



Parishes of the
**Resurrection
of the Lord**



St. Anne | St. Gabriel | St. Catherine | St. Raphael



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C | DEC. 19TH, 2021

Administrator: Fr. John William

Parish Office: St. Anne | St. Raphael

Parish Office: St. Catherine | St. Gabriel

Pastoral Emergency Line: 989-471-2556

Phone #: 989-724-6713

Phone #: 989-471-5121

Email: fr.john@resurrectionacgr.org

Website: www.resurrectionacgr.org

Address: 110 S. State St. P.O. Box 345,
Harrisville, MI 49740

Address: 2188 W. Nicholson Hill Rd,
Ossineke, MI 49766

Facebook Page: Catholic Parishes of the
Resurrection

Email: StAnne@resurrectionacgr.org

Email: StCatherine@resurrectionacgr.org

Sign up for Parish Email and Texts:

www.eva.us/rise or text [rise] to 55321

Hours: Mon | Wed | Fri 9am - 12pm

Hours: Mon - Thur 8am - 3pm

Let's Connect!

Facebook: Catholic Parishes of the Resurrection of the Lord **MyParishApp:** Parish of the Resurrection
Sign up for Parish Emails/Texts: Go to www.eva.us/rise or Text: [rise] to 55321

DEARLY BELOVED— *Opening Prayer: May our preparation for the coming of Christ help us to be good and open to other people and be happy with their achievements.*

INTRODUCTION AND READINGS: As we are about to celebrate the coming of Christ into our lives at Christmas we cry out to Jesus our Shepherd and pray hoping that the Lord God will preserve us and look favourably upon us as the Psalmist echoes in the Responsorial Psalm: “*Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*” In today’s first reading we have the preaching of the prophet Micah who predicted that a day will come when a prince from Bethlehem-Ephrathah, king David’s birthplace and the place where his father Jesse belonged would rule over Israel and shepherd his flock. This leader who will shepherd his flock is the Prince of Peace. The woman mentioned is the Mother of the ideal prince, the mother of the Messiah who also is from the dynasty of king David. As we draw near to welcome Jesus at Christmas, the second reading today from the letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews makes us understand that the coming of Jesus in the flesh or in the body was a preparation for his willing sacrifice on the Cross. Hence, as a faithful servant of God Jesus come to accomplish the will of the Father. Just like Jesus who accepted the will of God for him, Mary who accepted the will of God for her goes in haste to Visit Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greetings the baby stirred in Elizabeth’s womb and she acknowledged Mary as the “*Mother of my Lord*” who is blessed among women.

MARY WAS SELECTED AND NAMED TO BE AS UNIQUE AMONG WOMEN: The visitation of Mary to Elizabeth her cousin presents us with some outstanding revelations concerning Mary. Mary’s visit to Elizabeth made the child Elizabeth was carrying to stir for joy. This very act of the child stirring in the womb of Elizabeth reveal that Mary was special. Elizabeth herself acknowledged this uniqueness of Mary when she said: “*Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.*” While the child in Elizabeth’s womb makes this outstanding revelation about the uniqueness of Mary, the same Elizabeth went on to make another outstanding revelation concerning Mary’ total submission to the will of God: “*Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord’s words to her will be fulfilled.*” It is for this reason that Catholics honour Mary and have a special place for her their heart.

CALLED TO BELIEVE AND BE BLESSED LIKE MARY: Mary is blessed because she believed and acted on her belief. She became the first and perfect example of a disciple of Jesus. Besides Mary who believed and acted on her belief, there are several other instances in the Holy Scriptures when amazing things happened to those who believed. To the Centurion Jesus said: “*You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you.*” And at that very hour [his] servant was healed (Matt. 8: 13). To the woman with the flow of blood Jesus said: “*Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you.*” And from that hour the woman was cured (Matt. 9: 22). To the two blind men, Jesus said, “*Let it be done for you according to your faith.*” And their eyes were opened (Matt. 9: 29). Believing requires thinking and acting on what we believe. Sometimes believing entails hearing the word, working on it and making sacrifices because of it. Faith doesn’t always make things easy. Faith will sometimes urge us to persevere and struggle on, often with no assurance of a happy result. An individual who has faith never gives up. If we hear the word of God and act on it we too will be blessed like Mary.

