

January 26, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Sunday is the feast of the Presentation. Mass will begin with a blessing of candles, if you have candles you would like to have blessed you can bring them to Mass with you next weekend.
- *El próximo domingo es la fiesta de la Presentación. La misa comenzará con la bendición de las velas. Si tiene velas que le gustaría que se bendigan, puede traerlas a la misa el próximo fin de semana.*
- A second collection will be taken up this weekend in parishes across the diocese to support Los Angeles wildfire relief efforts through Catholic Charities USA. If you would like to donate online, you may do so through [Catholic Charities USA](#). Please keep the victims and the communities affected in your prayers during this difficult time.
- *Este fin de semana se realizará una segunda colecta en las parroquias de toda la diócesis para apoyar los esfuerzos de socorro a los afectados por los incendios forestales de Los Ángeles a través de Catholic Charities USA. Si desea donar en línea, puede hacerlo a través de [Catholic Charities USA](#). Por favor, mantenga a las víctimas y las comunidades afectadas en sus oraciones durante este momento difícil.*

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

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AROUND THE PARISH

OCIA UPDATES (FORMERLY RCIA)

On January 26 at the 10 a.m. mass, St. Mary's will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming Baptized Candidates for Full Communion. During this rite, the candidates are accepted for catechetical instruction preparing them for full communion in the Catholic Church. Please join us in greeting them and praying for them as they make a deeper commitment to follow Our Lord in His Church.

YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements were mailed at the end of this week for 2024. For those who gave checks & cash, you will receive your statement in the mail. For those who gave only online, your statement was emailed to you at the address you registered at the online giving site. If you did not receive the email, if you do not receive your mailer by mid-next week, or if you have any questions, please contact the office. A mid-year parish summary also went out with the giving statements - for those who gave online only, or those who want to read the summary online, please visit the parish website to read it there as well. Thank you!

FUNERAL LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Did you know that a vital ministry the Ladie's Guild provides is a funeral luncheon for any funeral Mass here at the parish at no cost to the family? This is a charitable service provided to show compassion to those who are grieving. They need your help! Can you help them with the following needs?

- Men and women volunteers to help work luncheons (on call, subject to personal availability) with things such as set up, take down, and clean up.
- Volunteers to help make salads and desserts for the luncheons (on call, subject to personal availability)

There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex, or you can call the parish office to sign up. Thank you!

AROUND THE DEANERY

MUSKEGON COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE IS REORGANIZING TO ENSURE FUTURE SUCCESS!

If you have a heart for the pro-life movement, please consider attending this informational meeting to discuss plans to grow our affiliate:

Thursday – January 30 – 6:30 PM – 433 Seminole Road – East Entrance Lower Level

RSVP/Questions – dbennette@rtl.org or text 231-690-0363

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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).

KEPHA WOMEN'S NIGHT: EMPOWERED BY TRUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

Friday, March 7th, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 1935 Plymouth Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, at 7pm. Cost: \$10 (buildingalegacy.org)

Join Trent Horn, Catholic Answers host, author and podcaster, for an evening of music, prayer, and sisterhood.

MADE FOR MORE WITH CHRISTOPHER WEST

Tuesday, March 11, 7 – 9:30 p.m. at St. John Paul II Parish, Cedar Springs.

Where do we come from and where are we going? These questions are DECISIVE for understanding what it means to be human and how to orient our lives and our actions toward authentic fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they weave together dynamic presentations with music, video, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that will instill in you the sheer wonder and joy of being alive. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at: aftontickets.com/M4MMI

YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S EVENT: FEMININE GENIUS

The Diocese of Grand Rapids welcomes Emily Wilson Hussem to share her thoughts on the topic of *Feminine Genius*. Women ages 18-39 are invited to an evening of faith, fellowship, and food while gaining insights into a subject made just for them. Join us on March 16th, from 6-9pm at Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave S., Grand Rapids. Cost is \$30.

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, January 27	12:10pm	Intentions of Annie Welch
Wednesday, January 29	6:15pm	Intentions of Katie Gaisser
Thursday, January 30	12:10pm	†Deceased members of the Ferenz family
Friday, January 31	12:10pm	†Benita Mikesell
Saturday, February 1	4:00pm	†Paul Forner
Sunday, February 2	10:00am	†Sharon Gardner
	12:00pm	† Prodigios Hinojosa & Fortino Gutiérrez
	5:00pm	People of our parish

NEXT RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND:
FEBRUARY 21-23, 2025

Give your marriage the gift that lasts a lifetime. Let hope be the foundation of your future together. Retrouvaille offers tools and support to heal, rediscover and rebuild your marriage. Start your journey toward hope and healing today.

RetroGrandRapids@gmail.com

HelpOurMarriage.org

616-635-1046



EVANGELIZATION CLIP BY DEACON JIM SCHILTZ

In today's Gospel, Jesus stood in the synagogue in Nazareth and spoke. Imagine Jesus standing in our midst today. He says, "The all-powerful God created the universe and created you in His image. Today, God sends Me to you. God empowers Me to save you from the oppression of your sins. I will heal your blindness. I will bring richness to your poverty. I will carry your burdens. And I grant all this to you today." That day, two thousand years ago, Jesus' own relatives and friends did not believe Him. Today, do you believe Him? Sinners we are, but perhaps some pride or arrogance blinds us. We encounter Jesus' richness as we receive Him in the Eucharist. We must trust in the Spirit's grace to help us through life's burdens. Grow in your faith. Be a modern-day disciple of Jesus. Lead family and friends to a deeper faith.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús se puso de pie en la sinagoga de Nazaret y habló. Imaginemos a Jesús de pie en medio de nosotros hoy. Él dice: "El Dios todopoderoso creó el universo y os creó a su imagen. Hoy, Dios me envía a vosotros. Dios me da poder para salvaros de la opresión de vuestros pecados. Yo sanaré vuestra ceguera. Traeré riqueza a vuestra pobreza. Llevaré vuestras cargas. Y todo esto os lo concedo hoy". Ese día, hace dos mil años, los propios parientes y amigos de Jesús no le creyeron. ¿Crees tú hoy en Él? Somos pecadores, pero tal vez algún orgullo o arrogancia nos ciega. Encontramos la riqueza de Jesús cuando lo recibimos en la Eucaristía. Debemos confiar en la gracia del Espíritu para que nos ayude a sobrellevar las cargas de la vida. Crece en tu fe. Sé un discípulo moderno de Jesús. Lleva a tu familia y amigos a una fe más profunda.

PRAY FOR...

Abby Boxer – Cecelia Boxer – Isela Salazar – Valarie – Timothy – Jeffrey and Beth Bloom – Ella Biermaier
Chloe – Annie – Jim Koczur – the Mikula family – †Maureen Buckingham - †Lorraine LeMieux – Mary Boxer

MILITARY

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