

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 22, 2024

St. Francis de Sales

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm / Sunday 11am

St. Michael the Archangel

1716 Sixth St. Muskegon, MI
Office: 231-722-3071 Fax: 231-759-7074
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Weekend Mass

Sunday 9am

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V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

*R. That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.*



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Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

4pm †Phyllis Kuharevicz by Lawrence Kuharevicz... St. Michael
 6pm †Casimer & Angeline Kay by family St. Francis
 †Nancy Schmalzer by Steve & Cindy Anderson

Wednesday, December 25—Christmas Day

8:25am Rosary St. Michael
 9am †Drew Grasman by grandparents St. Michael
 †Mary Ann Koryzno by family
 11am †Fr. Phil Salmonowicz by Al & Lynne Lutkus St. Francis
 †Deceased members of the Serdzinski & Lutkus families
 †Jill Jehle Wrase by Roger & Jo Anne Hoekenga
 1pm Bilingual Sensory Mass St. Francis Chapel

Thursday, December 26

8:30am †Ruth Dykman by Women's Guild St. Francis
 9am Confessions
 9am-6pm Eucharistic Adoration St. Francis

Friday, December 27

8:30am †Sandy Majeski by Rita & Clair Rederstorf ... St. Michael
 9am Confessions St. Michael
 11am Maxine Janowski funeral Mass St. Francis

Saturday, December 28

4pm Confessions St. Francis
 4:30pm Pray the Rosary St. Francis
 5pm †Donna Carrier by Marty & Monica Stevens St. Francis
 †Clem & Dorothy Skeba by family
 †Darlene Wood by Morehouse family
 †Deceased members of the Marquart extended families
 by Chris & Dee Marquart

Sunday, December 29

9am †Joseph Franczek by family St. Michael
 11am †Ray & Betty DeLore by Gene & Janet Stout... St. Francis
 †Joseph & Mary Maslowski by family
 †Barbara Sidock by Char, Pam, Kim and Brad
 †Clodagh Vani by Rosemary Hammond, Jeff & Colleen Cone

Readings for the Week of December 23, 2024

Monday Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25 Luke 1:57-66
Tuesday morning: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16 Ps 89 Luke 1:67-79
Wednesday Nativity of the Lord
Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1:1-25
Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14
Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12 Ps 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20
Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98 Heb 1:1-6 John 1:1-18
Thursday Saint Stephen
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31 Matthew 10:17-22
Friday Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist
 1 John 1:1-4 Ps 97 John 20:1, 2-8
Saturday The Holy Innocents
 1 John 1:5-2:2 Ps 124 Matthew 2:13-18
Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128 Col 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52

Liturgical Roles

Please refer to your schedules for holy days and accuracy

Saturday, December 28

5pm Mass at St. Francis

Altar Server

Adrianna Price/Jack Meissner/Aubrey Price

Eucharistic Ministers #2 Vennie Avorque

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

Greeters

Tim Gorman / volunteers needed

Lectors

Pat O'Toole / Camille Gabris

Ushers Team #1

Dan Alvesteffer, Dan Haggerty,
 Josh Roznowski, Joe Staple

Sunday, December 28

9am Mass at St. Michael

Altar Server

Matthew Adamski & Brent Davis

Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Saldana & Tom Schmiedeknecht
 (Chalice)

Jim & Gwen Young (Ciborium)

Lector

Michael Saldana

Sunday, December 29

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,
 Kathy Vanderwater

Greeters

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

Lectors

Marisha Agana / Dave Alexander

Ushers Team #2

Paul LeRoux, John Schneller
 Volunteers needed

St. Francis weekly offerings

December 15, 2024

Contribution envelopes \$16,052.00
 Holy Day \$ 595.00
 Online Giving \$ 7,037.00

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



During this festive time of year and amid our daily duties, may Christmas give us time to contemplate the reality of the Christ child, and feel the joy of the loving kindness of our God that will supply new courage to continue our journey. As Christmas is the gift of the Son of God from heaven, so too we are called to give gifts with greater depth and sincerity: with affirming words and actions, efforts at forgiving, and continued focus on the Light of the world.

As Advent comes to a close and Christmas draws near, I hope we can all observe the ways that the Lord draws near to us. Let's recall a recent event that stirred up hope. Let's recognize an event that increased our faith. Let's continue to open our eyes to the joy at hand, and the peace and love that Christ wants to give us. A sincere and heartfelt Merry Christmas to you all!