CALLED TO REACH OUT TO OTHERS: Christians are called to know others and this requires that we move out of our comfort zone. The best way to celebrate Christmas worthily is within the context of a family, a group, a community. Hence, the need for us to make the effort to reach out to other and not to just keep to ourselves. Mary’s visit to her cousin Elizabeth should open our eyes to see and realise the need for us to visit those we have deliberately decided to cut off contact with for whichever reason. Christian charity demands that in whichever way we have been offended, that we forgive and forge ahead instead of nursing unnecessary grudges, complaining against each other as if we were created to fight each other and not to be at peace.

CALLED TO BE HAPPY AT THE PROGRESS OF OTHERS: We are to take joy at the progress others make in their lives The visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth teaches us Christian how to also behave towards each other by rejoicing in the good fortune of one another. As soon as Mary learnt that her cousin Elizabeth was with a child, she did not become sad or unhappy but Mary left in haste to visit Elizabeth in order to offer her the necessary assistance. From this we draw the lesson that we should rejoice and be glad when another person progresses and not to remain sad or offended. Filled with the Holy Spirit Mary was moved to do good by visiting her cousin Elizabeth in order to help her out. This motivation to do good is what we are invited to learn. Hence, when we hear of good things happening in the lives of other people we should be moved to celebrate with them rather than feeling sad or complaining or causing or wishing them bad or even praying for their downfall.

Closing Prayer: *May God bless us and grant us the grace to receive Christ into our lives and heart as well as have room for others in our lives too. Lord Jesus comes because we have prepared our hearts and lives for his coming.*

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

"As each of us has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1Pt 4:10). Thank you all for the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God's vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	<u>St. Anne</u>	<u>St. Catherine</u>	<u>St. Gabriel</u>	<u>St. Raphael</u>
Needed Each Week:	\$2,242.45	\$2,548.08	\$508.62	\$800.60
Needed Year-to-Date:	53,818.75	61,153.92	12,206.88	19,214.40
Actual Year-to-Date:	50,391.90	56,698.39	12,489.58	17,800.79
Date: Dec. 12th, 2021	6,684.33	1,639.00	570.00	442.90
Other Collections:	1,739.25	835.00	320.00	352.00
Nov. Online Giving:	2592.44	2,343.88	96.28	95.44

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, December 18, 2021

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael
(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Janet Palin)

Sunday, December 19, 2021

8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Deceased members of the Hinkle Family)
10:30am Rosary at St. Anne
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Special Intention for Anthony Boyd)
**2:00pm ADVENT communal PENANCE
SERVICE for St. Catherine & St. Gabriel
at St. Catherine Church in Ossineke**

Monday, December 20, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Special Intention for all the living)

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Steven Fitzgerald)
9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Al Gerard)
5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and
Reconciliation at St. Catherine

Thursday, December 23, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(For our deceased parishioners)
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

Friday, December 24th, 2021

**6:00-7:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass at
St. Catherine Church in Ossineke**
(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)
**8:00-9:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass at
St. Anne Church in Harrisville**
(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)

Saturday, December 25, 2021

**9:00-10:00am Christmas Mass at Dawn
at St. Gabriel Church in Black River**
(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)
**9:00-10:00am Christmas Mass at Dawn
at St. Raphael Church in Mikado**
(Alice Marciniak)

Sunday, December 26, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Craig Rolston)
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)

****The parish offices will be closed Dec. 24 - Jan 2
and will reopen on Monday, January 3rd. ****

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

SUNDAY:

Mi 5:1-4a, Heb 10:5-10,
LK 1:39-45

MONDAY:

IS 7:10-14, LK 1:26-38

TUESDAY:

SG 2:8-14, LK 1:39-45

WEDNESDAY:

