

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 6, 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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Tuesday, October 8

5pm ConfessionsSt. Michael
 5:30pm Pray the RosarySt. Michael
 6pm †Sandy Majeski by Ruth NielsonSt. Michael

Wednesday, October 9

5pm Confessions St. Francis
 5:30pm Pray the Rosary St. Francis
 6pm †Don & Dan Martin by John & Mary Allen St. Francis

Thursday, October 10

8:30am †Marcella Kammers St. Francis
 9am Confessions
 9am-6pm Eucharistic Adoration St. Francis

Friday, October 11

8:30am †Casey Kiel by Joyce Bandock.....St. Michael
 9-9:30am ConfessionsSt. Michael

Saturday, October 12

4pm Confessions St. Francis
 4:30pm Pray the Rosary St. Francis
 5pm †Darlene Wood by Donald Johnson St. Francis
 †Dick Engle & Fr. Phil Salmonowicz by Virginia Engle
 †Louise Thivierge by Dick & Elaine Brothers

Sunday, October 13

9am †Loretta Detamore by family.....St. Michael
 †Joe Firlit by Elizabeth Kempker
 11am †Leo Denslow by family St. Francis
 †Turk Nehra by family
 †Curt Twining by Sarah Emmerson



Readings for the Week of October 7, 2024

Monday	Our Lady of the Rosary			
	Galatians 1:6-12	Ps 111		Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday	Galatians 1:13-24	Ps 139		Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday	Saint Denis			
	Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14	Ps 117		Luke 11:1-4
Thursday	Galatians 3:1-5	Luke 1:69-70		Luke 11:5-13
Friday	Saint John XXIII			
	Galatians 3:7-14	Ps 111		Luke 11:15-26
Saturday	Galatians 3:22-29	Ps 105		Luke 11:27-28
Sunday	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	Wisdom 7:7-11	Ps 90	Heb 4:12-13	Mark 10:17-30

Liturgical Roles

Please refer to your schedules for accuracy

Saturday, October 12
5pm Mass at St. Francis

Altar Server

Jack Meissner / Sarah Emmerson

Eucharistic Ministers #3 Dick & Melanie S.

John & Mary Allen, Marjorie Eddy,
 Cheri Kimball, Gayle Lagerman,
 Kristi Nagengast

Greeters

Tom & Peg Feldt / volunteers needed

Lectors

Sue McAvoy / Pat O'Toole

Ushers Team #1

Dan Alvesteffer , Dan Haggerty
 Josh Roznowski, Joe Staple

Sunday, October 13

9am Mass at St. Michael

Altar Server

Julie Wodzisz

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Cashbaugh & Laura McKenna (Chalice)
 Rosemary Robinson & Sue Dueling (Ciborium)

Greeters

Sherri & Ron Balaskovitz

Lector

Josie Olshaske

Sunday, October 13

11am Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Jackson, Grayson, Branson Anderson

Eucharistic Ministers #3 Richard R. & Bette M.

Dave & Peg Alexander, Barb Novak-Banta,
 Phil Betlejewski, Paul & Jenni Hurst, Al Lutkus,
 Linda McKendry, Jim White

Greeters

Judy Rahrig / Jan Buck / Kathy Hall
 Buffy & Colson Schichtel / Joan Reeg

Lectors

Bryan Jennings / Paul LeRoux

Ushers Team #3

Paul LeRoux, Larry Finner,
 Dan Matthews, Mike VanWalsum



St. Francis weekly offerings

September 29, 2024

Contribution envelopes	\$22,208.78
Holy Day	\$ 5.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,980.00

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



The month of October is known as a time when we recognize the need to support life, especially new moms and defend all innocent babies in the womb. (Please see the bishop's letter.) God is the omniscient Designer for male and female reproduction.

We are in awe of the incredible divine plan that a womb is the safe space for a tiny human to be nourished by the flesh and blood of the mother. The mom's body is the source of life for the unique body developing within her. May we cooperate with God's desire for (ideally) married couples to be open to life, to welcome children into the world, and to support new moms.

One way to do so is the Baby Bottle Boomerang. This year, St Michael will be participating in this fundraiser. Thank you for your generosity!



That Man Is You (TMIY)

Facilitator: Pat McKeown

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

- The Holy Spirit is the Most Powerful Force
- We have the same Spirit as at Pentecost
 - Be empty of the Spirit of this World
 - Fruits of the Holy Spirit
 - Set the world on fire

Saturday Morning Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier

We will meet every Saturday morning at 9am with coffee, donuts & fellowship. Join us anytime!

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Join Fr. Steve for a church tour right after any Mass on the weekend of 10/20/24! The 1st formal meeting will be at St Francis on 10/27/24.

