



May 11, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Graduation Mass will take place on Sunday, May 18th at the 10am and 12pm Masses. Please sign up using the [form](#) on the parish website.
- *La misa de graduación se celebrará el domingo 18 de mayo a las 10am. y a las 12pm. Inscríbese usando la [forma](#) en el sitio web de la parroquia.*
- Theology on Tap May 15th- see inside.

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

OCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS

OCIA Inquiry sessions at 6:00pm at the former Hennessy's building will be resuming Tuesday, May 13th. Please contact Lucrezia Esteban at 231-638-1354, complete the [Inquiry Form](#), or just come! This is for adults who are not baptized or baptized in another Christian denomination who are interested in Catholicism.

ST. MARY'S SPRING SOCIAL

Sunday, May 18, 1:00-3:00pm at the former Hennessy's building
All ladies of the parish are invited! A light luncheon will be provided by the Ladies Guild- no charge. Sign up sheets are in the narthex or email Sue: susan.stine36@gmail.com or call the parish office. RSVP by May 13th.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: MAY 15, 7PM

I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME – DR. RICHARD RAY

All adults are invited to attend our next Theology on Tap, May 15, 7pm in the former Hennessy's building. Among all of the ways to forge a relationship with the Risen Lord, perhaps none seems as daunting or anxiety-inducing as the call to visit the prisoner. There are many reasons for this, and most of them have more to say about who we are as opposed to who the prisoner is. In this talk, we'll examine ideas of justice, mercy, and how loving your neighbor as yourself – even when your neighbor has committed a crime – is not only impossible, but life-giving. Although not required, [this article](#) serves as helpful preparatory reading for the evening. (Scan the QR code to read article.)

*Richard Ray is a parishioner at St. Francis de Sales in Holland. He served as a professor and administrator at Hope College before his retirement in July. He founded the Hope-Western Prison Education Program, a partnership between Hope College and Western Theological Seminary that offers a Hope College Bachelor's degree to men incarcerated at Muskegon Correctional Facility. He currently serves as the Chair of the Michigan Consortium for Higher Education in Prison. He has authored two volumes of pilgrimage memoir, *The Shape of My Heart*, and *Walking Gratefully*. He and his wife, Carol, are parents of three grown children and five grandchildren.*



OCIA NEWS

With great joy, we announce that Eric and Claire Wallace were confirmed by Bishop Walkowiak on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Eric and Claire live in Whitehall and have two sons, Blake and Eli. Baptized Catholic, but drifted away, they were drawn back to the faith by their son. They were formed along with the OCIA candidates this past year in preparation to complete their initiation. *"Growing up in the Catholic faith, I have found my experience in the OCIA to be a wonderful opportunity to grow in my faith, meet other people in the church and deepen my understanding of what it means to develop a personal relationship with God."* -Claire



AROUND THE PARISH

HELPERS NEEDED FOR CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

We are in need of people who can help prepare materials and serve as catechists for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (formation for children). If you are interested in learning more, please contact Liz at the parish office.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC

Which of us can fully understand what takes place at Mass? Catholics believe the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, having been made present on the altar, is offered to His Heavenly Father at every Mass. In the famous SEQUENCE sung each year on the feast of *Corpus Christi*, Saint Thomas Aquinas writes: "Christ's followers know by faith that bread is changed into His flesh and wine into His blood. Man cannot understand this, cannot perceive it; but a lively faith affirms that the change—which is outside the natural course of things—takes place."

Apropos of Mass, I've been asked to share official statements regarding its use of Latin. I realize this may be a little dry, but it's important. Vatican II lasted from 1962-1965, and its preparation was done from 1959-1961. The eminent historian, Yves Chiron, wrote as follows:

Shortly after the preparatory commission on the liturgy had completed its task, Pope John XXIII published the Apostolic Constitution *Veterum Sapientia*. In it, he reasserted, following Pius XI, that the Church needs "a language which is universal, immutable, and non-vernacular."

John XXIII was the pope who convened Vatican II, and it would be difficult to overstate his support for Latin. In the aforementioned document (*Veterum Sapientia*, 22 February 1962), Pope Saint John XXIII said that "impelled by the weightiest of reasons" he was "fully determined to restore this language to its position of honor." It's illuminating to examine requests from the bishops as part of the conciliar preparations.¹ For instance, out of the 84 sitting French bishops, only one (!) wanted the entire Mass to be in the vernacular, and even he felt the EUCHARISTIC PRAYER must always remain in Latin. Vatican II was explicit² regarding Latin: "The use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites" (SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM, §36.1). Regarding the vernacular, the council said "the limits of its employment may be extended. This will apply in the first place to the readings and directives, and to some of the prayers and chants." The local bishops, according to Vatican II, were "to decide whether, and to what extent, the vernacular language is to be used." In the 1970s, people who hated Latin pretended to be confused as to the meaning of the word "whether"—and this was duplicitous. But don't take my word for it! Cardinal Antonelli, who'd been appointed "Secretary of the Conciliar Commission on the Liturgy" on 4 October 1962, explains what Vatican II wanted regarding Latin:

"Certain parts of the Mass, such as the Canon, remain in Latin, while others, especially those directed to the people, such as the readings and the restored *Oratio fidelium*, can take place in the vernacular."