1 SM 1:24-28, LK 1:46-56

THURSDAY:

MAL 3:1-4, 23-24, LK 1:57-66

FRIDAY:

2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16,
LK 1:67-79

SATURDAY:

IS 62:11-12, TI 3:4-7, LK 2:15-20

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. Zeljko Guberovic

Monday:

Rev. James Hayden

Tuesday:

Vocations to the priesthood
and all religious life

Wednesday:

Rev. Santiago Hoyumpa

Thursday:

Rev. Gerard Hunko

Friday:

Rev. Michael Janowski

Saturday:

All Seminarians

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Please consider making a donation for Christmas Flowers.

To donate in memory of or in honor of loved ones, please print clearly the name of person/persons being honored on an envelope with your donation. Memorials will be printed in the Christmas bulletin.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP CLEAN THE CHURCHES. Inquire with the parish offices if you are interested in helping out. Contact information is on the front cover.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: St. Vincent DePaul is in need of help with Christmas filling candy bags, food boxes and loading the boxes on pick up day. If you would like to help, contact Sharon Gajewski Monday-Thursday at St. Raphael 989-736-6071.

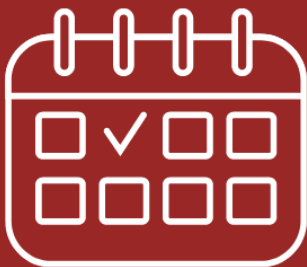
Any Eucharistic Minister who was not able to attend one of the recertification classes:

By watching this they will be able to recertify. <https://dioceseofgaylord.org/liturgy-workshop-2021>
or the direct link to YouTube is <https://youtu.be/uo-HZOZNzNc>. **Also to let the parish office know that you completed this video so that they can let the diocese know.**

Do you have anything that you would like shared in the weekly Bulletin?

Contact Kayla Adams at kadams@resurrectionacgr.org with your request.

To help reduce exposure to COVID-19, it is strongly recommended that all parishioners and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask.



1/20, 2/03,

2/17, 3/03,

3/31, 4/21

FAITH FORMATION FOR OUR PARISH CLUSTER

TEEN/ADULT FAITH FORMATION

THURSDAY, JAN 20, 2021 | 6:30-7:30PM

Location: St. Catherine Parish Hall

If you have any questions, please contact
Adam Brege at bregeadam@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS FROM 10-11:15

Location: St. Catherine Parish Hall

Please sign up after Mass any Sunday, or contact Cathy Macfalda:
Cathy@resurrectionacgr.org. There are options available if your child(ren)
cannot physically join us.

Christmas Flowers:

Please consider making a donation for Christmas Flowers.

To donate in memory of or in honor of loved ones, please
print clearly the name of person/persons being honored on
an envelope with your donation. Memorials will be printed
in the Christmas bulletin.

Advent

**JOIN IN OUR DAILY ADVENT ACTIVITIES!
YOU CAN FIND THEM ON OUR WEBSITE
OR FACEBOOK PAGE.**

Search: Catholic Parishes of the
Resurrection of the Lord or
scan the QR code >>>

Our website at
www.ResurrectionACGR.org



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My heart goes out to all the
victims of the tornados that tore
through Kentucky and the
surrounding states. Please join
me in prayer for the souls lost
and the many other victims who
have lost so much, that they may
feel the loving hand of God in
these difficult times. We pray
also for the first responders who
continue to search for victims, in
thanksgiving for their bravery
and for the peace of mind they
bring to many families.

+Bishop Walter A. Hurley
Apostolic Administrator

2021 Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. A sister writes,
"Our prayers belong most of all to the
generous benefactors whose
donations have made this financial
assistance possible." Thank you for
supporting last week's Retirement
Fund for Religious collection. Visit
retiredreligious.org to learn how your
gift supports elderly sisters, brothers,
and religious order priests

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

12/19 at 2:00pm

Mass for St. Catherine and St. Gabriel
at St. Catherine Church.