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#### HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

**Opening Prayer:** May we do our best to always resist and overcome the devil and his deceitful tricks so that we remain the children of God now and forever.

Introduction to The Liturgy of the Word: God's guidance and protection over the Israelites is shown in the successful exodus from Egypt and their entry into the Promised Land. The guidance and protection of the children of Israel is expressed in today's Responsorial Psalm: "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble." After they had settled in the Promised Land the sons of Israel were instructed to offer a harvest basket of their first fruits to the altar of God as thanksgiving. Families, the Priest, as well as aliens who live with them were to celebrate the goodness of the Lord God towards them. Just like the sons of Israel who were made to recognize the goodness of the Lord God and to show gratitude to God by observing a thanksgiving celebration, St. Paul in the second reading also acknowledged the overflowing goodness of God and tells the early Roman Christians and us too that if we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our heart that Jesus has been raised from the dead, we will be saved. Faith in the heart leads to justification, confession on the lips leads to salvation. The Gospel reading invites us to trust and believe in Jesus who today was tempted by the devil but did not sin. Jesus's victory over the devil means a lot just as the guidance and protection of God meant a lot to the Israelites. Let us continue to confess with our lips that Jesus who was tempted by the devil but did not sin is Lord, so that we will be saved.

**God is Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth:** Like the Israelites who looked up to God and were protected and brought safely to the Promised land, Christians also look up to God and profess that they believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven, and earth. As "Father" God is acknowledged as the sovereign and creator of all things. God is the sovereign who produces everything, provides for what he created and protects his creation. Since God creates and sustains everything by his decree, he is acclaimed as truly "Almighty" because all power belong to him and he must be almighty to create and sustain everything! The adjective almighty as it is applied to God points to the basic Biblical fact that God is the Lord, the King and the omnipotent one who reigns over the world. Since there is God who is the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth who is sovereign, provider, and creator of everything that there is, then there is no other being that is equal to him in any way. God remains the only true God and besides him there is no other like him. The devil is nothing but a rebellious creature created by God.

Jesus is Lord of the Heavens and the Earth: God is not only our sovereign Creator, but through Christ we have a Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ who unites us with the Father. In the days of Jesus the term lord was often used as a title of respect with regard to the rulers of the earth and it was in this sense that the leper referred to Jesus in Matthew 8: 2. After the resurrection of Jesus the title "Lord," became much more than a title of respect. The affirmation "Jesus is Lord," became a way of recognizing Jesus' Divine standing, that is, "Jesus is God." The idea about "Jesus is Lord," can be traced to the Apostle Thomas who after the resurrection of Jesus declared: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20: 28). Peter in his sermon on the Day of Pentecost also announced: "God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah" (Acts 2: 36). At the House of Cornelius the same Peter admitted that Jesus is: "Lord of all" (Acts 10: 36). The declaration "Jesus is Lord" indicates that Jesus is God, who is "...both Lord and Messiah" (Acts 2: 36), "Lord of the Sabbath" (Luke 6: 5), "our only Sovereign and Lord" (Jude 1: 4), "the Lord of Lords" (Revelation 17: 14) who holds "all authority in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28: 18). Since Jesus is acclaimed to be all these, no wonder Jesus was tempted by the devil but did not sin since He is God. It not surprising that Jesus defeated the devil in all his tricks and after his resurrection God exalted Jesus and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, and that at the name of Jesus every knee in heaven, on earth and under the earth would bend and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2: 9-11). So, who is the devil to tempt Jesus? What authority or thing does the devil have to offer our Lord Jesus Christ?

Blessed are They Who Persevere and Do not Give in to Temptation: We will overcome temptation when we follow the counsel of St. Paul: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour" (1 Peter 5: 8; 1 Thessalonians 5: 6). Adam and Eve, our first parents were tempted and they sinned and as a result we find ourselves where we are. Jesus was tempted but did not sin, so we too are invited to follow the example of Jesus so that when we experience temptation we will perseveres like Jesus and overcome it: "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him" (James 1: 12). We are not to allow ourselves to be tempted and to fall into sin but rather we are to resist and overcome temptation like Christ because whatever the devil is telling us is a lie and never the truth. Besides, the devil is only a stubborn creature created by God. The devil does not possess any authority or anything to offer. God alone is the source of all things in heaven and on earth.

**Closing Prayer:** We pray to be always conscious that the devil owns nothing and is liar and may we always overcome the devil and all his tricks to lead us astray.

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

"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:	74,000.80	84,086.64	16,784.46	26,419.80
Actual Year-to-Date:	64,375.13	89,247.74	18,100.77	25,815.59
Date: February 27, 2022	3,828.00	1,926.00	221.00	1,666.65
Other Collections:	304.00	130.00	-	-

### This Week in our Parishes

#### Saturday, March 5, 2022

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 & St. Raphael)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Joseph Gauthier)

#### Sunday, March 6, 2022

8:00am Reconciliation at St. Catherine
8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Polly Cierciorka)
10:30am Rosary at St. Anne
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Steven Fitzgerald)

#### Monday, March 7, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (For all those who suffer religious persecution)4:15pm St. Raphael Sodality Meeting

#### Tuesday, March 8, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Deceased Priests)
9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation
6:30pm-7:00pm Stations of the Cross
and Confession at St. Gabriel
7:00pm-7:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel
(Tom Kane)

