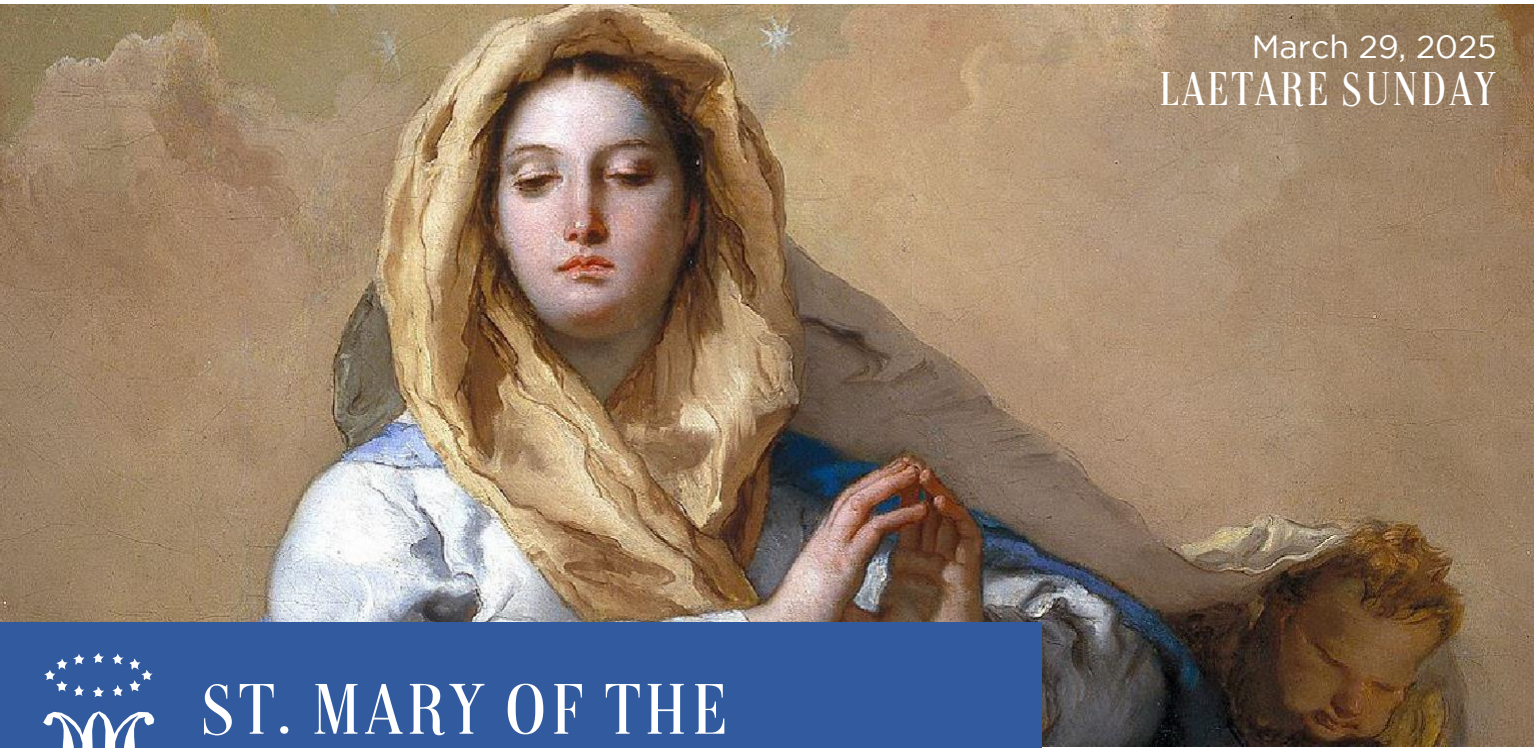


March 29, 2025  
LAETARE SUNDAY



 **ST. MARY OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our parish is participating in “The Light is On for You: An Evening of Penance” this Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 5 – 8 p.m. Visit [Grdiocese.org/penance](http://Grdiocese.org/penance) for more information.
- *Nuestra parroquia está participando en “La Luz Está Encendida Para Ti: Una Noche de Penitencia” este jueves 3 de abril de 5 a 8 p.m. Para más información visite [GRdiocese.org/penance](http://GRdiocese.org/penance) para más detalles.*

### 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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## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

### ST. MARY'S LADIES GUILD UPCOMING MEETING

Please note: the next St. Mary's Ladies Guild meeting has been postponed to April 12<sup>th</sup>, after the 4pm Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council, here at St. Mary's, is having a New Membership Drive after the Masses on Saturday April 5th and on Sunday April 6th, down in the Church Hall. If you are interested in learning more about the Knights or want to serve the Church, become a better Family Man and improve your Catholic Faith call Grand Knight Marty Stevens (231) 402-0707.

