

June 1, 2025
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please see inside for IMPORTANT information regarding online giving!
- *Mire dentro del boletín para información IMPORTANTE de donaciones en línea.*
- Registration open for children and youth formation and sacramental prep for 2025-2026. See inside for details.
- *Inscripciones abiertas para la formación de niños y jóvenes y la preparación sacramental para el curso 2025-2026. Consulte el interior del boletín para más detalles.*
- The new ramp at the back door of the rectory is ready to be used! Please use it if you need or prefer a handicap accessible entrance for the parish office.
- *¡La nueva rampa en la puerta trasera de la rectoría ya está lista! Úsela si necesita o prefiere una entrada accesible para personas con discapacidad a la oficina parroquial.*
- MCC vouchers for the 2025-2026 academic year are available in the narthex.
- *El bono escolar para MCC para el año académico 2025-2026 está disponible 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
Handicap entrance at back porch.

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NEW PARISHIONERS
Please welcome Rueben and Rebecca Llano and their children Peter, Krystianna, and Evelyn, and Jose and Lindsay and their children Joseph and Josselyn.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ÚLTIMO PRIMER JUEVES EL JUEVES 5 DE JUNIO

El jueves 5 de junio es el último Primer Jueves con formación y hora santa. Habrá una comida también. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial antes del martes 3 de junio para que tengamos una idea de cuántas personas van a asistir.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our sendoff gathering for Fr. Kyle will be Sunday, June 29th, at 6:00pm at the rectory lawn. Join us for gorditas, ice cream, beer, and other beverages as we bid farewell to Father and thank him for all he has done for our parish these past few years by God's good grace. Please be with us this day to pray and celebrate Fr. Kyle off to his new assignment!

ATTENTION ALL WHO GIVE THEIR PARISH OFFERING ONLINE

Recently, we began asking everyone to update their personal information in "Flocknote" our new parish family registration system.

As a next step in adopting this new platform for all of our parish registration needs, we will also be merging all giving information and online giving capabilities into Flocknote as well, since this platform can handle all these needs for us.

What you need to do:

1. Go to our new secure online giving page through Flocknote to set up a recurring offering **here**:

<https://stmaryoftheimmaculateco4.flocknote.com/give>

Or scan the QR code at the right. →



2. Then, go to our current online giving page and cancel

your former gift **here**:

https://www.osvhub.com/stmarysmuskegon/sign_in



Or scan the QR code at the left.



3. That's it! If you need help you can either call the office, or visit our website, as we'll have a page set up there under "Parish News and Events" with clickable links to guide you. **Deadline: July 1st, 2025** (this is the date we will begin exclusively using the new giving site.)

AROUND THE PARISH

SIGN UP NOW FOR 2025-2026 FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Registration is now open for children and youth formation and sacramental preparation. The deadline to register is August 15. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept late registrations. You can register your child(ren) by scanning the QR code or via our website (link below.)

<https://stmarysmuskegon.org/2024/06/05/2024-2025-faith-formation-sacramental-preparation-registration-now-open/>

REGÍSTRESE AHORA PARA LA FORMACIÓN Y PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL 2025-2026

Ya está abierta la inscripción para la formación y preparación sacramental de niños y jóvenes. La fecha límite para registrarse es el 15 de agosto. Lamentablemente, no se aceptarán inscripciones tardías. Puede inscribir a sus hijos escaneando el código QR o a través de nuestra página web (link abajo).

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC:

THE CHURCH'S OLDEST LATIN EUCHARISTIC HYMN

We've been signing a special hymn over the past few Sundays called "Sancti Venite." It's the Church's oldest Latin Eucharistic hymn, found in an Irish manuscript dating to the year 695AD (approximately). There's something magnificent about singing the same hymn Irish monks sang 1,330 years ago, and I wanted to let you see the original with your own eyes, even though our bulletin can only print in black & white:

Lege praeceptum
immolari hostiam
aqua ad umbram
et tunc divina mysteria

5. *Lege praeceptum
immolari hostias,
qua adumbrantur
divina mysteria.*

5. For victims to be sacrificed
is a command in the Law,
through which the divine
mysteries are foreshadowed.

Poetic translation by Rev'd Father Adrian Fortescue
found on page 464 in the *Saint Jean de Brébeuf Hymnal*:

5. God to our fathers | ordered sacrifice of old;
So he in symbols | Christ the victim true foretold.

You can see the original (far left), followed by a transcription of the Latin words (center), followed by a literal English translation. Underneath, I included the poetic "singable" version. That specific verse refers to **TYPES** ... but what are those? Basically, they're items in the Old Testament which "prefigure" the new Covenant. For instance, in Genesis 22, the Bible says Isaac carried wood on his back up a mountain for a special sacrifice. I won't insult your intelligence by telling you what that foreshadows!

