

# Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 29, 2024

## St. Francis de Sales

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### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm / Sunday 11am

## St. Michael the Archangel

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[saintmichaelsmuskegon.com](http://saintmichaelsmuskegon.com)

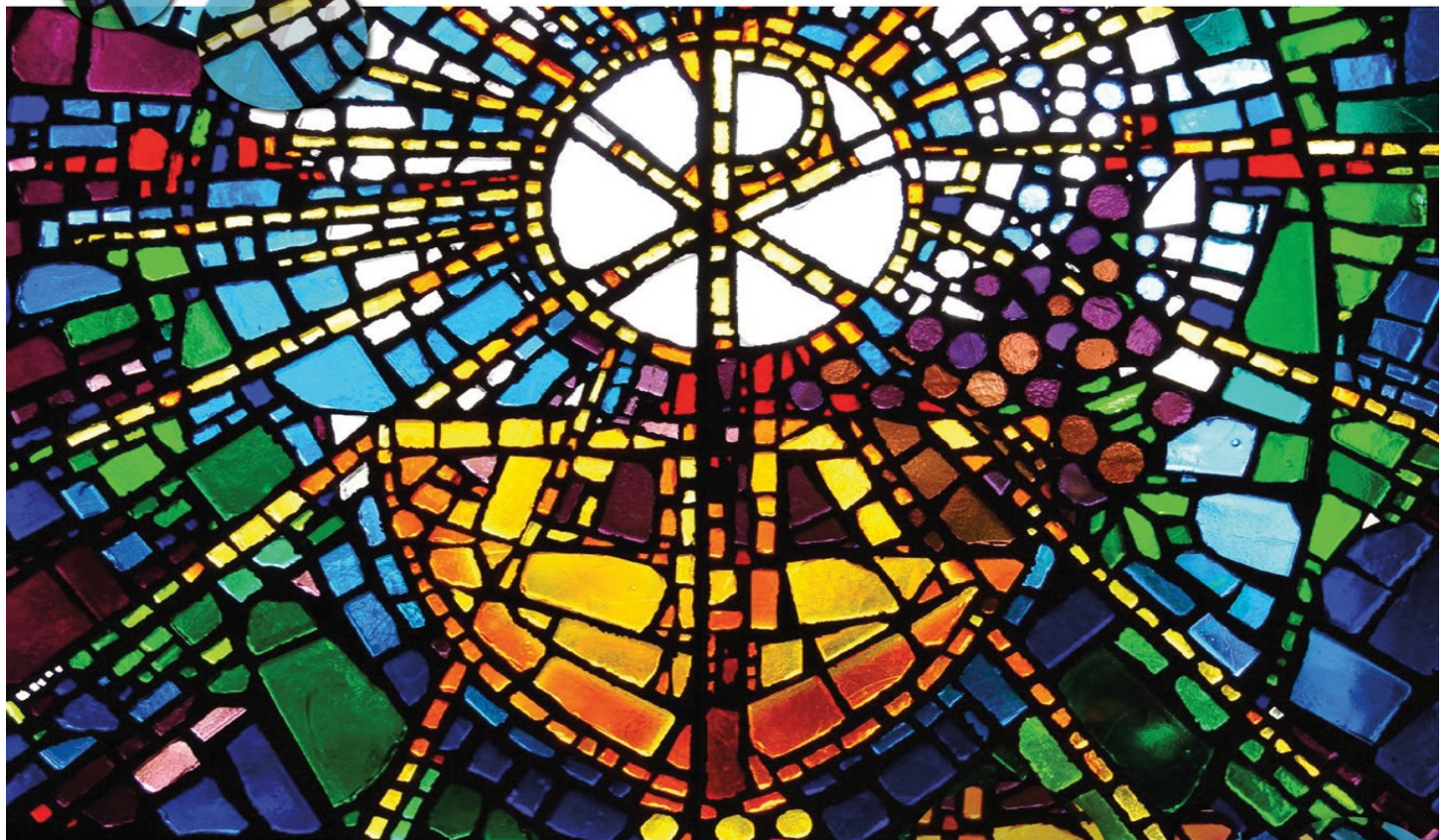
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### Weekend Mass

