



Parishes of the
**Resurrection
of the Lord**



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



**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
1ST SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS, YEAR C | DEC. 26TH, 2021**

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DEARLY BELOVED – *Opening Prayer: May God open the eyes of our hearts and minds so that we will realize how to make our own family happy, contented, and devoted to God.*

INTRODUCTION AND READINGS: As we anticipate the coming of Christ in the flesh, at the end of time and into our lives, the readings selected for the feast of the Holy Family, a day after we have celebrated the birth of Christ tells us of the child Jesus living at Nazareth at the home of Joseph and Mary. When he was 12 years old Jesus made a Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem with his parents Mary and Joseph. Within their home in Nazareth Jesus grew up physically, in wisdom, grace and he remained obedient to his parents (Gospel reading). While Jesus was taken to the temple and decides to stay behind, as a child Samuel was taken to the temple by Hannah and Elkanah and consecrated for the service of God in fulfilment of the promise made to the Lord in the same temple (first reading). As an assertion of the significance of the visit to the temple in Jerusalem by Jesus and his parents and the presentation of the child Samuel for the service of the Lord by his parents, the responsorial psalm today states: “*Blessed are those who fear the Lord and work in his ways.*” While reminding us that we are the children of God who are part of the Christian family of God, St. Paul calls on us to love one another as Jesus taught us (second reading).

VARIOUS WAYS WE ARE RELATED AS A FAMILY: Granted that the “traditional family” is made up of a father, mother, and child/children, it is a common phenomenon today that there are single-parent families, foster families and blended families. Other examples of the family include the extended family, the parish family, the school family, our family at work and the entire human family. Whatever our understanding of the family may be all of us who are members of the family of Christ or the Church or some other forms of the family are to be closely linked to one another, mutually supportive of each other, loving towards each other and united across time and space.

WE MAKE OUR FAMILY HOLY BY DOING WHAT GOD WANTS AND BY ALLOWING OUR LIFE BE FOUNDED ON JESUS : It is the family where Jesus, Mary and Joseph observed the will of God that is referred to as the Holy Family. The family of Hannah, Elkanah and Samuel also allowed the plan of God to unfold within their family. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is so called not because of the presence of two saints (Joseph and Mary) and the Son of God (Jesus) within this family but because each member of the family tried to fulfil what is required of them. As the members of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph carried out what is required of them and by so doing merited the name Holy Family. We too are invited to also carry out our duties and responsibilities so that we will attain holiness within our individual families. Children of God need to carry out what God expects of them and to allow their family to be founded on Jesus. It is in doing what God wants and by allowing our family to be established on Jesus that it can thrive spiritually. We make Jesus part and parcel of our family life by having a special place for Jesus in our family life especially through prayer, fasting, thanksgiving, adoration, praises, and devotion to God.

FAMILY MEMBERS FEAR THE LORD: The fear of the Lord does not refer to terror or resentment exercised towards God but it is the love and respect exercised towards the Lord by his children. The visit to the temple in Jerusalem when Jesus decides to stay behind was undertaken to fulfil the religious duties that were required of Jesus and his parents. This visit to Jerusalem indicates their deep respect and profound love for the laws of the Lord by Jesus, Joseph, and Mary. The parents of Samuel, Hannah and Elkanah both feared and respected the Lord. While she was childless Hannah spent nights and days at the temple of the Lord praying to be blessed with the fruit of the womb. When finally she was blessed with the desire of her heart she returned to the same temple and left her son Samuel in the temple to serve the Lord. This very act of praying to the Lord and leaving the boy Samuel at the service of the Lord clearly illustrates the fear of the Lord and the readiness to walk in the ways of the Lord. Christians should be moved to take God seriously and obey his commands by carrying out what he wants and refraining from what God dislikes.

