

Catholic MUSKEGON PAGE

Christmas Eve & Day Masses

Sunday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart
4:00 p.m. St. Mary Children Mass
4:00 p.m. St. Michael
4:00 p.m. St. Thomas
5:00 p.m. Prince of Peace
5:00 p.m. St. Francis de Sales
6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Grace
6:30 p.m. St. Mary (Spanish)
8:00 p.m. Prince of Peace

please note: St. Mary will not have a 5 p.m. Mass to fulfill the 4th Sunday of Advent obligation

Monday, December 25

12 Midnight at St. Mary
8:30 a.m. St. Mary of the Woods
9:00 a.m. Our Lady of Grace
9:00 a.m. St. Michael
9:00 a.m. St. Thomas
10:30 a.m. Prince of Peace
10:30 a.m. St. Mary
11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart
11:00 a.m. St. Francis de Sales
12:30 p.m. St. Mary (Spanish)

•**Are you looking for a faith based Grief Support Group this Advent or Christmas?** If so, join us at St. Francis on Monday's at 10 AM. Please register with Suzanne Miller or Rebecca Chicklon at (231) 755-1953.

•**Survivor of Suicide meeting** is held at Patrick Church in Grand Haven on the 1st & 3rd Thursday or every month at 7 p.m. in the Family Center and at St. Michael in Muskegon on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the school building.

•**KELLY CATHOLIC CENTER** has many gifts with religious meaning for your Christmas giving at the lowest prices. Advent wreaths & candles, Nativity sets, Christmas cards, jewelry, stocking stuffers and more. Come visit M-F 10 AM—6 PM.

•**Eucharistic Ministers are needed for ministry at Mercy and Hackley hospital campus.** Contact Volunteer Services 728-4711 to get the details of how to become a ministry volunteer. *Please prayerfully consider this ministry.*

•**Rachel's Vineyard** weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. Designed for women and men, the retreat process is an opportunity to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt & grief. It is a specific process to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God and grieve the loss of your unborn child or children. For more information, call 1-800-800-8284 or mwalsh@ccwestmi.org

BISHOP DAVID J. WALKOWIAK ASKS US TO

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS



We especially pray for:

David J. Sacha
St. John Vianney Seminary
2115 Summit Ave..
St. Paul, MN 55105

Loving God,
Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians of our Diocese who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us to encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for Advent

Lord God,
Only you can see into my heart and know that under all the busy-ness of my life, there is a deep longing to make this Advent one that welcomes you more deeply into my own life.

My heart desires the warmth of your love and my mind searches for your Light in the midst of the darkness. Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent and to give special love to those who disagree with me. Give me strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt me. Help me to free my heart from the prison of my anger and hurt. Amen.

Taken from www.onlineministries.creighton.edu

Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM) (231)726-5341 or www.ccwestmi.org

•**Meijer Simply Give Holiday Campaign is back!** The holiday campaign runs November 5—December 30 with double match days December 8/9. Help us fill our food pantry and purchase a \$10 Meijer Simply Give Card at Norton Shores, Meijer and our local food pantry will benefit.

•**Baby Pantry is in URGENT need of winter clothes (new or gently used) for boys and girls size 5-8, sock, shoes and boots.** We can also use children's books, baby wash, baby lotion, wipes, diapers LARGE SIZES 4-6, pull ups all sizes, new or gently used clothing 2T-6T, socks, underwear, baby food all stages, baby formula. There is a waiting list for potty chairs and toddler beds. **Please note: We cannot accept adult clothing or Baby/Toddler car seats.**

December 10, 2017 ~ Second Sunday of Advent ~ A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Why is so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

•**Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend.** Are you looking for a way to strengthen your marriage? Join us at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt on December 8-10. For more information, visit www.wwme.org or call Andrew & Alaina at (734)531-9191.

•**Cherish Marriage** event is coming to our diocese on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 6-10 pm at Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids. Couples will enjoy an evening of dinner, inspiration and dancing to strengthen their marriage. Details can be found on Facebook (Cherish Marriage) or www.cherishmarriage.net

•**Day of Reflection for Men with Fr. Phil Shangraw** on Saturday, Jan. 6 from 9 AM—3 PM at Maranatha Conference Center (4579 Lake Harbor Rd). Begin a new year with this mini retreat with other men from the Diocese. Be enriched by the Eucharist, Fr. Phil Shangraw's reflection on "Be a Wise Man" and time in conversation with other men. There will also be time for personal prayer and reflection. *Register with Mellan by December 29 at (616) 842-0001 x120*

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(231) 755-2201 or www.muskegoncatholic.org

•**Green & Gold Club Athletic Club 2018 50/50 Monthly Raffle:** Proceeds are used to support Muskegon Catholic Central School Athletics. You may purchase any number of raffle tickets with the form and enclose \$12 for a years worth of tickets for each name listed on the form. Make checks payable to *Green & Gold Athletic Club*. Mail form and money to MCC Green & Gold Club, 1145 W. Laketon Ave., Muskegon, 49441. Last year the Club funded the following projects: Facility improvements, baseball fence upgrade, football sign updated, sponsor of the weekly coaches show at Knights of Columbus, travel expenses for post season games as well as uniforms for football, girls basketball, girls volleyball, and girls tennis.
Thank you and God Bless from the Green & Gold Club!