

ST FRANCIS DE SALES

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm Sunday 11 am

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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Weekend Mass

Sunday 9 am

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Third Sunday of LENT



For three years now
I have come in search
of fruit on this fig tree
but have found none.

Lk 13:7

St. Francis de Sales Staff

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Knights of Columbus #706 Doug Zuidema

St. Michael the Archangel Staff

Office Hours: Mon/Wed 8:30am-3:30pm

Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

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Knights of Columbus #13579 Joe Zagar

Saturday, March 22

4 pm Confessions (in church) St. Francis
4:30 pm Pray the Rosary St. Francis
5 pm †Michael VanFossen by Margo VanFossen St. Francis

Sunday, March 23

9 am †Larry Zaremba by Jan and Stasia Gasior St. Michael
†Ted Maciag by Family St. Michael
†Paul E Bozik by Deb Bozik Br
11 am †Donna Allen Carrier by Dad & Mom St. Francis
†John McKendry by family
12:30 pm Gorzkie and Stations in Polish St. Michael

Tuesday, March 25

5 pm Confessions St. Michael
6 pm †Sandi Majeski by Eric and Becky Lewis St. Michael

Wednesday, March 26

5 pm Confessions St. Francis
5:30 pm Pray the Rosary St. Francis
6 pm †Donna Allen Carrier by Theresa Allen St. Francis
Special intention for John Gappa & living members of Gappa family

Thursday, March 27

8:30 am Special Intention for Nielson Family by Peg Nielson St. Francis
9 am Confessions St. Francis
9 am-6 pm Eucharistic Adoration St. Francis
6 pm Stations of the Cross St. Francis

Friday, March 28

8 am Pray the Rosary St. Michael
8:30 am †Sophie Krystkiewicz by the Piotrowski family St. Michael
9 am Confessions St. Michael
6 pm Stations of the Cross St. Michael

Saturday, March 29

4 pm Confessions (in church) St. Francis
4:30 pm Pray the Rosary St. Francis
5 pm †Beverly M. Anderson by family St. Francis
†Donna Allen Carrier by Theresa Carrier
†Louise Neiser by Dick & family
†John Moran by Carol Moran

Sunday, March 30

9 am †Sandi Majeski by Clair and Rita Rederstoref St. Michael
12:30 pm Gorzkie and Stations in Polish St. Michael
11 am †Ben Jones by Robert Doerr St. Francis
†Norman Gappa by family St. Francis
†Matthew Workman by family St. Francis

Readings for Week of March 24

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15 Psalm 42; 43 Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8-10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38
Wednesday: Deut 4:1, 5-9 Psalm 147 Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28 Psalm 95 Luke 11:14-23
Friday: Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 81 Mark 12:28-34
Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6 Psalm 51 Luke 18:9-14
Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 Ps34 2 Cor 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3,11-31

Liturgical Roles

March 29

5pm Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Pat McKeown / Sarah Emmerson

Eucharistic Ministers Team #2

Vennie Avorque, Chris Marquart,
Scott & Susan McAvoy, Pat McKeown,
Roger Morgenstern, Roger Routt
Dan & Alexandria Vickers

Greeters

Volunteers needed

Lectors

Walt Gawkowski / Sue McAvoy

Ushers Team #1

Josh Roznowski, Dan Alvesteffer,
Dan Haggerty & Joe Staple

March 30

9am Mass at St. Michael

Altar Servers

Peter Adamski and Brent Davis

Eucharistic Ministers

Sue Dueling and Pat Cashbaugh (CH)
Beth Adamski and Mary LaBash (CI)

Lector

Thomas Lack

11am Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Sophia & Adeline Muskovin / Emiya Peterson