FAMILY MEMBERS HELP EACH OTHER TO GROW CLOSER IN THE LORD: The members of any family especially the Christian family can distinguish itself, become unique and holy when they try to remain united together, respect each other, love each other, and help each other carry out what is required. This is why the parents of Jesus led him to the temple to fulfil their religious practices in Jerusalem. In the case of the little boy Samuel, he too was made to remain in the temple of the Lord where he was taught the ways of the Lord by the prophet. The members of the family are to treat their parents especially the elderly-senior citizens with patience and endurance. Children who are growing up too are to be treated with patience and understanding. Within every family, there is also the need for parents to discourage bad behaviour.

Closing Prayer: *May God continue to bless us and grant us the grace to make our own family unique by doing our part as members of our own family.*

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:	56,061.20	63,702.00	12,715.50	20,015.00
Actual Year-to-Date:	51,811.90	60,841.39	12,609.58	18,677.64
Date: Dec. 19th, 2021	1,420.00	4,143.00	120.00	876.85
Other Collections:	263.25	385.00	30.00	401.00

This Week in our Parishes

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

8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Craig Rolston)

10:30am Rosary at St. Anne

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

*(Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)*

Monday, December 27, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(Steven Fitzgerald)

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(Special Intention for all our living)

9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Al Gerard)

5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and

Reconciliation at St. Catherine

Thursday, December 30, 2021

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(For a healthy new year)

9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

Friday, December 31, 2021

6:00-7:00pm Mary Mother of God Vigil Mass
at St. Catherine

(For a healthy new year)

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00-10:00am Mary Mother of God Morning
Mass at St. Anne in Harrisville

(Fr. Robert Bissot)

9:00-10:00am Mary Mother of God Morning
Mass at St. Raphael in Mikado

(For our faithfully departed)

11:00-12:00pm Mary Mother of God Morning
Mass at St. Gabriel in Ossineke

(For those who have neglected their faith)

Sunday, January 2, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(Janet Palin)

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:

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14, COL 3:12-21 OR
3:12-17, LK 2:41-52

MONDAY:

1 JN 1:1-4, JN 20:1A AND 2-8

TUESDAY:

1 JN 1:5—2:2, MT 2:13-18

WEDNESDAY:

1 JN 2:3-11, LK 2:22-35

THURSDAY:

1 JN 2:12-17, LK 2:36-40

FRIDAY:

1 JN 2:18-21, JN 1:1-18

SATURDAY:

NM 6:22-27, GAL 4:4-7,
LK 2:16-21

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. Christopher Jarvis

Monday:

Rev. Alex Kowalkowski

Tuesday:

Rev. Richard Kropf

Wednesday:

Rev. John Ladd

Thursday:

Rev. Scott Lawler

Friday:

Rev. Basil Lek

Saturday:

Pope Francis

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL LADIES OF OUR PARISHES: All ladies of our parishes are invited to the East Region Gaylord DCCW Meeting, Tuesday, January 11th, 9:30 Registration, 10AM Meeting, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 3856 Oak St., Onaway. To register please call Sally Schaar at (989)217-0629 (Please leave a message) by January 4th with parish name and attendees(s). Please bring a \$10 reservation fee per person for the luncheon to the meeting.

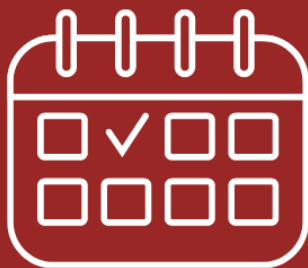
Any Eucharistic Minister who was not able to attend one of the recertification classes:

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-HZONzNc>. **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 bregadam@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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dear Priests, Directors of Parish Life, Deacons, Parish and Diocesan Staff:

We are pleased to share the news that His Holiness Pope Francis has named the Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh, priest of the Diocese of Scranton, Pennsylvania, as the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord. The announcement was made today by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, in Washington, D.C.

Bishop-elect Walsh, 56, is a priest of the Diocese of Scranton and currently serves as pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Carbondale, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carbondale. Bishop-elect Walsh's episcopal ordination and installation as bishop of the Diocese of Gaylord has been set for March 4, 2022, at 2 p.m. in St. Mary Cathedral, Gaylord.

Further details are attached and a full biography and additional materials are available on the diocesan website.