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Saturday 5 pm Sunday 11 am

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## Saturday, February 22

4 pm	Confessions (in church)	St. Francis
4:30 pm	Pray the Rosary	St. Francis
5 pm	†Dana Buckley by Buckley Family	St. Francis
	†Nichole Baker by Bob & Pat Baker	St. Francis
	†George Budai by Margo VanFossen	St. Francis
	†Donna Allen Carrier by Janet Wahr	St. Francis
	†Michael George by Al & Fannie George	St. Francis
	Rosemary Hammond by Parish Family	St. Francis

## Sunday, February 23

9 am	†Casey Kiel by the Piotrowski family	St. Michael
	†The Koryzno Family by Rosemary Robinson	St. Michael
	†Paul Bozik by Deb Bringedahl	St. Michael
11 am	†Donna Allen Carrier by Camille McDermot	St. Francis
	†Bill Duplissis by Francis Duplissis	St. Francis
	†Florida Carney & Jack Johnston by Mary Ellen Johnston	St. Francis
	†Michael Meszynski by Mary Ellen Johnston	St. Francis

## Tuesday, February 25

6 pm	<b>Penance Service</b>	St. Francis
	No Mass or Confessions at St. Michael due to Penance Service	

## Wednesday, February 26

5 pm	Confessions	St. Francis
5:30 pm	Pray the Rosary	St. Francis
6 pm	†Nancy Schmalzer by Brash family	St. Francis

## Thursday, February 27

8:30 am	Mass	St. Francis
9 am	Confessions	St. Francis
9am-6pm	Eucharistic Adoration	St. Francis

## Friday, February 28

8 am	Pray the Rosary	St. Michael
8:30 am	†Karen Cross by the Piotrowski Family	St. Michael
	†Dorothy Sklenar by Family	St. Michael
9 am	Confessions	St. Michael

## Saturday, March 1

4 pm	Confessions (in church)	St. Francis
4:30 pm	Pray the Rosary	St. Francis
5 pm	†Jill Jehle Wrase by Roger & JoAnne Hoekenga	St. Francis
	†Ron Ring by Bev Ring & family	St. Francis
	†Bob Ahearn by Marcia & Tony Ahearn	St. Francis

## Sunday, March 2

9 am	†Sandy Majeski by Nancy and Troy Gauthie	St. Michael
	†Edward & Helen Bancuk by the John Sanocki Family	St. Michael
11 am	†Lori Bartz Hoekenga by Roger & JoAnne Hoekenga	St. Francis
1 pm	Sensory Mass (Chapel)	St. Francis

## Liturgical Roles

3/1/2025

### 5pm Mass at St. Francis

#### Altar Servers

Pat McKeown & Jack Meissner

#### Eucharistic Ministers Team #3

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

#### Greeters

Bev Ring

#### Lectors

Bryan Jennings & Marsha VanLente

#### Ushers Team #1

Josh Roznowski, Dan Alvesteffer, Dan Haggerty & Joe Staple

3/2/2025

### 9am Mass at St. Michael

#### Altar Servers

Logan Gutierrez and Brent Davis

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Tim Duba and Pat Cashbaugh (CH)  
Mary LaBash and Tom Schmiedeknecht(CI)

#### Lector

Anne Cunningham

### 11am Mass at St. Francis

#### Altar Servers

Jackson, Grayson, & Branson Anderson

#### Eucharistic Ministers Team #1

Corey Allard, Steve Anderson, Michael Banka, Ken Council, Vela Cabrera, Hannah Jones, Pam Matthews, Janet Stout, Kathy Vanderwater

#### Greeters

Lisa Cross, Rosemary Hammond, Chip & Marti Oosdyke

#### Lectors

Brian MacLachlan & Sarah Emerson

#### Ushers Team #3

Paul LeRoux, Larry Finner, Dan Matthews, Mike VanWalsum, Bryan Convertini, Brandon Stewart

## Readings for Week of February 24

Monday:	Sirach 1:1-10	Psalms 93	Mark 9:14-29	
Tuesday:	Sirach 2:1-11	Psalms 37	Mark 9:30-37	
Wednesday:	Sirach 4:11-19	Psalms 119	Mark 9:38-40	
Thursday:	Sirach 5:1-8	Psalms 1	Mark 9:41-50	
Friday:	Sirach 6:5-17	Psalms 119	Mark 10:1-12	
Saturday:	Sirach 17:1-15	Psalms 103	Mark 10:13-16	
Sunday:	Sirach 27:4-7	Psalms 92	1 Corinthians 15:54-58	Luke 6:39-45

## St. Francis Weekly Offerings

February 16, 2025

Contribution Envelopes: \$13,417

Online Giving: \$6,365



An invitation to a deep sense of spiritual consolation and freedom from sin!