#### Wednesday, March 9, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(For a fruitful Lenten season)
5:30pm-6:00pm Stations of the Cross and
Confession at St. Catherine
6:00pm-6:30pm Mass at St. Catherine
(Parishioners of St. Catherine)

#### Thursday, March 10, 2022

9:00am Communion Service at St. Catherine (For our Elderly Parishioners)
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine
4:30pm Stations of the Cross and Confession at St. Raphael
5:00pm Mass at St. Raphael (Parishioners of St. Raphael)

#### Friday, March 11, 2022

5:00-5:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Anne 5:30-6:00pm Mass at St. Anne (For our Faithful Youth)

#### Saturday, March 12, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael 4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael 4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael (Ronald Frayer) 6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel 6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel 6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel (Patricia Hervert)

#### **Sunday, March 13, 2022**

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael) 11:00am Mass at St. Anne (For all Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sister)

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- LENT FOR LIFE RICE BOWLS: Rice Bowls will be available at back of church for parishioners to take and use during this Lenten season. Please be generous in your giving for those less fortunate than us.
- **Volunteer Cleaners Needed!** St. Anne parish is asking for volunteers to do light cleaning of our church before Mass each weekend. The plan is for volunteers to sign up for a month at a time. To help with this stewardship of our church, please call the parish office at 724-6713. Thank you.
- 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 inform the Diocese.

# TO HELP REDUCE EXPOSURE TO COVID-19,

It is strongly recommended that all parishioners and visitors, **wear a mask.** 

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

For The Week (Year C)

#### **SUNDAY:**

DT 26:4-10, ROM 10:8-13, LK 4:1-13

#### **MONDAY:**

LV 19:1-2, 11-18, MT 25:31-46

#### **TUESDAY:**

IS 55:10-11, MT 6:7-15

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

JON 3:1-10, LK 11:29-32

#### **THURSDAY:**

EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25, MT 7:7-12

#### **FRIDAY:**

EZ 18:21-28, MT 5:20-26

#### **SATURDAY:**

DT 26:16-19, MT 5:43-48

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

#### **Sunday:**

Rev. James Fitzpatrick

#### Monday:

Rev. Matthew Furgiuele

#### **Tuesday:**

**Deceased Priests** 

#### Wednesday:

Rev. James Gardiner

#### Thursday:

Rev. Donald Geyman

#### Friday:

Rev. Joseph Graff

#### Saturday:

Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh

# Lenten Activities

#### LENTEN ACTIVITIES: STATIONS OF THE CROSS, CONFESSIONS, AND MASS.

**Tuesday's:** Stations of the Cross and Confession at 6.30-7.00 P.M. with Mass from 7.00-7.30 P.M. at St. Gabriel Church - Black River **Wednesday's:** Stations of the Cross and Confession at 5.30-6.00 P.M. with Mass from 6.00-6.30 P.M. at St. Catherine Church - Ossineke

Thursday's: Stations of the Cross at 4.30-5.00 P.M. with Mass from 5.00-5.30 P.M. at St. Raphael Church - Mikado

Friday's: Stations of the Cross and Confession at 5.00-5.30 P.M. with Mass from 5.30-6.00 P.M. at St. Anne - Harrisville

#### ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS BEFORE MASS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS DURING LENT

CHURCH ROSARY BEFORE MASS CONFESSIONS BEFORE MASS MASS

#### Saturday's:

Confession Before Mass from 3:30-4:30 P.M. | Rosary Before Mass from 4:00-4:30 P.M. | Mass at 4:30 P.M. at St. Raphael - Mikado Confession Before Mass from 6:00-6:30 P.M. | Rosary Before Mass from 6:00-6:30 P.M. | Mass at 6:30 P.M. at St. Gabriel - Black River **Sunday's:** 

Confession Before Mass from 8:30-9:00 A.M. | Rosary Before Mass from 8:00-9:00 A.M. | Mass at 4:30 A.M. at St. Catherine - Ossineke No Confession Before Mass on Sunday | Rosary Before Mass from 10:30-11:00 A.M. | Mass at 4:30 A.M. at St. Anne - Harrisville

#### HOLY WEEK: HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND HOLY SATURDAY.

**Holy Thursday:** 14th April, 2022 at 5.30 P.M. at St. Anne Harrisville **Good Friday:** 15th April, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. at St. Anne Harrisville

Holy Saturday/Easter/Vigil: 16th April, 2022 at 9:00 P.M. at St. Anne Harrisville

#### **EASTER SUNDAY: 17TH APRIL, 2022**

**9:00 A.M. Easter Sunday Mass** at St. Catherine - Ossineke **11:00 A.M. Easter Sunday Mass** at St. Anne - Harrisville



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St. Raphael Catholic Church Mikado: 2531 E. F-30 Mikado, MI 48745.

#### **LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE - ABSTINENCE**

- Catholics 14 years or older are bound to abstain from meat all Fridays of Lent. No meat may be eaten on these days.
- Fasting Catholics age 18 years through age 59 are bound to the obligation of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- We are to have only one full meal and two smaller meals. Eating between meals is not allowed but liquids are permitted.
- The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops explain that those who may be excused from fasting and abstinence include those outside the age limits, if physically or mentally ill, if suffering from chronic illness such as diabetes, and pregnant or nursing women. For more information on Lenten practices visit usccb.org