

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm Sunday 11 am

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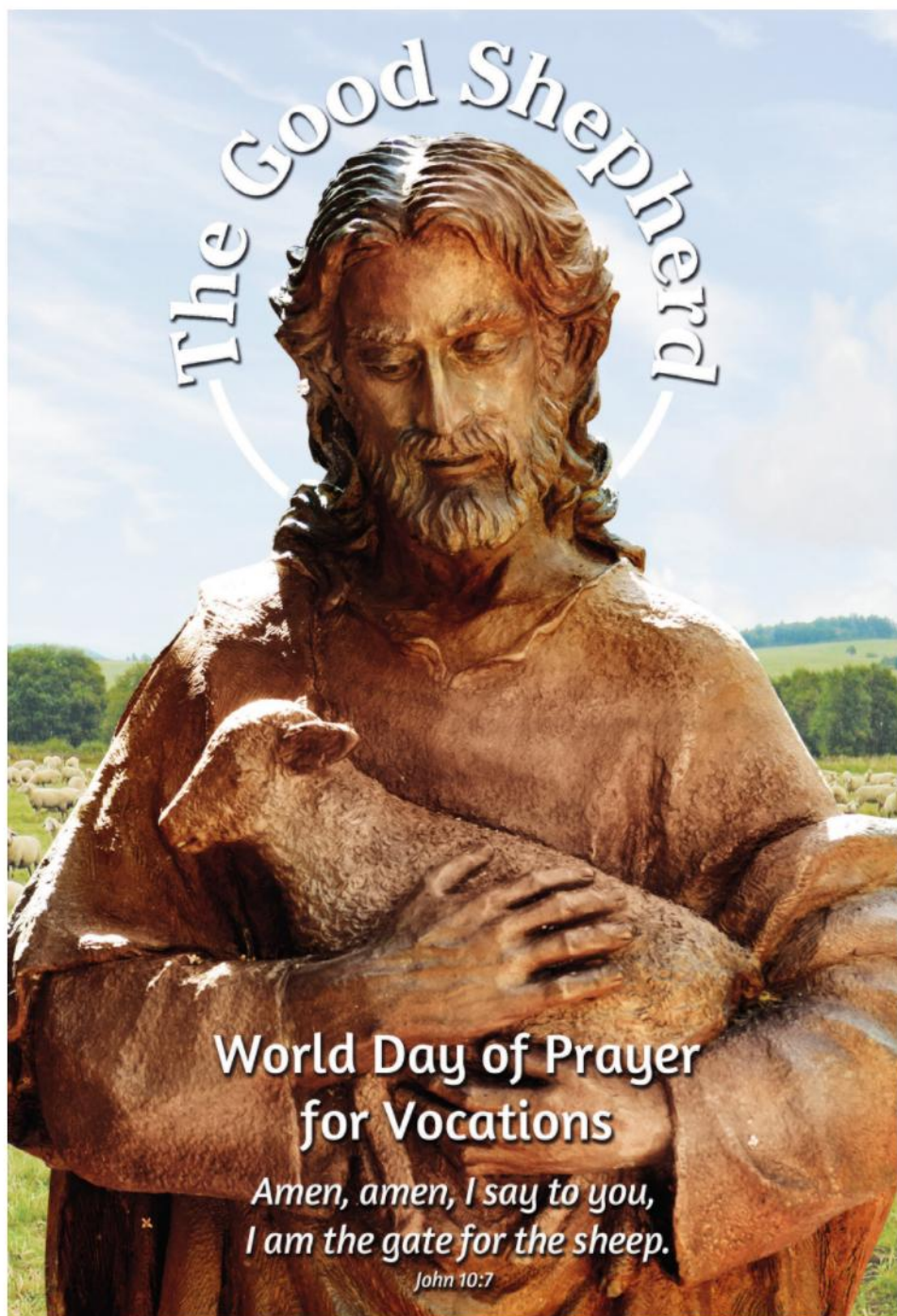
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Saturday, May 10

4 pm Confessions	St. Francis
5 pm †Elizabeth Huss by Jeff & Ann DePouw	St. Francis
†Rita Kartes by Jane Monehan	St. Francis
†Eleanor Pavlic by Shari Cookenmaster & Lynette Cavazos	St. Francis
†Darlene Wood by Don Johnson	St. Francis

Sunday, May 11

9 am †Theresa Doppel by family	St. Michael
†Jim Mastee by David and Vickie May	St. Michael
11 am †Donna Allen-Carrier by mom & dad	St. Francis
†Molly DeLong by family	St. Francis
†Marie Telemaque by Jim & Paula Rice	St. Francis
†Kathleen Weiss-Rewalt by Nielson family	St. Francis
For the health of Nielson-Stockert grandkids by Nielson family	St. Francis