This **Tuesday the 25th** is our St Francis **6pm Penance Service**, geared toward serving the lakeshore communities. There will be about 12 priests in attendance, including the bishop. The Service begins at 6pm but does not require that you attend the full 2 hours. Even if you can't be part of the opening prayer, if you arrive before 8pm your confession will be heard. While waiting, you can pray a rosary or read a spiritual book. Examination of conscience sheets will be provided.

Do we not confide in trusted friends by venting frustrations, and reveal the source of pain to a doctor? This brings us comfort and healing. How much more important to push into the light the ways in which our sins have offended the Lord. When we humbly confess our sins, we receive peace in our soul and strength to continue in His grace.

The enemy does not want you to go to confession. Remember that Reconciliation is a sacrament that forgives the eternal punishment due to sin and repairs our brokenness. The confessional is a place of pardon and peace, where the priest welcomes you with kindness. The Lord is inviting you to answer the call to be humble and purify your mind and heart through sacramental confession. Remember it is the power of Jesus working through the priest. Penitents walk into the confessional wounded but are then sent out absolved from their sins to continue the path of Christ-like disciples.

### **Receive God's Forgiveness & Mercy.**

Bishop Walkowiak will preside at our

**~ Penance Service ~**

**St. Francis de Sales Feb. 25 6-8pm**

***Remember... God is the Father of mercy!***

## **Saint Michael the Archangel**

Sundays 8:30am Pray the Rosary

### **Coffee and Donuts**

Next week we will be offering coffee and Donuts in the Family Center. Thank you to all those who have helped organize this social event. Please call the office if you are willing to serve. We have openings for April-December.

### **Stations of the Cross**

**We are looking for individual families or groups to lead the Friday stations. Please call the church office for more information.**

### **Parking**

With the snow piles and our growing numbers, parking can be a bit more difficult. Please drive slowly and park carefully to allow space for other cars to park.

### **Rosary/Altar Society meeting**

Ladies, our upcoming meeting is now on the second Sunday of the month as voted on at the December meeting. We will meet on Sunday, March 9 in the school after Mass. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. - Kitty S.

### **Offertory**

February 16, 2025

Sunday offertory: \$4,179.10

Online giving: \$770

### **St. Michael's Prayer Line**

Audrey Adamczak (231) 759-8164

Marlene Evans (231) 670-6149

**Pray the Rosary daily!**

**We continue to pray for our priests and for religious vocations**

**St. Michael the Archangel**

Friday 8 am

Sunday 8:30 am

**St. Francis de Sales**

Wednesday 5:30 pm

Saturday 4:30 pm

# St. Francis de Sales Calendar of Events

## Monday, February 24

10 am Mary Monday Rosary Marian Chapel  
 9 am Mom's Group Guild Room  
 6:30 pm This Man Is You Conf. Room 3

## Tuesday, February 25

9 am Women's Guild Guild Room  
 5:30 pm Y Healthy Weight Class Conf. Rm. 5 & Wilma Hall

## Wednesday, February 26

2 pm Euchre Conf. Room 2

## Thursday, February 27

9 am TOPS Conf. Room 3  
 5 pm Faith Formation: Grades PreK-K Atrium  
 6:30 pm Faith Formation: Grades PreK-5 Classrooms

## Saturday, March 1

9 am Men's Faith & Fellowship Conf. Room 3  
 7 pm Relate Bible Study Youth Room

## Sunday, March 2

12:15 pm OCIA Conf. Room 3  
 12:15 pm Sunday Social Shepherds Hall  
 12:15 pm Confirmation Meeting Youth Room  
 7 pm High School Youth Group Youth Room

## Faith Formation St Francis & St Michael

### Middle & High School Youth Groups

- Sundays - 7:00-8:30pm
- In the St Francis youth room
- See website for complete schedule

### 1st - 5th Grades

- Thursdays - 6:30-8pm
- In St Francis classrooms
- See website for complete schedule

### 3 yrs - Kindergarten

- Thursdays 5-6pm OR 6:30-8pm
- In St Francis atrium
- See website for complete schedule

### Adults

- Relate Group - for 18+
- OCIA classes are open for all parishioners. Check schedule for topics and come when you wish.
- Next Group
  - 3/1/25 - after 5p mass, Nerf War
  - In youth room
- See website for complete schedule

