St. Francis de Sales

2929 McCracken St. Norton Shores, MI Office: 231-755-1953 Fax: 231-759-7074 <u>stfrancisns.org</u> Like us on Facebook: <u>StFrancisNortonShores</u> **Weekend Masses** Saturday 5pm / Sunday 11am

St. Michael the Archangel

1716 Sixth St. Muskegon, MI Office: 231-722-3071 Fax: 231-722-3243 <u>saintmichaelsmuskegon.com</u> Like us on Facebook: <u>St-Michaels-Church</u> **Weekend Mass** Sunday 9am

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> "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."



October 13, 2024



<u>Tuesday, October 15</u>

 5pm Confessions
 St. Michael

 5:30pm Pray the Rosary
 St. Michael

 6pm For the members of St. Michael Parish family....St. Michael

 Wednesday, October 16

 5pm Confessions

 5:30pm Pray the Rosary

 St. Francis

 5:30pm Pray the Rosary

 St. Francis

 6pm Protect

 St. Francis

 % Dorothy & Alexander Lutkus by Al & Lynne Lutkus

Thursday, October 17

8:30am &Barb Sidock by Char, Pam, Kim & Brad...... St. Francis In celebration for Theresa Panzero 95th Birthday

9am Confessions

9am-6pm Eucharistic AdorationSt. Francis Friday, October 18

9-9:30am ConfessionsSt. Michael

Saturday, October 19

Dick Engle & Fr. Phil Salmonowicz by Virginia Engle

Sunday, October 20

9am ⊕Sandy Majeski by Aura Rohrbach.....St. Michael
 ⊕Joe Firlit by Joan DePouw
 11am ⊕Donna Ladd by family.....St. Francis



Readings for the Week of October 14, 2024

Monday	Saint Callistus I			
	Galatians 4:22-27, 3	1:5-1 Ps 113	Luke 11:29-32	
Tuesday	Saint Teresa of Jesu	JS		
	Galatians 5:1-6	Ps 119	Luke 11:37-41	
Wednesday Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque				
	Galatians 5:18-25	Ps 1	Luke 11:42-46	
Thursday	Saint Ignatius of An	tioch		
	Ephesians 1:1-10	Ps 98	Luke 11:47-54	
Friday	Saint Luke			
	2 Timothy 4:10-17	Ps 145	Luke 10:1-9	
Saturday	urday Saint John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues			
	Ephesians 1:15-23	Ps 8	Luke 12:8-12	
Sunday	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	Isaiah 53:10-11 Ps	33 Heb 4:14-16	Mark 10:35-45	

Liturgical Roles

Please refer to your schedules for accuracy

Saturday, October 19 5pm Mass at St. Francis Altar Server

Pat McKeown / Sarah Emmerson Eucharistic Ministers #1 Marge Winkler Orrin Bush, CC Cone, Wendi Grasman, Suzette Heeres, Dee Marquart, Pat O'Toole, Mary Amy Sanocki, Vickie Welbes Greeters

Pat Rasch / Tyler & Taylor Cumbee Lectors

Melanie Schroder / Sylvia Skallerup Ushers Team #1

Dan Alvesteffer, Dan Haggerty, Josh Roznowski, Joe Staple

Sunday, October 20

9am Mass at St. Michael

Altar Server Peter Adamski / Logan Guiterrez Eucharistic Ministers

Lynn Korabik/Tom Schmiedeknecht (Chalice) Mary Saldana/Kitty Salinskil (Ciborium)

Greeter

Antoninette Schiedeknecht / Anne Cunningham

Lector

Vince Desmond

Sunday, October 20 11am Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Penny, Rex & Carly Fishel **Eucharistic Ministers #1 Corey Allard** Steve Anderson, Michael Banka, Ken Council, Vela Cabrera, Hannah Jones, Brian MacLachlan, Pam Matthews, Janet Stout, Kathy Vanderwater

Greeters

Jan Bates / Sandy Drabczyk Mike & Charlene Matteson

Lectors

Greg Huss / Diane DeGrazia Ushers Team #2 Paul LeRoux, John Schneller Volunteers needed



St. Francis weekly offerings

October 6, 2024		
Contribution envelopes	\$1	1,848.84
Holy day	\$	50.00
Online Giving	\$	5,094.00

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



Will There Be Pets in Heaven?