For questions or interest, email Liorah (ministries@stfrancisns.org)

Saint Michael the Archangel

Sunday, October 13

8:30am Pray the Rosary

Parking Lot and Office Update

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work diligently to improve our facilities at St Michael.

Before you scratch your head or complain about "why a new parking lot setup", consider that what you see on a Sunday morning is much different than the busy weekday traffic involving drop offs and pickups of children at Little Hands Daycare.

The chapel parking lot lines are the same, but the large parking area is a bit different so it may take some time to become familiar with the improved configuration. Please enter at the west entrance along Sixth St, and exit south onto Larch Ave. Drive slowly and follow the arrows. Please park within the designated lines and not on hash marks, and refrain from "creating your own spot" as late comers are good at doing. Traffic flow along the Daycare building and in front of the new office entrance is 1-way only going west. There are plenty of yellow and blue Handicap parking spots, else just park along the streets. Plus 4 blue spots are now in front of the church!

Our new office is up and running, but there are still a few items yet to complete. We will soon add a security camera at the entryway. Also notice the blessing of a "no step" entrance. The cost of this move did not involve any major expenses as all the office items were simply moved over from the rectory. Painting & carpet installation were done by hardworking volunteers. The only cost to the parish was for the paint, about \$1000 worth of carpet tiles, and a few other purchases for internet service and a computer upgrade.

Feel free to stop in to say hello to our new secretary Lisa and to see the upgraded space!

Office hours: Monday & Wednesday 8:30am-3:30pm.

Fridays 8:30am-12:30pm. (Remember that Friday's Mass is 8:30am.)

St. Michael's Offertory

September 29, 2024

Sunday offertory: \$5,679

Online giving: \$710

St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231)759-8164

Marlene Evans (231)670-6149



St. Francis Bingo

Monday, October 7 in Wilma Hall at Noon

Please bring in your favorite dish to share!

Craig's Cruisers afternoon fun!

Everyone is invited for fun with Fr. Steve & Go Karting at Craig's Cruisers (1551 E. Pontaluna Rd) Sunday, October 13. For special rates, please meet at Craig Cruiser parking lot at 2:30pm. For questions or more details, call Bob Stapleton 231-855-2713

St. Francis Calendar of Events

Monday, October 7

10am	Mary Monday Rosary	Marian Chapel
11am	Diabetes Prevention Program	Conf. Room 3
12pm	Bingo	Wilma Hall
6:30pm	That Man Is You (TMIY)	Conf. Room 3

Tuesday, October 8

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

2pm	Euchre	Conf. Room 2
6:30pm	Pastoral Council mtg	Conf. Room 3
6:30pm	Choir rehearsal	Choir room

Thursday, October 10

9:45am	TOPS	Conf. Room 2
6pm	Coin Club	Wilma Hall
6:30pm	Faith Formation classes	

Saturday, October 12

9am	Men's Faith & Fellowship	Conf. Room 3
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Sunday, October 13

9am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium Room
12:15pm	Sunday Social time	Shepherds Hall

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

- ◆ 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

The Message of the Cross

Last week I exhorted us all to recognize Church leadership as the gift from God that it truly is, even when it doesn't please us. Holy Mother Church, led by the Holy Spirit (just as Jesus promised) will always prevail over evil in the end, and while there certainly have been ups and downs in the sanctity of her leaders at all levels over the centuries, the "Bride of Christ" remains unparalleled, overall, in its faithfulness to Christ. What other nation, institution or religion could say that after two thousand years, it still holds true to the mission entrusted to it by its founder. The credit for that goes not to the Church, but to God, who keeps it faithful *in spite of* the human forces, both outside and inside of the Church, that can have the very human tendency to stray from Truth. In other words, yes, all bishops and priests are human, but all bishops and priests are also consecrated - made something more by virtue of their role and the grace that comes with it. We honor and trust and defer to our bishops and priests, not so much due to their own merit (though every bishop and priest I know absolutely merits my great respect) but due to their great calling.

St. Agustin said in a sermon on pastors almost 1800 years ago, "Our Catholic mother is herself a shepherd: she seeks the straying sheep everywhere, strengthens the weak, heals the sick, and binds up the injured... Will there be shepherds who seek what is Christ's and not what is theirs? There will indeed be such shepherds, and they will indeed be found: they are not lacking, nor will they be lacking in the future."

Vatican II, in its *Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests*, reminds us how special the role of priest is to God and to the Church. It also tells us how the role comes with not only a special measure of authority to lead and unite, but with the gift of consecration that goes with that authority.

By the sacrament of Orders priests are formed in the image of Christ the Priest, to be ministers of Christ the Head in constructing and building up his whole Body, the Church, as fellow-workers with the order of bishops....

