



January 7, 2018 Epiphany Sunday ~ Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

COMFORT AND GRACE MINISTRY IS A SEWING MINISTRY COMPRISED OF WOMEN FROM ALL OF THE MUSKEGON AREA PARISHES. They meet the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month at Our Lady of Grace beginning at 9:30 AM. They are welcoming new members. No sewing experience is needed as there are many jobs that are helpful. This ministry provides prayer shawls and other items to nursing homes, hospitals, homebound, CCWM and shelters. This non-profit ministry is in need of donations of yarn & materials. Donations can be dropped off at Our Lady of Grace Office (451 S. Getty St.) Monday—Thursday from 9 am—Noon and 1-5 p.m. Questions? Call 722-2803.

ST. FRANCIS MEN'S MINISTRY IS HERE JAN. 13! All men are welcome to participate in the Bible Study at 9 a.m. in McCabe Center Conference Room 2 (the old school building). You are invited to enter the biblical story of the New Testament beginning with the Gospels and working your way through the final book of Revelation. Discover God's plan of salvation running through the story and characters, both familiar and unfamiliar. A wonderful way to being New Testament studies but also a good way to look back over the journey you have already taken. To learn more, contact Rebecca Chicklon 755-1953 x223.

PERCH & SHRIMP DINNER ON FRIDAY, JAN. 24 FROM 4:30 to 7:30. Delicious hand breaded, *real wild caught*, Lake Perch Filets, Shrimp, or Combination, Choice Of Potato, Coleslaw, Dessert & Beverage. Adult Dinners \$12.50, Senior Portions \$10.50, **Take-Outs Available ~ Public Welcome!** Knights of Columbus # 706 Hall, 2915 Fairfield Street. Norton Shores.

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



We especially pray for:
Noah J. Thelen

University of
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

Green & Gold Club Athletic Club 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., 49441".**

Happy New Year from the Green & Gold Club!

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

•**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-7 **especially boys**, 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.**

•**We are still in need of regular, ongoing volunteers at the Muskegon Food Pantry on Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 am—Noon to shop, stock and unload food donations (many of our volunteers are gone during the winter months).** Please contact Holly Salas, Volunteer Coordinator at (231) 726-4735 or hsalas@ccwestmi.org.

•**Did you know ...** CCWM is an outreach ministry of the Diocese of Grand Rapids who served more than 21,000 people in the 11 counties, without regard to religion? With a wide variety of programs, this non profit agency has 275 employees which helped 4,856 children, 15,435 adults between 18-64 and 1,021 seniors age 65 and above. CCWM provides help and creates hope by offering programs that feed the hungry, counsel those who struggle, protect at risk children and offer support to strengthen families. To learn more, call today!

Mass for Life with Bishop Walkowiak will be celebrated on Monday, January 22 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Andrew (265 Sheldon Ave. SE, Grand Rapids) with a reception to follow. This date will mark the 45th Anniversary of the decision of the US Supreme Courts, Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion in the United States. This year there will be a few brief testimonies at the end of Mass pertaining to the power of prayer around the them of abortion.

Nine Days for Life: Since the Supreme Courts decision 45 years ago, more than 58 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and the lives of millions of parents have been shattered. In prayerful recognition of these lost and broken lives, the US Bishops invite us to participate in *Nine Days of Prayer (January 18-26)* at www.usccb.org.

•**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.

•**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

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