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### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 pm Sunday 11 am

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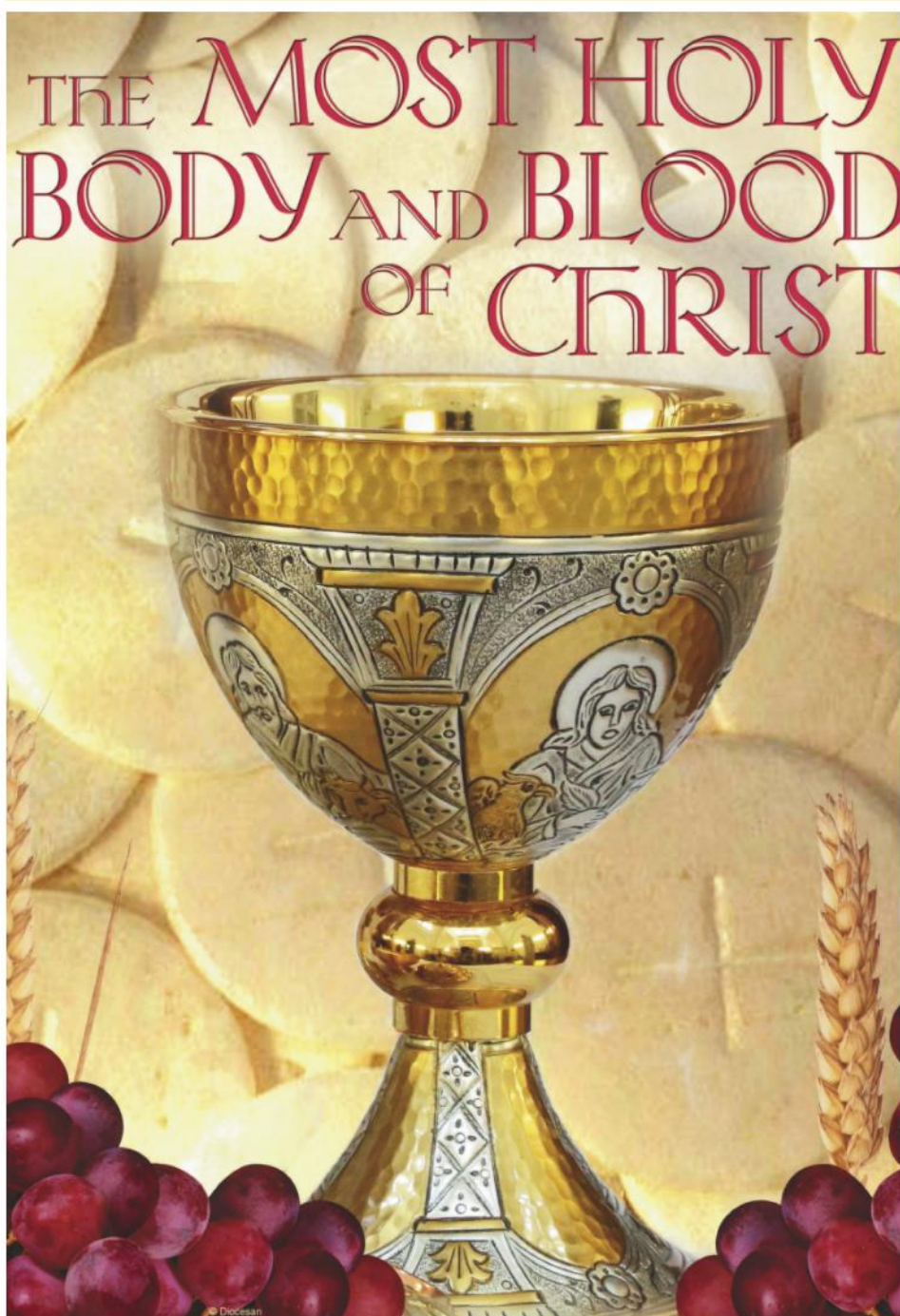
### Weekend Mass

