



Catholic MUSKEGON PAGE

November 4, 2018 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 12:28b-34) ~ A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In a family, children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respect, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.

The Diocese of Grand Rapids’ Office of Communications issues the following statement from Bishop Walkowiak in response to the tragic shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

I stand in solidarity with my brother bishops of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in condemning all acts of violence and hate, and yet again calling on our nation and public officials to confront the plague of gun violence. Violence as a response to political, racial, or religious differences must be confronted with all possible effort.

No one should fear for their lives when gathering to worship. Please join me in praying for the deceased, the injured, their families, and everyone who witnessed this horrific hate crime. I ask the faithful of the Diocese of Grand Rapids to lift up our Jewish brothers and sisters in prayer in a special way.

The Diocese of Grand Rapids serves more than 191,000 Catholics, 80 parishes and 31 schools in an 11-county area of West Michigan. For additional information visit dioceseofgrandrapids.org. Connect with the diocese on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GRDiocese) (Diocese of Grand Rapids), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GRDiocese) (@GRDiocese), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/GRDiocese) (@GRDiocese)

•**Kelly Catholic Center** is having a **GIANT BOOK SALE** for the month of November! All gently used religious books are \$1 each. Stop by M-F 10 am—6 pm at 2100 Henry Street.

•**Sacred Heart Parish 100 Years Reminisce Dinners:** We will be hosting Reminisce dinners for small groups of similar age to share stories of Sacred Heart. Anyone with memories of Sacred Heart is welcome--parishioner & non-parishioner alike. Please consider joining us for lunch or dinner (no charge) and go to our website at sacredheartmuskegon.org.

•The Diocese of Grand Rapids invites parents who have experience the loss of a child before baptism to a **Mass for God’s Children** on Monday, November 12 at 7 p.m. at Cathedral of St. Andrew (301 Sheldon SE, Grand Rapids). A memorial rose and naming cards will be provided for families who have lost a child(ren). If you would like to reserve a rose and have your child(ren). A reception to follow. To RSVP or more information, please contact Afton Baker (616) 288-0908 or abaker@dioceseofgrandrapids.org by Nov 8. All are welcome including parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives and friends.

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YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6 make sure you get out and vote! The Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) and Michigan Bishops do not take a stance on candidates up for election, but they are providing guidance on the ballots proposals:

- **Proposal 1:** should recreational marijuana use and growth be legalized in the state?
- **Proposal 2:** should Michigan reform its redistricting process?
- **Proposal 3:** should voters registration and other voting processes be revised?

The Michigan Catholic Conference and Bishops urge a “NO” vote on Proposal 1. They have not taken a position on Proposals 2 & 3. Visit www.micatholic.org or www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org for more information on how to prepare to vote as a Catholic.

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.

“What do you want Me to do for you?” Could your answer be the grace of vocation to the priesthood? If so, contact Rev. Ronald Hutchinson at (616)243-0491 x1547 or visit www.grpriests.org

This week, Nov. 4-10, the Church in the United States celebrates National Vocation Awareness Week, a special time for parishes to foster a culture of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those considering one of these vocations.

Pope Francis, in his message for the 2018 World Day of Vocations, emphasized that it is at the loving initiative of God, and by his personal encounter with each of us, that one is called. God knows each of us better than we know ourselves and recognizes in each of us the sum of our talents and strengths. This means that the vocation to which God is calling each of us is the path that will not only bring us the most happiness, but also will enable us to achieve eternal friendship with Him.

Encourage a young person in your life this week to ask the question, "To what vocation in life is God calling me?" and invite them to listen for the voice of Christ in prayer. Visit www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org and www.grpriests.org to learn more.

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

- Food Pantry current needs** are peanut butter, canned meats, canned fruits, all toiletries and any non-perishable food items.
- Muskegon Food & Baby Pantry are in need of volunteers** to shop with clients in the food and/or Baby pantry on **Tuesday, Thursdays and/or Fridays from 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.** For more information, contact Holly Salas, Volunteer Coordinator 726-4735 or hsalas@ccwestmi.org
- Baby Pantry is in URGENT need of winter clothes (new or gently used) for boys and girls size 24 months—6,** socks, and boots. Other needs include: children’s books, baby wash, baby lotion, wipes, diapers LARGE SIZES 4-6, all size pull ups, baby food all stages, and baby formula. ***WE CANNOT accept adult clothing or Baby/Toddler car seats.***

•**St. Patrick/St. Anthony Art & Craft Show** (920 Fulton St., Grand Haven) on Friday, November 9 from 11 am—5 pm and Saturday, November 10 from 10 am—3 pm. Features over 50 Western Michigan Artists with unique handmade items. Lunch will be served both days from 11 am—2 pm.

•**Kids' Food Basket** currently provides sack suppers to 5 area elementary schools, feeding 1,100 students every school day. During Christmas vacation we provide the students with 'break bags'. Break bags are gallon size zip-loc bags filled with nonperishable food items to provide nutrition to the students during vacation. We are asking participating parishes to help by donating the 1 ounce size of individual raisin packs to fit in these break bags, by Dec. 2. Look for drop boxes at your parish. Contact Sue Allore 231-578-1622 for more information.

•**St. Mary's Cemetery news:** Have you made pre-need arrangements? No interest payment options available. Call us for your burial needs at (231) 722-3956.

•**Aquinas College is hosting two AQDays for all high school juniors and seniors** interested in visiting our beautiful 117 acre campus. Come and discover what Aquinas is all about on Friday, Nov. 2 for STEM & Health Sciences and Friday, Nov. 9 open to all academic majors. Visit www.aquinas.edu/aqday to register.

•**Family Promise “Supermarket Sweep” fundraiser!** A \$10 ticket has the chance to give you five minutes ~ just you and a cart at Great Lakes Market (1663 Sherman Blvd). Drawing Nov. 12; you don't have to be present to win. Contact Pat McKeown for tickets or to learn more (231) 755-4986

•**Join Fr. Allen Alexander, MIC, and Euro Pilgrimage Tours** to see some of the most sacred sites in all of Italy during one of the most grace-filled times of the Liturgical Year. As a Marian of the Immaculate Conception, Fr. Allen will delve in the message of Divine Mercy entrusted to his community by St. Pope John Paul II. For more information or to book now please contact Erika Piotrowski at (231)720-8378 or email at erikap.euro@hotmail.com.