter Sunday through Jewish Eyes " with

Fr. John Bergsma. Handouts available.

- Christ goes to his grave adorned as the high priest
- The parallelism between Christmas & Easter explored
- Baptism is sharing in death and resurrection of Jesus
- Jesus calls us each by name & reveals Himself to us

Saturday Morning Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier

Come and spend a Saturday morning at 9am and share your faith, fellowship and enjoy refreshments!



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 on April 8 and 22 and May 13**

Please remember them in your daily prayers

Leah Bell
Jim Benedict
Michael Cashbaugh
Charlotte Cook
Pam Cueller
Martin Deater
Andrew Degner
Dorothy Doza
Lorraine Feiber
Pam Geiger
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
Suzanne Miller
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 Lodzinsky
Elizabeth
Middlecamp
Bernice Sebring
Marcella
Sharnowski
Joe Sirianni
Karen Szepeinski
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. The food pantry works in collaboration with Love INC. and distribute them M-W, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

We are seeking your support with three needs:

- **Volunteer Support:** We kindly request volunteers who are willing to dedicate their time and energy to help run the food pantry. The commitment is flexible, and any amount of time volunteered will make a difference.
- **Food Donations:** We invite you to contribute non-perishable food items to "Mary's Heart."
- **Monetary Contributions:** Financial support is crucial for sustaining and expanding the reach of "Mary's Heart." We ask for your consideration in making any 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



Hope-Full Hearts is a Christ-centered ministry that provides hope, healing and support for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. This ministry is for children, teens and adults. Families are always welcome.

New sessions begin throughout the year.

Next session: April 8 - May 13

Monday evenings
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

Fellowship Church
4200 Apple Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49442

There is no cost for attending.

Please email Karen for more information:
Karen@fellowshipmuskegon.org

A note from Karen, Program Director:

This year Hope-Full Hearts added a teen group and an "acute" or "very recent death loss" group! The latter group slowly transitioned into our Bereaved Spouses, Bereaved Parents, or Adult Group, (which is general loss: Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, etc). Our Shooting Stars, or Children's group has grown as well!

I am always looking for gentle hearts to serve in this area, and the facilitators this year are absolutely loving and giving in every way! I am very blessed to be serving with this beautiful team, with Pastor Mike, and with the entire body of Christ within Fellowship Church that extend their time, talents, and love to this precious ministry! I thank God for the gift of this ministry daily!

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services is honored to sponsor this program.



Give blood.



American
Red Cross

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 (sponsor code: Muskegon Catholic), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



St. Francis Weekly Offerings

March 24, 2024

Contribution envelopes	\$14,869.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,797.00

Learn more about on line giving at

<https://www.osvhub.com/stfrancisns/funds>