

April 14, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our updated Strategic Plan is available on the website. There are also brochures available in the narthex.
- *Nuestro Plan Estratégico actualizado está disponible en el sitio web. También hay folletos disponibles en el nártex.*

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 4:00pm**

**Sunday: 10:00am**

**11:30am (Español)**

**5:00pm**

**Monday: 12:10pm**

**Wednesday: 6:15pm (Bilingual)**

**Thursday: 12:10pm (Latin)**

**Friday: 12:10pm**

**First Saturday: 10:30am**

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 3:00pm**

**Sunday: 4:00pm**

30 minutes before each daily Mass

### ADORATION SCHEDULE

**Sunday: 4:00pm**

30 minutes before each daily Mass

Office Located at the St. Mary Rectory: 239 W. Clay Ave  
M: 9am-12pm & 1pm-5pm, T, W, & Th: 9am-12pm  
*Wednesdays at the former Hennessy's building - Handicap Accessible*

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## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

Everyone 21+ is invited to join us at the former Hennessy's building on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm for a talk by Tom Eggleston: The Eucharist and the Poor. There will be Mass beforehand at 6:15pm. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that participate in the Eucharist commits us to care for the poor. What does that mean? And how? This talk will explore Catholic Social Teaching in light of the sacrament of the Eucharist and look into how the two support each other. *Tom Eggleston has a Master of Divinity degree from Notre Dame, and has spent many years working in Catholic parishes, especially in ministry to the sick and homebound, the grieving, and to those in need of food or clothing through the St. Vincent de Paul center.*

## AROUND THE PARISH

### SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

We are in need of the following items for our Atria for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

- Fontanini figures
- Travel soap bars
- Small candle snuffers
- Matches
- All stainless steel measuring spoons

Please contact Liz if you have questions.

### LADIES' GUILD NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS

The Ladies' Guild is in need of more volunteers! As a church group we would like to host funeral luncheons, but we need volunteers to do this. Volunteers are needed for the following areas: Cooking, set-up tables, clean vegetables, sandwiches made, coffee and punch made. Callers for cakes, jellos and salads The more volunteers the easier this new endeavor will be. Please call the parish office if you're interested. Thank you!

## AROUND THE DEANERY

### CHECK OUT MUSKEGON CATHOLIC CENTRAL

MCC is having an open house on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5-7pm. If you have a child PK-12, come check it out! Visit [muskegoncatholic.org](http://muskegoncatholic.org) to register. MCC is located at 1145 W Laketon Ave, Muskegon, 49441.

### WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Join women from throughout the diocese for a day of reflection as we enter spring. The event will be held at St. Mary Parish, Spring Lake, on April 27 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please join us as we welcome special guest, Kathryn Mulderink, for this special day of prayer, reflection, and confession. Registration fee is \$15, morning reception and lunch included. Tickets are available at [smarysl.org](http://smarysl.org) or on the parish Facebook page.

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER

Please welcome Zachary Fickel!

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### WILL YOU OFFER YOUR LOVING HOME TO A CHILD?

Catholic Charities West Michigan, through a federal grant, will be serving unaccompanied children in response to the crisis at the border. These children need a temporary, safe place to sleep, warm meals, and somewhere they can feel the security of a family. If you are interested in joining Catholic Charities in caring for these vulnerable children, for a short time (less than a month), they will be holding a bilingual virtual informational meeting on April 24 at 6 p.m. To register, contact Mandi Thome at [mthome@ccwestmi.org](mailto:mthome@ccwestmi.org) / 616-287-3068 or Arianna Velazquez-Amado at [avamado@ccwestmi.org](mailto:avamado@ccwestmi.org) / (616) 644-2844.

### ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS!

Find your match during Catholic speed dating

April 26 | 7 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Grand Rapids

Mitten Catholic will host Young Adult Catholic Speed Dating for those 21 – 33 years old. Our last speed dating event had over 140 young adults attend. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by visiting [stalphonsusgr.org/](http://stalphonsusgr.org/). Prices will increase on April 20th. Follow @mittencatholic on Instagram for upcoming updates and events.

### AGING SUCCESSFULLY

This free seminar will be presented by the Catholic Senior Care Coalition on April 27 from 8:30-noon at St. Robert of Newminster Parish, 6477 Ada Dr. SE, Ada. Keynote presentation by Grand Rapid's own Gleaves Whitney, executive director of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation. Gleaves will speak about the way we grow into our potential as citizens and as souls. The event will also feature breakout sessions to provide information and education relating to long term care services and financing, alternative living options, as well as community services for older adults. Participants will come away from the event with information and knowledge to assist them and loved ones as they age. Please register at [gr-scc.org](http://gr-scc.org)

### DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD

Discernment is a time of obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding. If you are considering the priesthood, the Diocese of Grand Rapids invites you to meet with other young men (ages 16+) to gather and discern God's will for your life. Meetings will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Parish, 750 Gladstone Dr. S.E., East Grand Rapids. The last meeting for the 2023-24 school year is April 21. Just show up or email Pattie Reynolds, [preynolds@grdiocese.org](mailto:preynolds@grdiocese.org), to RSVP. Questions? Contact Father Stephen Durkee, director of priestly vocations, [sdurkee@grdiocese.org](mailto:sdurkee@grdiocese.org).

## WANT TO DONATE?



Whether it's Hennessy's, Religious Ed, Celebrations/Dinners, Retreat Payments, or anything else - you can give easily!

Go to: [www.osvhub.com/stmarysmuskegon/giving](http://www.osvhub.com/stmarysmuskegon/giving)

Choose from 3 options:

- 1.) **Offertory** - used for general giving
- 2.) **Building and Restoration** - used to contribute to Hennessy's purchase, restoration projects, building upgrades, and more.
- 3.) **Other Gifts** - used for any other specific giving you want to make (i.e. retreat payment) - simply write who or what it's for.