Eucharistic Ministers Team #2

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

Greeters

Bob & Margie Stapleton, Rosemary Hammond,
Chip & Marti Oosdyke

Lectors

Angie Kalisz / Don Kalisz

Ushers Team #3

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

St. Francis Weekly Offerings

March 16, 2025

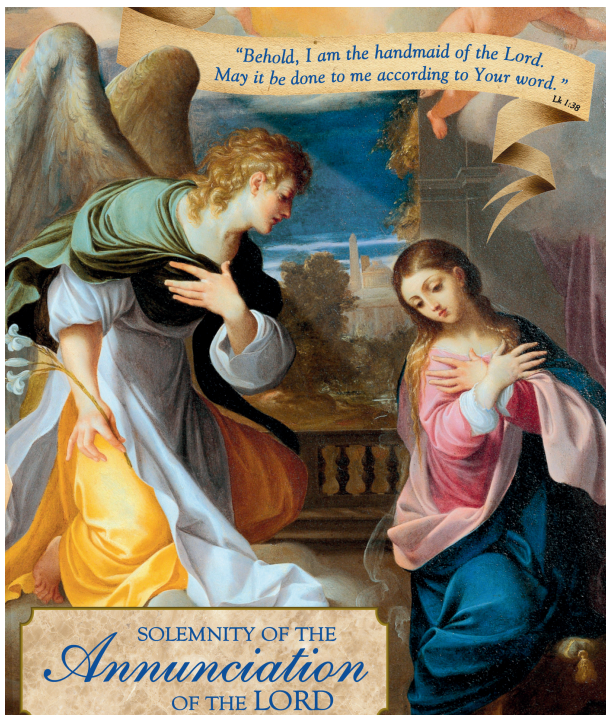
Contribution Envelopes: \$17,913
Holy Day: \$225
Online Giving \$6,370



The **Transfiguration** was the incredible event where the disciples Peter, James, and John saw the glory of Jesus. It was an experience that gave them the courage to continue their mission to be martyrs for the faith. This divine revelation only happened once, but it was significant enough to propel these disciples to eternal glory.

As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, I once played an amazing round of golf. I had witnesses too! Everything came together that day. Although I may never score another low

round of golf, that “glorious” experience is an epic reminder for me to keep playing my best. We’ve all experienced flashes of God’s faithfulness. In times of struggle, may the amazing “God moments” keep us going!



Saint Michael the Archangel

Sunday 8:30am Pray the Rosary

Volunteer Opportunities

We are in need of volunteers for **1st Sunday donuts, Taco Tuesdays and 6pm Friday Stations of the Cross.** Signup sheets are in the back of church or call the parish office.

Sr. Agnes Mary Wojtkowiak

1pm Memorial Mass, Sunday March 30th

Join us in the Family Center afterwards to share your stories and memories of Sister.

(Light snacks will be available)

Offertory

March 16, 2025

Sunday offertory: \$4,053.33

Online giving: \$745

St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231) 759-8164

Marlene Evans (231) 670-6149

Eucharistic Minister Training*

March 29 @ 10am at St Patrick in Grand Haven.
Call St. Francis de Sales or St. Patrick's parish offices to get registered!

if you have a Eucharistic Minister Card dated April 2023 or later you do **not need this training.*

St. Gianna Toddler/Baby Boutique

Catholic Charities of West Michigan

Muskegon location

needs your help to ensure children have what they need

The boutique is currently in need of:

- Toddler clothes (Size 2T-6T) New or Gently used
- Baby wash/lotion



Boxes will be available for donations at church from: 3/29/25-4/8/25

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, March 24

9am	Moms Group	Guild Room
10am	Mary Monday Rosary	Marian Chapel
6pm	That Man is YOU!	Conf. Room 3

Tuesday, March 25

9am	Women's Guild	Guild Room
10am	Bible Study	Conf. Room 3
5:30pm	Y Healthy Weight Class	Conf. Room 5/Wilma Hall

Wednesday, March 26

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Thursday, March 27

9am	TOPS	Conf. Room 3
5pm	Faith Formation: Grades PreK-K	Atrium
6:30pm	Faith Formation: Grades PreK-5	Classrooms
6:30pm	Lent Soup Suppers	Shepherd's Hall

Saturday, March 29

9am	Men's Faith & Fellowship	Conf. Room 3
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Sunday, March 30

12:15pm	OCIA	Conf. Room 3
12:15pm	Sunday Social	Shepherd's Hall
7pm	Middle 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
- See website for complete schedule

3-yrs - Kindergarten

- Thursdays 5-6pm OR 6:30-8pm
- See website for complete schedule

Adults

- Relate Group - for 18+
- Next Group
 - 4/9 Bible Study at 7pm
 - In youth room
- See website for complete schedule

Contact Liorah Marianos if you have questions or want to learn more.