Tuesday, May 13

5 pm Confessions	St. Michael
6 pm †Sandy Majeski by Patrick and Sharon White	St. Michael
†Casey Kiel by the Piotrowski Family	St. Michael

Wednesday, May 14

5 pm Confessions	St. Francis
5:30 pm Pray the Rosary	St. Francis
6 pm †Larry Flora by Sue Addicott	St. Francis
†Dr. David Deitrick by Geri Denslow	St. Francis

Thursday, May 15

8:30 am †Art Casadonte by Gerald & Geraldine Schwartz	St. Francis
9 am Confessions	St. Francis
9 am-6 pm Eucharistic Adoration	St. Francis

Friday, May 16

8 am Pray the Rosary	St. Michael
8:30 am †Fredrick Gawlik by Anthony Balawander	St. Michael
†Jim Mastee by Marlene Kempny	St. Michael
9 am Confessions	St. Michael

Saturday, May 17

4 pm Confessions	St. Francis
4:30 pm Pray the Rosary	St. Francis
5 pm †Dr. Thomas Stone by Chris & Dee Marquart	St. Francis
†Rosemary Szost-Clock by Rita Fields & Margaret Nelson	St. Francis

Sunday, May 18

9 am †Mary Carlson by the Koryzno Family	St. Michael
†Thaddeus Maciag by the Thomas Family	St. Michael
†Charles Anderson by Andrew Cross	St. Michael
†Larry Bozik by Vandal family	St. Michael
11 am †Frances Reis by cousins	St. Francis
†Curt Twining by Sarah Emmerson	St. Francis



Readings for Week of May 12

Monday	Saints Nereus & Achilleus	Acts 11:1-18	Ps 42 & 42	John 10:1-10
Tuesday	Our Lady of Fatima	Acts 11:19-26	Ps 87	John 10:22-30
Wednesday	Saint Matthias	Acts 1:15-17,20-26	Ps 113	John 15:9-17
Thursday	Saint Isidore	Acts 13:13-25	Ps 89	John 13:16-20
Friday		Acts 13:26-33	Ps 2	John 14:1-6
Saturday		Acts 13:44-53	Ps 98	John 14:7-14
Sunday	5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 14:21-27	Ps 145	Rev 21:1-5
				John 13:31-35

Liturgical Roles

*****Please check your schedules for accuracy*****

Saturday, May 17

5pm Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Sarah Emmerson/Nancy Rogers/Dan Haggerty

Eucharistic Ministers Team #2

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

Greeters

Pat Rasch / Tyler & Taylor Cumbee

Lectors

Sue McAvoy / Bryan Jennings

Ushers Team #1

Josh Roznowski, Dan Alvesteffer,
Dan Haggerty & Joe Staple

Sunday, May 18

9am Mass at St. Michael

Altar Servers

Brent Davis & Logan Gutierrez

Eucharistic Ministers

Janet Gutierrez & Sue Dueling (CH)

Lynn Korabik & Laura McKenna

Lector

Carol Hessling

11am Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Jackson, Grayson & Branson Anderson

Eucharistic Ministers Team #3

Richard Rogers & Bette McAuliffe
Dave & Peg Alexander, Barb Novak-Banta,
Phil Betlejewski, Paul & Jenni Hurst, Al Lutkus,
Linda McKendry, Jim White

Greeters

Bob & Margie Stapleton / Mike & Char Matteson

Lectors

Julie Anderson / Paul LeRoux

Ushers Team #2

Paul LeRoux, Matt Bosma, John Schneller
Ed, Vince & Neil Szymanski

St. Francis Weekly Offerings

May 5, 2025

Offertory: \$12,916.80

Holy Days: \$234

Online Giving \$4,257



Habemus Papam! We have a Pope!

(At the time I wrote this Note, it was the day before the Papal Conclave began voting to elect a Pope.)

Since the death of Pope Francis, numerous articles and conversations have been centered around who might be the next pope. "Who is your favorite? Who is the frontrunner? How about an African pope!" There is an old Roman proverb that says, "He who enters the Conclave desiring to be the pope leaves the Conclave a cardinal." The pope (Vicar of Christ) is the successor of St Peter who is divinely appointed to uphold the timeless truth of the deposit of our Catholic faith. The smoke may be white... but will the life-giving doctrine and the voice of God in the world remain clear? Whether pope or peasant, we are all called to live the Gospel with grace when we get it right, and with mercy when we fall short. May we pray for this new pontiff's courage and clarity in leading a world that needs Jesus!

Happy Mother's Day!

Good and gracious God, we thank You for all mothers- the women who bring forth new life!



We pray for those who provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those entrusted to their care. Give moms the courage to raise godly children and the wisdom to guide them. Fortify them through your Word and Sacraments to endure challenges. Instill in them joy and delight as they accompany their children. Comfort those mothers who have lost children, and those who have lost mothers. Entrust all mothers to the tender care of our spiritual Mother, Mary. We love our mothers!

