

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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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

Ed "Bud" Boike, Betty Bond, Ed Bresky,

Ignash, Brad Iseler, Florence Kanaski, Delphine Karsmarski, Gary Krause, Pat Majeski, Rachel Maurer, Joseph Mazure, Colleen McGee, Mary Mergucz, Eleanor Miller, Marvin Miller, Dave Mousseau, Dan Nickens, Bernice Osentoski, Chuck Pettit, Glenn Philips, Theresa Prill, Jim Schumacher, Ed Sera, Tim Sera, Genevieve Ventline, Betty Vigenki, Luella Ward, Shirley Youngblood, Florene Zanardelli

Monday January 9 – NO MASS

Tuesday January 10 – St. Mary
 6:00PM **Edwin Baranski** by Family

Wednesday January 11 – St. Michael
 10:00AM **Mass at Courtney Manor**

Thursday January 12 - St. Mary
 11:00AM **Mass at Questover Assisted Living**

Friday January 13 – St. Michael
 8:30AM **For the Parishioners**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday January 14 – St. Michael
 4:00PM **Joann Lasceski** by Leonard & Theresa Horetski
Roman Stockoski by Irene Strozski
Linda Kozlowski by Leon & Debbie Jakubowski
Edward Krajenka by Rita Krajenka

Sunday January 15
 8:30AM St. Mary
Karl Byarski by Con & Sheila Vigenki
Mike & Irene Polega by Alan Cox

10:30AM St. Michael
Warren F. Pupka by Family
Lillian Wills by The Holy Rosary Sodality
Fred Yaroch & Frances Upton by Joan Yaroch

STEWARDSHIP

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

Our Gifts to God December 31st and January 1st

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| Envelopes (134) | \$ | 3,787.00 |
| Loose | \$ | 399.18 |
| Utility | \$ | 70.00 |
| Holy Day | \$ | 1,471.00 |
| Building Fund: St. Michael | \$ | 145.00 |
| St. Mary | \$ | 68.00 |

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, a prolongation of the Feast of Christmas. Epiphany means “manifestation” or “to come forth.” In the Church, it means the revealing of Christ to the world, not just to the Jewish people. The first Gentiles—non-Jews—to acknowledge Jesus as the “King of the Jews” were the Wise Men—or Magi in the original Greek of the New Testament.

The Magi were probably oriental priests or astrologers who looked for signs in the stars. They were the equivalent of those who today write horoscopes, although they were probably taken much more seriously in their own land and culture. While observing the heavens, they discovered an unusual conjunction of the planets, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn in the year 7 A.D. which produced a brilliant light in the skies. This astrological event was so extraordinary that the astrologers or religious leaders in the area of Persia, that is present day Iran, began their journey toward the west.

Somehow the Magi deduced that the star announced the birth of a child to be the King of the Jews, one who was to be the royal heir of the promises to David. The star did not lead them to Jerusalem, but they went there because they thought the new-born king would be found there. They were wrong, but it made sense to go there since it was the royal city of the Jews. The Magi thought the most logical place to get more information was from King Herod. This news of a new-born to King Herod and all of Jerusalem was one of alarm and dismay. Herod was an extremely jealous person. He did not desire that anyone should come and challenge or change the status quo. In fact, King Herod had murdered hundreds of persons, even from his own family, considering them obstacles to his reign.

The prophecy of Micah had announced the greatness of the humble, little town of Bethlehem. The word Bethlehem means “house of bread.” While God continues to show his providential wisdom through the door of the small and humble. We continue to look for salvation from the powerful of the world.

The Magi saw the child and his Mother, with a vision that enlightened their hearts. Because of that vision they adored the Child and offered him the best they had to offer: Gold for Jesus, King, and Incense for Jesus, Priest, and Myrrh for Jesus, Victim. You and I were there at the manger with the Magi; they were our representatives. Now we are called to follow in their footsteps to offer Christ the best of ourselves, of our time, of our talent, and of our possessions.

The Gospel tells us that after their encounter with Jesus they returned to their land by a different route because they returned transformed by their faith. When we encounter the new-born Jesus, our lives can never be the same again. We are transformed and our ways are changed. This being so, by what path will we follow Christ by our lives?

The legend of the “Magi” was later converted to “Kings” (Today we celebrate the day of the King of Kings). In them is the fulfillment of the prophecies of the psalms. The legend also gives the Kings their names, Melchor, Gaspar, and Balthazar and they are of different races: white, black, and red or yellow. The legend says that they were converted to Christianity and that they suffered martyrdom and are buried in the Cathedral of Cologne, Germany.

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EPIPHANY POTLUCK BREAKFAST
Sunday, January 8th, St. Mary's Hall
following 8:30am Mass.
Please bring a dish to pass,
Pancakes & sausage will be provided.
Everyone is welcome!

FAITH FORMATION

Class Schedule for 2017

Classes will start at 8:45am and go until 10:15am to give parents time to pick their children up and attend the 10:30am mass.

SEE LISTING AT THE PARISH CENTER

Please note that the Good Shepherd Atrium will be open on Tuesdays (unless school is cancelled) from 3:30-5:00pm and for other times please contact Verna Murawski 989-670-8489 (cell), or 989-874-4765 (home) or the parish office 989-738-7521.

SACRAMENTS

There will be a parent/s meeting for any child, 2nd grade and up, that is eligible to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation; Confirmation and Eucharist this calendar year. The meeting will be **January 11, 2017** at 6:30 PM at the Parish Center in Port Austin. If your child has been part of the Faith Formation you received an announcement of this meeting. Anyone who has a child of the age of understanding (Grade 2 or above) and wishes this child to receive the sacraments, please contact Verna Murawski or the parish office (989) 738-7521.

WHAT: Lay Ministry Regional Information Meeting

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18

WHERE: Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Mary Church, 5661 Fergus Rd. Albee

This is an informational meeting for the Lay Ministry Formation Program. From Feb. 1 until May 15, the diocesan Office of Lay Ministry will be accepting applications for those who wish to begin the program in September, 2017. It is a four year formation experience designed for lay people who wish to expand their knowledge of Scripture and Catholic Theology, deepen their relationship with God, and fulfill their baptismal call by serving others. This meeting is not only for those interested in applying to Lay Ministry, but also for anyone who is interested in learning more about the program. Those interested in applying to the lay ministry program are encouraged to have a conversation with their pastor or pastoral administrator before attending this meeting. RSVP'S to the meeting may be sent to Kellie Deming, coordinator of Lay Ministry at kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org or 989-797-6609.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP:

A Marriage Preparation Workshop is scheduled for Saturday March 25, 2017 from 9:00 am -5:30 pm. for engaged couples preparing for marriage. Please register by March 15. Cost is \$80. To register, please contact Linda Milco at 989-797-6660 or lmilco@dioceseofsaginaw.org. The next scheduled workshop is

August 26, 2017