

Annunciation of the Lord Parish



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Monday & Wednesday 9-4
 Tuesday & Thursday 9-5:30
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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
 Kinde, MI 48445
 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

This Week at a Glance

Monday January 27 - No Mass

Tuesday January 28 – St. Mary
 6:00PM **Dawn Wisneski** by Tom & Diane Lasceski
 7:00PM RCIA - St. Michael Parish Center

Wednesday January 29 – St. Michael
 8:30AM **Perckic Family** by Aida Erle

Thursday January 30 – St. Mary
 8:30AM **Robert Gorkowski** by family

Friday January 31 – St. Michael
 8:30AM **Special Intention of Fr. Craig**
 1:00PM Sunday Scripture Preparation – St. Edward Hall

The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday February 1
 4:00PM St. Michael
For all Parishioners

Sunday February 2 - St. Mary
 8:30AM **St. Mary Holy Rosary Sodality Dorothy Schramski (Anniv)**
 by Donald Schramski & family
 10:00-10:20AM Confession-St. Michael
 10:30AM St. Michael
Jean Moore by Nancy Moore



Stewardship

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22

Just as He called the first apostles, Jesus calls each of us to follow Him, too. We are not expected to leave our businesses and our families behind, but we are expected to put our service to Jesus before worldly endeavors.

Gift Given to God Jan 18 & Jan 19

(178/458)

Envelope	\$ 3,740.00
Loose	\$ 227.00
Utility	\$ 95.00
Cemetery	\$ 45.00



Pray for the Sick

Lawrence Ahearn, Theresa Bambach, David Borgman, Shirley Butch, Margaret Carpenter, Mike Gage, Bill Goretski, Alfred Jandreski, Genevieve Jandreski, Florence Kanaski, Linda Kozlowski, Kevin Lasceski, Austin Majeski, 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.

Dear Parishioners,

In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist, who was a nearly constant presence throughout the weeks of Advent and Christmas, and even into the beginning of Ordinary Time, now, withdraws from the scene and Jesus takes center stage in the unfolding drama, taking up the message that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus teaches in synagogues about the Kingdom, and engages in a ministry of healing that demonstrates God's dominion over the forces of death and destruction. Jesus also begins to gather the followers who will become "the Twelve"—an inner circle of disciples who are also a symbolic group representing the restoration of the twelve tribes of Israel. They too are a proclamation of the coming of God's kingdom.

What is striking in Matthew's account is the lack of hesitation with which they respond to Jesus call to follow him. Peter and Andrew leave their nets "at once;" James and John leave their father Zebedee "immediately." We might be misled by this way of putting things into thinking that the decision to follow Jesus was easy, or maybe even ill-considered. But what Matthew wants to emphasize is the sense of urgency that accompanies Jesus' message. It is a message that demands decision and action.

Of course, we all make decisions and take actions in different ways. This might simply be a matter of temperament. Some tend to act quickly and figure things out as they go along; others are a bit more reflective, trying to figure the consequences at the outset. Whatever our natural inclination, however, we need to make sure that we count the costs of being Jesus' disciple, but not let this become an excuse for continually postponing our response to his call.

*Blessings,
Fr. Craig*



Jesus said:
"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."

Today he could say:
I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts; counselors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society."

But regardless come.

WORD OF LIFE:

"Destruction of the embryo in the mother's womb is a violation of the right to live which God has bestowed on this innocent life. To raise the question whether we are here concerned already with a human being or not is merely to confuse the issue. The simple fact is that God certainly intended to create a human being and that this human being has been deliberately deprived of his/her life."

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran theologian and pastor who died in a concentration camp after resisting the Nazis, Ethics

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately". Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately" but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

"The Kinde Food Bank works hard to help feed the hungry and disadvantaged that live among us in northern Huron County. But they need your help with donations of canned goods and other non-perishable food items. Unused toiletries and personal hygiene products are also appreciated. Your donations can be placed into collection boxes inside the entrances to both St. Mary and St. Michael. Thank you."

FAITH FORMATION

TARGET DATE for all Faith Formation Homework is this Sunday, January 26th. Delayed Homework is welcome at the St. Edward Parish House.

Sacramental Preparation

Parents and children preparing for Reconciliation/Confirmation/First Eucharist will gather this Sunday, January 26 at 1:00PM in the St. Edward Hall. The focus of Chapter 2 includes the Sign of the Cross, Prayers Intercession, and identifying the ministries of people who have a distinct part within each Mass. Participants are reminded to bring their Textbooks, votive candles, New Testaments, and Memory Binders.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium Classes for 6-12 year olds will gather Tuesday, January 28 from 3-5:00PM in the St. Edward Hall. Parents are asked to contact Sr. Judy (874-4744) in advance of class if they wish their child to participate.

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

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".

BUCKETS FOR HAITI

3 buckets are in urgent need of being filled. A list of items to contribute is in the entry of each church. Items include: pencils, children's scissors, puzzles, blocks, "over the counter" vitamins, aspirin, Pepto-Bismol...etc.

Spartan Labels

Keep clipping those "Spartan Labels". They add up quickly and provide funds for local needs.

7 Ways to Make Family Meals a Habit

1. Share family schedules and talk about the days that work for family meals.
2. Put these meals on the family calendar where everyone can see them.
3. Turn off the gadgets! Establish the dinner table as an Internet cold spot.
4. Think of mealtime as the Family News Hour. Turn off the TV and radio and take turns sharing your news.
5. Include everyone in getting the meal on the table – this is a family not a restaurant.
6. Begin each meal with a prayer. Say grace. A simple "Thank you for this food and this family" will suffice.
7. Try to have one conversation going at a time at the table. This teaches little ones to listen and older kids to listen to them. Everyone has a contribution to make