

Catholic MUSKEGON PAGE

Immaculate Conception Holy Day Masses

Thursday, December 7 Vigil

5:00 p.m. St. Francis
6:00 p.m. St. Thomas
6:30 p.m. St. Mary (Spanish)

Friday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Prince of Peace
8:00 a.m. Sacred Heart
9:30 a.m. Muskegon Catholic Central
12:10 p.m. St. Mary
12:15 p.m. St. Michael
6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Grace
7:00 p.m. Prince of Peace

•**St. Mary/OLG Youth Group Christmas Tree Sales** (in cooperation with the KofC Holy Rosary Council #13579). Please support our Youth Group by purchasing beautiful 6' - 8' Fraser Fir Christmas Tree. (*Suggested donations \$35*) Trees will be blessed by Fr. Matt! All proceeds will support the students attending the 2018 March for Life in Washington, DC. Come to St. Mary parking lot on Saturday, November 26 from Noon—8 PM or Sunday, Nov. 26 from 2—8 PM. Keep Christ in Christmas cards, yard signs, magnets and pins also available.

•**St. Francis Advent by Candlelight:** An evening for Woman will be held at St. Francis on Friday, December 8 from 7-9 p.m. The guest speaker is Sheri Wolfert, a motivational humorist who combines laughter and her love of God into presentations that leave the audience thinking, praying and finding God's fingerprints in all corners of life. Sheri's presentation will be "Lights, Tinsel, Gift Wrap and a Newborn King" using Advent as a time to prepare for a Savior, not just a holiday. Space is limited so reserve your table or seat today with Rebecca Chicklon, Faith Formation Director 755-1953 x223 or email rchicklon@stfrancisns.org

•**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.

•Don't forget **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. Visit our store at 2100 Henry Street 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.*

BISHOP DAVID J. WALKOWIAK ASKS US TO

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS



We especially pray for:

Daniel R. Orris, Jr.

St. Mary of the Lake
Mundelein Seminary
1000 East Maple Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60060

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.

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'
- Green & Gold Club 50/50 winner for November** was Larry Bluhm \$908; seller Cathi Holt. If you'd like to be a part of this yearly drawing, call the school to learn more.



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 3, 2017 ~ First Sunday of Advent ~ A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us to "Be Watchful". This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. "Be Watchful", the Lord is already with you.

•**Change a Life, Shop “Gifts for Change”** is a fair trade sale that will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3 from 9 am—2 pm at St. Patrick family center (901 Columbus Ave, Grand Haven) Think of your purchase as two for one ~ not only do you purchase a unique gift, but you are helping to change lives at the same time. For more information, call Kathleen (616) 846-5998 or Nancy (616) 850-9531

•**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*

Catholics in Muskegon Page information: With so many outside organizations asking me to include their information in this newsletter and some not having the same values as we have as Catholics, it has been decided the only information included will be the following:

- *Muskegon Catholic Parishes*
- *Muskegon Catholic Central school*
- *Catholic Charities*
- *Diocese of Grand Rapids*

There will no longer be a section for community news, unless it is directed by a Catholic organization. I do my best to review all information before I publish and apologize for anyone who has been offended by information I have chosen to include in this page. —Kim Brush, editor