

# Annunciation of the Lord Parish



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### Office Hours (Port Austin):

Monday & Wednesday 9-4  
Tuesday & Thursday 9-5:30  
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 & 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 or Sr. Judy 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

Theresa Bambach, Kenny Briolat, Shirley Butch, Margaret Carpenter, Mike Gage, Bill Goretski, Viola Ignash, Sheryl Korleski, Linda Kozlowski, Rachel Maurer, Mary Mergucz, Rosa Palazzolo, Bob Prill, Chris Robbins, Jim Schumacher, Tim Sera, Genevieve Ventline, Betty Vigenski, Lillian Wills, Mary Jane Yaroch and John Zebrowski.

## This Week at a Glance

**Monday**  
8:30AM September 23 - No Mass

**Tuesday**  
6:00PM September 24 - St. Mary  
**Dolores Mousseau** by Maurice Mousseau family  
6:30PM Confession

**Wednesday**  
8:30AM September 25 – St. Michael  
**Mickey & Frank Golicic**  
by Andrew & Barbara Turchanik

**Thursday**  
8:30AM September 26 – St. Mary  
**Florence Lasceski** by Veronica Duda & family  
9:00AM Confession

**Friday**  
8:30AM September 27 – St. Michael  
**For the Sick and Suffering**  
1:00PM Sunday Scripture Preparation – St. Edward Hall

## 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**Saturday** September 28-St. Michael  
3:00-3:45PM Confession  
4:00PM **Mary Jane Roe** by family

**Sunday** September 29—St. Mary  
8:30AM **For all Deceased Parishioners**  
10:00-10:20AM Confession-St. Michael  
10:30AM St. Michael  
**For the Protection of Life**



The dishonest manager in today's parable knew how to manipulate money to his advantage. But the Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money. Which do I serve? Is my stewardship such that anyone can tell?

### Gift Given to God Sept 14 & 15

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Envelope \$3,207.00  
Loose \$1,009.36  
Utility \$ 35.00

Dear Parishioners:

This weekend's readings are about being good stewards of God's gifts. Good stewardship recognizes that everything we receive is a gift of God and it belongs to him. When we give back to God or to a needy person, we are only returning what already belongs to him.

The word "mammon" in today's Gospel is Aramaic and means property, not only money, but also any possession. More than twenty-five years ago, Fr. John Haughey, S.J. wrote a thoughtful book entitled, *The Holy Use of Money: Personal Finances in the Light of Christian Faith*. He described the condition of "mammon sickness" as having interrelated aspects: running after things, numbness in our relationships, and a divided consciousness regarding God.

Today's readings invite us to take our spiritual temperatures to see if we are suffering from a low-grade, or even a more severe, case of "mammon sickness." The prophet Amos rails not simply against dishonest business practice in buying and selling, but more importantly how pursuing wealth can diminish honoring God on the Sabbath and lead to "trampling upon the needy and destroying the poor of the land." The prophetic voice shouts out to proclaim God's love and care for the poor, wealth can exclude such love and care from our daily lives.

The Parable Jesus tells and the sayings that follow call for more consideration than space allows, but note that the master's seeming admiration is for his steward's "prudence" or "shrewdness" in using money to make friends. Jesus then contrasts how the children of this world deal with their own kind more astutely than the children of light. Succinctly put, use mammon to help others. There can be a holy use of money, to care for those most in need, thereby giving glory to God.

*Blessings,  
Fr. Craig*

Once a fisherman was sitting near the seashore, under the shadow of a tree chewing on a blade of grass. Suddenly a rich businessman passing by approached him and inquired as to why he was sitting under a tree and not working. To this the poor fisherman replied that he had caught enough fish for the day.

Hearing this, the rich man got angry and said: Why don't you catch more fish instead of sitting in the shade wasting your time?

*Fisherman* asked: What would I do by catching more fish?

*Businessman*: You could catch more fish, sell them and earn more money, and buy a bigger boat.

*Fisherman*: What would I do then?

*Businessman*: You could go fishing in deep waters and catch even more fish and earn even more money.

*Fisherman*: What would I do then?

*Businessman*: You could buy many boats and employ many people to work for you and earn even more money.

*Fisherman*: What would I do then?