Whether it's a kitten, hamster, dog, rabbit, or parakeet, many families have a furry, feathery, or scaly friend to entertain them. We were meant from the beginning to have stewardship over the animals. We protect pets from harm,

learn from their loyalty, and their uncompromised defense of their unborn young and newborns. Our hearts say we'd love to see them again in eternity, but what does the bible say? Is the title of the animated film "All Dogs Go to Heaven" a theologically correct assertion?

In the oldest pet cemetery in Hartsdale, NY, where 80,000+ animals are buried, almost no inscriptions mentioned any hope of heaven for "Fido" before the 1990s. Since then, gravestones often express the owner's belief in an afterlife for the pets, as well as the expectation, or at least the hope, that owners and pets will be reunited in heaven.

The book of Genesis says that God created the world and all its wonder. Animals populated the Garden of Eden, so there is a precedent for believing that animals will populate a new Eden restored. Due to the fall of Adam and Eve, all of creation suffers. Our Creator saved Noah and his immediate family (8 humans) and 100s of pairs of animals during the Great Flood. The new heaven and new earth will be populated by all sorts of goodness and "life", but no longer "wild". Predators and prey will be a thing of the past. What God makes, He will renew at the end of time. And what God has made for our world today, He will perfect in the eternal world to come.

We know that anything is possible with God. He will do what is best for us and won't disappoint us regarding our heart's desires, like having new "furry friends" to accompany us. Of all the dazzling discoveries and ecstatic pleasures Heaven will offer, the potential of seeing our beloved Fido again would be a delight... but Fido wouldn't be "resurrected" from earth. Remember that animals are not made in the image and likeness of God like we are. Let's assume that in heaven God will create a newer, better version of Fido. So... will there be pets in heaven? Sure, why not?

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Thanks to all who participated in the St Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Pets. It was an enjoyable time to meet and bless your beloved pets. During the opening song, "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace", as we were singing, all the animals were still and quiet. It was a beautiful experience!

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

This year the Church celebrated the national Eucharist congress and emphasizing the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. The "**True Presence**" is what our faith is built upon. Jesus waits for each and everyone of us to visit him in our Chapel on Thursday's while truly present on the Altar, ready to pour out His blessing and graces upon you. Don't miss this great opportunity to be with Jesus in a more personal way. Sign up for

October—April session will take place before & after



Mass on the weekend of Oct. 26/27 or call Al or Lynne Lutkus (231) 690-4280 to sign up or to renew your one hour commitment. Respectfully, Al Lutkus

Saint Michael the Archangel

1pm Bingo

8:30am Pray the Rosary

Wednesday, October 16 Sunday, October 20

Free Exercise Class

Get a workout without having to pay a gym. Grab your gloves, rakes, family members and come join us on Saturday, November 2nd for our church yard clean up. Our St. Michael's church is quite beautiful both inside and out. It takes much work to keep it looking the way our church yard deserves. Come and hang out with fellow parishioners. Many hands make lighter work. We hope to see many there!

Trunk O Treat

As a community outreach, St. Michael's will be hosting a Trunk O Treat in our newly updated parking lot. This is the first time we are hosting one and we are hoping it will be a grand success. We need people willing to bring their car, Halloween decorations and some candy or trinkets to give out to the neighborhood children from 6-8 on Thursday, October 31st. Fliers are being passed out at the doors after church this week and next week. For more information, please call the office Monday or Wednesday 8:30 – 3:30 or Friday 9-12:30.