Sunday 9 am

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### Saturday, June 21

4 pm Confessions (in church)  
4:30 pm Pray the Rosary  
5 pm †Donna Allen-Carrier by Jerry & Rollys Miller  
†Judy Chiriboga by Louisa  
†Evelyn Eder by Roger & Marcy Dreikorn  
†Josephine Youngstrom by Carol Hesling

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### Sunday, June 22

9 am †Larry Zaremba by Josef & Dorota Gasior  
†Jose & Maria Saldana by family  
11 am †Judy Chiriboga by Jan & Louisa  
†Phyllis Ann Hoekenga by Roger & Jo Anne Hoekenga  
†Benjamin Liebertz by Nielson family  
†Jack Johnston & Michael Meszynski by Mary Ellen Johnston

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### Tuesday, June 24

5 pm Confessions  
6 pm †Sandy Majeski by Joanne Fredricks

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### Wednesday, June 25

5pm Confessions  
5:30 pm Pray the Rosary  
6pm †Donna Allen-Carrier by Theresa Allen  
†Bill Goryl by Joyce Kelley

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### Thursday, June 26

8:30 am †Bill McCabe by family  
†Timothy McCabe by McCabe family  
9am Confessions  
9 am-6 pm Eucharistic Adoration

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### Friday, June 27

8 am Pray the Rosary  
8:30 am †Jim Mastee by Marti and Barb VanOveren  
9 am Confessions

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### Saturday, June 28

4 pm Confessions (in church)  
4:30 pm Pray the Rosary  
5 pm †Richard Engle & Fr. Phil Salmonowicz by Virginia Engle  
†Rita Greeley by Casteel & Dickens family  
†Frank Ostradick by family  
†Forrest & Fynn Campbell by family  
†William A. Wrase, Sr. by Roger & Jo Anne Hoekenga

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### Sunday, June 29

9 am †The Clarence Robinson family by Family  
†Edward Koslosky by Marcia Koslosky  
11 am †Tim Flahive by Dick & Barb Perri  
†Paul Hynes by Mary & family  
For all the souls in purgatory  
For the intention of Raymond DeLore by Gene & Janet Stout

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## Readings for Week of 6/23/25

Monday	Genesis 12:1-9	Psalm 33	Matthew 7:1-5
Tuesday	The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist		
	Isaiah 49:1-6	Ps 139	Acts 13:22-26
Wednesday	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 105	Luke 1:57-66, 80
Thursday	Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16	Psalm 106	Matthew 7:15-20
Friday	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus		
	Ezekiel 34:11-16	Ps 23	Romans 5:5-11
Saturday	Genesis 18:1-15	Luke 1:46-55	Luke 15:3-7
Sunday	Saints Peter and Paul		
	Acts 12:1-11	Ps 34	2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18
			Matthew 16:13-19

## Liturgical Roles

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

### Saturday, June 28

#### 5pm Mass at St. Francis

##### Altar Servers

Liz Cone / Nancy Rogers

##### Eucharistic Ministers Team #2

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

##### Greeters

Tim Gorman / volunteers needed

##### Lectors

Camille Gabris / Walt Gawkowski

##### Ushers Team #1

Josh Roznowski, Dan Alvesteffer,  
Dan Haggerty & Joe Staple

### Sunday, June 29

#### 9am Mass at St. Michael

##### Altar Servers

Logan Gutierrez & Brent Davis

##### Eucharistic Ministers

Janet Gutierrez & Sue Dueling

##### Lector

Thomas Lack

##### Greeter

Char & Jerry Tejchema

#### 11am Mass at St. Francis

##### Altar Servers

Kaelen Schneller / Anderson Vickers

##### 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

Austin Goulet family/Dave & Linda Olejarczyk

##### Lectors

Bryan Jennings / Chip Oosdyke

##### Ushers Team #2

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

##### Sunday Social Team #5

Sarah Emerson & Paula Martin



There's no Note this week because

Fr. Steve was on vacation.

Instead, here's are two quotes from St Francis de Sales:

*"Do not wish to be anything but what you are,  
and try to be that perfectly."*

*"Be who you are and be that well."*



## OCIA Summer Schedule

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becoming Catholic?

