

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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Saturday, August 15

4pm Confessions

4:30pm Pray the Rosary (Marian Chapel)

5pm Mass People of the Parish

Sunday, August 16

8:30am Pray the Rosary- by Rosary Altar Society

9am Mass +Jim Mastee by Jean Mastee

+Alfred Baucher by Jeanette Franczek

+Don Cantu by Char Johnson

+Charles and Helen Wirkutis by Helene Secord

11am Mass +Peter Charron by family

+Chris Flaejszar & Cindy Flaejszar-Sawyer by Tom & Joanie DeWeerd

+Ben Jones by Kiley family

Tuesday, August 18

5pm Confessions

6pm Mass +Don Cantu by Bruce and Janine Farenz

Wednesday, August 19

5pm Confessions

5:30pm Pray the Rosary

6pm Mass Sister Mary Christina of the Holy Eucharist by family

Thursday, August 20

8:30am Mass +Don Voltz by Bush family

9am - 6pm Adoration

Friday, August 21

8am Pray the Rosary- by Rosary Altar Society

8:30am Mass +Diane Nic

9am Confessions

Saturday, August 22

4pm Confessions

4:30pm Pray the Rosary (Marian Chapel)

5pm Mass +Beverly M. Anderson by Beverly K. Anderson

+Pat Chmelar by family

+Dick Engle & Fr. Phil Salmonowicz by Virginia Engle

+John Shepherd by John & Joyce Bando

Sunday, August 23

8:30am Pray the Rosary- by Rosary Altar Society

9am Mass +Joseph and Agnes Adamczak by Mary Haara

+Don Cantu by Bruce and Janine Farenz

11am Mass +Tim Flahive by family

+Sally & Fritz Panici family

+Jack Johnston & Mike Meszynski by Mary Ellen Johnston

+Joe Salisz by Kiley family

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Liturgical Roles

*** Please verify your schedules for accuracy***

August 22

5pm Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Lizzy Cone / PJ Mitchell

Eucharistic Minister #1 Marge Winkler

Orrin Bush, CC Cone, Suzette Heeres,

Dee Marquart, Pat O'Toole,

Mary Amy Sanocki, Frank Sapone

Greeters

Tyler & Taylor Cumbee / Tom & Peg Feldt

Lectors

Howard Bard / Sylvia Skallerup

Ushers Team #1

Josh Roznowski, Dan Alvesteffer,

Tom Sanocki, Bob Swanson

Sunday, August 23

9am Mass at St. Michael

Altar Servers

Julie Wodzisz & Ellie Plaska

Eucharistic Ministers

Tim Duba & Karen Panozzo (CH)

Mary Saldana & Carol Hessling

Beth Adamski (balcony)

Greeters

Char & Jerry Tejchma & Maria Wood

Lectors

Peggy Faris

11am Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Carly, Rex & Penny Fishel

Eucharistic Ministers #2 Dan Vickers

Morgan Barry, Sara Emmerson, Pat McWain,

Lisa Cross, Wendi Grasman, Nancy Rogers,

Patrick Willcutt, Bob & Susan Young

Greeters

Patsy Ellerbroek/Alex Vickers & family

Chris Norton & family

Lectors

Greg Huss / Paul LeRoux

Ushers Team #4

Paul LeRoux, Nick Campbell, Tyler Cumbee,

Jeff DePouw, Ryan & John Kroll

Sunday Social Team #4

Kathy Tuttle, Jean LaVigne,

Dana & Shirley Westbrook

If you or someone you know would be interested in applying for the position of Director of Faith Formation & Parish Ministries, check out the job description at bit.ly/faithformationjob



**"Stained glass windows
like keyholes through which
heaven's light shines!"**



Hail, Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Retreat Center Rummage Sale

The Muskegon area is in need of a Catholic retreat center! St. Francis is working toward filling that need. To clean out space and procure funds for this project, there will be a Rummage Sale at St Francis. *The first weekend will be open to all members of the parishes and will take place after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, Aug 22, and then Sunday after the 11am Mass.* The sale will then be open to the public the following weekend. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and be present at the sales. The sign up sheet is in the back of church.

Upcoming OCIA dates & topics

**Sunday after 11am Mass in Conference room 3
with Deacon Jim**
September 13 ~ The Bible
September 20 ~ Prayer & Devotion

Saint Michael the Archangel

~Pray the Rosary~
Sundays 8:30am Fridays 8am

Daily Eucharistic Adoration 7am - 7pm



St. Michael's Prayer Line

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

The Vocations Chalice

The Traveling Chalice (provided by the Serra Club of Muskegon) August 2 - Oct 18

There is a sign up sheet in the back of church, or scan this QR code to sign up →



Parish Picnic!

This Sunday is our combined Parish Picnic!
Come join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Make Us Your Holy Family, Lord

Come join us after the 9am Mass in the St Michael Family Center starting on September 13th for a twelve-week book study series on God's Trinitarian love for your Catholic family. We will discuss finding Scripture to support your marriage covenant relationship with your spouse, how to build your domestic Church, methods of prayer and journaling, and develop a family vision. This class is for married couples and for parents of children (of all ages). Please call/visit the St. Michael parish office to register. Registration is \$14 for the cost of the book, please let the parish office know if you need sponsorship.

Rosary Altar Society

Please meet in the Family Center on Sunday Sept 13th

St. Michael Offertory

August 9, 2026
Offerings: \$4,363
Online giving: \$1,240



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St. Michael & St. Francis

Save the Date

Parish Picnic

August 16th
after 11am Mass

all donations go to our Fall Mission on
Oct. 8-10 with
Chris Bray

Join us for lunch, kids games, raffles,
water balloon fight, and more!

St. Francis Offerings

August 9, 2026

Offering: \$12,987.86 Holy Day \$16.55
Online giving: \$3,760

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Monday, August 17

Ezekiel 24:15-23 Deut 32:18-21 Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 18

Ezekiel 28:1-10 Deut 32:26-28, 30, 25-16 Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 19 Saint John Eudes

Ezekiel 34:1-11 Psalm 23 Matthew 10:1-16

Thursday, August 20 Saint Bernard

Ezekiel 36:23-28 Psalm 51 Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 21 Saint Piux X

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 107 Matthew 22:34-30

Saturday, August 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ezekiel 43:1-7 Psalm 85 Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, August 23 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:9-23 Psalm 138 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

ST. MICHAEL & ST. FRANCIS FAITH FORMATION

SUMMER SCHEDULE

MIDDLE

YOUTH GROUP

August 20 - game night 6:30-8pm

HIGH

Youth Group

August 27 6:30-8 pm

St. Francis & St. Michael Parish Events

Monday, August 17

10am Mary Monday Rosary Marian Chapel
10am Y Diabetic program Conf. room 5

Tuesday, August 18

9am Women's Guild Guild room

Wednesday, August 19

12-5:45pm Red Cross Blood Drive Shepherds Hall
1pm Bingo **Family Center**
7pm Relate Bible Study Youth room
7pm KofC#13579 Holy Rosary Installation Marian Chapel
8pm KofC#13579 Holy Rosary membership mtg Conf. room 2

Thursday, August 20

9am TOPS Group Conf. room 3
6:30pm Middle School game night Youth room

Sunday, August 23

After 11am Mass Sunday Social Shepherds Hall

Blood Drive **St. Francis De Sales** **Catholic Church**

2929 McCracken Street, Norton Shores

Wednesday, August 19, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Sponsored by Muskegon Area Catholic Churches.

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

The American Red Cross has declared only the second national blood crisis in its history and patients may already be feeling the impact. Blood donations have fallen to a four-year summer low, worsening this summer's emergency shortage. We are asking you to take action immediately to help save lives.

Please donate!

OCTOBER 2026: 8, 9, 10 | 6PM EACH EVENING
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CHRIS BRAY



THREE NIGHT PARISH MISSION

NIGHT 1 — "ENCOUNTER CHRIST MORE DEEPLY"

NIGHT 2 — "TRANSFORMED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT"

NIGHT 3 — "COMMISSIONED TO SHARE THE GOSPEL"

EACH NIGHT WILL BE 1-1.5 HOURS, INCLUDE ADORATION, AND MUSIC

Men's Faith & Fellowship facilitator Mark Schrier
will begin Saturday, Sept 12 at 9am in

Conf. room 3 as we study the Gospel of John.