Sunday 9am



*Your word, O Lord, is truth;  
Consecrate us in the truth.*



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**Tuesday, October 1**

5pm Confessions ..... St. Michael  
 5:30pm Pray the Rosary ..... St. Michael  
 6pm ☩ Sandy Majeski by Eric & Becky Lewis ..... St. Michael  
 ☩ Msgr. Raymond Baker by Jim & Jean Mastee

**Wednesday, October 2**

5pm Confessions ..... St. Francis  
 5:30pm Pray the Rosary ..... St. Francis  
 6pm ☩ Monica Meyers by Avila family ..... St. Francis  
 Blessings on the marriage of Malory Schrier & Nick Meola

**Thursday, October 3**

8:30am ☩ Peg & Bill McCabe by family ..... St. Francis  
 9am Confessions  
 9am-6pm Eucharistic Adoration ..... St. Francis

**Friday, October 4**

8:30am ☩ Bob Romsek by family ..... St. Michael  
 9-9:30am Confessions ..... St. Michael  
 6pm Blessing of the Pets ..... St. Francis front yard

**Saturday, October 5**

4pm Confessions ..... St. Francis  
 4:30pm Pray the Rosary ..... St. Francis  
 5pm ☩ Bob Ahearn by Marcia & Tony Ahearn ..... St. Francis  
 ☩ William & Evelyn Eder by Roger & Marcy Dreikorn  
 ☩ Beatrice Marquart by Chris & Dee Marquart  
 ☩ Ron Ring by Bev Ring & family

**Sunday, October 6**

9am Rosary Altar Society by Rosary Altar Society .... St. Michael  
 For blessing on our St. Michael's Parish Family  
 11am ☩ Linda Barnes by Bruce & Janine Ferenz ..... St. Francis  
 ☩ Casey Kiel by Piotrowski family  
 ☩ Virginia Mastee by Jim & Jean Mastee  
 1pm Bilingual Sensory Friendly Mass ..... St. Francis  
 ☩ Louie & Phyllis Langlois



**Readings for the Week of September 30, 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saint Jerome</b>		
	Job 1:6-22	Ps 117	Luke 9:46-50
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus</b>		
	Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23	Ps 88	Luke 9:51-56
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>		
	Job 9:1-12, 14-16	Ps 88	Matthew 18:1-5, 10
<b>Thursday</b>			
	Job 19:21-27	Ps 27	Luke 10:1-12
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint Francis of Assisi</b>		
	Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5	Ps 139	Luke 10:13-16
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saint Faustina Kowalksa</b>		
	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17	Ps 119	Luke 10:17-24
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	Gen 2:18-24	Ps 128	Heb 2:9-11
			Mark 10:2-16

**Liturgical Roles**

Please refer to your schedules for accuracy

**Saturday, October 5**

**5pm Mass at St. Francis**

**Altar Server**

Check your schedule

**Eucharistic Ministers #2 Vennie Avorque**

Grace Benedict, Chris Marquart,  
 Scott & Susan McAvoy, Pat McKeown,  
 Roger Morgenstern, Roger Routt

**Greeters**

Marica Ahearn / Bev Ring

**Lectors**

Howie Bard / Wayne LaPointe

**Ushers Team #1**

Dan Alvesteffer , Dan Haggerty  
 Josh Roznowski, Joe Staple

**Sunday, October 6**

**9am Mass at St. Michael**

**Altar Server**

Matthew Adamski

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Sue Dueling & Tim Duba (Chalice)  
 Beth Adamski & Michele Sanocki (Ciborium)

**Greeters**

Char & Jerry Tejchema

**Lector**

Anne Cunningham

**Sunday, October 6**

**11am Mass at St. Francis**

**Altar Servers**

Check your schedule

**Eucharistic Ministers #2 Kathy Kuharevicz**

Morgan Barry, 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**

Kate McCormick/Randy Kostrzewa

**Ushers Team #2**

Paul LeRoux, John Schneller  
 Volunteers needed



**St. Francis weekly offerings**

September 22, 2024

Contribution envelopes	\$10,844.69
Holy Day	\$ 25.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,032.00

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



“Nothing is more practical than finding God,  
 than falling in love  
 in a quite absolute, final way.  
 What you are in love with,  
 what seizes your imagination,  
 will affect everything.  
 It will decide what will get you  
 out of bed in the morning,  
 what you do with your evenings,  
 how you spend your weekends,  
 what you read,  
 who you know,  
 what breaks your heart,  
 and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.  
 Fall in love,  
 stay in love,  
 and it will decide everything.”

