

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 20, 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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.....Kitty Slasinski

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**Through his suffering,
my servant shall justify many.**

— Isaiah 53:11b



Tuesday, October 22

5pm Confessions St. Michael
 5:30pm Pray the Rosary St. Michael
 6pm †Sandy Majeski by Eric & Becky Lewis St. Michael
 †Nancy Voyt by Bob Voyt

Wednesday, October 23

5pm Confessions St. Francis
 5:30pm Pray the Rosary St. Francis
 6pm †Joan Kling by St. Francis Women's Guild St. Francis

Thursday, October 24

8:30am †Margaret Platt by Kozlowski family St. Francis
 9am Confessions
 9am-6pm Eucharistic Adoration St. Francis

Friday, October 25

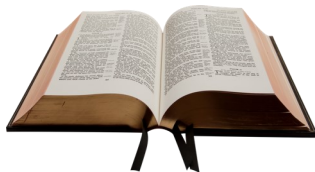
8:30am †Phyllis Kuharevicz by Lawrence Kuharevicz St. Michael
 9-9:30am Confessions St. Michael

Saturday, October 26

4pm Confessions St. Francis
 4:30pm Pray the Rosary St. Francis
 5pm †Kathy O'Neil by Margo VanFossen St. Francis
 †Tony Winkler by Marge Winkler
 †Darlene Wood by Bogue & O'Neil families
 †Lois H. Wrase by Roger & Jo Anne Hoekenga

Sunday, October 27

9am †Casey Kiel by Helen & Steve Peterson St. Michael
 †Joe Firlit by Louise Kempker
 11am †Georgina Hartwell by Henry St. Francis
 †Michael Meszynski by Mary Ellen Johnston
 †Deceased members of the Weiss-Nielson-Corsi-Liebartz family



Readings for the Week of October 21, 2024

Monday	Ephesians 2:1-10	Ps 100	Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday	Saint John Paul II		
	Ephesians 2:12-22	Ps 85	Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday	Saint John of Capistrano		
	Ephesians 3:2-12	Is 12:2-6	Luke 12:39-48
Thursday	Saint Anthony Mary Claret		
	Ephesians 3:14-21	Ps 33	Luke 12:49-53
Friday	Ephesians 4:1-6	Ps 24	Luke 12:54-59
Saturday	Ephesians 4:7-16	Ps 122	Luke 13:1-9
Sunday	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Ps 126	Heb 5:1-6
			Mark 10:46-52

Liturgical Roles

Please refer to your schedules for accuracy

Saturday, October 26
5pm Mass at St. Francis

Altar Server

Jack Meissner / Liz Cone

Eucharistic Ministers #2 Vennie Avorque

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

Greeters

Tim Gorman / Volunteers needed

Lectors

Camille Gabris / Walt Gawkowski

Ushers Team #1

Dan Alvesteffer, Dan Haggerty,
 Josh Roznowski, Joe Staple

Sunday, October 27

9am Mass at St. Michael

Altar Server

Peter Adamski / Logan Gutierrez

Eucharistic Ministers

Lynn Korabik & Tom Schiedeknecht (Chalice)
 Mary Saladina & Kitty Slasinski (Ciborium)

Greeters

Antoinette Schiedeknecht/Anne Cunningham

Lector

Vince Desmond

Sunday, October 27

11am Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Kaelan Schneller / Emiya Peterson

Eucharistic Ministers #2 Kathy Kuharevicz

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

Greeters

Austin Goulet family/Dave & Linda Olejarczyk
 Emily Muskovin/Jared, Katelyn, Mark Stewart

Lectors

Peg Alexander / Brad King

Ushers Team #3

Paul LeRoux, Larry Finner,
 Dan Matthews, Mike VanWalsum



St. Francis weekly offerings

October 13, 2024

Contribution envelopes	\$17,150.10
Holy day	\$ 47.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,760.00

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



SURROGACY is not a topic we hear much about these days, but it's one that needs to be understood in order to prevent women and babies from undue suffering. I don't think that surrogate mothers intend to act against God's will. The desire to have children is indeed honorable, and for a woman to voluntarily play a role in that decision is remarkable, but the end doesn't justify the means. Not only that, the cost of Agency fees, Medical costs, and what's called "surrogate compensation" totals well over \$100,000. Consider this article written by Lila Rose (President of Live Action).

