



January 6, 2019 ~ Epiphany ~ A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by ‘another way’. What in your family needs to be done ‘another way’? Do you need ‘another way’ to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn’t working and take a tip from some wise men ~ there’s always ‘another way’!

Let Our Adoration Never Cease! We will gather every first Thursday of the month at St. Michael Church (1716 Sixth St.) at 6:30 p.m. *Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to meet Him in Adoration!* All are welcome!

West Deanery Book Club: Do you like to read and discuss books that help you grow in your Catholic faith? We might be the book club for you! We meet the first Thursday of the month (September—June) at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Café. Call Mary Woodring 231-773-4829 or Sandy Elder 616-402-4581 for more information.

Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, January 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. at St. Francis. Get a fresh perspective on the life, work and meaning of the man whom Jesus entrusted His Church. *Suggested donation \$25.*

Perch & Shrimp Dinner Friday, Jan. 11 from 4:30—7:30 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall (2915 Fairfield). Real Wild caught lake perch filets, shrimp or combo, choice of potatoes, coleslaw, dessert & beverage. Adult dinners \$12.50; senior portions \$10.50. Take outs available ~ public welcome!

Why Welcome All? ~ Panel discussion on Monday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Francis Shepherds Hall. Learn why hospitality and spiritual programming are essential to civil and Christian living sponsored by the Diocese of Grand Rapids Prison and Jail Ministry. All are welcome. For more information, call (616) 475-1255 or email tworrell@dioceseofgrandrapids.org

Centering Prayer Group will meet again in February on Wednesday evening at St. Francis McCabe Center. Contemplation is a traditional form of Christian prayer rooted in Scripture. If you are experiencing a hunger for a deeper life of prayer and for a support system to help you sustain that prayer life, you are invited to join us! Keep watching for more details.

Green and Gold 2019 monthly 50/50 raffle: Proceeds are used to support Muskegon Catholic Central School athletics. You may purchase any number of raffle tickets or \$12 for a years worth of tickets. Checks payable to “Green & Gold Athletic Club”. If you want to support the Green & Gold Athletic Club, please join us for one of our MONTHLY meetings (every 3rd Monday) held at the KofC Hall (2915 Fairfield) at 6:30 p.m. Find a flyer at your Church to see the many projects we have funded in 2018.

Phone scam: The Diocese of Grand Rapids Office of Worship received a call from 947 area code asking about “St. Mary’s Prayer Center Ministry” which made a call offering prayer. *This prayer ministry is a scam and not associated with the Diocese or with an of our parishes or schools named St. Mary’s.* Please do not respond to this request for prayer.



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

Dear God, bless your Church with love. Raise up dedicated and generous leaders to serve as priests, deacons, sisters, brothers, members of secular institutes, and lay ministers. Send your spirit to strengthen them to serve your people, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



We especially pray for:
Deacon Michael J. Goodwin
University of St. Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary
1000 East Maple Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60060

A few reminders for the Month of January

9 Days for Life: Join thousands as we pray for the Respect of Human Life January 14—22, 2019. *9 Days for Life* is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to join!

March for Life 2019 will take place January 17-20

January 22 at 7 p.m. Mass with Bishop Walkowiak to mark the Day for Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children at St. Andrew Cathedral, Grand Rapids.

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

- Soup’s On For All** on Monday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the B.O.B. (20 Monroe Ave. NW Grand Rapids) Tickets \$50. Visit www.soupsonforall.org, call (616)551-5663 or by email kmaurer@ccwestmi.org. Benefiting food and pantry programs of God’s Kitchen.
- Food Pantry current needs** are peanut butter, canned meats, canned fruits, all toiletries and any non-perishable food items.
- Baby Pantry are in need of volunteers** to shop with clients and organize the baby pantry on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from **9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.** If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Holly Salas (231) 726-4735 or by email hsalas@ccwestmi.org
- Baby Pantry needs include** boys and girls winter clothes size 4T-6T, Gentle Ease Formula, all diapers especially sizes 4, 5 & 6.
We cannot accept adult clothing or Baby/Toddler car seats.

Registration is now open for our annual Cherish Marriage event on Saturday, February 2 at Frederick Meijer Gardens from 6-11 p.m. Couples will enjoy an evening of dinner, inspiration, and dancing to strengthen their marriage. Register by January 20 at cherishmarriage.net

Scholarship opportunities: Women's Division Chamber of Commerce \$1,000 scholarships are available to male & female students attending full time at Muskegon Community College or Muskegon Baker College. Submit application with official transcript postmarked by March 11, 2019. Information and application can be found at www.womensdivision.org.

Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage April 23—May 3, 2019! Join Euro Pilgrimage Tours to see some of the most religious sites in all of Italy; including Rome, Assis, Padre Pio's San Giovanni Rotondo, Loreto, Pompeii and so much more! For detailed information or to book, call Erika Piotrowski (231)720-8378 or email erikap.euro@hotmail.com. Check out this weblink for all the finest details <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/899614>

Did you know . . . St. Mary cemetery is open to all; you do not need to be catholic for burial? Call us for your burial needs and options that are available (231) 722-3956

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