Annunciation of the Lord Parish

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Monday 9-3
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St. Mary Church
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Weekend Liturgies
Saturday 4:00PM (St. Michael)
Sunday 8:30AM (St. Mary)
Sunday 10:30AM (St. Michael)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Every Tuesday at 6:30PM and Thursday at 9:00AM at St. Mary
Every Saturday at St. Michael 3:00-3:45PM
Every Sunday at St. Mary 8:00AM
Every Sunday at St. Michael 10:00-10:20AM
Other times by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage:
Please call the Parish Office when you desire to celebrate Matrimony, at least six months prior to the proposed wedding

Sacrament of Baptism:
Please inquire with Fr. Carolan at least one month before the desired date of Baptism

New Parishioners:
If you wish to become a member of our parish, please call the parish office or stop by anytime during office hours

Pray for the Sick

Helen Brecht, Sherry Day, Lisa Dittrich, Ardath Forth, Magdalen Goretski, Evelyn Goslin, Dorothy Grifka, Rose Hallitt, Evelyn Hellebuyck, Arnold Ignash, Delphine Karsmarski, Josephine Korleski, Joannie Koroleski, Logan, Rachel Maurer, Joseph Mazure, Mary Mergucz, Jim Moore, Deb McPhail, Dan Nickens, Bernice Osentoski, Ann Parks, Leonard Particka, Joanne Pettit, Chad Pratt, Kathleen Roddy, Bernard Rutkowski, Diane Ventline, Luella Ward, Florence Zanardelli, Chad Ziel

Saturday April 18
Private Mass
St. Michael
4:00-5:00PM Church open for private prayer
Sunday April 19
Private Mass
St. Mary
8:30-9:30AM Church open for private prayer
St. Michael
10:30-11:30AM Church open for private prayer

Monday April 20 - Private Mass
Tuesday April 21 - St. Mary
Private Mass
6:00-7:00PM Church open for private prayer
Wednesday April 22 - St. Michael
Private Mass
8:30-9:30AM Church open for private prayer
Thursday April 23 - St. Mary
Private Mass
8:30-9:30AM Church open for private prayer
Friday April 24 - St. Michael
Private Mass
8:30-9:30AM Church open for private prayer

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday April 25
Private Mass
St. Michael
4:00-5:00PM Church open for private prayer
Sunday April 26
Private Mass
St. Mary
8:30-9:30AM Church open for private prayer
St. Michael
10:30-11:30AM Church open for private prayer

" Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" **John 20:19**

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships - with God and each other. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN

See the Tomb with Eyes of Faith

The proof of the Resurrection lies in the "empty tomb" and the post-Resurrection appearances recorded in the Gospels. We have nothing else to go on. But we accept this on faith.

But to believe, we must enter into this Easter story, peering into a dark and empty space and seeing the possibility of eternity. It is looking into the empty tombs of our life and finding signs of new life. We all know from our own personal experiences that where Jesus has been with us, there is life and hope, not death and decay.

Yes, my friends, the world may seem quite dark at times. It may seem dark right now as we continue to deal with the coronavirus. But thanks to the resurrection of Jesus Christ we can see quite clearly: we can see how much God loves us.

We keep in our prayers, the soul and family of
Charles Wisneski
May the Angels lead him into Paradise

Can We Change Peoples' Minds?

Some people (including many Catholics) feel like it is futile to continue to have a debate over the issue of abortion because people feel too strongly about it and have already made up their minds as to what they think.
This is wrong.

People throughout history *have* changed their minds on vital social issues. When the United States was new, there was no suffrage or equal rights for women and racial minorities. Almost universally in the United States today, the general populace recognizes that this was wrong and that women and non-whites are entitled to their basic rights as human beings, and the law recognizes it too.

It took many years and decades of intense struggle involving emotions just as fierce if not more fierce than those surrounding the *Pro-Life Movement* in the 21st century.

But victories for freedom were won and people certainly did change their minds. That is how change happens. Education is vital so that more people understand the struggle to protect innocent life in the womb and then stand ready to defend the rights of all living people, including the unborn.

Change *can* happen, and change *will* happen, providing we do our part to work tirelessly to advocate change for a freer, better world where the weak and vulnerable are protected and not exploited and/or victimized.

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"I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born."
– Ronald Reagan

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday from the Cathedral with Bishop Gruss

WHAT: Hour of Divine Mercy, including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and chanting of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
WHEN: Sunday, April 19 at 3 p.m.
WHERE: Livestream via www.Saginaw.org, Facebook and YouTube

Are you familiar with Divine Mercy Sunday? This great feast is celebrated around the world the Sunday after Easter. It was established by St. Pope John Paul II in 2000, when he canonized a Polish nun named Sister Maria Faustina, making her St. Faustina Kowalska.

The feast of Divine Mercy is associated with the messages Jesus gave to St. Faustina in the 1930s of his unfathomable mercy for us all. These private revelations were recorded in her Diary.

Message of Love and Mercy

Jesus wanted the message of His great love and mercy shared around the world. He wants us to know the depths of His desire to encounter and help us in our brokenness, weakness and sin. He promised great graces to all those who celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday.