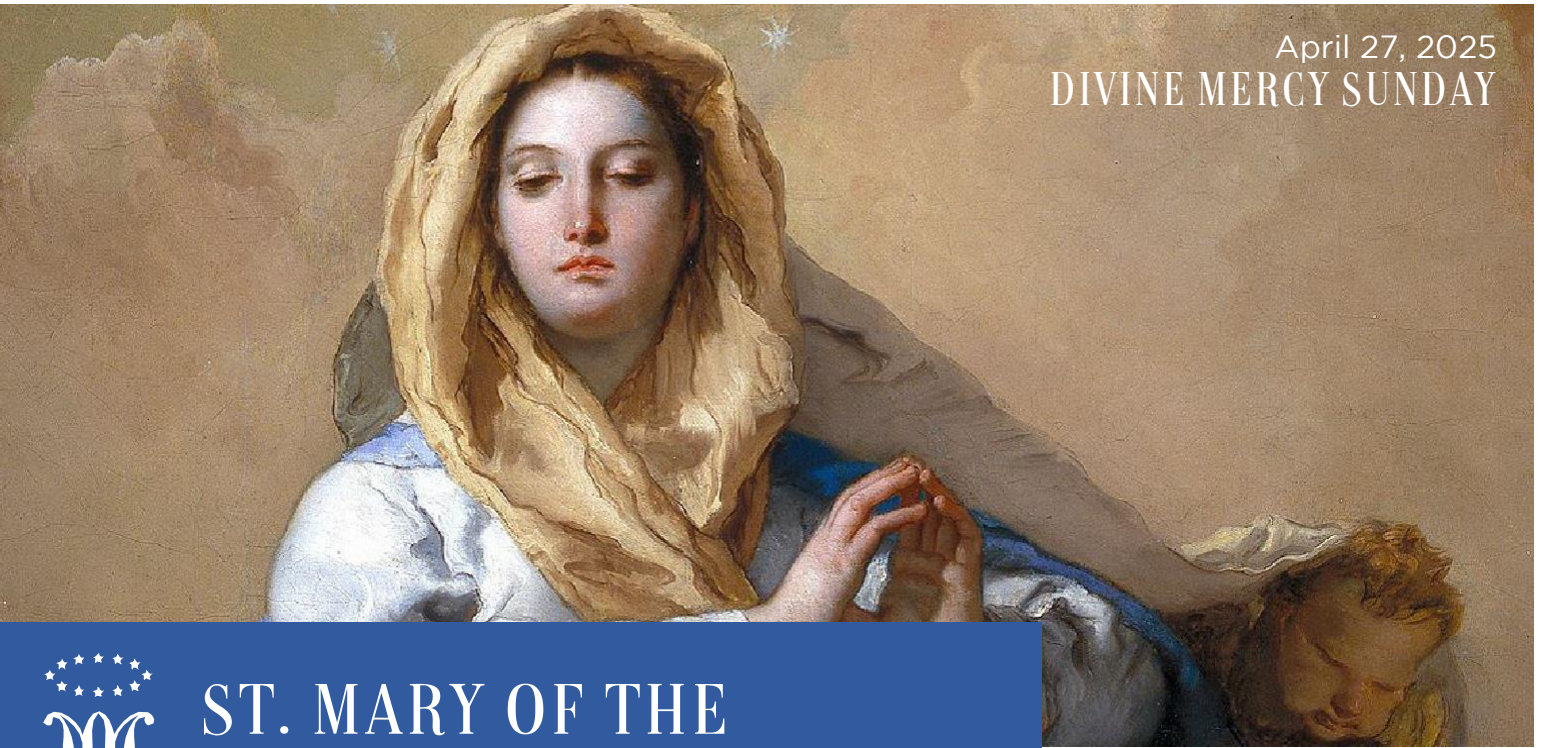


April 27, 2025  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



## ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Debido al Retiro Rescatado, no habrá hora santa este jueves el primero de mayo.*

### 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 EVENTS

### RESCUED RETREAT

On Friday, May 2 there will be a retreat for everyone who participated in a Rescued group this Lent. Please contact your group leader or the parish office to register. Deadline to Register is **Tuesday, April 29**. Contact Liz if you have questions.

### RETIRO DE RESCATADO

*El viernes 2 de mayo habrá un retiro para todos los que participaron en un grupo de Rescatado durante esta Cuaresma. Para inscribirse, comuníquese con el líder de su grupo o con la oficina parroquial. La fecha límite para inscribirse es el martes 29 de abril. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Liz.*

## AROUND THE PARISH

### ALL INVITED TO THE WEDDING MASS

Elijah Klco and Sara Mumby, who were both received into the Catholic church today, are engaged and would love for parishioners to join them for their wedding Mass! It will be at 1pm on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. They would love to see you there! *(Note: this Mass will not fulfill one's Sunday obligation.)*

### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome Jose and Rachel Sanchez and their daughter Celeste; Michael Oneka and his son Maxwell; Kim and Rhea Mae Cordle and their daughter Kathlynn; Paul and Marian Dudek; and Lance Cashler.

## 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.

### JOIN CCWM FOR A PILGRIMAGE TO THE SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

Searching for peace? On May 14, join Catholic Charities West Michigan as we embark on a pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit. Inspired by the life and example of Blessed Solanus Casey, the center serves as a place of pilgrimage, healing, reconciliation, and peace – a perfect opportunity to draw closer to God in this Jubilee Year. Partake in Mass, tour the center, and more. Tickets are \$70, which includes your bus ride to and from the center along with lunch. For more information or to register, visit [ccwestmi.org/jubilee-year](http://ccwestmi.org/jubilee-year). Questions? Please reach out to Sarah Stechschulte at [sstechschulte@ccwestmi.org](mailto:sstechschulte@ccwestmi.org).

