

# 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.  
 P.O. Box 355  
 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, 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 Zanardelli

**Monday** January 4 - NO MASS

**Tuesday** January 5 - St. Mary  
 6:00PM **Richard Lorentzen**

**Wednesday** January 6 - St. Michael  
 8:30AM **Jerry Erle**

**Thursday** January 7 - NO MASS

**Friday** January 8 - NO MASS

## The Baptism of the Lord

**Saturday** January 9  
 4:00PM St. Michael

**Walter Karsmarski** by Delphine Karsmarski

**Sunday** January 10  
 8:30AM St. Mary

**Irene Polega** by Corey & Jane Kanaski

**Archie Vignski** by Randy Wisneski

10:30AM St. Michael

**Jerry Moore** by Nancy Moore

**STEWARDSHIP**

*"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."*

(Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. We were all given different gifts; we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one" in this Year of Mercy.

**Our Gifts to God**

**Christmas**

Envelopes (171) \$ 4,262.00 Loose \$ 738.00

**December 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

Envelopes (168) \$ 7,562.00 Cemetery \$ 25.00  
 Loose \$ 1,223.00 Solemnity of Mary \$ 10.00  
 Utility \$ 20.00

Dear Parishioners,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year's Day. After Christmas Day Mass, I spent most of the day recovering from all the Christmas celebrations. After sleeping most of the day, I finally woke up at about 3:00 PM and had a Polish Christmas dinner with Fr. Stan Surman and the Koroleski family. My New Year's Day will be spent with my mom in Gagetown.

Today, we celebrate Epiphany, when the coming of our Lord becomes manifest to the Gentiles and to the rest of the world outside of Israel. The Magi, being astrologers, saw the rising of the bright star, as signaling the birth of a significant person. The star directs the Magi to Bethlehem, where they found the "king" in very humble circumstances. The Magi pay homage to baby Jesus, presenting him with gifts befitting a king: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Although the Magi were not Jewish, they were familiar with the Scriptures and they recognized both the Divinity and Humanity of the newborn King. Because King Herod's intentions were evil, the Magi were warned in a dream not to return to Herod. Therefore, they returned home by a different route. It is likely that Matthew, the Evangelist meant for these Gentiles from the East to foreshadow the inclusion of Gentiles in the later Christian mission. The Magi represent you and I present at the manger scene in Bethlehem.

The Magi, recognizing the newborn King, gave the very best gifts they had. They didn't just give our Lord the leftovers. What is the quality of my Stewardship? Do I attach strings or conditions to my Stewardship? The Magi could have followed many different stars. But they paid attention to God's glory above all and acted upon what they discovered. Thus, they were changed by their encounter with Jesus. Their departure by another route indicates this change in them. When we pay attention to the Lord, we are often not the same. We are transformed and live another way. We use our gifts to pay homage to God and become a light for others. We have one more week of Christmas Season and we close it with Jesus baptism by John in the River Jordan. There is big jump in time, as the baptism takes place about 30 years later in the life of Jesus, which officially initiates his ministry.

*Blessings,  
Fr. Craig*



If you would like our prayer circle to join you in your prayers of petition or thanksgiving, please call Joan Yaroch at 738-5015

**THANK YOU** to all who helped with our music for the Christmas Masses. A special thank-you to all of the young people who shared their talents with their instruments. We appreciate you, and the beautiful spirit that you added to our liturgies.

**Please join us next weekend to hear Rev. Louis J. Villarreal, O.M.I. speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.**

**Father Villarreal will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.**

**Fr. Villarreal was ordained in 1965 for the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Before joining Food For The Poor, Fr. Louis has worked as a missionary in Mexico, for the Diocese of Galveston-Houston in evangelization of Hispanics and as a pastor in Beaumont, Texas and Tucson, Arizona.**

***We will need people to help take down the Christmas trees, and carry to the garage, from St. Michael Church after the 10:30AM Mass on January 10<sup>th</sup>.***

#### POTLUCK BREAKFAST

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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



**FAITH FORMATION**

**May & June dates will be published in early April.**

**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**

**Ruth KofC Euchre Party  
Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Starts at 1:00 K of C Hall  
Cash prizes & hot lunch included  
Admission \$6.00**

