

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.
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 Port Austin, MI. 48467
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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, Mary Mergucz, Marvin Miller, Bernice Osentoski, Chuck Pettit, Theresa Prill, Jim Schumacher, Tim Sera, Genevieve Ventline, Betty Vignski, Kathy Wagner, Luella Ward, Lillian Wills, Shirley Youngblood, Florene Zanardell

Monday	February 15 - NO MASS
Tuesday	February 16 – St. Mary 6:00PM Gadorini Family
Wednesday	February 17 8:30AM St. Michael – Servigny Family 6:00PM St. Mary – Eucharistic Adoration 7:00PM St. Mary – Stations of the Cross
Thursday	February 18 – St. Mary 8:30AM Vanda & Antonio Finozzo
Friday	February 19 – St. Michael 4:00PM Stations of the Cross 4:30PM For the Parishioners

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	February 20 4:00PM St. Michael Linda Kozlowski by Mary Ventline
Sunday	February 21 8:30AM St. Mary Archie Vignski by Veronica Duda & family Maurice Mousseau by the Ken Wisneski family 10:30AM St. Michael Mary Bursick by family

STEWARDSHIP

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."

(Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges.

First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you remember that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day.

February 6th & 7th

Envelopes (183)	\$ 3,927.00
Loose	\$ 230.00
Utility	\$ 100.00
Building Fund (St. Mary)	\$ 644.00
(St. Michael)	\$ 582.00

Dear Parishioners,

We have some good news to share with regard to CSA. Our CSA target has gone down from a high of \$49,424 in fiscal year 2015-2016, to **\$43,805** this coming fiscal year 2016-2017. This reduction has been made, thanks to good parish bookkeeping and to those parishioners who are helping us to eliminate unnecessary parish envelopes. It seems the Diocesan calculations have finally caught up to the reality of the local parish.

However, we are still not out of the woods for this year. The parish owes \$12,318 on this year's target of \$49,424. So far, a total of \$37,106 has been donated. Out of a total number of 379 envelope holders, 193 envelope holders have pledged, and of that number, 188 have paid their pledges. \$907 is still owed on those pledges.

If those 186 envelope holders, who have not yet donated, could donate a few dollars we could still make our target. By not donating we shoot the parish in the foot because the difference will have to be made up from the parish general fund. Also if we donate more than the target, the remainder is always returned to the parish.

Since there has been no one willing to shovel the sidewalks for less than \$100 per snowfall at the St. Michael site, the parish has purchased a small tractor. Purchased for \$9700, was a used John Deere 4200, (a compact tractor), with a cab and plows on front and back. The investment in the tractor should pay off in a couple of years given the extensive sidewalk areas at the St. Michael site. Funds can also be saved by mowing the vacant lots.

During this Lenten Season, please keep in your prayers our catechumen, Isaac Upthegrove who is preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the upcoming Easter Vigil. Isaac will be celebrating the Rite of Election this weekend, both in the parish and later in the afternoon with Bishop Cistone at St. Mary Cathedral.

*Blessings,
Fr. Craig*

FAITH FORMATION

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

Class dates include:

February 21	March 20
March 6	April 3
May & June dates will be published in early April.	April 17



FAITH FORMATION

Spartan labels will no longer be accepted, the program has ended. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Feb 19-21, 2016. Cost is just \$165 for meals, lodging, and materials. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Call (989) 450-0993, e mailreflect.michigan@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

REGULATIONS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

† **FASTING** is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

† **ABSTINENCE** is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the pastor or pastoral administrator should be consulted.

Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016 and Good Friday, March 25, 2016 are days of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful, the Elect and those Candidates preparing for Reception Into Full Communion in the Catholic Church should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Grief Support Group

Tuesday evenings, 6:00pm at Country Bay Village, Pigeon. Beginning March 1 and ending May 24.

Free meal provided to participants at 5:30pm. Program costs \$10 per person, scholarships are available.

GriefShare is a faith-based study that will meet weekly to help face the challenges of walking through your grief and move toward rebuilding your life. Each 13-week session has three distinct elements.

To register for the series or for more information, Call Pat at 989-453-2820 or Jeff at 877-486-6671

Women's Lenten Silent Retreat

Led by Fr. Andy Booms

Theme: Mercy: Joy Complete

Saturday, March 12, 2016

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Center for Ministry/Diocese of Saginaw 5800 Weiss Street, Spiritual talks, Meditation time, Confession, Mass, Rosary, & Stations of the Cross \$22 includes lunch.

RSVP to Rita Maher at 989-635-7072 or Jackie Krzyzaniak at 989-846-6846 by

March 6 Sponsored by the Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Join EWTN host, Johnette Benkovic, international retreat master Fr. Philip Scott, FJ, and author Thomas K. Sullivan on **March 19, 2016** for a special Year of Mercy - Women of Grace One Day Conference on the beautiful campus of Orchard Lake Schools in Orchard Lake, MI. The theme is "...by His stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5) *Infinite Mercy: Preparation for the Spiritual Battle.*

Our culture and our world are in the throes of spiritual warfare and daily we battle to keep sacred our bodies, our marriages, our families, our homes, our place of worship, and OUR FAITH. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis tells us that through prayer and the Sacraments of Reconciliation and The Holy Eucharist, God's mercy is available to us! In the Father's INFINITE MERCY, He has provided for us all that we need to prepare for the Spiritual Battle. Join us and get fortified for the fight! Men are welcome. Call [1-800-558-5452](tel:1-800-558-5452) or visit womenofgrace.com.

