

Annunciation of the Lord Parish



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Office Hours (Port Austin):

Monday & Wednesday 9-4
 Tuesday & Thursday 9-5:30
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Parish Office & Main Parish Church:

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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
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 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, Florence Kanaski, 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 30 No Mass

Tuesday December 31 – Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
 4:00PM St. Michael
For Our Parish Community
 No RCIA

Wednesday January 1 – Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
 9:30AM St. Mary
Carlene Vigenski & Eugene (Yogi) Andreski
 by Con & Sheila Vigenski

Thursday January 2 – No Mass

Friday January 3 – St. Michael
 8:30AM **Norma & John Townsend**
 9:00-10:00AM Adoration/Benediction – St. Michael
 10:30AM Mass at Huron Medical Care Facility
 1:00PM Sunday Scripture Preparation – St. Edward Hall

Epiphany

Saturday January 4
 4:00PM St. Michael
Barbara Allen by Delores & Ray Braun

Sunday January 5 - St. Mary
 8:30AM **St. Mary Holy Rosary Sodality**
After 8:30 Mass - Epiphany breakfast at St. Mary Hall
 10:00-10:20AM Confession-St. Michael
 10:30AM St. Michael
James E. Moore by Jane Mayes

Reflection:

Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth," A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live 'anywhere', live at HOME!

Gift Given to God Dec 21 & Dec 22

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| Envelope \$ 3,559.00 | Immaculate Conception \$ 62.00 |
| Loose \$ 345.00 | Religious Retirement \$ 75.00 |
| Utility \$ 20.00 | All Saints \$ 5.00 |
| Christmas \$ 670.00 | Christmas Flowers \$ 2,019.00 |

Dear Parishioners,

The Liturgies over the next several days are focused on the Holy Family. Once again St. Joseph receives a message in a dream to take the child Jesus and his mother and flee into Egypt. King Herod wished to destroy the child, says the gospel. On Saturday, December 28th we remembered the Holy Innocents, the first martyrs who spilled their blood for Christ. Herod slew all male children two and under in his desire to eliminate the newborn king. We are reminded of the present day slaughter of holy innocents through abortion. Twenty-five percent of the U. S. population has been aborted since 1973. Men and women involved in abortion also suffer health and psychological problems. The gospel indicates this in the following prophesies: *“A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more.”* Let us pray for an end to the culture of death in our country and support our parishioners who will be going on the Right to Life March in Washington D. C. in January. You may support them by buying a Christmas Music CD, only \$5.00 at the church entrance.

Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family.

The readings remind us of our duties to each other in the family: spouses to one another, parents to their children, and children to their parents. The Book of Sirach outlines the moral duties that children owe their parents, particularly as a parent ages. St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians outlines an orderly and civilized behavior beginning with the family. It includes a list of virtues to be lived out in family life: *“heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”* The model for behavior is Christ. This reading is a beautiful reading often chosen for wedding celebrations. St. Matthew's story of the difficulties suffered by the Holy Family, indicate that holiness does not ensure that one's life will never contain uncertainty. If we take the Holy Family as our model, then it seems that holiness—whole-hearted dedication to God's will for the world—is likely to make one's life more uncertain, not less. Yet doing the will of God is of such surpassing worth that we should be willing to embrace such uncertainty for its sake.



We remember today all those who like Jesus, must migrate in search of a better life for their families. They often suffer hardship and danger in an effort to keep their families together. Many of them are Catholic and we should make them feel welcome in our communities and remind them that they are not alone. Jesus walks with them.

May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph bless your family now and always.

Happy New Year!
Fr. Craig

“A Very Special Thank You” to all who volunteered their time to help fill the needs it took to make this Christmas Season special. To all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Choir, School Band Members, Organists, ALL those who helped to decorate (and did such a beautiful job) and the children who were our manger scene characters. And finally thank you to all who gave to the Christmas flower fund in memory of your loved ones.

***The Parish Office will be closed December 31 & January 1**

LITTLE INFANT TREES

There is just one more week to contribute 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 next weekend January 4th and 5th.

Faith Formation

Homework Target Date is this Sunday, December 29th. Delayed work may be left at the St. Edward Parish House.

FAITH FORMATION Classes for Grades 1-8 will take place this Saturday, January 4.

Grades 1-4 in St. Mary Hall, 8:45-11:45

Grades 5-8 in St. Edward Hall, 9:00-12:00

Students are reminded to bring their New Testaments, Bibles, Binders and any Homework not handed in. Can tabs, Spartan labels, and earned monies (especially "Pennies for Haiti") will be collected during each "Church Time".

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium Classes for 6-12 year olds will not gather until Tuesday, January 7th.

Sunday Scripture Preparation will meet this Friday, January 3 - 1:00PM

St. Vincent de Paul, Detroit

2013-14 Low Income Energy Assistance Program:

Do you need help paying energy bills? To determine if you qualify for energy assistance contact Lee and Pam Kahler (Huron County facilitators) (989) 269-8272

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

Have a Safe & Happy New Year!

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