



December 22 & 29, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT &
THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Mass times for Christmas will be different than normal-** please see inside for the schedule.
- ***Los horarios de las misas de Navidad serán diferentes a los habituales.***
Consulte el horario en el interior del boletín.
- Are you or do you know anyone interested in the Catholic faith? Contact Lucrezia Esteban at ocia@stmarysmuskegon.org or complete our inquiry form on our website at stmarysmuskegon.org or at [this link](#).
- Please note: this bulletin is for both December 21/22 and December 28/29.
- *Por favor note: que este boletín es para diciembre 21/22 y diciembre 28/29.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am

12:00pm (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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

PRIMER JUEVES

Este jueves 2 de enero es el primer jueves del mes. Todos están invitados a asistir a la formación y la adoración del Santísimo. La sesión comienza a las 6:30pm en el Salón Lourdes. ¡Inviten a sus amigos!

THEOLOGY ON TAP: THE CRISIS OF HAPPINESS - JIM OWENS, MA, LPC
Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the former Hennessy's Pub

When you hear the word “addiction”, what typically comes to mind? Needles? Alcohol? Pills? In reality, addiction is much simpler, including everything from substances to technology, screen time, work, shopping, and even sugar. Addictions and distractions are used to manage pain—but in the process, end up damaging our brains, our relationships, and our ability to find lasting happiness. Jim gives scientific evidence and practical advice for overcoming wounds, to help hurt people become healed people.

Jim Owens, MA, LPC is a lifelong Catholic who turned his 30 year career as a counselor and professor in higher education toward ministering to those working in the Church. He provides counseling to priests, religious, seminarians and parishioners, gives lectures and presentations to parishes and schools, leads workshops and retreats on healing, and consults with schools and parishes to improve the spiritual and mental health of their communities. His work has been published through Lighthouse Catholic Media, and featured in the Augustine Institute's 7-part series The Search, hosted by Chris Stefanick.

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AROUND THE PARISH

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome Kelly Andrews and Patricia O'Conner and Carlos Lopez and Aide Alba Zaragoza and their child, Victor.

OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

Please note that the office will be closed December 24 – January 1.

OFICINA CERRADA POR LA OCTAVA DE NAVIDAD

Tenga en cuenta que la oficina estará cerrada del 24 de diciembre al 1 de enero.

CHRISTMAS AND SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE

There will be three Masses offered for Christmas and two Masses for the Solemnity of Mary. All Masses will be at least partially bilingual.

Se ofrecerán tres misas para Navidad y dos misas para la Solemnidad de María. Todas las misas serán al menos parcialmente bilingües.

Christmas Eve
4:00pm Mass

Christmas
12:00am Midnight Mass
10:30am Mass



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31st
5:00pm Mass

January 1st
10:30am Mass

AROUND THE DEANERY

KELLY CATHOLIC CENTER

When making end of the year donations, please remember the Kelly Catholic Center. The Center is run solely by volunteers. Sales and your donations enable the Center to meet the needs of the Catholic Community. Thank you.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!

Come listen/dance to Muskegon's own Pan Franek, Zosia, and the Polka Towners at Polish Falcons, 1014 W. Hackley! Party is 8:30-12:30, cost is just \$25 a person. Hats, noisemakers, and champagne at midnight. Cash bar. Call Barb at 231-343-6445 or Joane at 231-780-3162 for more information and for tickets. Don't delay, tickets limited to 250. Sponsored by the Muskegon Polish Festival.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AND WANT TO STAY?

Catholic schools, parishes, affiliated organizations, and the diocese are hiring! Find openings at: grdiocese.org/employment/

ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE ON JANUARY 22ND

When: 7 p.m.

Where: Cathedral of Saint Andrew

All are invited to join Bishop Walkowiak to pray for the legal protection of unborn children. A reception will follow in the Cathedral's parish center. Catholics also are encouraged to pray for an end to abortion during the Nine Days for Life novena beginning Thursday, Jan. 16. Find the daily intentions in English and Spanish at uscgb.org/resources/9-days-life-novena. For resources to support moms and families visit GRdiocese.org/walking-with-moms.

2025 KEPHA MEN'S CONFERENCE

Registration is now open for the 2025 Conference! Sign up for this powerful event. This year's speakers are Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, Trent Horn, and Fr. Jeger Fickel, pastor of St. Mary-St. Paul in Big Rapids. Be renewed in your faith and empowered to be the man God is calling you to be.

Date: Saturday, March 8, 2025

Location: Our Lady of Consolation - Rockford, MI

Time: 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Confessions available before the conference: 6:45 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Registration and more info at buildingalegacy.org

Cost: \$40 Men aged 23+; \$25 Students (age 13-22); \$23 Family (min. purchase 4 tickets).

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 & APOSTOLATES

FORMACIÓN Y ADORACIÓN
Cada primer jueves del mes de 6:30 a 8:30 pm habrá formación espiritual y un tiempo de adoración del Santísimo. No reunimos en el sótano de la iglesia.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS

Holy Rosary Council #13579
Marty Stevens, Grand Knight
(231) 402-0707

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

MEN'S GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE STUDY

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

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.

WOMEN'S GROUP

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

RSVPs appreciated but not required, please scan the QR code to RSVP:



UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 23	12:10pm	Intentions of Andrew James
Tuesday, December 24	*4:00pm	People of our parish
Wednesday, December 25	*12:00am	People of our parish
	*10:30am	People of our parish
Thursday, December 26	12:10pm	†Connie Navarro
Friday, December 27	12:10pm	†Benita Mikesell
Saturday, December 28	4:00pm	†Don Martin
Sunday, December 29	10:00am	Intentions of the Germano Family
	12:00pm	†Juan, Javier, Marisela, & Miguel Briseño & Carmen Villaroel & Jorge Arias
	5:00pm	People of our Parish
Monday, December 30	12:10pm	†Nancy Edick
Tuesday, December 31	*5:00pm	People of our parish
Wednesday, January 1	*10:30am	People of our parish
Thursday, January 2	12:10pm	Intentions of Barbara Bush
Friday, January 3	12:10pm	†Richard Gardner
Saturday, January 4	4:00pm	†Paul Forner
Sunday, January 5	10:00am	†Wanda Powers
	12:00pm	†Carey Sanchez
	5:00pm	People of our parish

EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES 2025

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 each month with other young men in high school and college to gather and discern God's will for your life. Feel free to just show up or email to let us know you are coming at preynolds@grdiocese.org. You may also contact Fr. Stephen Durkee, sdurkee@grdiocese.org, Director of Priestly Vocations or Associate Director Fr. Rob Mulderink at frrob@lukespot.com if you have questions.

Discernment Meeting Dates

St. Luke University Parish

10144 42nd Ave, Georgetown Twp., MI 49428

2025: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 23, May 4

Time: 12:30pm-1:30pm

EVANGELIZATION CLIP BY DEACON JIM SCHILTZ

In the Gospels, 140 times Jesus calls us to Believe. We profess our belief in the Creed that we say at Mass. What is the depth of your belief? Mary believed the Angel that God sent to ask her to become the Mother of God. Elizabeth, the mother of John, tells Mary, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." The story of Elizabeth and Zechariah shows us one believer and one skeptic. Elizabeth prayed for the miracle of a child in her womb. She prayed faithfully, fervently, and with humility. She trusted God. Elizabeth believed and never lost hope. But even the angel Gabriel telling Zechariah, "Your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son," did not break through his skepticism. Every aspect of our lives is governed by God. Jesus calls us to Believe! Our prayer, like that of Elizabeth, must be faithful, fervent, and with humility, knowing that God is all-powerful. Believe. Pray. Trust. Hope in God.

En los Evangelios, Jesús nos llama a creer 140 veces. Profesamos nuestra creencia en el Credo que decimos en la Misa. ¿Cuál es la profundidad de tu creencia? María creyó al ángel que Dios envió para pedirle que se convirtiera en la Madre de Dios. Isabel, la madre de Juan, le dice a María: "Dichosa tú, que has creído, porque se cumplirá cuanto te fue anunciado de parte del Señor." La historia de Isabel y Zacarías nos muestra a una creyente y a un escéptico. Isabel oró por el milagro de un niño en su vientre. Oró fielmente, fervientemente y con humildad. Confió en Dios. Isabel creyó y nunca perdió la esperanza. Pero ni siquiera el ángel Gabriel que le dijo a Zacarías: "Tu oración ha sido escuchada. Tu esposa Isabel te dará un hijo", rompió su escepticismo. Cada aspecto de nuestras vidas está gobernado por Dios. ¡Jesús nos llama a creer! Nuestra oración, como la de Isabel, debe ser fiel, ferviente y con humildad, sabiendo que Dios es todopoderoso. Crea. Oremos. Confiemos. Esperemos en Dios.

PRAY FOR...

Abby Boxer – Cecelia Boxer – Steve and Mandy Tuin
Isela Salazar – Mike Gallavin – Valerie – Baby Ella
Jeffrey and Beth Bloom – Baby Mikula – Jim Koczur
Chloe – Annie – †Maureen Buckingham – Timothy

MILITARY

Staff Sgt. Jakob Bergquist
Petty Officer 2nd Class Dylan Hennigan