



Catholic MUSKEGON PAGE

December 9, 2018 ~ Second Sunday of Advent ~ A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"

News from Kelly Catholic Center: Due to the interest in our Book Sale, we are extending the closing date for the \$1 books for sale until Christmas. We also have many gift ideas to give this Christmas season which gives the REAL meaning of Christmas! Don't forget to evangelize in this way! Stop in on Monday—Friday from 10 a.m.—6 p.m. at 2100 Henry Street.

Centering Prayer Group is practiced every Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. at St. Francis McCabe Center Conference Room 1. Beginners, seasoned practitioners and everyone in between is welcome. *Add more peace and joy to your Advent season with 'hands on' experience of the centuries-old spiritual direction of Centering Prayer!*

New Holy Hour at St. Michael Church (1716 Sixth St.) we will gather every first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. *Come to adore our Lord and Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love.* Everyone is welcome!

Green & Gold 50/50 monthly drawing winner for November was corporate sponsor—Basch Olovson. Keep watching your parish bulletin for the flyer for 2019 opportunity.

Due to a staffing shortage at the Red Cross, Muskegon Catholic Central NHS Blood Drive scheduled for December 14 has been postponed until February. If you are looking for a blood drive before Christmas visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=49441>

"Defend Christ" Rosary Rally on Saturday, December 15 starting at Noon at Seyferth Park (2250 Sherman Blvd ~ between Lincoln & McCracken). Questions? Questions? Call Kathy Tuttle 759-8793

Join us for **Psalms: the School of Prayer** beginning Thursday, January 3 from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Francis for 11 weeks. Cost is \$25 (check or cash to St. Francis) To register for the study, call 755-1953. Facilitator: Christine Amante. **All are welcome!**

St. Mary's Cemetery: Did you know...the 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.

When traveling this holiday seasons, check out these websites for Mass times. *It is always encouraged and recommended to call the parish office to verify schedules.*

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**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 Andrew M. Ayers

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



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**NATIONAL
COLLECTION
DECEMBER 9**

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

- **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 at (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 size 4, 5 and 6. ****We cannot accept adult clothing or Baby/Toddler car seats.****

To learn more about the Muskegon Pantries, call ahead to schedule a visit and see the good things happening in our community!

Come to Bethlehem and See Live, Indoor Christmas Nativity Walk at Trinity Lutheran Church (3225 Roosevelt Rd) Come and experience what it would have been like to witness the first Christmas! 50 minute tours take you to 8 scenes portrayed by actors. Come Friday, December 14 & Saturday Dec. 15 any time between 6-8:30 PM or Sunday, Dec. 16 any time between 2-4 PM.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group monthly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm at DaySpring Assisted Living (640 Lake Forest Lane). This is a safe place to learn, offer and receive helpful tips and meet others coping with dementia or Alzheimer's. All are welcome! Questions? Call Barbara 780-2229 or Laura 780-1922 to learn more.

Cherish Marriage news: Registration is now open for our annual event on Saturday, February 2 at Frederick Meijer Gardens from 6:00—11:00 p.m. Couples will enjoy an evening of dinner, inspiration, and dancing to strengthen their marriage. Register by January 20 at cherishmarriage.net

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, Assisi, 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>

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