

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
 Phone: 989-738-7521

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, Ed Bresky, Bob & Mary Brown,
 Margaret Carpenter, Rose Hallitt, Arnold & Delphine

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

Monday March 20 – NO MASS

Tuesday March 21 – NO MASS

Wednesday March 22 – NO MASS

Thursday March 23 – NO MASS

Friday March 24 – St. Michael

4:00PM *Stations of the Cross*

4:30PM *For the Parishioners*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday March 25 – St. Michael

10:00AM

Retreat for Confirmation Children – Parish Center

3:30PM

ROSARY

4:00PM

Alfred Jandreski by Judy & Family

Walter Karsmarski

by Larry & Colleen Krohn & Delphine Karsmarski

Sunday

March 26

8:00AM

St. Mary – **ROSARY**

8:30AM

Sylvester Lasceski by Alvin, Karen & Janice Yaroch

10:00AM

St. Michael – **ROSARY**

10:30AM

Stanley & Joanna Knoblock by Family

LaVerne Moore by Nancy Moore

Ernie Goretski (Anniv.) by Grace & Family

Johanna Mull by Mike & Donna Ignash

STEWARDSHIP

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.”

John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered”.

Our Gifts to God March 11th & 12th

Envelopes (164)	\$ 3,708.00
Loose	\$ 391.35
Utility	\$ 50.00
Building Fund: St. Michael	\$ 150.00
St. Mary	\$ 30.00

Dear Parishioners,

Bishop Cistone will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for nine candidates from our parish on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at St. Roch's in Caseville. Parents are asked to please be present at St. Roch's with the children by 12:30 PM for a rehearsal before the celebration. Please continue praying for the following Confirmation Candidates from our parish: Griffin Schipinski, Erica Forbing, Chase Murawski, Luke Szymanski, Madalyn Glaza, Michael Bruce, Mary Bruce, Jake Golochowicz, and Jonathan Goretzki.

Please continue praying for Dale Hartsell who will be receiving full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil and who will be going through the scrutinies over the next few weekends. The scrutinies are held on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sunday's of Lent. Scrutinies are rites of self-searching and repentance for the Elect who will be receiving full initiation at the Easter Vigil. They still include an exorcism, in which the priest prays that the spirit of evil may be replaced by the spirit of good. Their purpose is not so much to examine the candidates' mental readiness, but their *spiritual readiness*. Scrutinies offer the catechumens the support they need to approach the waters of baptism worthily. For those who are already baptized, the scrutinies invite us to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance. At Easter we renew our baptismal promises as we see the catechumens baptized. So during Lent we renew our repentance as we see the catechumens scrutinized. The scrutinies remind us of the seriousness of our Christian life and inspire us to turn from evil and pursue good. They enliven our recommitment to Christ at Easter.

Also, please continue to pray for Cory Krinkie, a candidate who will be receiving both Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

For those of you who have not been aware of some issues we have been encountering with St. Mary's Church building. Since I have been here and before, moisture has been leaking through St. Mary's Church walls, damaging the plaster. Last year, some issues with the roof and improperly installed gutters were discovered. Those issues were corrected last year at a minimum cost. Also discovered are many bricks that have been weathered over time and are chipping off, allowing moisture to come through the brick, damaging the plaster on the inside of the church. Bishop Cistone has accepted our request to have D. C. Byers Company of Lansing do the necessary tuck-pointing and sealing of the brick on St. Mary's Church. Byers estimates that 200 brick on the building will have to be replaced. The brick work will have to be done before the windows are repaired. The windows project at St. Mary's is estimated at \$10,000. The St. Mary's window project is much smaller than St. Michael's window project, but both were included in the same bidding process. However, we need to complete the brick work repairs before we repair the windows. To raise funds for the brick project, Annunciation of the Lord Parish is beginning a "Brick Campaign" for St. Mary's Church. The Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils have recommended that we begin requesting that all parishioners be encouraged to contribute according to their means. The original quote which totaled approximately \$64,000 has been reduced by \$6,000 because the calking of the windows had been previously budgeted with the stained glass repairs. The new quote is now \$57,895. The Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils agreed to match \$2.00 from parish savings to every \$1.00 donated. It was suggested that if 200 parishioners would contribute \$100, the parish could raise the \$20,000 needed for the match. By no means are we limiting the donation amount. Any amount raised over the goal will be placed into St. Mary's building fund for future renovation projects. Normally, there are cost overruns with a project like this, but the parish will be reimbursed for any new

bricks not used. When donating you may use the building fund envelope found in your packet for the next 60 days. All building funds collected over the next 60 days will be used for the important and necessary work at St. Mary's. Or you may place your donation in a plain white envelope with your name, envelope number, and label it, "Brick Campaign." Your donation to church is tax exempt and will show up on your year-end tax-report. We are expecting a successful fundraising campaign as the brick work has been tentatively scheduled to start sometime in April. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will help preserve our historical landmark.

I will be out of the parish from Sunday afternoon, March 19th until Thursday afternoon, March 23, 2017 for the Diocesan Priest's Annual Retreat. The parishioners of Annunciation of the Lord will be in my prayers this week.

*God bless you,
Fr. Craig*

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING WORKSHOP: The Office of Christian Service is pleased to announce a Pastoral Care Training Workshop on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Center for Ministry. Anyone visiting the homebound/sick or those wishing to learn more are invited to attend. The course includes basic skills and training in; Elements of the Visit/Prayer, Rite of Distribution of Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound, Communication/Listening Skills, Healthy Boundaries and Theology of the Suffering. Registration fee is \$15 which includes lunch and all materials. To register, contact Lori Becker, Respect Life Coordinator at 989-797-6652 or email at lbecker@dioceseofsaginaw.org. Registration deadline: April 25, 2017.

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. Any questions call Verna Murawski (989) 738-7521 or (989) 670-8489

Spring Men's Retreat

Capuchin Retreat House

Weekend - April 21-23, 2017

Contact: Ray Geiger (989) 550-1848

geigerray1@yahoo.com

or Contact: Doug Grates (989) 856-2126

The March weekend is almost full,
so plan now for April 21-23rd

Contact us, we'll answer questions
and assist you with registration!!

Please help the Shared Blessings Food Pantry win \$5,000 by voting daily from **March 15 - 29**. Go to **IndependentBank.com/Investing** to vote. You must have a valid Facebook account and be at least 18 to vote. The Shared Blessings Food Pantry serves the entire county. Thank you for your support.

The Harbor Beach Hospital Foundation is hosting its European Tower Pheasant Hunt as there next fundraising event. This will be held on Saturday, April 1st. at the Rooster Ranch on Germania Rd. near Ubyly, starting at 7:30am with registration and breakfast at 8:30am. To register for this fundraising event, you can download a registration form at www.hbch.org, or contact Jean Ferriby, Marketing Coordinator at Harbor Beach Community Hospital at 989-479-5023.