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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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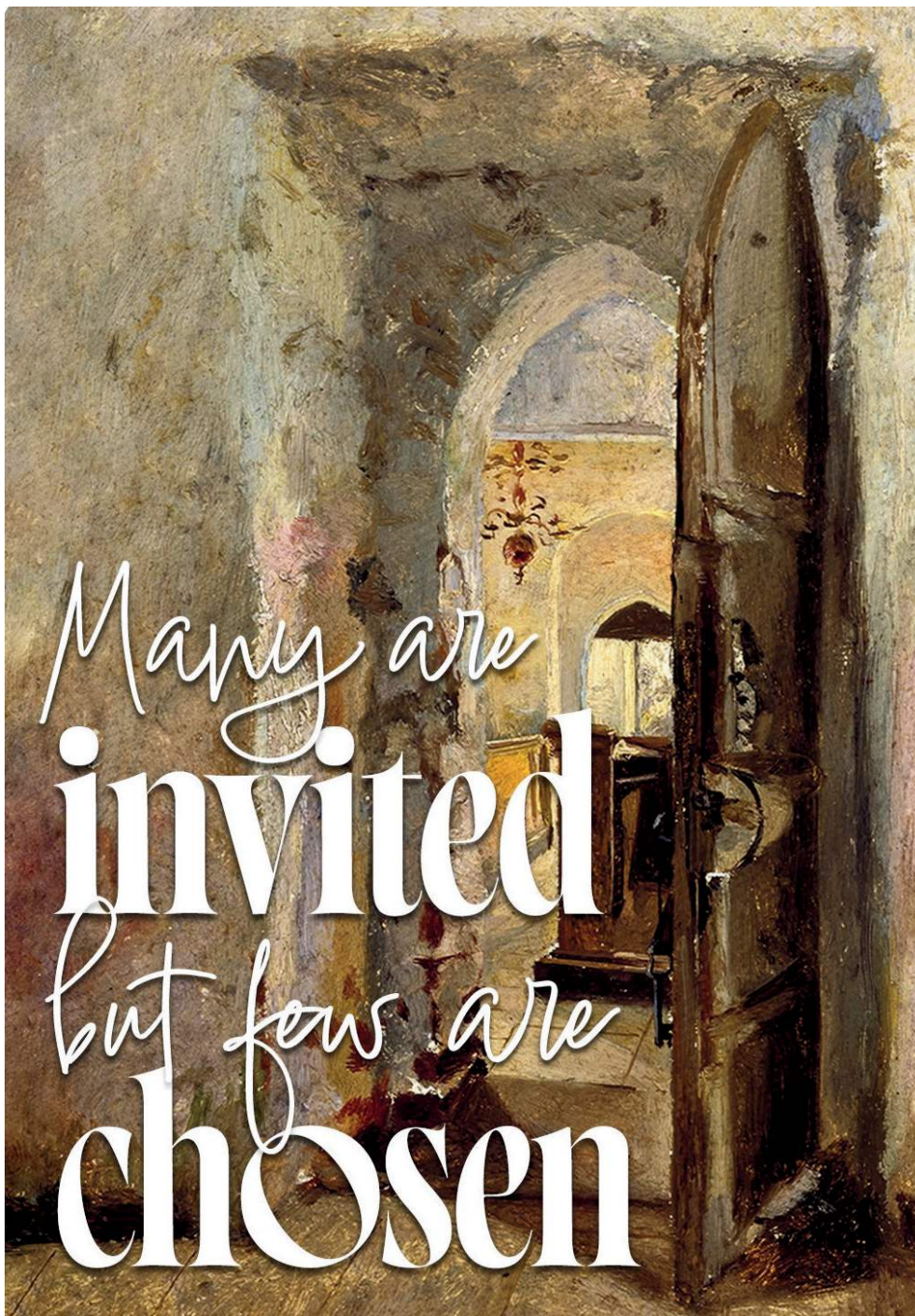
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Saturday, October 10

4pm Confessions
4:30pm Pray the Rosary (Marian Chapel)
5pm Mass +Joe Frey by Edie Kessler
+Beatrice Marquart by Chris & Dee Marquart
+John Shepherd by Johnston family
6pm Parish Mission with Chris Bray

Sunday, October 11

8:30am Pray the Rosary by Rosary Altar Society
9am Mass +David Beebe by Jeannette Franczek
+Jim Mastee by Jean Mastee
+Ed Sanocki by Joe & Liz Zagar
+Sr. Agnes Mary Wojtkowiak by John & Michele Sanocki
11am Mass People of the parish

Tuesday, October 13

5pm Confessions
5:30pm Rosary
6pm **Fatima Mass** +Valerie Beebe by Jeanette Franczek
+Nancy Gauthier by Sandy Luchies

Wednesday, October 14

5pm Confessions
5:30pm Pray the Rosary
6pm Mass +Ed Kessler by Edie & Phil Kessler

Thursday, October 15

8:30am Mass +John & Lottie Stuparits
9am - 6pm Adoration

Friday, October 16

8am Pray the Rosary by Rosary Altar Society
8:30am Mass +Joseph Franczek by Jeannette Franczek
+Nancy Gauthier by Sandy Luchies
+Bob Romsek by family
+Charles & Helen Wirkutis by Helene Second
9am Confessions

Saturday, October 17

4pm Confessions
4:30pm Pray the Rosary (Marian Chapel)
5pm Mass +Bob Kartes by Kartes family
+Dick Engle & Fr. Phil Salmonowicz by Virginia Engle
+Claudia Langlois by Phil & Deb Peterson
+Dee Yaros by Pat Rasch

Sunday, October 18

8:30am Pray the Rosary by Rosary Altar Society
9am Mass +Joseph Franczek by Jeanette Franczek
+Richard Musil by Marsha Musil
+Karen Marie Silva by Douglas Pointer
+Irene Szoka by Bart & Rosemary Robinson
11am Mass +John Beebe by Barb Nehra
+Betty & Ray DeLore by Jon Luttrell
+Vick & Shirley Johnson by family
+Turk Nehra by family
For living and deceased classmates of MCC class of 1960

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Liturgical Roles

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

Saturday, October 17

5pm Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Sarah Emmerson / Lizzy Cone

Eucharistic Minister #3 Dick & Melanie S.

Mary Allen, Beverly Anderson, Rebecca Burt
Marjorie Eddy, Cheri Kimball, Gayle Lagerman

Greeters

check your schedule

Lectors

Pete Shireman / Sue McAvoy

Ushers Team #1

Josh Roznowski, Dan Alvesteffer,
Tom Sanocki, Bob Swanson

Sunday, October 18

9am Mass at St. Michael

Altar Servers

Brent Davis & Natalie Adamski

Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Saldana & Sue Deuling (CH)
Laura McKenna & Tim Duba
Beth Adamski (Balcony)

Greeters

Antoninette Schmiedeknecht &
Catherine Sliwinski

Lector

Teresa St. Amour

11am Mass at St. Francis

Altar Servers

Joe, Josiah & Mason Cirner

Eucharistic Ministers #1 Corey A.

Steve Anderson, Michael Banka, Rita King,
Ken Council, Vela Cabrera, Hannah Jones,
Pam Matthews, Janet Stout,
Wendy Strobel, Kathy Vanderwater

Greeters

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Lectors

Kate McCormick / Keith Lykens

Ushers Team #3

Paul LeRoux, Larry Finner, Dan Matthews,
Chris Norton, Joe Schneller, Mike & Brayden V.

Sunday Social Team #3

Norton Family / Marlow & Rita King /
Theresa Farrell



"The hill I'm going to die on..."

This phrase means a belief, issue, or argument that you care about so deeply that you will defend it completely. A person "dies on a hill" when they doggedly defend a position, often to the bitter end.

The Origin: It comes from military warfare. Armies fought to capture and hold strategic high ground (a hill), sometimes suffering heavy losses because losing that position meant losing the battle.

The Metaphor: In everyday life, the "hill" is an idea, opinion, or value. "Dying on it" means risking negative consequences—like losing an argument, a friendship, or facing backlash—because you refuse to back down.

-Positive/Defiant: "I believe that "aliens" are just demonic activity, and that is a hill I will die on." (Meaning: I strongly believe this, and you cannot change my mind.)

-Negative (Very Common): "I don't like the company's new policy, but challenging it is not a hill I'm willing to die on." (Meaning: I disagree, but challenging the issue is not important enough to risk getting in trouble.)

As a Question: "Is that the hill you want to die on?"

Meaning: All things considered, are you sure this issue is important enough for you to dig in your heels? If "yes", you'd better be right, else you're going to cause undue suffering.

Jesus died on a cross on a hill called Golgotha. Out of sheer goodness (CCC #1), He didn't back down to open the gates of paradise. If there's any "hill worth dying on", it's the defense of our Catholic faith. Our faith is the only thing really worth fighting for.

"A baby fills a place in your heart that you never knew was empty." — Unknown



Our Parishes are Celebrating Protect Life Month by Giving!

St. Michael Baby Bottle Boomerang

pick up a bottle after Mass and return by 10/25/26

Your change will help bring change

By simply filling a bottle with change, bills, checks, or fill out the form inside the bottle with your credit card information you will be part of the life-changing and life-saving ministry of Muskegon Pregnancy Services.



