



Catholic MUSKEGON PAGE

BISHOP DAVID J. WALKOWIAK ASKS US TO PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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.



We especially pray for:
Max Farrell
St. John Vianney Seminary
2115 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

- **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.*
- **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Muskegon Catholic Central National Honor Society is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, December 1 from 8:30 a.m.—2:15 p.m. in the school gym. If you want to schedule an appointment, call 755-2201 x327 at www.redcrossblood.org. *Walk-ins welcome*
- **St. Francis Advent by Candlelight** is coming December 8 from 7-9 PM in the McCabe Center Wilma Hall (*old school building*) with guest speaker Sheri Wolfert. Advent by Candlelight is a special evening for women of all ages to become renewed and refreshed before the Christmas rush begins. This is an opportunity to relax and refocus on the season of Advent ~ a wonderful time of waiting and anticipation. RSVP to Rebecca Chicklon, Faith Formation Director 755-1953 x223 or email rchicklon@stfrancisns.org
- **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

Muskegon Catholic Central Faith.Moving.Forward (231) 755-2201 or www.muskegoncatholic.org

- **Several job opportunities are open at Muskegon Catholic Central.** Visit their website under 'about us ~ employment'
- **#GivingTuesday, November 28.** Support MCC on this global day of giving fueled by social media and collaboration.
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The Diocese of Grand Rapids' Office of Communication relays the following statement in response to the shooting at Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas:

Bishop Walkowiak is saddened by the news of this senseless shooting that occurred at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX. As cardinal Daniele N. DiNardo, of Galveston-Houston, president of the USCCZB said:
"Earlier today, we heard of the mass shooting at the Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, TX. With Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, I extend my prayers and the prayers of my brother bishops for the victims, the families, the first responders, our Baptist brothers and sisters, indeed the whole community of Sutherland Springs. We stand in unity with you in this time of terrible tragedy — as you stand on holy ground, ground marred today by horrific violence. We ask the Lord for healing of those injured, His loving ear for those who have died and the consolation of their families. This incomprehensibly tragic events joins an ever-growing list of mass shootings, some of which were also at Churches while people were worshipping and at prayer. We must come to the firm determination that there is a fundamental problem in our society. A Culture of Life cannot tolerate, and must prevent, senseless gun violence in all its forms. May the Lord, whom Himself is peace, send us His Spirit of charity and nonviolence to nurture His peace among us all."

Catholic Charities West Michigan (CCWM) (231)726-5341 or www.cwestmi.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. To learn more, call CCWM or check with your parish representative.
- **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.

November 19, 2017 ~ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has 'entrusted' our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

•**All are invited to The Matthew Meal ~ a Free Community Dinner** on Wednesday, December 6 from 5-6:15 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (3225 Roosevelt Rd). Bring your family and friends!

•**Muskegon Rescue Mission is collecting hats and mittens for all ages, all sizes and varieties** to share the warmth for those we serve in our Community. If you would like to make a donation, please call Jen Wagenmaker (231)727-6085 x1325.

•**Every Women's Place News:** If you or your family would like to '*adopt a family*' or make a donation this Christmas, please contact Melissa Bushen at Every Women's Place (231) 759-7909 x234 for more information.

•**Muskegon Area Diabetes Education Support (DES)** for an informed and healthy future for people with diabetes in our local West Michigan Communities. If you or someone you know has diabetes, check out the website for lots of information at www.diabeteseducationsupport.com

•**Community Foundation for Muskegon County awards over \$600,000 in new scholarships every year to Muskegon area students.** If you're a high school or homeschooled senior, current college student, early college senior or someone entering college after a break, the Foundation may have a scholarship for YOU! The Foundation also has a number of scholarships for technical or trade school too. *The application for 2018 scholarship is OPEN!* More information and online application can be found at www.cffmc.org/scholarships. ***Deadline to apply is February 15, 2018.***