Saint Michael the Archangel

~Pray the Rosary~
Sundays 8:30am / Fridays 8:00am
Daily Eucharistic Adoration 7am-7pm

Fatima Mass

6pm Mass Tuesday, May 13th
Rosary at 5:30pm

Offertory

April 27

Sunday offertory: \$8,404
Online giving: \$480

St. Michael's Prayer Line

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

Love is not
just something
you say.
Love is something
you do.
Actions speak louder
than words.

Graduation Mass & Breakfast on Sunday, May 18 at St. Francis

Please arrive by 10:45am and meet in the gathering space. We will participate in the 11am Mass which you are invited to process in with your cap & gown.

Brunch will follow in Wilma Hall for all graduates and their families

RSVP by May 11 to Liorah
youth@stfrancisns.org
(231) 286-6524



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, May 12

9am Moms Group Guild Room
10am Mary Monday Rosary Marian Chapel

Tuesday, May 13

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

Wednesday, May 14

2pm Euchre Conf. Room 2

Thursday, May 15

9am TOPS Conf. Room 3

Saturday, May 17

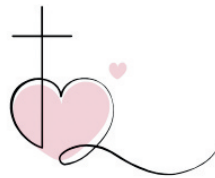
9am Men's Faith & Fellowship Conf. Room 3
7pm Relate Youth Room

Sunday, May 18

12:15pm Sunday Social Shepherds Hall
7pm High School Youth Group Youth Room



Join us for
Ministry Month!



During the month of May see the bulletins, your pews, or the online form to learn how you can get involved!

Tuesday morning Bible Study facilitator: Kathy Workman

Join us Tuesday, May 13 from 10-11:30am for this 4-week Bible Study on **Lectio God: The Mystery of the Trinity in the Bible**. We will explore what we mean when we say "God", and who He truly is. There will be a video and discussion afterward. Please RSVP the parish office at 231-755-1953.

Hope to see you all soon.



St. Francis Eucharistic Adoration

Want to spend more time with God and would like to commit to a scheduled time to pray? Spend 1 hour in prayer with God at Adoration on Thursdays! Contact Kathy Workman to schedule this quiet prayer time. 231-750-2769

Faith Formation St Francis & St Michael

Middle & High School Youth Groups

- Sundays - 7:00-8:30pm
- In the St Francis youth room
- Watch for summer schedule

Adults

- Relate Group - for 18+
- Next Group
 - 5/17 Bonfire night
 - Gather in back field
- See website for complete schedule

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

St. Mary Food Pantry special requests for May

Canned baked beans
Canned fruits
Canned soups (all varieties)
Canned vegetables
Case of water (any size or brand)
Fruit juices

Men's Faith & Fellowship

Facilitator: Mark Schrier

Join us any Saturday morning at 9am until the end of May and enjoy refreshments. Fellowship and discussion on "Epic: History of the Catholic Church"



Deacon Jim's Homily

Here is a link to a preview of the movie.



Please remember them in your daily prayers

Diane Alderink	Patricia Jensen	Chestnut Fields	Lake Woods Nursing and	
Leah Bell	Dorothy Jones	Bernadette DeVoursney	Rehab Center	Seminole Shores
Jim Benedict	Madeline Joseph	Marlene Kelly	Michael Abraham	Judy Carnes
Amy Bringedahl	Marleah Kooi	Mary Therese Kendra	Mary Benjamin	Pam Johnston
Matt Cashbaugh	Alice Kujawski	Patricia Numerdor	Jeffrey Butler	Jim Keating
Ron Chandonnet	Pat Linck	Louise Sanford	John Kukulski	Ann Lomasiewicz
Charlotte Cook	John & Jill Mastee	Day Spring	Paul Thomas	Roy Lorenz
Martin Deater	Kristine Masters	Jean Blower		Terri Ludovicz
Andrew Degner	Jerry McKenzie	Nancy Bozell	Roosevelt Park	Marilyn Pilon
Dorothy Doza	Paul Medenbach	Ann Briggs	Patty Bettens	Irene Rogers
Aliyah Droblin	Rhonda Leonard-Nathan	Marilyn Dion	Nancy Hux	Jo Youngstrom
Cathleen Dubault	Phyllis Oza	Veda Filipiak	Margaret Jawor	M/M Doug Wilbrant
Lorraine Feiber	Theresa Panzero	Marguerite Fitzsimmons	Verone Jawor	
Jim Geisler	Sue Paquin	Kathy Hale	June Martin	The Oasis
Rita Greeley	Emily Ruud	Mary Hynes	Marirose McDaniel	Mary Jane Bard
Rosemary Hammond	Jim Sowa	Maureen Kelly	William Norkus	John & Jeanne Jandron
Connie Harrison	Dee Yaros	Irene Lodzinski	Francis Somers	
	Gwen Young	Elizabeth Middlecamp	Agnes Strach	
		Marcella Sharnowski	Deborah Wagner	
		Joe Sirianni	Richard Zokas	
		Karen Szepeinski		
		Hope Varela		

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.