God bless you,
Fr. Steve



Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem, As you were born into a family who fled to Egypt as refugees, help us grow in solidarity with refugees everywhere, to know we are all refugees, until our hearts find refuge in you.

As you were born under an oppressive regime, let us grow in solidarity with those whose governments deny them their rights and try to undermine their dignity. Help us work for just governance everywhere.

As it was workers, the shepherds, who first came to know you, the carpenter's son, let us remember the dignity of human labor—that you share a special love for those who work hard for their sustenance, and toil beside them.

Let us honor you, in work and in prayer, that livelihoods may be secure, and that workers not be exploited.

As you were adored by the Magi who came from far-off nations to honor you, let us bring to all nations the great good news that is your love.

As your coming was joyfully sung by angels, let us with joy celebrate the gift of life every time a child of God is conceived, and honor that gift with our care.

As you were denied any birthplace but a stable, help us to open our homes, our lives, our hearts to the coming of God and his presence in your people.

Be born this time into our hearts, dear Lord. Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem, through the cradle of our hearts, be born into our world.

Prayer taken from usccb.org

Saint Michael the Archangel

Sunday, December 29

8:30am Pray the Rosary

December 24

Lector

Vince Desmond

Altar Servers

Peter Adamski and Brent Davis

Eucharistic Ministers

(Chalice) Sue Dueling and Pat Dueling
(Ciborium) Beth Adamski and Michele Sanocki)

December 25

Lector

Lynn Korabik

Altar Server

Ariella Secord

Eucharistic Ministers

Chalice) Tim Duba

(Ciborium) Carol Hessling and Rosemary Robinson

St. Michael's Offertory

December 15, 2024

Sunday offertory: \$3,119

Online giving: \$490

St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231)759-8164

Marlene Evans (231) 670-6149

WELCOME BREAKFAST

St Michael the Archangel

January 12th, 2025

For all new members of the parish that
joined in since 1/1/2024

We want to celebrate you with breakfast
after 9am mass in the Family Center



Lisa and I would like to thank you all for the love and support we received from so many of you after the passing of my mother. We feel blessed to be a part of such a caring and thoughtful community. Your cards, prayers, masses and kind words continue to be a source of great consolation. Your caring is a deeply appreciated gift.

Sincerely, Deacon Jim

St. Francis Calendar of Events

Tuesday, December 24

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

Wednesday, December 25 & Thursday, December 26

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED—Merry Christmas!

Saturday, December 28

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

Sunday, December 22

NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

NO OCIA

12:15pm Sunday Social Shepherds Hall

OCIA ~ St. Francis & St. Michael

- Dec. 22 Star of Bethlehem
- Dec. 29 No session
- Jan. 5 No session

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



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

Christmas Eve

4pm St. Michael

6pm St. Francis

Christmas Day

9am St. Michael

11am St. Francis

Faith Formation For All Ages

Sunday at 9:15am (will move to Thursday in 2025)

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

Adult Group (ages 18+) events scheduled monthly

see bulletin and website for complete schedules

For detailed schedules and information,
see the parish website or contact Liorah
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St. Francis Women's Guild Cookbooks

THANK YOU for your support to St. Francis Women's Guild and especially to those who purchased our cookbook. ***If you didn't get a chance for our special sale, buy 2 get 1 FREE***, you can still purchase them any Tuesday morning from 9-11am or stop by St. Francis office M-F 8:30am-4:30pm.



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

GREEN & GOLD ATHLETIC CLUB 2025

50/50 MONTHLY RAFFLE

Proceeds from the Green & Gold Club's monthly 50/50 raffle are used to support Muskegon Catholic Central Athletics. Tickets are \$12.00 per year. That buys you one ticket for each month's raffle, January-December. If your \$12.00 is paid later in the year you will still receive 12 tickets, giving you additional chances to win during the remaining months. The minimum prize each month is \$500!

Please complete the back of this sheet. Each square represents 12 tickets. You can purchase multiple tickets for yourself, purchase them as gifts for loved ones, or sell tickets to friends. Please fill out contact information as completely as possible so we can contact the winner! And if you sell tickets, please be sure to list your name as the seller for a chance to win a seller incentive!



Please mail sheet with \$12.00 for each square completed to:

Green & Gold Club

1145 W Laketon Ave, Muskegon, MI 49441

Please make checks payable to Muskegon Catholic Central

Or purchase online at bit.ly/gg2025raffle



Tickets also
available online

And please join us for our meetings held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus located at 2915 Fairfield St, Norton Shores, MI 49441. Help us continue to support Crusader Athletics!

