Annunciation of the Lord Parish

Pastoral Administrator: Fr. Craig Carolan
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Office Hours (Port Austin):
Monday through Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM
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
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Additional Worship Site
St. Mary Church
1709 Moeller Road
Kinde, MI 48445

St. Edward Church
5084 Clinton St., 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. Mary 8:00AM
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

Sarah Behaeghe, Helen Brecht, Ardath Forth, Kevin Goretski, Magdalen Goretski, Andrea Goslin, Evelyn Goslin, Dorothy Grifka, Rose Hallitt, Russ Heeke, Evelyn Hellebuyck, Marie Horetski, Joannie Koroleski, Everett Koth, Maryann Ladensack, Logan, Rachel Maurer, Beverly Maul, Joseph Mazure, Mary Mergucz, Deb McPhail, Dan Nickens, Ann Parks, Jacob Pionk, Chad Pratt, Gerald Rice, Bernard Rutkowski, Dawn & Carol Stewart, Fr. Stanley Surman, Diane Ventline, Luella Ward, Florence Zanardelli, Chad Ziel

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday March 20
St. Michael
4:00PM ***Joseph Hudo*** by Family
Judy Baranski by Tom & Fran Szymanski
Ernie Goretski (Anniv.)
by Grace, Dave & Jonathon Goretski

Sunday March 21
St. Mary
8:30AM ***Maurice Mousseau (Anniv.)*** by Family
Josephine Korleski by Janice Yaroch Family
St. Michael
10:30AM ***LaVerne Moore*** by Nancy Moore
Harry F. Clancy by Family

Monday March 22 - NO MASS
Tuesday March 23 - NO MASS
Wednesday March 24 - St. Michael
8:30AM ***Norma & John Towsend***
7:00PM ***St. Mary - Communal Penance Service***
Thursday March 25 - St. Mary
8:30AM ***Virginia & Secondo Gordorini***
7:00PM ***St. Michael - Communal Penance Service***
Friday March 26 - St. Michael
3:00PM ***Holy Hour***
4:00PM ***Stations of the Cross***
4:30PM ***Frank Duda (Anniv.)*** by Veronica & Family

Palm Sunday

Saturday March 27
St. Michael
4:00PM ***Jackie Yaroch*** by Family
Chuck Pettit by Barbara & Family
Gary Stockoski by Jack Wisneski

Sunday March 28
St. Mary
8:30AM ***Richard Jaworski***
by Tiffany, TerryLynn, LouAnn and Dad & Mom
Josephine Korleski by Lois & Larry Stockoski

St. Michael
10:30AM ***Judy Baranski*** by Ken & Barbara Polega & Family
George Szymanski by Szymanski Family
The Holy Souls in Purgatory by The Thoma Family

Our Gifts Given to God March 6th & 7th

Envelopes (86)	**$ 3,457.00**
Loose	**$ 155.00**
Utility	**$ 190.00**
Cemetery	**$ 120.00**
Building Fund: St. Michael	**$ 10.00**
St. Mary	**$ 260.00**

Our Gifts Given to God March 13th & 14th

Envelopes (142)	**$ 6,050.00**	**CRS**	**$ 523.00**
Loose	**$ 175.00**	**Building Fund:**	
Utility	**$ 10.00**	**St. Michael**	**$ 115.00**
Cemetery	**$ 135.00**	**St. Mary**	**$ 85.00**
Easter	**$ 30.00**		

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."
Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

We are currently accepting bids for the St. Michael Cemetery lawn maintenance. Please turn in your bid, to the parish office, by April 5th.

PARISH SURVEY

The Diocese of Saginaw has partnered with Catholic Leadership Institute, an organization committed to helping Church leaders articulate a vision for their local church, call forth the gifts of those they lead and create more vibrant faith communities rooted in Jesus Christ.

All parishioners are being encouraged to participate by taking an anonymous survey. The survey is called The Disciple Maker Index (DMI). The hope is that it will provide insights into the effectiveness of the experience at Mass, preaching and other aspects of parish life.

"What a wonderful opportunity we have," said Bishop Robert Gruss. "I am very excited by what Catholic Leadership Institute is offering to us and our parishes. The Disciple Maker Index is a free resource to parishes that can help them understand their unique role and opportunities as a faith community."

All parishioners throughout the Diocese of Saginaw are invited to take part in the Disciple Maker Index survey. Simply follow the link on the saginaw.org website, in search link type in "parish survey", once the "Disciple Maker Index Survey" link appears, click on it and follow the links to select the parish name and you'll be taken to the survey.

Paper Surveys will be collected until March 23rd

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE will take place before & after Masses the weekend of March 27th & 28th. Please be generous!

Any family wanting their child/children to attend the Atrium (Catechist of the Good Shepherd) needs to contact Verna prior, 989-670-8489, so lesson plans can be prepared since there are 3 levels to the Atrium.

The Saturday times for Atrium are 10am to 12noon on select Saturday's, please pick up a schedule either in the back of church or at the parish center.

HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST: Sunday, March 28th at St. Anthony Hall (8239 Helena Rd, Harbor Beach). Take outs only, available from 8:00 am until noon. Fresh homemade sausage, pancakes, scalloped potatoes, scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls & applesauce. Call in advance to place your order to: Bob Swartz at 989-550-7542, Gary Polega at 989-670-3380, or Helena Hall (989)479-6781. We will deliver to OLLH in Harbor Beach, and Sts. Peter & Paul, Ruth after the 8:30 Masses. Home deliveries for orders of 5 or more within a 10-mile radius. All meals are $9.00

Catholic Diocese of SAGINAW

Incorporation of Diocese of Saginaw parishes nearing completion

As was first announced on June 18, 2020, the Diocese of Saginaw has moved forward in the parish incorporation project with each parish now established as a nonprofit corporation. The formal legal name for each parish adds a geographic designation to its current name: for example, Resurrection of the Lord Parish of Standish.

Throughout the months of September 2020 – January 2021, each parish's board of directors held initial board meetings. The board of directors consists of 4 individuals: the pastor, the chair of the parish finance council, the chair of the parish pastoral council, and the regional vicar. The pastor also serves as president and chief executive officer of the parish corporation. In a parish entrusted to a Director of Parish Life, this individual assumes the role of the regional vicar.

After extensive property research – sometimes with deeds dating back to the 1800's - Bishop Robert D. Gruss is transferring legal title of real estate to each parish corporation. These transfers were especially welcome among parishes that experienced mergers in the past. Bishop Gruss reflected:

Throughout the Diocese, whenever I visit parishes, the mergers are mentioned. In 2013-15, 109 parishes were compressed into 56. Mergers and closing of churches are painful memories for many parishioners. Parish incorporation helps stabilize each parish community and further demonstrates that each parish, not the diocese, is entrusted with parish resources.

The bishop maintains reserved powers over matters according to current practice, as well as canon law and civil law.

Incorporation highlights the direct involvement by the laity in stewardship of parish resources and reinforces parish finance and pastoral councils - the main advisory groups in pastoral outreach and financial operations. While the finance and pastoral council chairs individually serve, decisions of major importance should be evaluated by the respective parish councils prior to reaching the Board of Directors. Employees of a parish may not serve on these councils, and employees of the Diocese may not serve on the parish's Board of Directors.

Incorporation does not have a substantial impact on the normal operation and administration of a parish. Pastors, parish staff, councils, and committees will continue to function as before.

For additional information on the civil incorporation of the Diocesan parishes, please contact the Chancellor: Sister Mary Judith O'Brien, R.S.M. via mobrien@dioceseofsaginaw.org.