*Businessman*: You could become a rich businessman like me.

*Fisherman*: What would I do then?

*Businessman*: You could then enjoy your life peacefully.

*Fisherman*: Isn't that what I'm doing now?

*Moral*: You don't need to wait for tomorrow to be happy and enjoy your life. You don't even need to be wealthier or more powerful to enjoy life. LIFE is at this moment, enjoy it fully.

As some great man said "My riches consist not in the extent of my possessions but in the fewness of my wants".

A "New Day" group is forming in September at St. Michael to help each other recover from the loss of a loved one. Call Jane Mayes (989) 738-7641 for information and input as to your best times for meeting.

**Scripture discussion** at St. Michael will be Tuesday & Wednesday at 9:15AM and Wednesday evening at 7:00PM, your choice. This year we will study the last half of Matthew's Gospel.

If you have any questions, please call Joan Yaroch, 738-5015

**COATS FOR KIDS BOXES ARE IN THE CHURCH ENTRIES**  
Please work to fill them with gently used jackets, coats, mittens and hats

**St. Mary Holy Rosary Sodality**  
will meet Monday, October 7, 4:00PM at St. Mary Hall.

Lunch committee;  
**Marie Kozłowski, Valeria Dubs & Bernice Osentoski.**  
New members are always welcome

**Autumn Euchre Card Party**  
Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:30PM  
St. Edward Hall  
Prizes and Hot Dinner (4:00PM)  
Donation \$7.00  
Everyone welcome! Bring a friend!  
Proceeds to Faith Formation



The **40 Days for Life** campaign, runs from September 25 through November 3 from 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. It is a

prayerful and peaceful means of gathering to bring about the end of abortion. 40 Days for Life is an ecumenical, faith-based effort made up of three key components:

> \*Prayer and Fasting: inviting people of faith throughout the Diocese of Saginaw to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion

> \*Peaceful Vigil: standing for life through a 40-day peaceful and prayer public witness outside the local abortion clinic at 3141 S. Cabaret Trail, Saginaw, MI.

> \*Community Outreach: taking a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, church presentations, door-to-door advocacy, and public visibility

> After so many years of legalized abortion, many people of faith are experiencing a renewed sense of HOPE! Call Bob Dodick at 989-941-6869 for more information or to sign-up.

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

Verna Murawski has generously completed Part 1 of the Level 2 training for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Flushing.

Ken Kuszynski has crafted an exquisite wooden box with inlaid wooden components for the "Plan of God" work to be used by children ages 9-12.

Valeria Dubs has lovingly provided strong, sturdy "Bible Bags" for all of our 1<sup>st</sup> Graders and new students to hold all of their Faith Formation materials.

Over \$56 has been collected from our children and our "pennies for Haiti" containers and is now on its way to assist children's needs in Haiti. Keep those pennies coming!!!

Envelopes with payment for Faith Formation Bibles and materials keep coming and are greatly appreciated!!!

**CONTINUOUS GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED WITH THE ABOVE IN ANY WAY!!**

TARGET DATE FOR HOMEWORK IS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>!!

The St. Edward Catechesis Center will have the materials used for children 3-12 on display for the next week.

Please call Sr. Judy to arrange a time to "Come and See".

**Cancer Benefit for Bob Prill** will be Saturday, September 21 from 3:00-8:00PM Port Austin Conservation Club, Adults \$10.00, Children 6-12 \$6.00, Under 5 free, Fish & Shrimp dinner. Silent & Live Auctions, Bake Sale and 50/50 drawings. For more information or to make a donation call: Deanna Kidd 989-550-6437, Tim Hatch 989-550-3529, Brian Hoody 989-551-1050

**Aquinas College Fine Arts Visit Day – Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Aquinas College, a Catholic college in the Dominican tradition in Grand Rapids, is hosting a Fine Arts AQDay for high school students interested in Theatre, Music, Art and Creative Writing. Discover what studying fine arts is like at AQ as you attend breakout sessions, view an exhibit of current students' work, tour our beautiful 107-acre campus and chat with faculty from your specific area of interest. Please visit our website at [www.aquinas.edu/fad](http://www.aquinas.edu/fad) for more details or to register for the event on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>