

Annunciation of the Lord Parish



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Office Hours (Port Austin):

Monday & Wednesday 9-4
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Additional Worship Site

St. Mary Church
 1709 Moeller Road
 Kinde, MI 48445

St. Edward Church & Catechesis Center

5083 Park St. PO Box 68
 Kinde, MI 48445
 989-874-4744

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

Theresa Bambach, Shirley Butch, Margaret Carpenter, Mike Gage, Bill Goretski, Sheryl Koroleski, Linda Kozlowski, Mary Kozole, Kevin Lasceski, Rachel Maurer, Rosa Palazzolo, Bob Prill, Chris Robbins, Farren Rutkowski, Gernith Janos, Bob Ranger, Ben Rorabacher, Jim Schumacher, Tim Sera, Genevieve Ventline, Betty Vigenski, Kathy Wagner, and Lillian Wills.

This Week at a Glance

Monday December 23 No Mass

Tuesday December 24 – Christmas Eve
 4:00PM St. Mary Youth Mass
For the Poor & Hungry
 6:30PM St. Michael
For the Less Fortunate Families

Wednesday December 25 – St. Michael-Christmas Day
 8:30AM **For Our Parish Families Both Living & Deceased**

Thursday December 26 – No Mass

Friday December 27 – St. Michael
 11:00AM **Funeral Mass for James Moore**

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday December 28
 4:00PM St. Michael
John Jimkoski by family

Sunday December 29
 8:30AM St. Mary
Barbara Allen by Fr. Craig
 10:00-10:20AM Confession-St. Michael
 10:30AM St. Michael
Janice Kozlowski by family
Dan Souva by Don Schramski & Cathy Majeski

Stewardship

"The earth is the Lord's and all its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the sea and established it upon the rivers." Psalm 24:1-2

How can we take credit for the good things in our lives when Psalm 24 reminds us that God created absolutely everything and everyone on the earth? Surely we all have an obligation to return a portion of our good fortune to the Lord, for without Him nothing would be possible.

Gift Given to God Dec 14 & Dec 15

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Envelope	\$ 3,671.00	Immaculate Conception	\$ 138.00
Loose	\$ 271.00	Religious Retirement	\$ 215.00
Utility	\$ 110.00	CHD	\$ 50.00

Dear Parishioners,

Our lives, like that first Christmas are not all that neat and planned out as we sometimes think they are. We need to give God space to work in our lives even if it means changing our plans. For example, in today's Gospel, Joseph is faced with a situation that he thinks he understands: his fiancé has become pregnant by another man. Joseph is a righteous man and is worried about Mary's reputation when he discovers that she is pregnant. Joseph plans to do the proper thing and quietly break off his betrothal to Mary. He is merciful in that he will spare Mary some measure of shame, until the angel of the Lord appears to him in a dream and tells him that Mary has not been unfaithful, but rather has conceived her child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph has to rethink what the proper course of action is. He realizes he has been playing by the wrong rule book. What makes Joseph an honorable man is his willingness to rethink how an honorable man acts once God enters the picture in an unexpected way.

When the Roman Emperor announces the census throughout the Roman Empire, Joseph and Mary must journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, Joseph's home town, to register for the census. Joseph is of the House of David. When Mary and Joseph find no room at the inn, they must resort to a humble stable. Once again, Joseph's expectations for a worthy dwelling place for the new-born King had to change according to the situation. A contingency plan unfolds according to God's will. The humble stable became a place available to the poor shepherds, the first ones to give witness to the birth of our Savior.

Planning tomorrow's parishes has not always been neat and easy for parishioners. We are reminded that even if we humans write crooked and make mistakes, the Lord will reveal his will. Our faith tells us that God is always entering the picture, and not only when an angel appears to us in dreams. But in every situation, we have to be open to rethink our notions of what is proper. It is of course a good thing to develop a sense of what is the fitting thing to do in a given situation, but as Advent moves toward Christmas we are reminded of God's capacity to surprise us, forcing us in turn to act in surprising ways.

I wish to thank everyone for their kind and thoughtful Christmas greetings, prayers, and gifts. May the birth of the Christ Child bless your family and loved ones during this Christmas season and in the New Year! Our whole parish family living and deceased will be remembered in a special way during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!
Fr. Craig G. Carolan

MEDITATION:

"As I look back on my life I realize that every time I thought I was being rejected from something good, I was actually being re-directed to something better." (Steve Maraboli-Lessons Learned in Life)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

December 24 4:00PM (youth mass) St. Mary

December 24 6:30PM St. Michael

December 25 8:30AM St. Michael

JUST TO KEEP YOU SMILING:

We purchased an old home in Northern Michigan from two elderly sisters. Winter was fast approaching and I was concerned about the house's lack of insulation.



"Heck, if they could live here all those years, so can we!" my husband confidently declared. One December night the temperature plunged to 10 below zero, and we woke to find interior walls covered with frost! My husband called the sisters to ask how they had kept the house warm. After a rather brief conversation, he hung up. "For the past 30 years," he muttered, "they've gone to Florida for the winter."

Our condolences go out to Nancy and the family of Jim Moore.

May he rejoice with the Angels and Saints in Heaven



***The Parish Office will be closed December 24th & 25th.**

***The new LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE has been prepared for January & February 2014. If anyone has been overlooked, please call the parish office.**

LITTLE INFANT TREES

Barren trees are now in place in the entries of our churches. Please assist with decorations of new and homemade infant items for poverty-born infants of our day in Jaurez, Mexico, Texas and the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation in Montana. Please "wrap" with clear plastic. These gifts will be blessed at the Epiphany Masses on January 4th and 5th.

4:00 Christmas Eve Mass Children Participation

Children in grades K-3 invited to participate in the 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary Church. Children may dress in any character from the manger scene. Children may make use of costumes available or use costumes prepared at home. Please call Sr. Judy before Dec. 23 to secure a parish costume. (874-4744)

Faith Formation

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium Classes for 6-12 year olds will not gather until Tuesday, January 7th. Homework Target Date is next Sunday, December 29th.

Sunday Scripture Preparation will meet next on Friday, January 3.

FINANCIAL WORKSHOP – All are welcome to attend an introduction to the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace workshop, presented by Annette O'Brien, of the Diocese of Saginaw, on January 5, at Holy Name of Mary Parish. There will be two introductory sessions offered. One will take place following the 8:30 a.m. Mass at the OLLH site, and again after the 10:30 Mass at the St. Anthony's site. Allow 45-60 minutes for the session. The program will be outlined at the session and cost of materials will be discussed. The program is set to run the evenings of Jan. 16th, 23rd, 30th; Feb. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th; March 6th and 13th at the OLLH site. Each class will run 90 minutes. If you have any questions contact the parish office at 479-3393.

Daughters of Isabella
Euchre Card Party
January 5, 2014 - 1:00PM
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bad Axe
\$5.00 Lunch & Cards 50/50's
Proceeds toward OLLH School