Priests are obligated in a special way to acquire this perfection. By receiving holy Orders they have been consecrated in a new way, and made living instruments of Christ the eternal Priest, so as to be able to continue through the years Christ's wonderful work which, by divine power, has restored to wholeness the entire family of man. ...

Since each priest acts, as far as he may, in the person of Christ himself, he is given special grace to help him grow toward the perfection of the one whose role he plays, as he ministers to his flock and the whole people of God. He receives grace for the healing of human weakness from the holiness of Christ, who became for us a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners.

Christ, whom the Father sanctified, that is, consecrated, and sent into the world, gave himself for us, to redeem us from all sin, and to purify for himself an acceptable people, zealous for good works. So, through his passion he entered into his glory. In the same way, priests, consecrated as they are by the anointing of the Holy Spirit and sent by Christ, put an end in their lives to the sins of our selfish nature, and give themselves wholly to the service of mankind, and so are enabled to grow to perfect manhood in the holiness with which they are enriched in Christ. As they exercise the ministry of the Spirit and of holiness, they are strengthened in the spiritual life, provided that they are docile to Christ's Spirit, who gives them life and is their guide. By the sacred actions they perform daily, and by their entire ministry in communion with their bishop and fellow-priests, they are set on the way that leads to perfection.

The holiness of priests is itself an important contribution to the fruitfulness of their ministry. It is true that God's grace can affect the work of salvation even through unworthy ministers, but God ordinarily prefers to show his wonders by means of those who are more submissive to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and, who through close union with Christ and holiness of life, are able to say with Saint Paul: I live, but no longer is it I who live, it is Christ who lives within me.

So, even though our priests are now all back from their annual convocation. I urge you all to continue to pray daily, as I do, for Father Steve and for all the other priests (both active and retired) in our lives and in our diocese. Pray that they will be blessed with unmatched holiness and every grace to be all that God calls them to be. I also urge you to continue to encourage and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, and to honor every man who considers or takes up this vocation.

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.



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS
Office of the Bishop

October 6, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today the Catholic Church begins Respect Life Month. This year's theme focuses on Jesus' message from John 10:10, "I came so that they might have life." In this passage, Jesus reminds us to be aware of the thief that "only comes to steal and slaughter and destroy..." Procedures like abortion or physician-assisted suicide can manifest themselves as that thief that comes to steal and slaughter and destroy the life that God has created. We must remain vigilant and aware of these threats to life.

Supporters and politicians frame abortion and physician-assisted suicide as merciful choices, sparing us from suffering, pain, and hardship. However, what many people find is that abortion or physician-assisted suicide are not the simple solutions they were promised to be. For it is in suffering and pain that God comes close to us and gives us life abundantly.

One way the Church walks alongside people struggling with the pain of an abortion is through the Project Rachel Ministry. This ministry offers opportunities to engage in support groups, receive the sacrament of reconciliation from a priest trained in this ministry, and participate in a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. Over a retreat weekend, trained volunteers work with each person, surrounding them with support and encouragement through a supportive, trauma-sensitive approach. The next retreat will be November 1-3. For more information or to register, call 616-340-1824 or email projectrachel@ccwestmi.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Protecting life in all stages is and has always been the work of the Church. We must remain engaged, especially after the comprehensive challenges to life that now exist in Michigan.

During this Respect Life Month, let us reflect more deeply on the sacredness of every human life. I invite you to visit the diocesan website (grdiocese.org) for Respect Life Month resources to support your efforts. May our hearts be transformed to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. Saint Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

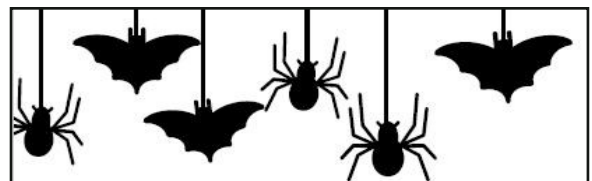
Men of the Eucharist

STRENGTHENED IN
CHRIST
RESPONDING WITH JOY



Pray for Seminarian:
Charles W. Leidel

Mundelein Seminary
1000 E. Maple Avenue
Mundelein, IL 60060



A community outreach event

TRUNK O' TREAT
OCTOBER 31 @ 6:00-8:00PM

AT BOTH ST FRANCIS & ST MICHAEL PARKING LOTS

- Trick o Treat from themed/decorated trunks
- Enjoy games
- Hot Cocoa

RSVP: 231-286-6524

If you are willing to host a "trunk" at either location please contact:

youth@stfrancisns.org or 231-286-6524

**Please specify the parish you will attend

*in the event of severe/rainy weather - location be inside both St Francis de Sales and St Michael's with tables available for trunk hosts