## HOLY WEEK *SEMANA SANTA*

- Holy Thursday: 7pm
- Good Friday: 3pm
- Easter Vigil: 9pm
- Easter Day: 10am English & 12:00pm Spanish
  
- *Jueves Santo: 7pm*
- *Viernes Santo: 3pm*
- *Vigilia Pascual: 9pm*
- *Domingo de Resurrección: 10am Inglés y 12pm Español*

## LENT: PARISH SACRAMENTS AND OFFERINGS

### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

- Holy Hour Monday-Saturday 7-8am
- Stations of the Cross, Fridays: 5:30pm English, 6:30pm Spanish

### EXTRA CONFESSION

- Light is on for you: confession and adoration 5pm -8pm April 3
- Apr 13 at 1pm (after Spanish Mass)
- Apr 16 at 5pm
- Apr 18 (Good Friday) at 4:30 pm after service

## *SACRAMENTOS Y OPORTUNIDADES DE CUAREZMA*

### *OPORTUNIDADES DE CUARESMA*

- Hora Santa de lunes a sábado de 7-8am*
- Estaciones de la Cruz, viernes: 5:30 pm en inglés, 6:30pm en español*

### *CONFESIONES ADICIONALES*

- La luz está encendida para ti: confesión y adoración 5pm -8pm 3 de abril*
- 13 de abril, 1pm (después de la misa en español)*
- 16 de abril, 5pm*
- 18 de abril (Viernes Santo) 4:30pm después del servicio*

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### PROJECT RACHEL

Looking for healing after an abortion? Help is available for men and women. For more information please call 616-340-1824 or email [projectrachel@ccwestmi@ccwestmi.org](mailto:projectrachel@ccwestmi@ccwestmi.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### ENCOUNTERING THE SAINTS OF DIVINE MERCY IN POLAND November 3 – 11, 2025

Join Father Lam Le, pastor of St. John Paul II in Cedar Springs and Mary Queen of Apostles in Sand Lake, and Catholics from the Diocese of Grand Rapids as they embark on a special pilgrimage during this Jubilee Year to the homeland of Saint John Paul II. For more information and to register contact Pattie Reynolds at [preynolds@grdiocese.org](mailto:preynolds@grdiocese.org) or <https://www.206tours.com/cms/grdiocese/poland/>.

### THE CREED SERIES – MARCH 6-27, 2025 (IN PERSON AND ONLINE)

Offered on Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Catholic Information Center (360 Division Ave. S, Grand Rapids), and online. The topics for each session in the series align with each section of the Creed. Dr. Jared Ortiz will present the sessions on March 6 and 27, Father Lam Le will present the session on March 13, and Very Reverend Colin Mulhall will present the March 20 session: March 6: I believe in God the Father Almighty  
March 13: I believe in Jesus Christ  
March 20: I believe in the Holy Spirit  
March 27: I believe in the Holy Catholic Church

*About the presenters: Dr. Ortiz is the co-author of *The Nicene Creed: A Scriptural, Historical, and Theological Commentary* and founder and executive director of the Saint Benedict Institute on the campus of Hope College, where he teaches Catholic theology. Father Lam Le is pastor of St. John Paul II Parish in Cedar Springs and Mary Queen of Apostles Parish in Sand Lake. He is the diocesan vicar for evangelization and director of continuing formation for priests. Father Le chairs the diocesan Jubilee Committee. Very Reverend Colin Mulhall is the vicar general of the diocese.*

## 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, March 31	12:10pm	Intentions of Mike Gallavin
Wednesday, April 2	6:15pm	†Sarah Best
Thursday, April 3	12:10pm	†Tim Kleaveland
Friday, April 4	12:10pm	†Bill Zuidema, Dawn & Patrick Kelley
Saturday, April 5	4:00pm	†Paul Forner
Sunday, April 6	10:00am	†Ralph Alvesteffer
	12:00pm	†Manuel Pacheco
	5:00pm	People of our parish

## FINAL EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT OPPORTUNITY

May 4, 2025

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Discernment is a time of obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding. If you are considering the priesthood, the Diocese of Grand Rapids invites you to the final meeting of the 2024-25 school year 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](mailto:preynolds@grdiocese.org). You may also contact the Director of Priestly Vocations Fr. Rob Mulderink at [frrob@lukespot.com](mailto:frrob@lukespot.com) if you have questions.

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## EVANGELIZATION CLIP BY DEACON JIM SCHILTZ

Jesus' parable of the Forgiving Father (of the Prodigal Son) shows the boundless forgiveness of a father to a son. The cruel son is saying, "As far as I am concerned, you are dead, so give me my inheritance." The father never gives up anticipating his son's return. Everyday, the father looks on the horizon for the son, until finally, one day, "Here he comes!" How interesting that the father says with joy, "This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again." The son has two redeeming qualities: repentance and humility. Can any father be so forgiving? Yes, our Father in Heaven. He awaits the "prodigals" in our society who ignore Him. Let's face it, each of us have a little "prodigal" in us. With repentance and humility, we confess our sins. The loving embrace of the Father was there even before we confessed. God always awaits, always forgives. So, pass it on.

*La parábola de Jesús del Padre Perdonador (del Hijo Pródigo) muestra el perdón infinito de un padre a su hijo. El hijo cruel dice: «Para mí, estás muerto, así que dame mi herencia». El padre nunca deja de esperar el regreso de su hijo. Cada día, el padre mira al horizonte buscándolo, hasta que finalmente, un día, «¡Aquí viene!». Qué interesante que el padre diga con alegría: «Este hijo mío estaba muerto y ha vuelto a la vida». El hijo tiene dos cualidades redentoras: arrepentimiento y humildad. ¿Puede un padre ser tan indulgente? Sí, nuestro Padre Celestial. Él espera a los «pródigos» de nuestra sociedad que lo ignoran. Seamos sinceros, cada uno de nosotros tiene un pequeño «pródigo» dentro. Con arrepentimiento y humildad, confesamos nuestros pecados. El abrazo amoroso del Padre estaba ahí incluso antes de que confesáramos. Dios siempre espera, siempre perdona. Así que, compártelo.*

## PRAY FOR...

Abby Boxer – Cecelia Boxer – Isela Salazar – †Valarie – Timothy – Jeffrey and Beth Bloom – Jim Koczur  
Carolyn Mikula – Aliyah Droblyn – William Mikesell – Mike Gallavin

## MILITARY

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