OCIA Schedule

St. Francis & St Michael

March 23: Social Justice
March 30: Medical Ethics
April 6: Holy Week

Contact Liorah Marianos
if you have questions.

*The family of Larry Flora wishes to
express sincere gratitude to:*

Fr. Steve, Liorah Ministry Director,
the pianist, cantor and reader,
the Women's Guild, prayer group,
Mark, Maintenance Director &
assistants, Kim, parish secretary
and the entire parish families at
St. Francis! Thankful, Peggy Flora

Ministries looking for Volunteers!

Ushers, Cantors, Adoration Leaders, and Greeters

If you'd like to know more about any of
these ministries, contact Liorah Marianos.

That Man is YOU!
will not meet on Monday,
March 24 due to an
unexpected passing of
a family member of
Pat McKeown.

Tuesday Bible Study

Please join us as we study *The Acts of the
Apostles and Evangelization* starting
Tuesday, March 18 for 8 weeks
from 10-11:30am in conf. room 3.
There will be a video presentation and
discussion after. All are welcome.

Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier
Join us Saturday mornings at 9am
Enjoy refreshments & fellowship.
We'll discuss "Epic: History of the
Catholic Church"

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
John Mastee
Jerry McKenzie
Paul Medenbach
Rhonda Leonard-Nathan
Phyllis Oza
Theresa Panzero
Sue Paquin
Veronica Rush
Emily Ruud
Jim Sowa

Day Spring
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

Lake Woods Nursing and Rehab Center
Michael Abraham
James Alviar
Mary Benjamin
Jeffrey Butler
John Kukulski
Paul Thomas
Roosevelt Park
Nancy Hux
Margaret Jawor
Verone Jawor
June Martin
Marirose McDaniel
Helen Mulready
William Norkus
Francis Somers
Agnes Strach
Deborah Wagner
Richard Zokas

Chestnut Fields
Bernadette DeVoursney
Marlene Kelly
Mary Therese Kendra
Patricia Numerdor
Louise Sanford

Seminole Shores
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.



St. Francis Bingo!

Monday, April 7 at Noon in Wilma Hall.
Please bring your favorite dish to share!



DIocese of GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

March 22/23, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

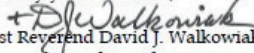
In this Jubilee Year, we are called to bring Christ's love to those in desperate need. As we approach the annual Catholic Relief Services Collection, March 29/30, I ask for your prayerful consideration and generous support of this collection which supports six Catholic agencies that strive to bring about positive change for those who live on the margins.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Mt. 5:9). The cry for peace and justice in our world is loud and urgent. From the victims of war to displaced families fleeing violence and poverty, the need for compassionate action has never been greater.

One example of the collection's far-reaching impact can be found in Colombia, a country plagued by more than 60 years of guerilla warfare. The USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace, which receives funding through this collection, provided crucial support and powerful connections as the bishops of Colombia lobbied in Washington, D.C., and in their own nation to promote a peace process that has made significant strides. You can answer the call to be a peacemaker and ensure this process continues. Together, we can help build a more just and peaceful world where the cry for justice is heard, and the light of peace shines brightly.

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection. I encourage you to give generously. To learn more about how your gift will make an impact, please visit usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

LENTEN FISH FRIES - Knights of Columbus - \$18

Fridays during Lent! ~ 2915 Fairfield, Norton Shores

Featuring GREAT LAKES PERCH

Serving times from 5-7:30pm





Blood Drive
St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church
2929 McCracken Street, Norton Shores

Wednesday, April 23, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Sponsored by Muskegon Area Catholic Churches.

For an appointment visit RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: Muskegon Catholic), or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

 Scan to be directed to RedPass®
 Come give 4/14 to 4/30 for a Red Cross T-shirt, ltd. qty + chance to win \$5K prize: rcblood.org/hope
 Scan to schedule an appointment

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