



## MASS

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am

Tuesday: 7:00pm Wednesday - Friday: 8:30am

Sunday Mass available for viewing starting Sunday at 8:30am onward: stmichaelgl.org/video

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: Following 4:30pm liturgy By appointment: Contact the parish office

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-4:00pm *Closed for lunch noon – 1:00pm* **Fri 8:30am-noon (thru 8/19)** 

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## SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

18TH SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time

**TODAY:** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Luke 12:13-21

NEXT SUNDAY: Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

To view readings for the day: www.usccb.org/bible/readings

# IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.



## MISSION

We, the members of St. Michael Parish, are disciples of Jesus Christ. We are a welcoming community in the greater Grand Ledge area, belonging to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we nurture our faith and life-long formation through Word and Sacrament. We grow in holiness by faith-sharing, prayer, worship, stewardship, and service. We live by the Gospel, sharing our faith through witness and compassion. We resolve to reach beyond ourselves, dedicated to the spiritual enrichment and needs of each other, our neighbors and the world.

## SACRAMENTS

#### EUCHARIST AND MASS

The source and summit of the life of the Catholic. For those interested in preparing to receive the sacrament, please contact Megan Drake, our Coordinator of Child and Family Ministry.

#### BAPTISM

The gateway to the Christian life. For inquiries about Infant Baptism or the baptism of young children, please contact the parish office. For teens, and adults, please contact Laura Castner, our Director of Adult Faith Formation.

#### CONFIRMATION

The deepening of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives. If you, or your son or daughter, are interested in receiving this sacrament, please contact Cary Anderson, our Coordinator of Youth Ministry.

#### RECONCILIATION

Everyone needs the mercy of God. Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday after the 4:30pm liturgy. Additional special times are scheduled during Advent and Lent. Appointments can also be made by calling the parish office.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

"Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the church, and let the priests pray over them anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord," James 5:14. To receive the sacrament of the sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office or Fr. Jim.

#### MARRIAGE

*"The Two Became One,"* Mark 10:8. If you are interested in beginning marriage preparation, please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with Fr. Jim.



Thank you for all the well wishes and gifts for my retirement. I will see you all in church! -Carol Westen

## FROM FATHER JIM EISELE DEAR PARISHIONERS

We announced in the bulletin two weeks ago that Jim Hamilton, our Maintenance Supervisor will be retiring on July 29, now that day has come. You are invited to a reception after each of our Masses this weekend, as we thank him for 30 years of dedicated service to our staff, parishioners, students, families, and all who have entered our buildings and walked our grounds.

Father Joe Campbell who spent time with us as a seminarian and is now chaplain at Lansing Catholic will be at our 4:30pm Saturday Mass next weekend. Father Bob Irish will be with us at our 8:30am Sunday Mass and Father Doug Osborn will be at our 11:00am Sunday Mass.

Have a great week!

## **Priesthood Discernment Dinner**

Join us on **Sunday, August 21** at St Francis Retreat Center-Bethany House to learn about the vocation of priesthood, seminary life, and how to discern your calling in life. There will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop, diocesan priests and seminarians, as well as a Q&A session, time for prayer, and a delicious BBQ dinner! This event is open to men who are entering their junior year in high school this fall and older, and who are open to God's call in their lives.

Meet and Greet starts at 3:00pm, concluding around 6:00pm. To register for this event, please talk with Father Jim.

FUNFEST RAFFLE July 24th \$100 Early Bird Winner Congratulations, Larry Feldpausch!

Thank you for your support of our FunFest raffle!

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Are you or someone you know celebrating a significant wedding anniversary: 1, 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50+ years of marriage? If so, please contact the parish office and we will send you an invitation to attend Mass with Bishop Boyea and couples from around the diocese on Saturday, September 24th at 4:30pm at St. Thomas Aquinas. If you celebrated a milestone anniversary during 2020 or 2021 you are welcome to attend as well. The diocese is grateful for your witness and would like to particularly honor you on this momentous occasion.

## **Capital Improvement Fund**

**COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** • Four times per year (February, May, August and November) a collection is taken via the envelopes included in your packets and/or on our Online Giving site for the Capital Improvement Fund. This fund helps us to complete general maintenance and improvements to our facilities and grounds.