The Mass on 22 June will contain the powerful SEQUENCE ("Lauda Syon"), written by Saint Thomas Aquinas. If you want to understand **TYPES**, please do read it. Consider this verse: "Vetustatem novitas, Umbram fugat veritas, Noctem lux eliminat." Translated to English: *The new displaces the old, reality the shadow, and light the darkness.* Saint Thomas Aquinas is speaking of types of the Holy Eucharist. Indeed, towards the end, he writes: "In figuris praesignatur, Cum Isaac immolatur, Agnus Paschae deputatur, Datur manna patribus." In English, that means: *It was prefigured in type when Isaac was brought as an offering, when a lamb was appointed for the Pasch, and when manna was given to the Jews of old.*

To be continued.

AROUND THE PARISH, CONT.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saint Mary's will be home to a remarkable conference this summer! Musicians from all over the world will descend upon Muskegon to study authentic sacred music, which Vatican II declared (on 4 Dec. 1963) to be "a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art." ***The participants will provide special music for the 10:00am Mass on 29 June 2025, which will be the final 10:00am Mass Father Kyle Kilpatrick will offer here at Saint Mary's—before moving on to his new assignment.*** We hope you will consider placing this on your calendar and cordially invite you (in a special way) to support this conference by your presence at the 10:00am Mass on 29 June.

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.

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

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| Monday, June 2 | 12:10pm | Intentions of the Germano family |
| | 6:00pm | Fr. Michael's Mass of Thanksgiving |
| Wednesday, June 4 | 6:15pm | †Angelica Fuentes |
| Thursday, June 5 | 12:10pm | Intentions of Karen Surmont |
| Friday, June 6 | 12:10pm | †Richard Gardner |
| Saturday, June 7 | 4:00pm | †Valerie Langley |
| Sunday, June 8 | 10:00am | †Richard Gardner |
| | 12:00pm | †Juanita Ramirez, Ana & Santiago Marin |
| | 5:00pm | People of our parish |

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ENCOUNTERING THE SAINTS OF DIVINE MERCY IN POLAND

November 3 – 11, 202

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 or <https://www.206tours.com/cms/grdiocese/poland/>.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Nurture your Sacrament of Marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held June 16-18 (midweek) at Center for Ministry in Saginaw, Aug. 1-3 and Oct. 3-5 at Augustine Center in Petoskey, and Nov. 21-23 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit. Apply today at wwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more information.

SERRA SPEAKER SERIES

Please join the Serra Club of Greater Muskegon on Tuesday, June 10th when the Very Reverend Colin Mulhall, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Grand Rapids will speak on the topic, "The Role of Vicar General and My Personal Journey to the Priesthood." This event will be held at Old Hennessy's, evening starts at 5:30pm with a social hour, a light meal and beverages. Talk will begin at approximately 7:00 pm. The event is free of charge, but please RSVP (so we order the right amount of food) by calling or texting Tom Zmolek at (231) 740-0044.

EVANGELIZATION CLIP BY DEACON JIM SCHILTZ

The Acts of the Apostles was written by the Apostle John. Luke wrote one of the four Gospels. Today's reading from Acts and Luke each challenge us with Jesus' words, spoken to His disciples, then and of us. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you." And, "You are My witnesses." Jesus rescued us with His passion and death on the Cross. He gives us hope for eternal life with His Resurrection. We have faith. Our response is to be witnesses to family and friends of Jesus' life and teachings. We witness though the power of the Holy Spirit that come upon us in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Jesus calls and empowers us to witness. So, do it!

Los Hechos de los Apóstoles fueron escritos por el apóstol Juan. Lucas escribió uno de los cuatro Evangelios. Las lecturas de hoy, tanto de los Hechos como de Lucas, nos interpelan con las palabras de Jesús, dirigidas a sus discípulos, y dirigidas a nosotros: «Recibirán poder cuando el Espíritu Santo venga sobre ustedes». Y: «Ustedes son mis testigos». Jesús nos rescató con su pasión y muerte en la cruz. Nos da esperanza de vida eterna con su Resurrección. Tenemos fe. Nuestra respuesta es dar testimonio de la vida y las enseñanzas de Jesús a nuestros familiares y amigos. Damos testimonio mediante el poder del Espíritu Santo que viene sobre nosotros en el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Jesús nos llama y nos capacita para dar testimonio. ¡Así que, háganlo!

PRAY FOR...

Isela Salazar – Jeffrey and Beth Bloom – Jim Koczur – Aliyah Droblyn – William Mikesell – Mike Gallavin
Jen Perez

MILITARY

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