



April 13, 2025  
**PALM SUNDAY**



## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Opportunities for confession before Easter:
  - TODAY, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm
  - April 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:40am (before the 12:10pm Mass)
  - April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
  - April 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm after the Good Friday service
- *Oportunidades para confesión antes de la Pascua:*
  - Después de misa HOY, 13 de abril a la 1pm
  - 14 de abril, 11:40am (antes de la Misa de 12:10pm)
  - 16 de abril, 5:00pm
  - 18 de abril (Viernes Santo) 4:30pm después del servicio
- The schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday is inside.
- *Mirar adentro por el horario de Semana Santa y Domingo de Resurrección.*
- Please note that the parish office will be closed April 21-25 for the Easter Octave.
- *La oficina parroquial estará cerrada del 21 de abril al 25 de abril por la Octava de Pascua*

### 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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## HOLY WEEK ~ *SEMANA SANTA*

The schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday:

- Holy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm
- Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>: 3:00pm
- Easter Vigil, April 19<sup>th</sup>: 9:00pm
- Easter Day, April 20<sup>th</sup>: 10:00am English & 12:00pm Spanish

**\*\*Please note there is no 4pm Saturday Mass on April 19, and no 5pm Sunday Mass on April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

*Horario para Semana Santa y Domingo de Pascua*

- Jueves Santo, 17 de abril: 7:00pm
- Viernes Santo, 18 de abril: 3:00pm
- Vigilia Pascual, 19 de abril: 9:00pm
- Domingo de Resurrección, 20 de abril: 10am Inglés y 12pm Español

**\*\*No habrá Misa de 4pm el sábado 19 de abril y tampoco Misa de 5pm el domingo 20 abril.**

### AROUND THE DEANERY

#### SERRA SPEAKER SERIES

Please join the Serra Club of Greater Muskegon on Thursday, April 24th when recently ordained Deacon Jim Cross will speak on the topic, "My Journey in Becoming a Permanent Deacon." This event will be held at the former Hennessy's building. The evening starts at 5:30pm with a social hour, a light meal and beverages. Deacon Jim's talk will begin at approximately 7:00pm. The event is free of charge, but please RSVP (so we order the right amount of food) by calling or texting (231) 740-0044.

### AROUND THE DIOCESE

#### PROJECT RACHEL

"There is no grief like the grief that does not speak."

The grief over an abortion experience is often so deep that it remains silent. Women and men may bear this burden for years thinking that there is no hope of peace or forgiveness. Project Rachel offers private and compassionate support, at no charge, for anyone who is suffering after an abortion experience. Our next retreat is May 2-4, 2025. Contact Project Rachel on 616-340-1824 or [projectrachel@ccwestmi.org](mailto:projectrachel@ccwestmi.org) to begin your journey of healing and reconciliation.

#### HOLY WEEK BROADCAST

In addition to the regular broadcast of Sunday Mass at the Cathedral, Holy Thursday and Good Friday services will be broadcast on FOX 17 at 7:00pm and 3:00pm, respectfully. The livestream can also be viewed on the diocesan website or YouTube.

#### IS GOD CALLING YOU TO CONSIDER THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?

Has the Vocations Prayer moved you to question if God is calling you to become a deacon? The Office of Diaconate Formation invites men with interest or questions about discernment and formation to a Discerning the Diaconate information session. Monday, May 5 6:30-8:30 p.m., Cathedral Square Center, 360 Division Ave. S. Grand Rapids. To RSVP or learn more, contact Deacon Jerry Roersma, director of Deacon Formation, at 616-288-0913 or [jroersma@grdiocese.org](mailto:jroersma@grdiocese.org)

## REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC

I have been asked to provide reflections about our approach to sacred music here at [Saint Mary's](#) in Muskegon. I will write about this subject in our parish bulletin each week. Don't be surprised if you find yourself reading about the sacred liturgy, because church music is inseparable from it. Indeed, he who embarks upon a study of the "THESAURUS MUSICAE SACRAE" (that's how Vatican II referred <sup>1</sup> to sacred music) will end up being educated about Theology, the Bible, the saints, church history, the Holy Mass, our Savior's life, and much else besides.

Some of our parishioners are old enough to remember the reign of Pope Pius XII, who courageously saved countless Jews from the Nazi Gestapo. The chief Jewish rabbi of Rome, Israel Anton Zoller, was deeply moved by the bravery shown by Pius XII. After WWII, he converted to Catholicism and took the name "Eugenio" to honor that pope (whose name before accepting the papacy was *Eugenio Pacelli*) and also chose as his godfather the pope's personal confessor, Augustin Cardinal Bea.