"In January 2024 ... Pope Francis shared these powerful words: "The path to peace calls for respect for life, for every human life, starting with the life of the unborn child in the mother's womb, which cannot be suppressed or turned into an object of trafficking." ... Surrogacy is a "deplorable" practice that should be banned because it treats both mother and child as products to be rented and sold, violating their dignity. Commercial surrogacy today has a global market value of \$175 million. This industry is dangerous and often unregulated, resulting in both women and children being exposed and commodified. It's common for wealthy foreigners to travel to impoverished countries to rent out the wombs of poor women who are struggling to provide for their own families- and because of it, Ukraine, Columbia, Thailand, and Israel have banned commercial surrogacy in an attempt to end this exploitation. However, in the U.S., there are few laws regulating surrogacy, and women and children have suffered.

Along with exploiting women and intentionally breaking natural bonds of love between mother and child, surrogacy also leads to the killing of babies deemed "unwanted". In 2018, Stephanie Levesque was pressured to abort the child she was carrying after the baby boy was diagnosed with a heart defect. When she refused, the purchasing couple (two men) sued her. Surrogate Brittney Pearson was forced to abort the child she was carrying after doctors recommended early delivery for her health. The same-sex couple renting her womb didn't want a premature child and they refused to let Brittney adopt the baby saying "they didn't want their DNA out there." Other women have faced life-threatening health issues. Surrogates have higher rates of preeclampsia, gestational diabetes, preterm birth, postpartum depression, and chronic illness than women who are carrying their own children. Many of those risks extend to the baby. Other children have fallen victim to potential abuse. ...

Surrogacy is fundamentally wrong because it enables people to act as if they are entitled to another's reproductive abilities - the body of the woman whose womb they are renting. It also treats children like property that can be bought, sold, or killed at will. Everyone who cares about defending the dignity of human life should be deeply concerned about the practice of surrogacy. It's time we stop this deplorable practice of surrogacy. Women and children deserve better."

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 ministries@stfrancisns.org

Saint Michael the Archangel

Sunday, October 27

8:30am Pray the Rosary

Trunk or Treat

We are hoping to have a great turnout for the 1st annual St. Michael's Trunk O Treat. Bring your car, dress up, decorate your trunk, and enjoy the happy smiles and cute costumes as you pass out candy to the neighborhood children. The event is from 6-8pm on Halloween. *There should be no moving vehicles in the parking lot after 6pm so come early to decorate your trunk* and enjoy some hot chocolate and time with your fellow parishioners. Donations of candy before the event are most welcome and can be dropped off at the new church office during our office hours. Let's show our neighborhood that St. Michael is more than just a building in their neighborhood!

Baby Bottle Boomerang

This is the last Sunday that we will be standing at the exits collecting baby bottles. The office will be open all-day Monday and Wednesday and bottles can be dropped off then also. Thank you for helping to make pregnancy easier for those who are struggling. There are alternatives to abortion.

St. Michael Church clean up

Grab your gloves, rakes, family members and join us 9am Saturday, November 2nd for our church yard clean up. Our St. Michael's church and rectory are beautiful both inside and out.



It takes much work to keep them looking great! Come and hang out with fellow parishioners. Many hands make lighter work. We hope to see many there!

St. Michael's Offertory

October 13, 2024

Sunday offertory: \$4,522

Online giving: \$700

St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231)759-8164

Marlene Evans (231)670-6149



Time Change

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour next week. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep!