Those affected by suicide are invited to **Touched by Mercy** on March 1 from 10 am - 3 pm at the **Franciscan Life Process Center** in Lowell. Join us for this day of reflection led by Sister Colleen Ann Nagle FSE, MA, LPC. Cost:\$65 lunch included. Sign up at [weblink.donorperfect.com/TBM2025](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/TBM2025)

## OCIA Schedule

St. Francis & St Michael

Mar 2: What is Lent?  
 Mar 9: Anointing of the Sick  
 Mar 16: Reconciliation  
 Contact Liorah Marianos if you have questions

## That Man is YOU!

Facilitator:

Pat McKeown

**Mondays at 6:30pm**



## Relate Outing

March 1st  
 After 5pm Mass  
 Minute to Win it Games  
 &  
 Nerf War  
 join us in the youth rooms

## Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier  
 Join us **Saturday mornings 9am**  
 Enjoy refreshments & fellowship as we discuss: "The Parables of the Kingdom"

## Eucharistic Adoration Leader

If you'd be interested in taking on the task of scheduling Eucharistic Adoration contact Liorah: 231-286-6524  
**Need to schedule twice per year and attend Adoration**

## Ministries looking for Volunteers!

**Ushers, Cantors, and Greeters**  
*Men, women, teens are all welcome!*  
 If you'd like to know more about any of these ministries, contact Liorah at the parish office or [ministries@stfrancisns.org](mailto:ministries@stfrancisns.org)



## Please remember them in your daily prayers

Diane Alderink 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 John Mastee Jerry McKenzie Paul Medenbach Rhonda Leonard-Nathan Phyllis Oza Theresa Panzero Sue Paquin Veronica Rush Emily Ruud Jim Sowa	<u><b>Day Spring</b></u> Jean Blower Nancy Bozell Ann Briggs Marilyn Dion Veda Filipiak Kathy Hale Mary Hynes Maureen Kelly Irene Lodzinski Elizabeth Middlecamp Marcella Sharnowski Joe Sirianni Karen Szepeinski Hope Varela	<u><b>Lake Woods Nursing and Rehab Center</b></u> Michael Abraham James Alviar Mary Benjamin Jeffrey Butler John Kukulski Paul Thomas <u><b>Roosevelt Park</b></u> Nancy Hux Margaret Jawor Verone Jawor June Martin Marirose McDaniel Helen Mulready William Norkus Francis Somers Agnes Strach Deborah Wagner Richard Zokas	<u><b>Chestnut Fields</b></u> Arlene Cichun Bernadette DeVoursney Marlene Kelly Mary Therese Kendra Patricia Numerdor Louise Sanford  <u><b>Seminole Shores</b></u> Pam Johnston Jim Keating Ann Lomasiewicz Roy Lorenz Terri Ludovicz Marilyn Pilon Irene Rogers Jo Youngstrom
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\*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.

### FAT TUESDAY PACZKI PARTY

March 4, 2025, 7:00-9:00 pm

at the Polish Falcon

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### Message of the Cross By Deacon Jim Cross

**"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the POWER OF GOD."**

With Ash Wednesday just a week and a half away, we are about to enter into one of my favorite times of the year, the liturgical season of Lent. No, that's not just because I'm a glutton for punishment. It's because I recognize that I NEED to spend some time, in an official organized way, to bring myself back to living the most pure and holy life that I can manage. While I am well aware of how often I fall short, I also recognize that the sincere attempt at holiness pleases God, while the failure to reach out to God would cause Him and me both great sadness.

As we prepare ourselves for that period of yearning and stretching toward God, I have a resource to share. The formation of deacons includes several years of catechesis through Notre Dame University's McGrath Institute for Church Life STEP program. But the STEP courses are actually open to anyone! At just \$50-100 per several week course, this flexible online, certificate program offers courses for Catholics and aspiring Catholics that cover every aspect of our faith. They have courses about various periods of Church history, all aspects of Catholic theology, doctrine, liturgy and Catholic Social Teaching, and a whole range of courses on Old and New Testament scriptures.

What if this year, instead of "giving up" something for Lent, you decided to spend the Lenten period learning more about your Catholic Faith??? Interested? Use the URL or QR code below and see where it leads. You never know, you might find yourself becoming an expert in Catholicism.

<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/online-courses/step/>



### Coming Soon!

#### Lenten Stations & Soup Suppers

Thursdays during Lent at 6pm there will be Stations of the Cross in Marian Chapel followed by Soup in Shepherds Hall!

\*Bringing a soup to share is encouraged but not required!

Dates: 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10

Friday, February 28, 2025 | 10:30 am Registration  
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