\$105 = new car seat
\$160 = a new crib and mattress
\$415 = pregnancy test, STI testing, & ultrasound



Saint Michael the Archangel

~Pray the Rosary~

Sundays 8:30am Fridays 8am

Daily Eucharistic Adoration 7am - 7pm

St. Michael's Prayer Line

Audrey Adamczak (231) 759-8164

Marlene Evans (231) 670-6149



We pray for the soul of *James Lenius*
Eternal rest grant unto to him O Lord
and let the perpetual light shine upon him
May his soul and the souls of all the
faithful departed through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

Welcome to St. Michael Jeff Stewart!

We welcome all visitors, guests and new families to our parishes! If you wish to become a registered member or have any questions, please contact either parish office.

St. Michael Offertory

October 3, 2026

Offerings: \$6,878

Online giving: \$2,900



You can also use your phone's camera to scan this QR code to make a donation

St. Francis Offerings

October 4 , 2026

Offering: \$8,818.43

Online giving: \$5,087

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ST. MICHAEL CHURCH

FATIMA MASS

IN HONOR OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Holy Mass

Please join us for this special celebration! All are welcome!



View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

Monday, October 12

Galatians 4:22-31; 5:1 Psalm 113 Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 13

Galatians 5:1-6 Psalm 119 Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 14 Saint Callistus I

Galatians 5:18-25 Psalm 1 Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 15 Saint Teresa of Jesus

Ephesians 1:1-10 Psalm 98 Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 16 Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

Ephesians 1:11-14 Psalm 33 Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, October 17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Ephesians 1:15-23 Psalm 8 Luke 12:8-12

Sunday, October 18 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Psalm 96 Matthew 22:15-21

**DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS***Office of the Bishop*

October 11, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

We celebrate **World Mission Sunday next weekend on October 18**. This important worldwide day of prayer and support allows us to participate directly in the Church's call to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (MT 28:19). Through your gift, you support the formation of future priests and religious, the education of children in the faith, care for the sick, and the life of parishes where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time.

This year's observance holds particular significance as we mark its 100th anniversary. In its infancy, the Diocese of Grand Rapids was blessed with missionaries such as Slovenian-born Bishop Frederic Baraga, the "snowshoe priest," and Father Andrew Viscoczky, a Hungarian missionary, who became the first pastor of what is now the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Men and women like these two missionaries are still present in more than 1,100 mission territories around the world. Your gift supports their ministry.

It is additionally fitting that we celebrated the beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen a few weeks ago. During his tenure as National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies from 1950-1966, he did more to raise missionary awareness among American Catholics and provided more support for the Church in missionary areas than any figure in Church history.

Inspired by his witness, let us affirm that we are "One in Christ, united in mission." I encourage you to respond with a generous heart, knowing that your support makes a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel. Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

St. Francis & St. Michael Parish Events**Monday, October 12**

10am Mary Monday Rosary Chapel
5:30pm Choir rehearsal
6:30pm That Man Is You (TMIY) Conf. room 3
7pm Men's Choir rehearsal

Tuesday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 14

2pm Euchre St. George rm
6:30pm KofC #13579 Officer meeting Conf. room 2

Thursday, October 15

9am TOPS Group Conf. room 3
6:30pm Faith Formation classes

Saturday, October 17

9am Men's Faith & Fellowship Conf. room 3

Sunday, October 18

After 11am Mass Sunday Social Shepherds Hall
7pm Middle School Youth Group Youth room

Welcome to St. Francis: Sarah Haselschwardt,
Philip & Debbie Peterson, Sandra & Ryan Vandervelde

We welcome all visitors, guests and new families to our parishes! If you wish to become a registered member or have any questions, please contact either parish office.



We pray for the souls of **Tolley Lauretti and Phyllis Oza**. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TRUNK O' TREAT

Thursday, Oct. 29 at St. Francis

Friday, Oct. 30 at St. Michael

both 6:00-7:30pm

AT BOTH ST FRANCIS & ST MICHAEL PARKING LOTS

If you are willing to host a "trunk" or donate candy at either location please contact:

the parish office 231.755.1953

Baby Item Drive

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Serra Speaker Series

Please join the Serra Club of Greater Muskegon on Tuesday, October 20, when Fr. Ron Hutchinson, Pastor of St. James Parish in Montague will speak on "My Journey to the Priesthood." This event will be held at St. James Parish (5149 Dowling Street in Montague). The event begins at 5:30PM with the praying of the rosary, Holy Mass at 6PM followed by a meal prepared by the Knights of Columbus.

Fr. Ron's talk will begin at approximately 7PM. The **event is free of charge**, however please RSVP (so we order the right amount of food) by e-mailing, calling or texting Bob Nolan at bobjnolan@comcast.net or (231) 557-2943, OR at our new web site: serragm.org

St. Mary Food Pantry requests for October

- ANY canned fruits or vegetables
- Chunky soups
- Ranch dressing
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