



April 21, 2024
FOURTH 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

¡FELICITACIONES A NUESTROS PRIMEROS COMULGANTES!
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

Por favor oren por aquellos que hicieron su Primera Comuni3n hoy en la Misa de las 11:30am:

Please pray for those who made their First Holy Communion today at the 11:30am Mass:

Giannie A.
Genesis M.
Victoria P.
Genesis W.

Gio'Vanni B.
Omar M.
Kendra S.

Luis C.
Magaly N.
Amairany T.

Thiago D.
Natalia P.
Marco T.

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!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER

Please welcome Joanne Miller!

AROUND THE DEANERY

SERRA SPEAKER SERIES

Please join the Serra Club of Greater Muskegon on Thursday, April 25th when Dcn. Brian Piecuch of St. Francis DeSales in Holland will speak on the topic, "New and Old Activities that Cultivate Vocations." This event will be held at the former Hennessy's building, starting at 5:30pm with a social hour, light meal, and adult beverages. Dcn. Brian's talk will begin at 6:30pm. The event is free of charge, but please RSVP so we can order the right amount of food by calling or texting (231) 740-0044.

MUSKEGON PREGNANCY SERVICES: LIFEWALK 2024

Help raise money for Muskegon Pregnancy Services by participating in LifeWalk 2024! You can register as a walker and raise funds or donate to a registered walker! Funds may be raised through June 12th, and on June 13th there will be a celebration picnic at Ross Park Pavilion in Norton Shores from 5:30-7pm. Please visit MSP's facebook page or

<https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrsync/event/website/home/?e=26904> for more information and to register or donate.

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 / 616-287-3068 or Arianna Velazquez-Amado at 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 can be purchased by visiting stalphonsusgr.org. 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

RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCE OR SEPARATION

Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to the spiritual healing of adult children of divorce or separation, is offering a retreat May 17 – 19 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI. The cost is \$225 and includes lodging, all meals, and materials for the weekend. The retreat includes presentations, guided small group discussions, Mass, Adoration, and opportunities for confession. Come for a greater understanding of the wounds left by your parents' divorce or separation, for advice concerning love and trust of others, and for an experience of Christ and community that will lead to deeper self-understanding and healing. Register here:

<http://bit.ly/3VKRvwo>

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

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 3rd 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 22	12:10pm	†Roberto Esteban
Wednesday, April 24	6:15pm	†Herminio Díaz
Thursday, April 25	12:10pm	†Benita Mikesell
Friday, April 26	12:10pm	†Barb Greenwood
Saturday, April 27	4:00pm	†Barb Greenwood
Sunday, April 28	10:00am	†Paul Wendlowsky
	11:30am	†Ortencia Gutierrez, María del Refugio y Pedro Zuñiga
	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

EVANGELIZATION CLIP BY DEACON JIM SCHILTZ

Jesus tells us today, “I must lead and they will hear My voice.” And hopefully follow the Good Shepherd. Let’s think about what we hear in Jesus’ voice. We hear Jesus calling us to believe and to keep God’s Commandments. We hear Him and we hear of Him in Scripture. We hear His telling us, “Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you.” That is sage wisdom on which we build all our relationships in our family, work, parish, and community. We hear of Him prophesied by Moses in the Law, by the prophets, and in the psalms. For example, Isaiah prophesied of the suffering Messiah: “He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed.” Jeremiah’s prophesy of a New Covenant (in 31:31) deepens our relationship with the God (“I will be your God”). As you receive the Eucharist today, reflect on Jesus, YOUR Good Shepherd. Follow Him, and guide others to do so by your words but even more so by your life.

Jesús nos dice hoy: “Debo liderar y ellos oirán mi voz”. Y ojalá sigan el Buen Pastor. Pensemos en lo que escuchamos en la voz de Jesús. Escuchamos a Jesús llamándonos a creer y a guardar los mandamientos de Dios. Lo escuchamos y escuchamos de Él en las Escrituras. Escuchamos su palabra nosotros: “Haz a los demás lo que te gustaría que te hicieran a ti”. Ésa es la sabiduría sabia en la que construir todas nuestras relaciones en nuestra familia, trabajo, parroquia y comunidad. Oímos de Él profetizado Moisés en la Ley, por los profetas y en los salmos. Por ejemplo, Isaías profetizó del Mesías sufriente: “Él llevó el castigo que nos sana, por sus llagas fuimos sanados”. La profecía de Jeremías sobre un Nuevo Pacto (en 31:31) profundiza nuestra relación con Dios (“Seré tu Dios”). Al recibir la Eucaristía ahora, reflexiona sobre Jesús, TU Buen Pastor. Seguir a Él, y guía a otros a hacerlo con tus palabras pero aún más con tu vida.

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