No homework ~ come any time!

T.M.I.Y (That Man Is You) facilitator Pat McKeown
will begin Monday Sept. 14 at 6:30pm in

Conf. room 2. No homework ~ come anytime!

Pray the Rosary daily!
We continue to pray for our priests
and for religious vocations

St. Francis de Sales Marian Chapel
Wednesday 5:30 pm
Saturday 4:30 pm

St. Michael the Archangel
Friday 8 am
Sunday 8:30 am

Message of the Cross: Did you know???

A few parishioners have brought up questions for me to write about to give some clarification of proper Catholic practice. I'll do my best to offer clarification on some of these topics, but I want to start with this important qualification: Over her 2000-year history, spanning hundreds of different cultures, the Church has picked up lots of different traditions, many of which have migrated to our diverse American Catholic "melting pot." Of course, every tradition is critical in the mind of its adherents, but in truth, traditions are just that - traditions, and not rules. There are many correct ways to express our devotion and faith, and very few of them are "requirements." We should always be quick to share the traditions that nourish our own spiritual growth, but very slow to expect that others must use those same expressions. In the end, what we do truly matters because of Who we worship, and unity in the pews is important. So, with that in mind, I offer the following:

- **What is that "face rubbing motion" that we do at the beginning of the Gospel, and why do we do it?** "Lord, be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart." That is a brief silent prayer we whisper as we mark a little cross over our forehead, lips and heart. The Word of God, especially the Gospel, is always precious and of infinite value. However, as finite human beings, we are not always well disposed to receive the Word of God. Recall Jesus' Parable of the Sower (Mt 13). Depending on the soil's quality and disposition, the same seed can bear abundant fruit or none at all. Likewise, for us, the same Word of God proclaimed at Mass can have very different effects in each of us depending on our disposition and openness. When we make the sign of the cross on our forehead, mouth, and chest, we are praying that the saving words of the Gospel will transform our mind, our speech, and our heart. We are asking God to make us "good soil" to receive the seed of His Word. (*Fr Steve also covered this in one of his 1st Saturday / Sunday Signs&Symbols*)
- **Why do some women wear a veil during Mass, and what are "the rules" about that?** While veils seem to be making a comeback these days, they are a matter of personal devotion, not a faith requirement. The tradition goes back to the very beginning of the Church. In 1st Corinthians, St. Paul calls for women to be veiled and men to have their heads uncovered during liturgical worship. The veil is meant to be an expression of humility and modesty. In 1917 the Code of Canon law, briefly elevated the custom to a requirement, right along with calling for women to sit in a separate part of the church than men. Needless to say, neither of those expectations is called for anymore. In the 1970's the Church dropped the requirement. It should be noted that women's head coverings did not originate with Christianity. Long before the Catholic Church, ancient Roman, Greek, and Jewish societies mandated that respectable married women wear veils in public to signify modesty, marital status, and a husband's authority. Unveiled women in those cultures were often viewed as unseemly or unmarried. The practice is more rooted in cultural views of propriety than in theology. One should confirm in her heart that the goal is "modesty and reverence" and to express a certain traditional affiliation, all for God's glory.

For those who wish to give "veiling" a try, here are some (non-binding) guidelines:

- **Choice and variety:** Women choose whether to wear a veil, when to start, and what style they prefer.
- **The Mantilla:** Rectangular or triangular lace scarves, historically associated with Spain, are the most common style today.
- **Alternative Coverings:** Hats, winter scarves, beanies, or headwraps are also frequently used to cover the head in some countries and regions. These are not worn during Mass, but a veil is the one exception for women.
- **Color Traditions:** Many women match their veil to the liturgical calendar or marital status. White or cream is traditionally worn by unmarried women and girls. Darker tones or black are often chosen by married women and widows. Women often coordinate neutrals like gray, blue, or brown with their clothing, but bright "loud" colors should be avoided.

Keep the great questions coming!

Yours in Christ! Deacon Jim Cross

PS. FINAL NOTICE

There's still time left to register for the Men's Cursillo weekend, September 10th-13th and Women's Cursillo weekend October 1st-4th both held at St. Francis Church. Please call Deacon Jim or the parish office if you are interested in attending.

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