St. Francis will be hosting a bi-lingual Sensory-Friendly Mass on the first Sunday of each month beginning Sunday, Oct. 6 at 1pm in Marian Chapel. A special invitation is extended to any person with sensory issues and their families. The Mass will include acoustic music, dimmer lighting, no bells or incense. Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy such as noise cancelling headphones, wiggle seats, fidgets, etc. All are welcome.

This year's priest Convocation focused on HOPE. True hope helps us surrender to God. It is not a shrewd wager on a set of possibilities nor an attitude of the weak just hungering for a fulfillment. As Catholics, we must collaborate with integrity as an integrated family to overcome obstacles that hinder hope, both locally and globally. In the end, all will be well as God is all in all. This eternal fulfillment is the reason for our hope.  
 Thank you for praying and supporting the priests of our diocese. Be assured of my prayers for all of you!

**Pet Blessing Friday, Oct 4 at 6pm at St. Francis**  
 In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a 6pm Blessing of the Pets on Oct. 4 located in the front yard of St. Francis Church. All pets welcome; please make sure they are secure, for example all dogs must be on a leash, etc.

**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

## Saint Michael the Archangel

Wednesday, October 2  
 Sunday, October 6

1pm Bingo  
 8:30am Pray the Rosary

### St. Michael's Offertory

September 22, 2024  
 Sunday offertory: \$6,843  
 Online giving: \$1,160

### St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231)759-8164  
 Marlene Evans (231)670-6149

Come join us after mass to celebrate our Church feast day and partake in the brunch provided by our very own Knights Of Columbus. You can spend some time with your fellow parishioners while taking care of your breakfast or lunch needs.

### The office has now officially moved into the school.

The phone number and address remain the same.  
 Easy access is available through the back parking lot.

**St. Michael's Taco Tuesday is in need of volunteers**  
 for both November and December. Please call the office if you are willing to fill this roll.

### 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.

## St. Francis Calendar of Events

### Monday, September 30

10am	Mary Monday Rosary	Marian Chapel
11am	Diabetes Prevention Program	Conf. Room 3
6:30pm	That Man Is You (TMIY)	Conf. Room 3
7pm	Eucharistic Minister training	Shepherds Hall

### Tuesday, October 1

9am	Women's Guild	Guild room
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### Wednesday, October 2

2pm	Euchre	Conf. Room 2
6:30pm	Choir rehearsal	Choir room

### Thursday, October 3

9:45am	TOPS	Conf. Room 2
6:30pm	Faith Formation classes	

### Friday, October 4

6pm	Blessings of the Pets	Front yard
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### Saturday, October 5

9am	Men's Faith & Fellowship	Conf. Room 3
6pm	Relate Adult Group	Youth Group rm

### Sunday, October 6

9am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium Room
12:15pm	Sunday Social time	Shepherds Hall
12:15pm	Confirmation mtg	Youth Group rm
7pm	High school youth group	Youth Group rm

### That Man Is You (TMIY)

Facilitator: Pat McKeown

Join us any Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. This week we will discuss "The Ascension (Mysteries of the Rosary—Glorious Mysteries)" by Mark Hartfiel. Handouts available.

- New Era in the Church
- Jesus is at the Father's Right Hand
- A place is prepared for us
- We are not orphans
- Heaven is our ultimate destiny

### Saturday Morning Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier

We will meet again starting **October 5 at 9am** with coffee, donuts & fellowship.

### Training for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion

All Eucharistic Ministers are required to be trained in updated diocesan norms for ministry. The next training session will be held at **St. Francis on Monday, September 30 at 7pm**

Scan the QR code or call the parish office (231)755-1953 to register.

