

# Annunciation of the Lord Parish



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### Office Hours (Port Austin):

Monday 9-3  
 Tuesday & Thursday 9-5:30  
 Wednesday 9-4  
 Friday 9-2



### Parish Office & Main Parish Church:

Saint Michael  
 8661 Independence St.  
 P.O. Box 355  
 Port Austin, MI. 48467  
 Phone: 989-738-7521  
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### Additional Worship Site

St. Mary Church  
 1709 Moeller Road  
 Kinde, MI 48445  
**St. Edward Church**  
 Kinde, MI 48445



### 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. 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*

Ed "Bud" Roike Betty Rond Ed Bresky

Ignash, Brad Iseler, Florence Kanaski, Delphine Karsmarski, Gary Krause, Pat Majeski, Rachel Maurer, Joseph Mazure, Colleen McGee, Mary Mergucz, Eleanor Miller, Marvin Miller, Dave Mousseau, Dan Nickens, Bernice Osentoski, Chuck Pettit, Glenn Philips, Theresa Prill, Jim Schumacher, Ed Sera, Tim Sera, Genevieve Ventline, Betty Vigenki, Luella Ward, Lillian Wills, Shirley Youngblood, Florene Zanardelli

**Monday** December 19 – NO MASS

**Tuesday** December 20 – NO MASS

**Wednesday** December 21 – St. Michael

8:30AM **Regina Kowalski**

6:30PM **St. Michael - Advent Communal Penance Service**

**Thursday** December 22 - St. Mary

8:30AM **Edwin Baranski** by Family

**Friday** December 23 – St. Michael

8:30AM **For the Parishioners**

*Christmas Vigil*



**Saturday** December 24

4:00PM **St. Michael**

6:00PM **St. Mary**

Midnight Mass **St. Mary**

**Sunday**

December 25 – *Christmas Day*

10:00AM **St. Michael**

### STEWARDSHIP

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."*

MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

### Our Gifts to God December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

Envelopes (164)	\$ 4,947.00
Loose	\$ 412.50
Utility	\$ 117.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 270.00
Building Fund: St. Michael	\$ 87.00
St. Mary	\$ 40.00
Holy Day	\$ 701.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,987.00



Let us keep in our prayers,  
 the soul and family of  
*Jeff Gottschalk*

Dear Parishioners,

Archbishop William E. Lori wrote in the December issue of Columbia Magazine about the reality of over-crowded Christmas Masses and how we should act or react to such a reality. Our natural reaction might be that we are amazed at the crowd, maybe even angry that our parking place and our regular pews have been taken. Whatever the case, we are called to reach out and welcome Catholics who seldom or no longer practice their faith.

What is our responsibility toward these Catholics that we so rarely see in church? Well, most are Catholic, some are out of town visitors, and some are Christmas and Easter Catholics. Maybe some of you have lamented about a teenage or adult child who no longer practices the Faith. As parents, "We tried to do everything right. Where did we go wrong?" It is a source of sorrow for a faithful Catholic when a spouse stops practicing the faith. Often families never discuss the situation, figuring it will do more harm than good.

There are many reasons why Catholics stop practicing the faith even if they check in once a year. They may be angry at the Church for one reason or another. They may disagree with Church teaching or they feel mistreated by someone representing the Church. Others did not feel welcome in their parish church or failed to find help in time of need.

Some never really encountered the Lord or knew their faith. Eventually, they no longer saw the point in coming to Mass each week. Often it is sports or other activities that simply crowd out the practice of the faith. Or others have the view that they can be spiritual but not religious. And then there is the all-too-common tendency of fallen human nature to drift from God.

Bishop Lori, suggests several ways of responding to so many people at our Christmas Masses: First, we should examine our own consciences, not theirs. I might ask myself, what have I done or not done to alienate them from Church. Have I given people reason not to practice their faith? Second, we should pray for those who are paying their annual semi-annual visit to the parish. Pray that they will be moved to open themselves to the Lord and find their way back to Church. We should pray for ourselves that we might become instruments in helping others find their way back to the fold. Third, we should take some measure of responsibility for our normally absent brothers and sisters. St. John Paul II taught that while the Pope and Bishops have the responsibility to lead, the laity are the primary agents in spreading the Gospel in our times. This involves bearing witness to the joy of the Gospel and a readiness to listen. A church that does not listen to why people have left will not be in a good position to give reasons why they should return.

Bishop Lori concludes, "As you arrive at Mass this Christmas, let us present the newborn Savior a gift: our resolve, for the coming year, to help bring others back to the practice of the faith."

Blessed Christmas,  
*Fr. Craig Carolan*

Please keep in your prayers  
*Jami Tamblin and Lisa Rotenheber*  
being married on Saturday, December 31, 2016 at 2:00 PM



Come celebrate the [Sacrament of Penance](#) during the Advent Season at one of our parishes across the Diocese of Saginaw. Please see our listing of dates, times and locations of the Rite of Penance (Confession). Several parishes will offer the Sacrament of Penance this weekend. Visit [saginaw.org](#) for the schedule.

Since the Season of Advent originated as part of penitential preparation for the final Coming of Christ, a tradition developed -- and has remained for the Catholic faithful -- to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for the [Christmas](#) Season.

**Wednesday, December 21:**  
**Advent Communal Service 6:30pm - St. Michael**  
**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, December 24, 4:00pm - St. Michael**  
**Saturday, December 24, 6:00pm - St. Mary**  
**Midnight Mass - St. Mary**  
**Sunday, December 25, 10:00am - St. Michael**  
**Monday, December 26 - NO MASS**  
**Tuesday, December 27 - NO MASS**  
**Wednesday, December 28 - NO MASS**

#### FAITH FORMATION

Class Schedule for 2016-2017

Classes will start at 8:45am and go until 10:15am to give parents time to pick their children up and attend the 10:30am mass. SEE LISTING AT THE PARISH CENTER

Please note that the Good Shepherd Atrium will be open on Tuesdays (unless school is cancelled) from 3:30-5:00pm and for other times please contact Verna Murawski 989-670-8489 (cell), or 989-874-4765 (home) or the parish office 989-738-7521.

#### Christmas Decorating

**St. Michael church is in need of help carrying the Christmas trees into the church on December 18<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am Mass.**

**St. Mary church is decorating on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**  
**Everyone is welcome.**



The Friends of Kinde are hosting a Christmas Polka Party on Friday December 23, 2016 at The Ballroom at The Pasta House Polish dinner and live polka music. Cash bar available. Doors open at 4:30 dinner served 5-8PM. Cost is \$12  
Information at [Kindepolkafest.org](#)

#### New Years Eve Dinner/Dance

**December 31, 2016**

**Knights of Columbus Hall at Bad Axe**  
**Dinner featuring Prime Rib & Chicken With all of the trimmings!**

**Music provided by:**

**Rich Lasceski and The Natural Tones**  
**Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Music from 7:30 p.m. til 12:30 a.m.**

**\$25.00 per person for Dinner & Dance;**

**\$12.50 for just the Dance**

**BYOB - mix and snacks will be available for purchase.**

**Tickets available His & Hers Barber Shop or**

**Boy Geiger (989) 550-1949**