News • Mark your calendars, tell your friends and family, and bring your neighbors! See the

schedule of events included in the bulletin this week. You can also visit our website at stmichaelgl.org/funfest-1 to find information on all the exciting happenings. We are updating the site as event details are finalized, so make sure to check in often to stay up to date.

Auction • We are in need of donated items to put in the Live or Silent Auction! Especially popular are sports or movie tickets, vacation property rentals, or gift cards to local restaurants. If you have a donation you could offer, please complete the Donation Form which can be found on the FunFest website or by contacting our Tracey at 517-204-4532 or tjeglabrooks@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

**Yard Signs** • Now available in the back of church. Please consider taking one to help spread the word.

#### **Upcoming Service Opportunities**

All are welcome to participate in either or both of our upcoming parish service projects! If you are interested, please contact Laura Castner at the parish office or email lauracastner@stmichaelgl.org at least one week before the event.

■<u>August 13</u>, 8:00 – 11:00am, Mobile Food Distribution Site through the Greater Lansing Foodbank ■ We return to Olivet Baptist Church in South Lansing for a mobile food distribution. But this time it will be a bit warmer than our January project! We'll load food, as directed, into cars as they come through for their pickup.

•September 17, 9:00 – 11:00am, Gardening/Yard Cleanup at Ronald McDonald House • Although Ronald McDonald House is not yet allowing volunteers to come in to prepare meals as we've done in the past, we can support them by helping clean up and maintain their outside space.

As with most of our projects, the amount of work they have prepared for us to do is somewhat driven by how many people we have, so please RSVP if you plan to come.

## MATTHEW 25 INITIATIVE

Caring for the poor is part of the mission of St. Michael Parish. One way to make a sign of our commitment to the least of our sisters & brothers is by contributing to charities which serve them in their need.

#### THIS WEEKEND

5% of our offertory collection and any gifts received in Matthew 25 envelopes will go to:

#### ■ charity: water

http://www.charitywater.org/

#### NEXT WEEKEND

On August 7, our designated charity will be:

#### Orphan Grain Train

PO Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702 402-371-7393

www.ogt.org

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. OGT volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs.

### WEEKLY FINANCIALS

Fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

#### July 24 =

Actual Weekly Budget:	\$20,280
Offertory:	\$10,630
Electronic Contributions:	\$11,645
Weekly Budget to Date:	-\$11,019

#### **MATTHEW 25 CHARITY:**

Diocese of Trivandrum - India

5% of Offertory	\$849
Direct Charity Contributions	<u>\$3,701</u>
	\$4,550



Remember to patronize all of our sponsors and thank them for advertising in our bulletin. They make the bulletin possible at no cost to our parish.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

## MON • AUG01 St. Alphonsus Liguori

**TUE - AUG02** St. Eusebisus, St. Peter Julian Eymard**7:00pm**Mass for Ellis Family by Rose Sierawski8:00pmAlcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall

## WED - AUG03

8:30am Mass for <sup>⊕</sup>Joan Alspaugh by Daniel Alspaugh
12:00pm Seniors Luncheon - Fellowship Hall
2:00pm Book Club - Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Fall Adult Faith Planning Mtg - Siena Room

## THU • AUG04 St. John Vianney

8:30am Mass for ⊕Rosemary T. and Richard Pung by Family

## FRI • AUG05

8:30am Mass for **⊕Aleta Bauer** by Fr. Jim Eisele Followed by Adoration

## SAT - AUG06

4:30pm Mass for People of the Parish

## SUN - AUG07 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Mass for Bill and Pauline Westen, wedding anniv. by Family 11:00am Mass for #Allison Padamachar by Family

## 11:00am Mass for **Allison Rademacher** by Family

## SAVE THE DATE

AUG26-27Parish FunFestSEPT25-27Parish Mission with Sheri Wohlfert

## **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

For information on article submission and due dates please see stmichaelgl.org/bulletins-1



hot dogs (100% beef), beans, potato salad, and mystery desert for a \$5 donation. Join us to celebrate and to give thanks to God for all the life-giving sun and fun we enjoy. Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday, August 15.



**Annual Family Pool Party** hosted by Dave and Cindy Zerbe at 9178 Clark Rd, GL, on Sunday, July 31 at 2:00pm. Please bring a dish to share, lawn chairs, your swim suits, and towels. The Knights will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages. All are welcome! Please

RSVP to dazgolf@yahoo.com by Thursday, July 28.



#### Hit a Grand Slam for Vocations Night Friday, August 5 at 7:00pm

The 22nd annual Knights

of Columbus Family Night for Vocations is back this year! Join hundreds of Catholics from throughout the Diocese of Lansing, as well as our seminarians and local religious sisters for an evening of baseball, familyfriendly events, and fireworks!

As in the past, tickets are free for St. Michael altar servers, youth readers, and youth eucharistic ministers with an adult accompanying them. Tickets are just \$13 each! Support vocations by reserving your tickets. Contact Jason Birchmeier at birch5050@gmail.com. Knights will be sellling tickets after each of the Masses this week.



## Musically in Christ -with Patrick

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Carol Westen for her many years of service as our Music Coordinator. Even though I have only been here since last November, she has been wonderful in helping me get acclimated to our parish. While Carol will no longer serve as our Music Coordinator, she continues to be a parishioner and looks forward to spending more time with her family which includes a new grandson born earlier this month. Congratulations!

Is God calling you to serve our parish in Music Ministry? Do you have the ability to sing or play an instrument? Consider sharing your musical talents with the 11:00am Choir this upcoming season. We will be having a Choir Kick-off on Thursday, September 1 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Church. Please share your interest and RSVP to me at patrickpaddock@stmichaelgl.org by Thursday, August 18. I look forward to hearing from you and your participation in Music Ministry this fall!

## **ST. MICHAEL IS HIRING!**

**Preschool Director/Lead Teacher** • We are looking for a faith-filled person who is outstanding, energetic, dedicated, collegial, and talented who will be responsible for developing and implementing the preschool program for children, families and staff. Candidate must possess an associate's degree or higher in early childhood education or child development, must pass a criminal background check with fingerprints and complete the Protecting God's Children program.

Possession of a bachelor's degree in early childhood with a ZA or ZS endorsement and certified to teach the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is strongly preferred. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic who is committed to fostering a child's relationship with God while promoting academic excellence in a 21st Century classroom. In addition, candidate must possess effective communication skills, solid classroom management skills, a willingness to work as a part of a team, and the ability to use technology in a classroom setting.

**Second Grade Teacher** • We are looking for a faith-filled person who is outstanding, energetic, dedicated, collegial, and talented who will be responsible for all grade level core subjects and religion instruction including sacramental preparation. Candidate must have a bachelor's degree in elementary education from an accredited university, a valid State of Michigan teaching certificate, pass a criminal background check with fingerprints and complete Protecting God's Children program.

Teaching experience in elementary grade levels, an early childhood endorsement and training with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is strongly preferred. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic who is committed to fostering a child's relationship with God while promoting academic excellence in a 21st Century classroom. In addition, candidate must possess strong communication skills, solid classroom management skills, a willingness to work as a part of a team, and the ability to use technology in a classroom setting.

**Third Grade Teacher** • We are looking for a faith-filled person who is outstanding, energetic, dedicated, collegial, and talented who will be responsible for all grade level core subjects and religion instruction including sacramental preparation. Candidate must have a bachelor's degree in elementary education from an accredited university, a valid State of Michigan teaching certificate, pass a criminal background check with fingerprints and complete Protecting God's Children program.

Teaching experience in elementary grade levels, an early childhood endorsement and training with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is strongly preferred but not required. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic who is committed to fostering a child's relationship with God while promoting academic excellence in a 21st Century classroom. In addition, candidate must possess strong communication skills, solid classroom management skills, a willingness to work as a part of a team , and the ability to use technology in a classroom setting.

Qualified candidates for teaching positions should submit a cover letter, resume, college credentials, at least three letters of recommendation and a copy of teaching certificate to Nathan Sweet at nathansweet@stmichaelgl.org.

