



February 9, 2025  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The office will be closed this Wednesday for a staff retreat.
- *La oficina estará cerrada este miércoles. El personal estará asistiendo a un retiro.*
- We will be collecting old palms for Ash Wednesday starting next Sunday. There will be a basket in the narthex.
- *Estaremos recolectando las palmas del año pasado para el Miércoles de Ceniza a partir del próximo domingo. Habrá una canasta en el nártex.*

### 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 DEANERY

**PENANCE SERVICE:**  
RECEIVE CHRIST'S  
FORGIVENESS & MERCY  
Bishop Walkowiak will preside  
at a Penance Service at St.  
Francis de Sales, Norton Shores  
on Feb. 25 from 6-8pm.

Priests will be available to hear  
confessions after the service.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**THEOLOGY ON TAP: "THE WORK OF OUR REDEMPTION: ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS", WITH AARON SANDERS**

Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the former Old Hennessy's Pub

While it is well known that the Church calls all the faithful to "fully conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations," a typical emphasis on outward methods of participation (singing, responding, kneeling) risks falling short of the reality in which we participate. If, as the Second Vatican Council teaches, every liturgy is "an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ" "through which the work of our redemption is accomplished," any true participation in Mass cooperates in the salvation of the world. In determining how best to join in this eternal work, we should be less concerned with what we get out of Mass than with what we can contribute to the Sacrifice.

*Aaron Sanders is Director of the Office for Worship in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. He holds a Ph.D. in Theology from the University of Notre Dame and lives in Grand Rapids with his wife and nine children.*

## AROUND THE PARISH

### FUNERAL LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Did you know that a vital ministry the Ladies' Guild provides is a funeral luncheon for any funeral Mass here at the parish?\* 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!

*\*Correction: the family is charged a nominal fee for the funeral luncheon.*

### JANUARY FOOD PANTRY TOTALS:

We were only open 3 weeks due to holidays and weather. Our pantry was open 9 times. We served: 65 families (99 adults & 27 children), 126 people were fed!

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER

Please welcome Monika Godek!

## AROUND THE DEANERY, CONT.

**SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA: RECIBE EL PERDÓN Y LA MISERICORDIA DE CRISTO**

El obispo Walkowiak presidirá un servicio de penitencia en St. Francis de Sales, Norton Shores, el 25 de febrero de 6 a 8 p.m.

Los sacerdotes estarán disponibles para escuchar confesiones después del servicio.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### RETIRO DE VARONES JÓVENES

23 de febrero de 2025 en el Three Mile Project (3050 Walkent Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544) de 12:30pm – 5:30pm Para varones entre 12-16 años de edad. Con un costo de \$75, el cual incluye alimentos, materiales y el costo del lugar. A lo largo del día, tendremos una variedad de actividades incluyendo discusiones interactivas, juegos de grupo, y tiempo de reflexión personal. Nuestro objetivo es animar a los jóvenes a desarrollar una relación significativa con Dios y explorar lo que significa caminar en la fe. Creemos que al reunirse en una comunidad de apoyo, cada jovencito pueda dar pasos importantes en su camino espiritual. Hay espacio limitado y los participantes deben registrarse antes del 23 de febrero. ¡Utilice este [enlace](#) para registrarse o escanee el código QR!



### YOUTH RETREAT FOR BOYS

Feb 23, 2025, at Three Mile Project (3050 Walkent Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544) from 12:30pm – 5:30pm. For boys ages 12-16. Cost is \$75, which includes food, materials and site fee. Throughout the day, there will be a variety of activities, including interactive discussions, group games, and personal reflection time. Our aim is to encourage the boys to develop a meaningful relationship with God and explore what it means to walk in faith. We believe that by coming together in a supportive community, each boy can take essential steps in their spiritual journey. There is limited space, and participants must be registered before Feb 23. Please use this [link](#) to register, or scan the QR code above!