I mention Rabbi Zoller because we've been discussing how church music is inseparable from its sacred text. Zoller was a biblical scholar (no great surprise, since he had served as Rome's chief rabbi). Zoller published a book which attempted to prove that every word our Savior said during his public life was *sung*, not spoken.<sup>2</sup> If Zoller's theory is correct, we can better understand how Jesus communicated with large crowds, as singing 'carries' the voice. But regardless of whether Zoller got it right, we know that all the ancient poems (such as Homer's *Odyssey*) weren't spoken; they were sung. Music and singing, therefore, are not lightly dismissed by any shrewd observer of the human condition. Nor can they be rightly considered "effeminate." Anyone who doubts this should read the life of Saint Isaac Jogues (d. 1646), taking note of how Jogues sang the service of the dead, shortly after René Goupil's martyrdom. Indeed, music and singing played a huge role in the work of the PATRON SAINTS of North America—and the annals of history have never recorded men braver than these. (Candidly, they were fearless.) And you'll hear more about these saints before this series is finished.

**To be continued.**

Notes:

**1** The Second Vatican Council solemnly declared: "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art" (SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM, §112). To reiterate this statement, §114 of the same document says: "The treasury of sacred music (*thesaurus musicae sacrae*) is to be preserved and fostered with great care."

**2** On this, see pages 42-64 of *The Nazarene: Studies in New Testament Exegesis* (London: B. Herder Book Company, 1950) by Eugenio Zolli (of the University of Rome) translated into English by Father Cyril Vollert, Professor of Theology at Saint Mary's College (Saint Marys, Kansas).

**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, April 14	12:10pm	Intentions of the Huston family
Wednesday, April 16	6:15pm	Intentions of Joseph Grimaldi, Alicia Gapa, & the Gapa family
Thursday, April 17	7:00pm	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 18	3:00pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 19	9:00pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 20	10:00am	For the people of our parish
	12:00pm	For the people of our parish

## MUSKEGON COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Muskegon County RTL will be participating in the Fruitport Old Fashioned Days Memorial Day Parade and would like to hand out Care Packages to expectant mothers along the route. The Care Packages would include items such as: diapers, wipes, teethingers, a onesie, a book, etc. This year our goal is for individuals and families to “adopt” a mother, her baby and their family. The idea is simple. We are asking you to:

- 1.) Adopt them by praying for the unknown family.
- 2.) Adopt them financially- each Care Package roughly costs roughly between \$30-\$40.

Please make checks payable to:  
Muskegon County Right to Life

427 Seminole Rd #108,  
Norton Shores, MI 49444

Memo: Care Package

If you have any questions feel free to email Kristine at krispviolin@hotmail.com or call 231.720.6940.

## EVANGELIZATION CLIP BY DEACON JIM SCHILTZ

Each of us and everyone we meet carries a heavy burden of some sort. To some, the world can look pretty dark. We take heart on the fact that Jesus, too, suffered, perhaps more than any other person ever suffered. He took upon Himself the burden of all the sins of the world, from Adam and Eve to you and I and beyond us. Today's Gospel tells us. “Jesus was in such agony and He prayed so fervently that His sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.” His apostles lost their focus on Jesus' agony: they fell asleep. Jesus went on to His Passion and Death, and then His Resurrection. Jesus saved us from our sins and promises Eternal Life to His faithful. In the first reading, Isaiah tells us that God called Jesus and us “to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.” We need to watch for and listen to people around us who are hurting. We must be present to them. Listen to them, perhaps without answers, except to unite their suffering with those of Jesus Himself in His Passion and Death for us. Jesus brings us the ultimate healing. As His disciples, bring some healing to those hurting in your midst.

*Cada uno de nosotros y cada persona con la que nos encontramos lleva una pesada carga. Para algunos, el mundo puede parecer bastante sombrío. Nos reconforta saber que Jesús también sufrió, quizás más que cualquier otra persona. Cargó con todos los pecados del mundo, desde Adán y Eva hasta ti y yo, y más allá de nosotros. El Evangelio de hoy nos dice: «Jesús estaba en tal agonía y oraba con tanto fervor que su sudor se convirtió en gotas de sangre que caían al suelo». Sus apóstoles perdieron la concentración en la agonía de Jesús: se durmieron. Jesús prosiguió su Pasión y Muerte, y luego su Resurrección. Jesús nos salvó de nuestros pecados y promete la Vida Eterna a sus fieles. En la primera lectura, Isaías nos dice que Dios nos llamó a Jesús y a nosotros «para decir a los cansados una palabra que los despierte». Necesitamos estar atentos y escuchar a quienes nos rodean y sufren. Debemos estar presentes para ellos. Escúchenlos, quizás sin respuestas, salvo para unir su sufrimiento con el de Jesús mismo en su Pasión y Muerte por nosotros. Jesús nos trae la sanación definitiva. Como discípulos suyos, lleven sanación a quienes sufren entre ustedes.*

## PRAY FOR...

Isela Salazar – Timothy – Jeffrey and Beth Bloom – Jim Koczur – Carolyn Mikula – Aliyah Droblyn  
William Mikesell – Mike Gallavin – Patrick Hoolihan – Martha Bilnger - †Laurence Visconti

## MILITARY

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