St. Francis Calendar of Events

Monday, October 21

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 22

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

Wednesday, October 23

2pm Euchre Conf. Room 2
 6:30pm Choir rehearsal Choir room
 7pm Relate Youth Room

Thursday, October 24

9:45am TOPS Conf. Room 2
 6:30pm Faith Formation classes
 6:30pm Serra Club dinner Shepherds Hall

Saturday, October 26

9am Men's Faith & Fellowship Conf. Room 3

Sunday, October 27

9am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium
 12:15 pm OCIA classes Conf. Room 3
 12:15pm Sunday Social time Shepherds Hall
 7pm Middle School Youth Group Youth Room

That Man Is You (TMIY)

Facilitator: Pat McKeown

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

- Our Lady is the Queen Mother
- Queenship of Mary is affirmed in the OT & NT
- Our Lady of Fatima spoke of material & spiritual wars
- Pray and sacrifice for the conversion of sinners
- Our Lady saved St. John Paul II's life

Saturday Morning Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier

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



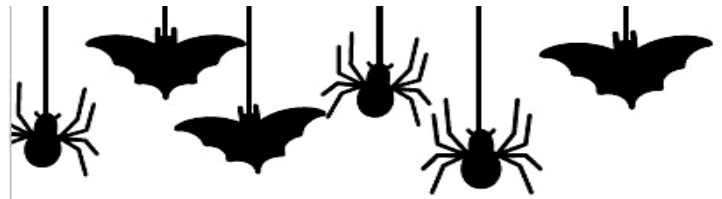
St. Francis Fall Clean up November 2 at 9am

Our Garden Angels will be available to direct you in cleaning up the parish in preparation for the winter months! If you are willing and able to help, please arrive at 9am on November 2!

St. Francis Parish Directory

There's still time to get your picture in the 2025 parish directory! Photos will be taken on Wednesday from 4-7pm on Oct. 23 and Oct. 30 as well as before and after Mass Saturday, Oct. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 27.

You can also submit a photo by email to parishphotos24@gmail.com



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

Faith Formation For All Ages:

Sunday at 9:15am

3yr-5yr: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday at 7pm

Middle & High School Youth Groups

Thursday at 6:30pm

1st -5th Grade: Faith Formation Classes

First Wednesday per month at 7p

Adult Group

For detailed schedules and information see the parish website or contact Liorah Ministries@stfrancisns.org

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

This year the Church celebrated the national Eucharist congress and is 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



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

Day Spring
Nancy Bozell
Ann Briggs
Nancy Corcoran
Marilyn Dion
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

Chestnut Fields
Arlene Cichun
Jackie Dillard
Marlene Kelly
Mary Therese Kendra
Patricia Numerdor
Louise Sanford

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.

WAR CHEST
BOUTIQUE
WOMEN AT RISK INTERNATIONAL

Join us. Protect and empower at-risk women and children. Become a voice for the voiceless.

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 and children in these situations. Every \$300 supports a woman in a safe house for 1 month!

Baby Shower Drive
for **Gianna's**
The Best 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.

Drop Off:
St. Francis de Sales Church
2929 Mc Cracken St
Norton Shores, MI 49441

For more information:
cwestmi.org/baby-and-toddler-panties

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

Some of you may remember the newspaper from 2022 entitled the "Michigan Catholic Tribune." We have become aware of its presence again here in Michigan including within our diocese. In 2022, the newspaper was mailed to random households within the diocese, both Catholic and non-Catholic. The Tribune falsely presents itself as a Catholic publication and includes politically-related content meant to assist Catholic voters in casting their ballots. The publication is not in alignment with [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#).

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It is likely a matter of time before one of your parishioners receives the paper as we know that it has already been received by at least one household in our diocese, along with other dioceses of the State. We do not know who or how many people may have received this newspaper.

The diocese did not share mailing information for this publication. We never sell parishioner contact information. To learn more visit the Diocese of Grand Rapids <https://grdiocese.org/newspaper-falsely-presenting-itself-as-catholic-publication-2024/>

Serra Speaker Series

Please join the Serra Club of Greater Muskegon on **Thursday, October 24** 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.