St. Michael's Offertory

October 6, 2024 Sunday offertory: \$5,4242 Online giving: \$750

St. Michael's Prayer Line

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

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

Thank you for your help with our Baby Bottle collections. The Baby Bottle pick up is this week, but you can still turn them in to the office during office hours or after mass next week. Helping those who are struggling with small children is a great way to help ease the pressure for those who are facing decision of having an abortion. Your participation can save lives!



St. Francis Calendar of Events

Monday, October 14

10am MOMs Group	Guild Room			
10am Mary Monday Rosary	Marian Chapel			
11am Diabetes Prevention Program	Conf. Room 3			
6:30pm That Man Is You (TMIY)	Conf. Room 3			
Tuesday, October 15				
9am Women's Guild	Guild room			
10am Bible Study	Conf. Room 3			
Wednesday, October 16				
6:30pm Choir rehearsal	Choir room			
Thursday, October 17				
9:45am TOPS	Conf. Room 2			
6:30pm Faith Formation classes				
Friday, October 18				
5:30pm United in Harmony concert	Church			
Saturday, October 19				
9am Men's Faith & Fellowship	Conf. Room 3			
Sunday, October 20				
9am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium Room				
12:15pm Sunday Social time	Shepherds Hall			

That Man Is You (TMIY)

Facilitator: Pat McKeown

Join us any Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. This week we will discuss "The Assumption of Mary (Mysteries of theRosary—Glorious Mysteries)" by Mark Hartfiel.

- Immaculate Conception & Assumption are connected
- Mary had no decay of the body
- Danger of modern Gnosticism
- St. Bernadette and Lourdes
- Glorify God in your body

Saturday Morning Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier

We will meet **every Saturday morning at 9am** with coffee, donuts & fellowship. Come any Saturday ~ no commitment ~ no homework!

Tuesday morning Bible Study

Facilitator: Kathy Workman Join us Tuesday, Oct 15th from 10am-11:30am as we journey for 4 weeks to the very heart of God and seek to develop a relationship with the Holy Spirit. The format is a video and discussion after.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Join Fr. Steve for a church tour after any Mass on the **weekend of 10/20/24**! The 1st formal meeting will be on **10/27/24**. For questions or interest, email Liorah <u>ministries@stfrancisns.org</u>



FAITH FORMATION

Craig's Cruisers afternoon fun!

Join us for fun with Fr. Steve & Go Karting at Craig's Cruiser (1551 E. Pontaluna Rd) Sunday,October13. For special rates, please meet at Craig's Cruisers parking lot at 2:30pm. Call Bob 231-855-2713

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 Kellv 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

Join us. Protect and

Elizabeth Middlecamp Bernice Sebring Marcella Sharnowski Joe Siriani Karen Szpeinski 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.



Join us for an inspiring evening of music as the talented choirs of Reeths-Puffer and Whitehall come together for a special joint concert!

Date: Friday, October 18th Time: 5:30 PM Location: St. Francis de Sales Church, Muskegon Admission: \$5/person, scan code below to purchase tickets, or pay at the door



All are welcome! Let's celebrate the joy of music and the power of collaboration. See you there!





Join us after Masses at St. Francis on 10/26-27 at the War Chest Pop-up shop. Shop from a variety of handmade items to support women and children at risk of human trafficking. All proceeds help women & children in these situations. Every \$300 supports a woman in a safe house for 1 month!



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



Congratulations to Logan & Elizabeth Armstrong on your wedding ceremony in Amalfi, Italy.



Serra Speaker Series

Please join the Serra Club of Greater Muskegon on Thursday, October 24th when Rev. Steven Geerling, Pastor of St. Francis de Sales and St. Michael the Archangel Parishes will share the story of his journey to the priesthood. This event will be held at St. Francis de Sales Church. The evening starts with Holy Mass at 6pm followed by a light meal. Fr. Steven's talk will begin at approximately 7:30pm. This event is free of charge, but please RSVP (so we order the right amount of food) by calling or texting (231) 740-0044.