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

Fulton J. Sheen was asked the question: “Why pray?” His succinct response was brilliant: “Why breathe?” We’ve been discussing our parish [singing the GLORIA](#) in Latin. Now suppose somebody asked: “Why sing in a dead language like Latin?” I’m not smart enough to concoct a 2-word response like Archbishop Sheen; but I do have an answer. Classical music has a genre called *Lieder*: special German art songs. Suppose someone claimed to be the world’s expert on *Lieder*, yet couldn’t speak a single word of German. Wouldn’t that be bizarre?

We at Saint Mary’s are all Latin Catholics. (That’s because very few Catholics living in the United States belong to Eastern-Rite churches, although 23 of those are in union with Rome.) Our heritage is that of the great Western saints: Saint Francis of Assisi; Saint Thomas Aquinas; Saint Catherine of Siena; Saint Teresa of Avila; Saint Joan of Arc; Saint John of the Cross; Saint Vincent de Paul; Pope Saint Pius X; Saint Ignatius of Loyola; Saint Thérèse of Lisieux; Saint Hyacinth of Poland; Saint John Bosco; Padre Pio; Saint Bonaventure; Mother Theresa of Calcutta; Saint John de Brébeuf; Saint René Goupil; Saint Maximilian Kolbe; Saint Isaac Jogues; Saint John Mary Vianney; and so forth.

This is our heritage; we are Latin Catholics. Someone might object: “God could easily create another 10,000 universes and ten trillion more languages. God doesn’t need Latin.” And that’s certainly true. But it’s also true that Christ chose to be born in a particular place. Our Savior chose particular men (including that weakling, Peter, and that traitor, Judas Iscariot.) And the great saints—or at least a huge percentage of them—were Latin Catholics who sanctified themselves by means of the Seven Sacraments. And most of the Doctors of the Church were Latin Catholics (although not all were). It’s inappropriate to focus on what God *might* have done. The true Christian has but one prayer: “Lord, do with me what Thou wilt.”

Just as it would be bizarre for an expert in German *Lieder* not to know a single word in German, it would be equally bizarre for us to be ignorant of the most basic Latin prayers. It isn’t necessary to become an eminent Latin scholar such as Antonio Cardinal Bacci (d. 1971) or Monsignor Ronald Knox (d. 1957)—but we should know our basic prayers in Latin. The good news is, once we learn that *sanctus* means “holy,” we don’t need to keep learning it over and over again. Once we know that *Agnus Dei* means “Lamb of God,” we don’t need to keep learning it over and over again. And so on.

On 4 December 1963, the most recent ecumenical council of the Catholic Church solemnly declared as follows:

“Steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them.”

Over the last sixty years, for one reason or another, many churches have neglected this injunction. But, surely with all the advantages we have living in this rich country, with all the modern conveniences and “time-saving” technology we have—surely we can learn our basic prayers in Latin.

### 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 28	12:10pm	†Corrine Ouelette
Wednesday, April 30	6:15pm	†Shirley Potempa
Thursday, May 1	12:10pm	†Dawn Kelley
Friday, May 2	12:10pm	Intentions of Remster Bingham
Saturday, May 3	10:30am	First Saturday
	4:00pm	†Sharon Gardner
Sunday, May 4	10:00am	†Ralph Alvesteffer
	12:00pm	†Alejandro Olivares
	5:00pm	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

The greatest act of Jesus’ Divine Mercy is His Passion and Sacrificial Death on the Cross. THAT is our RESCUE. The entire Bible is divided into two parts. First is Genesis chapters 1 to 3. God creating us holy, in His image and likeness. But humanity falls into sin. The gates of Heaven were closed! Genesis 3:24 tells us, “God expelled the man (from Paradise), stationing the cherubim and the fiery revolving sword east of the garden of Eden.” The rest of the Bible, Genesis 4 through Revelation, is about how God Rescued us from sin and damnation. The icon, The Trinity, shows God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit seated around a table. After the rebellion of Adam and Eve in the Garden, the Father asks Jesus and the Holy Spirit, “Who will go and rescue Adam and Eve?” Jesus says, “I will.” The Holy Spirit’s head is bowed down. He knows what it will cost the Son to do this: His mortal life. Jesus Rescued us. So pass it on.

*El mayor acto de la Divina Misericordia de Jesús es Su Pasión y Muerte Sacrificial en la Cruz. ESO es nuestro RESCATE. La Biblia entera se divide en dos partes. Primero, Génesis, capítulos 1 al 3. Dios nos creó santos, a su imagen y semejanza. Pero la humanidad cae en el pecado. ¡Las puertas del Cielo se cerraron! Génesis 3:24 nos dice: «Dios expulsó al hombre (del Paraíso), colocando los querubines y la espada de fuego giratoria al este del jardín del Edén». El resto de la Biblia, desde Génesis 4 hasta Apocalipsis, trata sobre cómo Dios nos rescató del pecado y la condenación. El ícono, La Trinidad, muestra a Dios Padre, Jesús y el Espíritu Santo sentados alrededor de una mesa. Tras la rebelión de Adán y Eva en el Jardín, el Padre pregunta a Jesús y al Espíritu Santo: «¿Quién irá a rescatar a Adán y a Eva?». Jesús responde: «Yo iré». El Espíritu Santo inclina la cabeza. Él sabe lo que le costará al Hijo hacer esto: su vida mortal. Jesús nos rescató. Así que compártelo.*

## 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