

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:

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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

Grifka, Virgil Grifka, Rose Hallitt, Charlene Jimkoski, Florence Kanaski, Delphine Karsmarski, Virginia Kowalski, Rachel Maurer, Marvin Miller, Bernice Osentoski, Chuck Pettit, Theresa Prill, Jim Schumacher, Tim Sera, Genevieve Ventline, Betty Vigniski, Kathy Wagner, Luella Ward, Lillian Wills, Shirley Youngblood, Florene Zanardelli

Monday December 28 - NO MASS

Tuesday December 29 - St. Mary
 6:00PM **Patrick Ezeh**

Wednesday December 30 - St. Michael
 8:30AM **Eva Mae Garza**

Thursday December 31 -
Solemnity Mary the Holy Mother of God
 3:00PM St. Michael - **Holy Hour**
 4:00PM St. Michael - **For the Parishioners**

Friday January 1 - Solemnity Mary the Holy Mother of God
 9:00AM **St. Mary**
Carlene Vigniski (Anniv) & Eugene "Yogi" Andreski
 by Con & Sheila Vigniski

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday January 2
 4:00PM St. Michael
Ernie Goretzki by Marvin & Patricia Goretzki
Linda Kozlowski by Marlene Matelski & girls
Ralph Majeski, Bourverette & Majeski Families
 By Cathy Majeski family

Sunday January 3
 8:30AM St. Mary
St. Mary Holy Rosary Sodality
Living & Deceased Members
Archie Vigniski by Bernice Osentoski
 10:30AM St. Michael
Dorine Blain & Bernice Malleis by family
Philip Kroetsch by Curt & Lil Gossett

STEWARDSHIP

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received - being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

Our Gifts to God December 19th & 20th

Envelopes (187)	\$ 5,424.00	Christmas Flowers	\$ 55.00
Loose	\$ 375.00	Holy Days	\$ 390.00
Utility	\$ 10.00	Religious Retirement	\$ 20.00



Pray for the Sick

Betty Bond, Margaret Carpenter, Allison

Dear Parishioners,

You are cordially invited to say farewell to the past year and hello to the New Year with a Holy Hour of Adoration before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you only knew how much our Lord loves each and every one of us. For this reason, not only was He born as one like us, but He remains present for us 24/7 in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle of our parish churches. There He is present, Body, Blood, Lord, Soul and Divinity. He has ears that hear, eyes that see, blood coursing through his body. He knows everything you are thinking. Why not join the community at 3:00 PM on Thursday, December 31, 2015 for this Holy Hour and pour out your soul before Him, the only one who can truly help you. The Holy Hour will end with Benediction, shortly before the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass dedicated to the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God.

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. Take the time to come to Mass to receive all the blessings our Lord wishes to offer you as you usher in the New Year. To willfully reject this invitation of Our Lord or to take it lightly would be mortally sinful and would require confession as soon as possible. This has consistently been the teaching of Holy Mother Church.

I wish to thank each of you for your love and support during this past year of my ministry. May each of you and your families be richly blessed in this New Year 2016!

*Blessings,
Fr. Craig*

Sunday

Reflection

- Fr. Gerald Ornowski,

The First Christmas Was No Holiday

If Christmas is still as exciting and joyful for you today as it was when you were a kid, then this article might not be for you. But if the thrill has faded a bit and you're wondering why "peace on earth" has not happened, read on.

It might seem like a betrayal to not be cheery and upbeat during the Christmas season. Those Salvation Army bell ringers and store Santas wishing everyone Merry Christmas (or Happy Holidays), and those colorful cards and advertisements with cute little angels and reindeer and such, all tell us we're supposed to be brimming with joy. But the cares of the world and the frustrations of daily life seem to clash with this alleged merriment, don't feel too out of joint. Just read the account of the first Christmas (the first two chapters of Matthew and Luke) and you'll see how much like our "regular life" the nativity of Jesus really was.

Attend closely to what the gospels are saying and you'll hear about infertility and family problems, unexpected pregnancies, exile in a foreign country, and the brutality of a counterpart to Isis terrorists. You'll read about the struggle between faith and faithlessness. You'll get an inside look at the inner confusion that so many of the characters experienced – Joseph stunned by the pregnancy, Mary wondering about the angel's message, Elizabeth longing to have a child, Zechariah struck dumb, and the poor shepherds bewildered. Even the wise men led by a star had to ask for direction! Yet in all of this perplexity, the persons involved remained faithful. That's the key. They hung in there – doing right because God asked it – and they discovered fruitfulness, answered prayers, unsought gifts, awe, wonder and redemption—everything they could not have brought about on their own.

Just think on all that. Then take heart. You don't have to "have it all together" for this Christmas to be a good holiday. In fact, if you're feeling a certain amount of perplexity and longing, you are probably being more authentic than many of the merry-makers. You are in a good place to receive the spiritual truth of this season. After all, Jesus came for the sake of the lost and lonely, those hungry and seeking, those willing to live more in hope than in fulfillment. People who deny the brokenness of life or try to pretty things up or attempt to force a certain outcome, usually make more of a mess and end up angry and empty. Instead of trying to cover up our less attractive sentiments, it would be better to face them and let them teach us the lesson hidden within. Human beings cannot program life. It is beyond us and its most precious truths are often in disguise, waiting for the humble and pure of heart to mine its treasures through suffering and patient trust.

Hang in there – prayerfully!



POTLUCK BREAKFAST

**Sunday, January 3rd, St. Mary Hall
following 8:30am Mass
Please bring a dish to pass,
pancakes & sausage will be provided
Everyone is welcome!**

FAITH FORMATION

Classes are held on Sundays from 9:00 – 10:25AM at the Parish Center in Port Austin.

Class dates include:

- January 10 March 6
 - January 24 March 20
 - February 7 April 3
 - February 21 April 17
- May & June dates will be published in early April.



FAITH FORMATION

Please let us know if your child will be participating in the sacrament program as, this year, we are joining Caseville's candidates in preparation for First Eucharist, Confirmation and Reconciliation