### VARIOUS EVENTS ARE BEING HELD THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE DURING THIS JUBILEE YEAR:

“Hope in the Truth of Beauty” Presented by Dr. Benjamin G. Lockerd Feb. 28, 7 – 9 p.m., Donnelly Center at Aquinas College

Philosophers have long considered three subjects of contemplation to be paramount: the True, the Good, and the Beautiful—called the Transcendentals. All three of these are considered by many people today purely relativistic concepts, and one of the goals of the Catholic educator must be to contradict the prevailing relativism. Of the three, beauty is often thought to be the most subjective, for “beauty is in the eye of the beholder.” There is some truth to this old saying, but it is not the whole truth. Great thinkers have over the ages argued that beautiful creations have some characteristics in common. Advocates of literary art have further maintained that beautiful writings are effective in moving our hearts to follow truth and to do what is good. We should find profound hope in fact that the imagination can capture great truths of the human heart and move us to live virtuously.

Find additional Jubilee Year events at Aquinas by visiting: [aquinas.edu/jubilee-2025/](http://aquinas.edu/jubilee-2025/)

### 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 & 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, February 10	12:10pm	†Sharon Gardner
Wednesday, February 12	6:15pm	†Arnold & Donna Mae Scholz
Thursday, February 13	12:10pm	Intentions of Michael & Angela Schmitt
Friday, February 14	12:10pm	†Richard Gardner
Saturday, February 15	4:00pm	†Joey Hekkema
Sunday, February 16	10:00am	†Michael Scheileer
	12:00pm	†Manuel Pacheco
	5:00pm	People of our parish

## TOUCHED BY MERCY

Those affected by suicide are invited to Touched by Mercy on March 1 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Franciscan Life Process Center, Lowell Campus, 11650 Downes St. NE. Join us for this day of reflection led by Sister Colleen Ann Nagle FSE, MA, LPC. Lunch is included. Cost: \$65 <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/TBM2025> Scholarships are available.

## GOLDEN AGE BOOMERS (GAB)

GAB, a social club for persons 65 years and older, is taking a break and will resume meetings in the spring. Watch future bulletins for more information!

## EVANGELIZATION CLIP BY DEACON JIM SCHILTZ

We celebrate World Marriage Day This Sunday. A Vatican II document entitled Joys and Hopes (paragraph 48) tells us that the intimate partnership of married life and love has been established by the Creator and governed by His laws. The couple administers the Sacrament of Matrimony. Their Consent is irrevocable and life-long. The couple is fortified for life with the Rite's Nuptial Blessing imparted by the priest or deacon. God instituted matrimony for the conjugal love that procreates and later educates children. With their parents leading the way by example and family prayer, children receive a path to human maturity, salvation and holiness. Christ the Lord abundantly blesses marital love, which models His love and union with His Church. Children contribute to making their parents holy. They respond to the kindness of their parents with sentiments of gratitude, with love and trust. They will stand by them, as children should, when hardships overtake their parents and with the onset of their senior years. Today we celebrate marriage and family life. And pass it on.

*Este domingo celebramos el Día Mundial del Matrimonio. Un documento del Vaticano II titulado Gozos y Esperanzas (párrafo 48) nos dice que la íntima asociación de la vida conyugal y el amor ha sido establecida por el Creador y gobernada por Sus leyes. La pareja administra el Sacramento del Matrimonio. Su Consentimiento es irrevocable y para toda la vida. La pareja es fortalecida para la vida con la Bendición Nupcial del Rito impartida por el sacerdote o diácono. Dios instituyó el matrimonio para el amor conyugal que procrea y luego educa a los hijos. Con sus padres liderando el camino con el ejemplo y la oración familiar, los hijos reciben un camino hacia la madurez humana, la salvación y la santidad. Cristo el Señor bendice abundantemente el amor conyugal, que modela Su amor y unión con Su Iglesia. Los hijos contribuyen a hacer santos a sus padres. Responden a la bondad de sus padres con sentimientos de gratitud, con amor y confianza. Los apoyarán, como deben hacerlo los hijos, cuando las dificultades se apoderen de sus padres y cuando lleguen los años de la tercera edad. Hoy celebramos el matrimonio y la vida familiar. Y transmitirlo.*

## PRAY FOR...

Abby Boxer – Cecelia Boxer – Isela Salazar – Valarie – Timothy – Jeffrey and Beth Bloom – Chloe – Annie Jim Koczur – the Mikula family – †Maureen Buckingham – †Lorraine LeMieux – Mary Boxer Aliyah Droblyn – William Mikesell

## MILITARY

Staff Sgt. Jakob Bergquist – Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Dylan Hennigan