May 17, 2025 Catholic Charities West Michigan is holding its annual fundraising event "Holy Smokes BBQ Competition" in downtown Muskegon. For more details visit <https://ccwestmi.org/holy-smokes/>

Please Spread the Word about JOSEPH'S Builders!!!

As our two clustered parishes continue to work together in showing God's love to the surrounding community, we are excited to partner with Joseph's Builders, a new Catholic Apostolate that brings together young Catholic adults for a week of prayer, worship and service. Throughout the week following the 4th of July weekend (July 5-12), St. Michael's will host 25-50 young men and women, staying in the rectory and Family Center, who will spend that week renovating one or more houses in the surrounding neighborhoods. Their hard work will be under the guidance of a team of Catholic lay leaders and professional builders, with the additional support of our own Muskegon area clergy and guest clergy for daily Masses, devotions, adoration, etc. St. Michael's is sponsoring participation fees and financially supporting supplies costs for the mission work and is looking forward to helping our own St. Francis and St. Michael's young adults grow in love of service and worship. There are still several spaces left available for men and women aged 18 and over. Those interested are asked to email: josephsbuilders2024@gmail.com or call 616-431-5074 for more information. To register for the mission week, please visit www.josephsbuilders.com or see the flyer in the bulletin. As the mission draws near, we will also be arranging for parishioners from both parishes to bring in "potluck" style meals and join the team for daily Mass, prayer and adoration. Watch for more information as this exciting outreach mission draws near.

Yours in Christ! Deacon Jim Cross



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Thus, CSA continues to support the work of offices that guide men along the journey to priesthood and provides ongoing formation for the priests of our diocese.

ROOTED IN CHRIST PASTORAL PLANNING PROCESS

May 2025 | Update #2
West Deanery

As we continue this pastoral planning process, we return to our Scriptural theme (Col 2:6-7). Just as Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to remain steadfast in their journey with Christ, an effective pastoral plan should cultivate strong spiritual roots, foster ongoing formation and growth, and inspire a community filled with thanksgiving. Change can be difficult, but as Saint Paul challenged the early Church, we too, must be rooted in Christ to bear fruit for the kingdom.

What information is being used to make recommendations?

Recommendations are based on parish site visits, interviews with pastors, an assessment of criteria for vital parishes, and statistical information. Statistical information includes census data, community demographics, and sacramental and Mass count numbers provided by each parish.

How many priests will be available for ministry in the next decade?

Based on a survey from CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate), the number of priests available for active ministry in the diocese is projected to decrease by six in the next ten years. The average ordination rate of new priests has been steady over the past ten years at two ordinations per year. We do not have any priestly ordinations in 2025. Currently, seven priests over age 71 are assigned to parishes. They are eligible to retire at any time, which makes the immediate situation dire.

Scan the QR code below to view the full key findings report for the West Deanery



What do the community demographics for the West Deanery show for the next 5-10 years?

- The population is forecast to increase by about 6.5% over the next decade or approximately 27,000 new residents. Approximately 7,400 could be Catholic. Most of the growth will be south of Norton Shores down to Holland and east of those areas. The cities of Grand Haven and Holland will continue to grow.
- As part of these projections, the age 0 to 4 group, age 35-54 group, and the age 65+ group are anticipated to increase more than other age groups. The age 65+ group is forecasted to nearly double in size from 2010.
- About 27.5% of all residents (about 117,500 people) are Catholic, which is higher than the national average of 25.9%. Membership at parishes in the deanery is approximately 31,000 Catholics and is increasing.
- Only 40.1% of all residents are involved in any religious community. This means that 59.9% of residents do not belong to any church. Some of these residents are self-identifying Catholics who have not joined any parish. 22.3% of all residents are referred to as "nones."

What happens next?

Parish leaders continue to review and revise drafts. A final version of the plan will be presented to Bishop Walkowiak this summer.

Questions? Contact Pattie Reynolds, diocesan project coordinator, preynolds@grdiocese.org.





MISSION

WEEK

JULY 5-12, 2025

MUSKEGON, MI

Young adults ages 18-30 years of age.

Mission work of home repair in the surrounding Muskegon neighborhoods

St. Michael's Parish, Muskegon, MI

Register at: www.josephsbuilders.com

For questions please email: josephsbuilders2024@gmail.com -or- call: 616-431-5074

SPOTS FOR THE WEEK ARE LIMITED.

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