**The Green & Gold Club has funded the following projects
during the 2023/2024 school year with proceeds from the monthly raffle:**

- Bussing the Football team to the playoff game
 - Youth Football helmets
 - Baseball pitching machine
 - New net system for Volleyball
- Travel expenses for Wrestling Districts, Regionals & State Finals
 - And More!

Thank you and God bless from the Green & Gold Athletic Club!

Please remember them in your daily prayers

Mary Jane Bard Leah Bell Jim Benedict Amy Bringedahl Matt Cashbaugh Ron Chandonnet Charlotte Cook Martin Deater Andrew Degner Dorothy Doza Aliyah Droblin Cathleen Dubault Lorraine Feiber Jim Geisler Rita Greeley Connie Harrison	Patricia Jensen Dorothy Jones Madeline Joseph Marleah Kooi Alice Kujawski Pat Linck Kristine Masters Jim Mastee Jerry McKenzie Paul Medenbach Rhonda Leonard-Nathan Phyllis Oza Theresa Panzero Sue Paquin Veronica Rush Emily Ruud Jim Sowa	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Day Spring</u></p> Nancy Bozell Ann Briggs Marilyn Dion Veda Filipiak Kathy Hale Mary Hynes Maureen Kelly Irene Lodzinski Elizabeth Middlecamp Bernice Sebring Marcella Sharnowski Joe Sirianni Karen Szpeinski Hope Varela	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Lake Woods Nursing and Rehab Center</u></p> Michael Abraham James Alviar Mary Benjamin Jeffrey Butler John Kukulski Paul Thomas <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Roosevelt Park</u></p> Nancy Hux Margaret Jawor Verone Jawor June Martin Marirose McDaniel William Norkus Francis Somers Agnes Strach Deborah Wagner Richard Zokas	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Chestnut Fields</u></p> Arlene Cichun Bernadette DeVoursney Marlene Kelly Mary Therese Kendra Patricia Numerdor Louise Sanford <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Seminole Shores</u></p> Bev Collins Pam Johnston Jim Keating Ann Lomasiewicz Roy Lorenz Terri Ludovicz Marilyn Pilon Irene Rogers 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.
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*Christmas Masses from the
Cathedral of Saint Andrew*

*Christmas Concert Prelude +
Midnight Mass
with the Paulist Fathers*


on TV (Fox 17), YouTube & grdiocese.org
Prelude begins at 11 p.m.
**Midnight Mass will be rerun on TV (Fox 17) at
7 a.m. Christmas Morning**

**10 a.m. Mass on
Christmas Morning**
with Bishop Walkowiak

This Mass will not be televised or livestreamed.

**View a list of parish Christmas Mass schedules at
grdiocese.org/christmas.**





Saturday Morning Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier

Join us any **Saturday morning at 9am** and enjoy refreshments & fellowship as we review and discuss *The Parables of the Kingdom*. No homework. We will continue to meet every Saturday.

Kelly Catholic Center

Stop by the Kelly Catholic Center (2100 Henry) and check out our many Christmas items. Nativities, ornaments, visor clips, children's books, bibles, hand carved crucifixes, as well as, other sacramentals. We also carry Oplatki 'wafers'.

When making end of the year donations, please remember the Kelly Catholic Center. The Center is run solely by volunteers. Sales and your donations enable the Center to meet the needs of the Catholic Community. Thank you.

St. Francis Family Corner

Welcome new family

Brandon Stewart
children: Alec, Ashley and Jack

New Year's Eve Party!

Come listen/dance to Muskegon's own Pan Franek, Zosia, and the Polka Towners at Polish Falcons Hall(1014 W. Hackley) Party is 8:30-12:30, cost is just \$25 a person. Hats, noisemakers, and champagne at midnight. Cash bar. Call Barb at 231-343-6445 or Joane at 231-780-3162 for tickets. Don't delay, tickets limited to 250. Sponsored by the Muskegon Polish Festival.

Mass to open Jubilee Year 2025

Join Bishop Walkowiak and Catholics around the diocese as we mark the opening of Jubilee Year 2025. The celebration begins at 3pm on Sun Dec. 29 at Cathedral of Saint Andrew, Grand Rapids. Mass will be livestreamed on the diocesan website and YouTube for those who are unable to attend.



St. Francis Military Board

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Brendan Sullivan, 1st Lt, Army

GOD BLESS AMERICA!