Monday, September 30 Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



## Faith Formation News

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

Every Sunday from 9:15-10:45am

- ♦ Montessori style class that is AMAZING

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

Every Thursday from 6:30-8pm starting Sept. 26

- ♦ Classes will be on Thursdays evenings
- ♦ Classroom style learning with a twist and amazing volunteers!

### 6th—12th grade: Youth Group

We meet on Sundays from 7-8:30pm

- ♦ Enjoy snacks, games, fellowship & learn about the Lord
- ♦ High school will meet again October 6
- ♦ Middle school will meet again October 27

### Relate Ages 18+

We meet throughout the year with Bible study, community building and special outings.

Questions? Contact Liorah, Ministries Director ministries@stfrancisns.org or 231-755-1953 x226



Relate - Adult Group

## AUTUMN Event

**OCTOBER 5**

After 5p Mass @  
St Francis de Sales

BONFIRE  
FOOD  
GAMES  
COMMUNITY  
18+ EVENT

**RSVP BY 10/3**

231-286-6524

ministries@stfrancisns.org

### St. Francis Parish Directory

There is no charge for parish directory pictures, and we are not selling any picture packages, just a free picture for a new directory.

### St. Francis Bingo

Monday, October 7 in Wilma Hall at Noon  
Please bring in your favorite dish to share!



## Please remember them in your daily prayers

Mary Jane Bard  
Leah Bell  
Jim Benedict  
Matt Cashbaugh  
Charlotte Cook  
Martin Deater  
Andrew Degner  
Dorothy Doza  
Cathleen Dubault  
Lorraine Feiber  
Jim Geisler  
Rita Greeley  
Connie Harrison  
Maxine Janowski  
Patricia Jensen  
Dorothy Jones  
Madeline Joseph

Marleah Kooi  
Alice Kujawski  
Pat Linck  
Kristine Masters  
Dale McKay  
Jerry McKenzie  
Paul Medenbach  
Rhonda Leonard-  
Nathan  
Phyllis Oza  
Theresa Panzero  
Sue Paquin  
Mary Ann Raffaele  
Emily Ruud  
Jimmy & Jim Sowa  
Larry Zaremba

**Chestnut Fields**  
Arlene Cichun  
Jackie Dillard  
Marlene Kelly  
Mary Therese Kendra  
Patricia Numerdor  
Louise Sanford  
**Day Spring**  
Nancy Bozell  
Ann Briggs  
Nancy Corcoran  
Veda Filipiak  
Thora Rhoades-Gill  
Kathy Hale  
Mary Hynes  
Maureen Kelly  
Irene Lodzynski

Elizabeth  
Middlecamp  
Bernice Sebring  
Marcella Sharnowski  
Joe Siriani  
Karen Szepeinski  
Hope Varela

**Roosevelt Park**  
Eva Hodges  
Nancy Hux  
Margaret Jawor  
Verone Jawor  
June Martin  
Marirose McDaniel  
William Norkus  
Francis Somers  
Deborah Wagner

**Seminole Shores**  
Ron Chandonnet  
Bev Collins  
Al Karaba  
Ann Lomasiewicz  
Roy Lorenz  
Terri 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.

### I Owe You An Apology

#### “Call no Man Father:” What the Church Really Says About the Priesthood

While all of our priests are on their convocation retreat, I’ve spent some extra time this week praying for them (especially Fr. Steve) and reflecting on the gift that they are to us. Here are some thoughts that came out of that reflection.

You may have heard protestant friends take issue with the fact that our parish priests are commonly given the title, “Father.” They cite the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 23, where Jesus specifically says to “Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven.” Interestingly, they never seem to take issue with the practice of calling someone *teacher* (from the previous verse) or of using the more general term *leader* (from the following verse) both of which are also prohibited, yet commonly used terms in protestant churches as in all of society. They also fail to mention that in numerous New Testament letters and other writings, the Apostles and early church leaders very often refer to themselves as fathers, leaders and teachers.