**Full-Time Maintenance Director** • We are accepting applications for a Full-Time Maintenance Director. Reporting to the Business Manager, the Maintenance Director is responsible to provide routine and preventative maintenance on all parish equipment, buildings, grounds, and vehicles while ensuring safety to all persons, including staff and visitors. May be responsible to perform routine custodial duties, snow removal and lawn care. The director of maintenance supervises the custodial and maintenance personnel and third party onsite vendors. Candidate must pass a criminal background check with fingerprints. Benefit package available. Qualified candidates are asked to please submit the online application and attach a cover letter and resume. Visit school.stmichaelgl.org/employment for a job description. Apply at https://tinyurl.com/5xe8rm4s.



**REMAINING SUMMER SCHEDULE** • All 7-12th graders meet together. We will start the evenings in the Siena Room (youth room) unless otherwise noted. For questions or to sign up for updates, email caryanderson@ stmichaelgl.org

- Tuesday August 9, 6:00-9:30pm (Kayaking gathering off site)
- Tuesday August 23, 6:30-8:30pm (Mass and Adoration)



#### Pack 645 Year In Review

The Grand Ledge Cub Scout Pack is chartered by St. Michael Church and has been the Charter Organization for over 30yrs. During the 2021-2022 Scouting season, our Cub Scouts (grades K through 5th) grew from 15 Scouts (2020-2021) to over 30! Since October, they have toured the GL Fire Department, raised over \$1,700 and did a "Stuff A Police Car" w/ food donations for GLFB, visited the Woldumar Nature Center, had the annual Pinewood Derby, and the annual campout at Optimist Youth Park in Charlotte, MI. Of the 32 Cub Scouts, three of them "crossed over" (i.e. 5th graders that graduate out of Cub Scouts into Boy Scouts) into the BSA Scout Troop 645 which is also chartered by St. Michael Church and is for Scouts ages 6th to 12th grade. Of those that crossed over was Elsa Korte, who was our FIRST female scout to join Pack 645 when girls were allowed to participate in Scouting starting in February of 2018.



## **Second Marriage?**

There is a new marriage preparation requirement for couples entering into a second union whether following death of previous spouse, or a previous nulled marriage. Typical marriage education programs and ministries are not sufficient for couples entering into blended family marriages. Since marriage in a stepfamily is a "package" deal", you must minister to both the couple and "the package". This requires addressing dynamics related to ex-spouses and co-parenting, loss, stepparenting, spiritual shame, finances, and the expectations of both children and adults--just to name a few". To do anything less is grossly inadequate to prevent divorce. The Smart Stepfamilies program, created by author, therapist, and blended family expert Ron L. Deal, brings together these different aspects a stepfamily will encounter, in order to empower blended family couples and their extended family for successful family living.

The Remarriage Retreat is a way for couples to come together in a non-threatening setting to learn about the challenges that will be experienced, as well as children entering into a stepfamily. It is also an opportunity for a couple to, possibly for the first time, begin to focus on previously previously unknown information or undiscussed topics that will bring challenges and begin the process of sharing with each other how this will be addressed within their new family dynamic.

All the facilitators have journeyed through the trials and blessings of living in their own blended family and are willing to share their stories and help with the questions the attending couples may have. The next retreat will take place the weekend of October 29 at St. Francis **Retreat Center**. To learn more go to: https:// www.stfrancis.ws/retreats.



next school year. Families who host international students are also provided with a monthly stipend. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Lorrie at lorries17@yahoo.com or 517-303-9671.



"988" is the new three-digit, nationwide phone number to connect directly to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.





St. Mary's Parish is pleased to announce that we will be offering sessions which bring hope and healing to

anyone who has experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce will help you work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce, gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences. The program will help you to navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later.

Mondays starting September 12 - December 12 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Parish Library at St. Mary, Westphalia (No meeting on November 21nd for Thanksgiving)

The program fee is \$20 to cover the cost of the Personal Guide. To register please go to https://goo.gl/forms/ kITjVnkMxEv0mtAI3 or contact St. Mary's Parish at 989-587-4211 by September 2.



The Diocese of Lansing Outreach Mass is broadcast every Sunday on Lansing WLAJ ABC-3 at 6:00am and 10:00am.

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