The Vatican's Congregation of Rites reiterated the same idea on 23 July 1964:

"The great majority of the Fathers approved the various dispositions concerning a wider use of the vernacular precisely because of the existence of that first paragraph [*Sacrosanctum Concilium* §36.1] which ensured substantial preservation of the Latin, apart from a few particular cases (*salvo jure particulari*), such as the concession made to China."

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- 2.) **Building and Restoration** - used to contribute to Hennessy's purchase, restoration projects, building upgrades, and more.
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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. ***Not meeting June-August.** 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, May 12	12:10pm	Intentions of Steve & Teresa Huston
Wednesday, May 14	6:15pm	Intentions of Michael & Angela Schmitt
Thursday, May 15	12:10pm	Intentions of Tomás Sjornsnma
Friday, May 16	12:10pm	†JoAnn Michaels
Saturday, May 17	4:00pm	†Valerie Langley-Fraga
Sunday, May 18	10:00am	†Richard Gardner
	12:00pm	†Soledad Barajas & Epifanio Méndez
	5:00pm	People of our parish

Alfons Cardinal Stickler, who served as a *peritus* (“expert”) for Vatican II, said during a 1999 [interview](#):

“I still remember very well how after several radical proposals a Sicilian bishop rose and implored the fathers to allow caution and reason to reign on this point, because otherwise there would be the danger that the entire Mass might be held in the language of the people—whereupon the entire hall burst into uproarious laughter.”

Here at Saint Mary’s, when we sing [GLORIA III in Latin](#), we’re following the mandate of Vatican II:

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.

Notes:

- 1 The technical name for this period of time was the “antepreparatory period.” That is to say, before Vatican II took place, there was a period of time during which church leaders throughout the world were consulted.
- 2 The word adopted by the Second Vatican Council was *servetur*, meaning Latin must remain—and this isn’t optional. On this, see page 88 of Tito Casini’s “The Torn Tunic” (8 September 1967). Furthermore, the eminent canon lawyer Georg May has written: “The official text of the document [SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM] employs the subjunctive *servetur* and therefore expresses a command, not merely a recommendation. The Latin language must be preserved. The word *usus* clearly commands the actual employment of the Latin language and not simply a possibility of its being used...”

AROUND THE PARISH, CONT.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome Pat and Emily Morren, and their children Jude, Kenneth, Whitney, Jonah, Violet, Faustina, and Miles.

EVANGELIZATION CLIP BY DEACON JIM SCHILTZ

On a trip to Ireland, we visited a real shepherd of sheep. He told us that sheep have a strong flocking instinct. (They stay together.) Sheep stay in one flock for life. (They instinctively know each other.) We know Jesus as our Good Shepherd. He accepts us as a gift from our Father. Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. He rescued us and gives us New Life. He guards us from the evil one. Jesus will never abandon us. We are the sheep of his flock. Sheep will follow a leader. (A shepherd!) Sheep will run when frightened. (They sense danger.) Are we good sheep of the Good Shepherd? Our we faithful to our flock, the Catholic Church and its teachings? Our Good Shepherd guards us from the evil one. Do we fun from temptation? How do we respond to our Good Shepherd? Do we, in turn bring others into our flock, the Catholic Church?

En un viaje a Irlanda, visitamos a un verdadero pastor de ovejas. Nos dijo que las ovejas tienen un fuerte instinto de rebaño. (Permanecen juntas). Permanecen en un mismo rebaño de por vida. (Se conocen instintivamente). Conocemos a Jesús como nuestro Buen Pastor. Él nos acepta como un regalo de nuestro Padre. Jesús nos conoce mejor que nosotros mismos. Nos rescató y nos da una nueva vida. Nos protege del maligno. Jesús nunca nos abandonará. Somos las ovejas de su rebaño. Las ovejas seguirán a un líder. (¡Un pastor!) Las ovejas correrán cuando tengan miedo. (Perciben el peligro). ¿Somos buenas ovejas del Buen Pastor? ¿Somos fieles a nuestro rebaño, la Iglesia Católica y sus enseñanzas? Nuestro Buen Pastor nos protege del maligno. ¿Respetamos la tentación? ¿Cómo respondemos a nuestro Buen Pastor? ¿Atraemos a otros a nuestro rebaño, la Iglesia Católica?

PRAY FOR...

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

MILITARY

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