## PARISH GROUPS & APOSTALATES

### MEN'S GROUP

Meets every 1st Saturday of the month. We begin with adoration at 7am, followed by breakfast, fellowship, and faith.

### WOMEN'S GROUP

Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Join us for adoration at 8am followed by prayer and fellowship.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Visit our website for information about upcoming events: <https://stmarysmuskegon.org/high-school-youth-ministry/>

### ESCUELA DE EVANGELIZACION SAN ANDRES

Se reúne los jueves a las 6:30pm en salón de Lourdes.

### GRUPO DE ORACIÓN RENOVACIÓN EN EL ESPÍRITU SANTO

Se reúne los viernes a las 7pm en la Iglesia.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS

Holy Rosary Council #13579  
Mike Lewis, Grand Knight  
(231) 206-1028

San Juan Bautista Council #9802  
Angel Padilla, Grand Knight  
(231) 329-6806

### ST. JULIAN HOSPITALITY

Our parish hospitality group is looking for new members! If you would like to join, please contact the parish office.

### ST. MARY'S LADIES GUILD

Meets on the first Saturday of the month after the 4pm Mass in Lourdes Hall, April-June and September-December.

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

Meets on Tuesdays at 10:00am at the former Hennessy's building.

## UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 15	12:10pm	Intentions of Gayle, Mary, Patrick, Christopher, Michael, & Elizabeth
Wednesday, April 17	6:15pm	†Guillermo Contreras, Maria & Vincente Savedra & Natalia Hurtado
Thursday, April 18	12:10pm	†Ralph Alvesteffer
Friday, April 19	12:10pm	†Arnulfo Herrera
Saturday, April 20	4:00pm	†Scott Meyer
Sunday, April 21	10:00am	†Nancy Mahoney
	11:30am	†Soledad Barajas & Concepción Sosa
	5:00pm	People of our Parish

## Catholics Urged to Pray Ahead of Supreme Court Case

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking people of goodwill to participate in a nationwide initiative to pray for an end to abortion and for the protection of women and pre-born children.

On March 26, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a case that has the potential to make a major impact in the widespread accessibility of abortion pills (Chemical abortion). The case will address the availability of the abortion pill and its approved conditions of use. Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

The U.S. Bishops ask Catholics to offer a daily prayer to St. Joseph, defender of life, through June, when a decision in the case is expected. More information and a link to the prayer to St. Joseph can be found on the diocesan website, [GRdiocese.org](http://GRdiocese.org)

## EVANGELIZATION CLIP BY DEACON JIM SCHILTZ

Why would people NOT want to commit to following Jesus? Jesus was predicted throughout Jewish Scriptures. In fact, three hundred prophecies were fulfilled in Christ. Jesus Himself told His disciples—and us—in today’s Gospel, “Everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” A great prophesy about the Christ is Jeremiah 31:31. “I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah...I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I Will be their God, and they shall be my people.” That New Covenant was fulfilled and completed in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. We must commit to following Jesus. Will occasional prayers suffice? No! Does our everyday life and the lives of our spouse and children need the rock of Jesus’ teachings to keep us spiritually, mentally and physically strong? Absolutely! Is our society, having turned its back on Jesus, better without Him? Our society is a mess without Jesus guiding us! Following Jesus is best done through the Catholic Church that He founded. Pass it on.

*¿Por qué la gente NO querría comprometerse a seguir a Jesús? Jesús fue predicho en todas las Escrituras judías. De hecho, en Cristo se cumplieron trescientas profecías. Jesús mismo dijo a sus discípulos (y a nosotros) en el Evangelio de hoy: “Todo lo que está escrito acerca de mí en la ley de Moisés, en los profetas y en los salmos, debe cumplirse”. Luego les abrió la mente para comprender las Escrituras. Una gran profecía acerca de Cristo es Jeremías 31:31. “Haré un nuevo pacto con la casa de Israel y la casa de Judá... pondré mi ley dentro de ellos, y la escribiré en sus corazones; Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo”. Ese Nuevo Pacto se cumplió y completó en la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Debemos comprometernos a seguir a Jesús. ¿Serán suficientes las oraciones ocasionales? ¡No! ¿Necesita nuestra vida cotidiana y la vida de nuestro cónyuge e hijos la roca de las enseñanzas de Jesús para mantenernos fuertes espiritual, mental y físicamente? ¡Absolutamente! ¿Nuestra sociedad, habiendo dado la espalda a Jesús, está mejor sin Él? ¡Nuestra sociedad es un desastre sin que Jesús nos guíe! La mejor manera de seguir a Jesús es a través de la Iglesia Católica que Él fundó. Pásalo.*

## PRAY FOR...

Valarie – Luis Prieto – Abby Boxer – Cecelia Boxer – Jim Dalum – Matt Allenritter – Steve and Mandy Tuin – Jim Sowa – William Mikesell – Charmaine Pavlovic – Jeffrey & Beth Bloom

## MILITARY

Spec. Alex Block - PFC Abraham Angel Luis Aguilar- Staff Sgt. Jakob Bergquist - Kelsi Corriveau, US Air Force - Major Adam Shaw - Erin McDermott, US Army - Army Warrant Officer Casey Sowa - IS3 Cody Hacker - Andrew Shadowski, US Army - Nic Frank, US Air Force Ensign - Ryan McIntire, USCG - 1st Lt. Timothy Merkle - Wade Sanford, US Air Force - Sgt. Dustin Sparks, ARNG