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### July

- July 13 – after 11am Mass
- Conference Room 3
- Session: Who is God?

### August

- August 3 – after 11am Mass
- Conference Room 3
- Session: Comparative Religions and Q&A session
- Stay tuned for the date of the parish picnic!

## Saint Michael the Archangel

~Pray the Rosary~

Sundays 8:30am / Fridays 8am

Daily Eucharistic Adoration 7am - 7pm

### Corpus Christi

The beautiful walk to St. Mary's takes place today at 3:00. We would love have you join us! This is an event that is taking place all over the world and you can be a part of it.

### Church Activities

Please remember that the calendar of events that take place at St. Francis are there for St. Michael parishioners also. These are great opportunities to meet our fellow families in Christ.

### OFFERTORY

June 15, 2025

Sunday offertory: \$3,232

Online giving: \$675

### St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231) 759-8164

Marlene Evans (231) 670-6149

### Polka Jam Sessions at the

Polish Union on June 23  
starting at 5pm and every  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.  
Come enjoy food and fun!



**St. Francis & St. Michael**  
Looking to join a group or  
serve in a ministry?  
Use the QR code to  
express your interest or  
contact Liorah!

### St. Francis Weekly Offerings

June 15, 2025

Offertory: \$11,903

Online Giving \$6,075

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, June 23**

10am Mary Monday Rosary Marian Chapel

**Tuesday, June 24**

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

**Wednesday, June 25**

2pm Euchre Conf. Room 2

**Thursday, June 26**

9am TOPS Conf. Room 3  
7pm Women's Bible Study Conf. Room 2

**Sunday, June 29**

12:15pm Sunday Social Shepherds Hall

## Faith Formation St Francis & St Michael

### Middle School Youth Group

- August 13 Water night 6:30-8pm
- In coming 6<sup>th</sup> graders welcome!

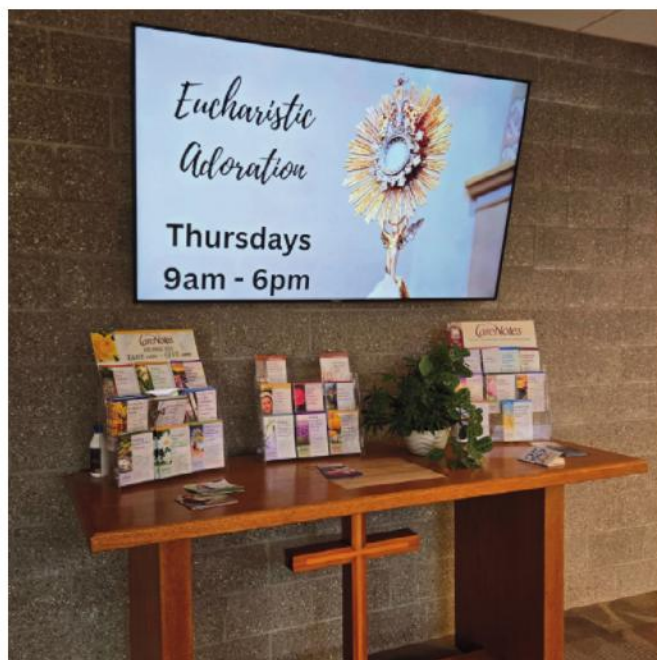
See website for complete schedule

### High School Youth Group

- July 16 6:30-8pm
- August 8-9 Lock In 7pm - 6pm
- In coming 9<sup>th</sup> graders welcome!

See website for complete schedule

Questions? Contact Liorah (231)286-6524  
or youth@stfrancisns.org

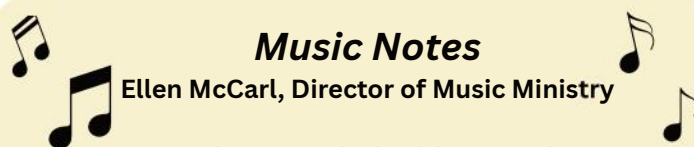


Check out the new big screen TV  
in St. Francis gathering space

### *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*

Facilitator: Sheila Wilkinson

All ladies are invited to join us on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30, starting June 19, for this 10-week Bible Study. This is an invite for every woman who longs to sit at the feet of Jesus. Let's explore together how to find intimacy with our Savior even in the business. Please RSVP to St. Francis parish office so we can order you a book. Cost \$10. Please join us!