This is a really good example of the danger of taking individual phrases or verses from the Bible out of context. This practice is dangerous, because in the tens of thousands of verses of the (roughly) 73 books of the Bible, you can find a way to interpret something, somewhere in the Bible to say almost anything if you interpret it out of context. This is what causes disunity and division in the Church (i.e the thousands of different protestant denominations, who each insist their own interpretations on the correct ones.) Thank God for the Catholic Church’s magisterium, which applies its 2000 continuous years of wisdom, led by the Holy Spirit, to keep us unified in considerations involving faith and morals. But back to the term, “father.”

When considered in context, that verse is part of a larger condemnation of Jesus about leaders who forget this crucial truth - Leadership is service. It should never be self serving, and always self giving. Leadership is a gift that the leader gives to those being led, or more accurately, leadership is a gift that GOD is giving to those being led. What a great lesson, and far more valuable than just a prohibition of using a certain title.

So what?! What does that lesson mean to all of us who are not leaders, teachers or “fathers?” It means that we, as receivers of the gift, need to recognize it as a gift and respect it and be grateful for it. That can be pretty easy when the gift takes the form of affirmation or pleases us in general. But we also need to see the value of the God’s gift when it takes the form of confrontation, exhortation and leadership decisions that are disagreeable to us. Authority, especially Church authority, is a gift from God. It’s what unifies us.

In part 2 (next week) I will defend this position with some very specific writings of the Church, from the early Church to Vatican II.

### Calling All Men!

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is a faith-filled experience. Join with your Bishop and other Catholic men to support the good works of the Knights in matters of charity, fraternity, unity, and patriotism. Our Bishop is asking every practicing Catholic man over age 18 and older to prayerfully consider membership in this exemplary organization. **Members of the KofC Council 706 will be available after 11 AM Mass on September 29 to answer questions.**

*Be Loved ♡  
Be Radiant*

#### **Catholic Women's Conference**

Oct 12 from 9am-5pm  
Lansing Center in Lansing, MI  
Learn more and RSVP at  
<https://michiganewc.org>

*Men of the Eucharist*

**STRENGTHENED IN  
CHRIST  
RESPONDING WITH JOY**



Pray for Seminarian:  
**Logan M. McGahan**

Mundelein Seminary  
1000 E. Maple Avenue  
Mundelein, IL 60060



# Baby Shower Drive

for

*Saint*  
**Gianna's**  
*No Cost Baby Boutique*



We are supporting expecting families by collecting donations for St. Gianna's from **October 5 - 20!**

**Help us collect:**

Baby Wash

Diaper Cream



Each donation received is arranged into

**Gianna Boxes**

or

“baby showers in a box” for expecting families in need



Your donation encourages and reassures parents in need that they are ready as they welcome their little ones into their home.

**Give hope today!**



Drop off your donations in our collection bin or donate online now!



## Drop Off:



**St. Francis de Sales Church**  
2929 Mc Cracken St.  
Norton Shores, MI 49441



For more information:  
[ccwestmi.org/baby-and-toddler-pantries](http://ccwestmi.org/baby-and-toddler-pantries)



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
WEST MICHIGAN



**Gianna's**  
*No Cost Baby Boutique*

# St. Michael Baby Bottle Boomerang collection October 6—October 20

*It's as easy as 1, 2, 3*

1. Complete the sign out sheet by the basket and take home a bottle
2. Fill the bottle with your change, cash or check (payable to Muskegon Pregnancy Services)
3. Return the Baby Bottle to St. Michael the weekend of October 20



**Pick up a  
bottle**



**Pray**



**Fill with  
change or  
checks**



**Return to  
church or  
MPS**



**Return bottles by**

**Oct. 20**

**Give online  
here**



**Your proceeds support:**

- Parenting classes
- Diapers, wipes, formula
- Pregnancy testing
- Ultrasounds
- Student education
- And more!

**At no cost to clients!**

## We Must Care for Mothers

This Respect Life Month, we must remember mothers when we speak of the sanctity of life for the unborn. Muskegon Pregnancy Services does this through your **Baby Bottle Boomerang** fundraiser!

We invite you to reflect on the story of Mary and how you can get involved in caring for women in these situations of fear, suffering, and uncertainty. Most often the road ahead seems like an uphill mountain too steep for them to climb, alone. We must love them both and help her in her time of critical need!

