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

Pray for the Sick

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

Monday	December 7 - NO MASS
Tuesday	December 8
	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30AM	St. Michael – ***Edna Ventline*** by Ken & Pat Majeski
7:00PM	St. Mary – ***Delores Fisher*** by Jerry & Tina Toner
Wednesday	December 9 – St. Michael
10:00AM	***Mass at Courtney Manor – Mark Osentoski*** by family
Thursday	December 10 – St. Mary
8:30AM	***Mary Bursick*** by family
Friday	December 11 – St. Michael
8:30AM	***For the Parishioners***

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday	December 12
8:30AM	St. Michael - ***Our Lady of Guadalupe***
4:00PM	St. Michael
	Bob Strozeski by Carol Sullivan
	Joe Matelski by Mary Matelski
	Linda Kozlowski by Roman Stockoski family
Sunday	December 13
8:30AM	St. Mary
	Lawrence Ahearn by Gene & Irene McIntosh
	Donald Drews (Anniv) by Pat & family
	Irene, Michael & Leonard Polega by family
10:30AM	St. Michael
	Clarence Sr., James & Harriett Moore by Nancy Moore
	Sir Michael Bery by Dr. Sami Makhoul

STEWARDSHIP

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value…" **(Philippians 1:9-10)**

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

Our Gifts to God November 28th & 29th

Envelopes (176)	$ 4,155.00	Christmas Flowers	$1,096.00
Loose	$ 336.00	Holy Day	$ 30.00
Utility	$ 40.00	Cemetery	$ 5.00
CHD	$ 41.00		

Dear Parishioners,
On Sunday, November 22nd, forty plus parishioners and friends gathered at the Port Austin Playhouse to be inspired by the history of an event that took place on our Continent almost 500 years ago that would make our Continent predominately Catholic. The title of the movie was *The Blood and the Rose,* depicting the Mother of God who appeared to Juan Diego, an ordinary man of extraordinary faith. Mary gave herself the title, Guadalupe which means in the Indian language: the woman who crushes the head of the serpent. The serpent she would crush would be the idol worship of the Native American gods who the natives thought demanded blood sacrifices in order to be nourished. Mary corrected the Native American thinking by revealing to the natives that we do not feed God, but God feeds us through Jesus her Son who sacrificed his body and blood once for all time.

I believe this movie is unique in demonstrating how it was through God's providence that the lives of many famous people were interwoven into the Guadalupe event: For example, Queen Isabela, the Catholic who expelled the moors from Spain; Christopher Columbus, who the Queen supported on his journey of exploration. Christopher means "Christ bearer". It was Columbus who would open up the New World which was ripe for Catholicism; Hernan Cortez, the conquistador who conquered Mexico; and Juan Zumarraga, newly assigned Bishop of Mexico. God used these human beings in order to set the stage for God's greatest miracle, the appearance of the Virgin Mary on Juan Diego's Tilma.

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was a codex which spoke volumes to the both Native Americans and Spanish, bringing two conflicting cultures together, and uniting the many warring Native American tribes in Mexico, to create a unique and rich diversity of races and cultures in Mexico.

The Guadalupe event was the catalyst for the conversion of 9 million Native Americans in just ten years. The miraculous existence of Juan Diego's Tilma after almost 500 years is another miracle which serves to remind us that our work of bringing the Gospel to the world is not finished. Juan Diego's Aztec name as well as Christian name means, "Messenger Eagle." Juan Diego was the messenger eagle that carried the word of God. We are God's messenger eagles for today. We are called to bring God's mercy, peace and reconciliation to a world torn apart by the human sacrifices of today which are abortions, and every kind of disrespect for human life.

The Virgin's call is one of conversion for all human kind. Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has since spilled over to many countries of the world. In 1945, Pope Pius XII named Our Lady of Guadalupe as Patroness of the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe was more recently named Patroness of the Diocese of Saginaw by Bishop Robert Carlson

In our parish, the annual celebration and Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mananitas, (Spanish for Happy Birthday) will be on Saturday, December 12th at 8:30 AM. Everyone is welcome.

Blessings, Fr. Craig

Drivers are needed for Care & Share on Saturday, December 12. Call Leta Bambach for more information (989) 874-4919

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

You may contribute for Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one by writing their name on the envelope included in your packet.
An average cost of a Poinsettia is $25.00.
Thank you for your contributions and helping present a joyful atmosphere at Christmas and beyond. To be included in the memorial list we must receive your envelope by December 16th.

FAITH FORMATION

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

- **December 20**
- **January 3**
- **January 17**
- **January 31**

FAITH FORMATION

To date, 198 of our parish households have pledged $36,625., leaving a balance of $12,798. Thank you for your generous gift! We still need to hear from some of you. Please fill out your pledge card and return as soon as possible.

Annunciation of the Lord Holy Rosary Sodality
Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 6th, 1:00PM
At Joe's Pizzeria, Port Austin.
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Annunciation of the Lord (St. Mary) Holy Rosary Sodality
Christmas Dinner
Monday, December 7th
at The Franklin Inn at 12:00 noon
For reservations call before December 1……
Pat Ignash 874-4321 or Joan Yaroch 874-4462

Port Austin American Legion
Children's Christmas Party
Saturday, December 12th,
Santa Claus will arrive around 1:00pm.
Gifts & Snack will be provided.
Everyone is welcome!