### **Music Notes**

Ellen McCarl, Director of Music Ministry

My first three months back home with our St. Francis de Sales community have been outstanding! Our Music Ministry continues rebuilding and restructuring with the willingness and help of many talented and committed parishioners who have welcomed me and have joined with me in my efforts. Because we all live very active, busy lives today, my plan is to rotate and alternate groups and singers to make schedules as light as possible for all involved. Knowing there are so many others who enjoy music, playing instruments, singing, and taking an active role within our parish, I continue inviting you to contact me to discuss how we can fit you within this vital ministry... no prior experience or training is ever required! We can only become all we can be, and offer all that there is to offer, with your help. He who sings prays twice!



We pray for the soul of **Marsha "Marti" VanHaeke**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## ***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."*

We are creatures of habit in our worship just as much as in every other aspect of our lives. We like the comfort we feel in the repetition of our prayers, our hymns and chants, and even in the tempo and style of our worship music. We even feel much more at ease in our worship when we're sitting in the same location each week. That is part of why being part of a parish is so important, because we get to develop that welcoming comfort that parish traditions, customs and routines offer. That's also just one of many reasons the loss of a parish is so tragic. As a byproduct of the closing of any parish, large numbers of the faithful suffer and grieve the loss of not only their parish relationships, but their traditions and routines as well. Many of you have experienced that personally, either by moving into the Muskegon area or through the loss of your own past parish. We have hundreds of parishioners in our parishes who've come to us by way of the closing of Sacred Heart, OLG, St. Jean's and St. Joseph's parishes over the years. And now again our Muskegon Catholic community is grieving.

As you are probably aware, my wife and I, along with several other parishioners from each of our parishes, are at St. Thomas the Apostle, on Apple Ave. this weekend. We've invited other parishes from the area to join us there to reach out personally to the hurting parishioners of St. Thomas. We're not there to "recruit" anyone, but to offer condolence and welcome, and to remind them that they are surrounded by other wonderful Catholic parishes, one of whom will be a perfect fit for them. Yes, (hopefully) that means it is likely that at least some of those parishioners will give each of our parishes a try. And yes, that could mean an increase in our mass attendance, which results in tighter seating conditions and slightly longer mass times.

I've already been approached by several parishioners concerned with the possible loss of their traditional seating locations. It may seem like hypocrisy for a guy with a reserved seat up front to "preach" about everyone else being gracious in sharing their seats, but in truth both Father Steve and I have given up our seats on a number of occasions, as well as our altar spots and some of our liturgical roles, to welcome visiting and concelebrating priests, because that's what being welcoming looks like. So what does being welcoming look like in the pews?

1. Like people scooting toward the middle of the pew if the church starts to look full, so that people still arriving don't have to be embarrassed to ask you to let them in.
2. Like not giving people a hard look if they disturb your prayer by coming in after you.
3. Like letting parents of young children know how much we appreciate the extra effort it takes for them to be there, and like being patient with their fussing and crying babies. Babies are the stuff of life for a parish!!
4. Like a smile, a handshake and a greeting that says, "I'm glad you're here."
5. Like making room in our hearts and our pews for as many people as God sends our way.

As St. Thomas has its final weekend mass next Sunday, let's all pray for their struggling parishioners, and let's welcome them with open arms and all the pew space we can muster, even if that means giving up our own traditional seating or sliding closer together. That's the least we can do to support them in their struggle, and to reassure them that Catholic Christian fellowship is alive and well in Muskegon. As our parish numbers continue to grow and the mass options in the Muskegon area go down, there could very possibly be adjustments needed to the times and numbers of masses at our parishes, especially at St. Michael's, which is pretty much out of cushion space. That will be for the future to tell. In the meantime, what we have now is an opportunity to be the welcoming arms and voice of Christ for anyone who comes through our doors in need of a new parish home.

Yours in Christ!



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