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HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD, *Opening Prayer: May we be reconciled to God and to one another so that we will enjoy the state of blessedness with God.*

Introduction to The Liturgy of the Word: The response and the Psalm for today call upon us to: *“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”* The children of Israel were made to have a taste of the goodness of the Lord God when upon their entry into the promised land, Manna ceased from heaven and they celebrated the Passover feast and ate the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. By this very act of being privileged to eat the produce of the land they had taken possession, the children of Israel were able to taste and see the goodness of the Lord God towards them. St. Paul in our second reading invites us to taste and see the goodness of the Lord when he declared what God has done to us through Christ: *“So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come”* (2 Corinthians 5: 17) and that; *“For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him”* (2 Corinthians 5: 21). In today’s Gospel reading the goodness of God the Father is seen in the story of the younger son or the prodigal son, who was given a warm welcome home and finally reconciled to his father when after realizing he had strayed from home decided to come back.

God Is Immensely A Forgiving Father: In the story concerning the prodigal son we see not just who we are through the two brothers, but who God is—A forgiving and infinitely merciful father who is ready to forgive our worst sins. The father of the younger son was loving, merciful and generous at heart so he forgave, forgot, and followed his younger son who felt sorry and decided to return to his father. Even though the younger son abandoned his father and decided to leave him, the father did not abandon him. While we humans can be demanding and sometimes intolerant of each other, that is not the case with God our Father almighty. There is no sin God cannot forgive in so far as we are sincerely repentant and ask for pardon. God who created us loves us and grants us His forgiveness without any conditions attached. From the moment we sin, God eagerly looks for an opportunity to unconditionally forgive and restore us to our status as His proper sons and daughters! Let us not sit and conclude to ourselves that our sin is too great or big to be forgiven. There is no sin greater than God’s mercy and forgiveness: *“Who pardons all your sins and heals all your ills”* (Ps. 103). God’s mercy and kindness knows no bounds. God is truly kinder than any of us. God does not lose hope or give up when we stray from him. God rejoices in finding the lost and in welcoming them home.

Every Spoiled and Broken Relationships With God Can Be Amended: It was the decision of the younger son to cut off relationship with his father. By asking and claiming his inheritance while his father was still alive, the younger son treated his father as if he is dead. By leaving for a distant country the younger son was declaring that he had nothing to do with his own family. By picking up a job at a pig farm this son was deserting and completely turning away from his Jewish faith and culture. Despite the fact that the younger son acted foolishly in these ways it was still his decision to go back to his father. Regretting his offence against his father, the younger son finally remembers the love and mercy of his father and returns to make amends with his father by repentance. When the younger son returns his father runs to meet him and give him a robe, a ring and sandals symbolizing that the father had accepted and welcomed him back as a full member of the family. The older son too is to be blamed since besides being disrespectful to his father, he was insensitive, jealousy, self-righteous and resentful of the love shown to his younger brother by their father. Like these two brothers we ourselves may not be free from being rebellious, unrighteous, self-righteous, possessive, and resentful. Nevertheless, if we accept and repent of our sins, God will always forgive us and allow us to mend our broken or spoiled relationship with him. When we repent of our sins and confess them our life is changed and we turn away from evil and turn towards God and it is this double turning that metanoia is all about.

We Are Called to Turn Away From Our Sins and to Turn Towards God: When we repent of our sins and confess them our life is changed because we will be leaving our sin and turning towards God. It is this double turning—turning aside from evil and another turning towards God, that metanoia is all about. This is what the younger son also did because while it was his decision to ask for his inheritance from his father and leave his family, religion, and home, it was still his choice to come back home to his father and family. It is this twofold action of turning away from our sins and turning towards God that we are also called to practice ourselves. If through human weakness or wickedness, we realize we have sinned, all we need to do is to turn away from our sin and then turn back to God. Our Father in Heaven will never reject us. No matter what we have done or how far we have turned away, the Father’s love is perfect, relentless, unconditional, and always inviting. He is ready and willing to dismiss every wrong we have done if we turn away from our sins and turn to Him in confidence.

Closing Prayer: *May we always approach the sacrament of reconciliation in order to be united with God and each other on earth and in heaven.*

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

	<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:	80,728.15	94,278.96	18,310.32	28,821.60
Actual Year-to-Date:	67,831.86	95,027.74	19,760.77	27,638.69
Date: March 20, 2022	1,509.40	1,818.00	250.00	480.90
Other Collections:	355.00	45.00	15.00	129.00
Ukraine Collections:	405.00	1266.00	176.87	171.00

This Week in our Parishes

Saturday, March 26, 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
(Joseph Gauthier)

Sunday, March 27, 2022

8:00am Reconciliation at St. Catherine
8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Al Vichunas)
10:30am Rosary at St. Anne
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Bill Manczak)

Monday, March 28, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Lois Loyd)

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (For all Priests,
Deacons, Brothers & Sisters)
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
(Jake & Joanne Cipriani)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HOW'S YOUR LIGHT SHINING?** Are you letting Christ's light shine through you to others? Province Convention (State of Michigan) CCW will be April 29-30, 2022 in Frankenmuth. All ladies of our parishes are invited to come, pray together, learn together, have fun together Registration deadline is April 1st; for more info and registration forms call Pauline at 989-736-3190. WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER!
- **LENT FOR LIFE RICE BOWLS:** St. Gabriel/St. Raphael: Please return your Rice Bowls Donations to the church no later than Palm Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 9, 2022. St. Anne/St. Catherine: Please return your Rice Bowls Donations to the church no later than Easter Sunday Mass on April 17, 2022. Please be generous in your giving for those less fortunate than us.
- **Volunteer Cleaners Needed!** Volunteer Cleaners Needed for the months of June - December!! St. Anne Parish is asking for volunteers to do "light" cleaning of our Church before Mass each weekend. Volunteers sign up for a month at a time. To help with this stewardship or for more information, please call the parish office at 724-6713. Thank you.
- **Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 22-24, 2022. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$200 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.
- **ST. CATHERINE/ST. GABRIEL LECTOR SCHEDULES AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULES:** Will be out by the end of the month and if you are not available any weekends in April, May or June please contact the parish office at 989-471-5121 by March 28th.
- **MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE**

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(For those suffering from war and violence)
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 31, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Polly Cierciorka)
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
(Special Int. for the children & grandchildren
of the parish who are in the service)

Friday, April 1, 2022

5:00-5:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Anne
5:30-6:00pm Mass at St. Anne
(Special Intention for St. Anne Parishioners)

Saturday, April 2, 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 (Betty Herron)

Sunday, April 3, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (William Manczak)
11:00am Mass at St. Anne (Lois Loyd)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

SUNDAY:

JOS 5:9A, 10-12, 2 COR 5:17-21,
LK 15:1-3, 11-32

MONDAY:

IS 65:17-21, JN 4:43-54

TUESDAY:

EZ 47:1-9, 12, JN 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY:

IS 49:8-15, JN 5:17-30

THURSDAY:

EX 32:7-14, JN 5:31-47

FRIDAY:

WIS 2:1A, 12-22,
JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY:

JER 11:18-20, JN 7:40-53

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. Basil Lek

Monday:

Rev. Donald Libby

Tuesday:

Rev. Michael Linguar

Wednesday:

Rev. William Lipscomb

Thursday:

Rev. T. Patrick Maher

Friday:

Rev. Benjamin Martin

Saturday:

Pope Francis

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HOLY THURSDAY | APRIL 14

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

5:30PM Mass at St. Anne in Harrisville

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 15

PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

5:30PM Service at St. Anne in Harrisville

HOLY SATURDAY | APRIL 16

all at St. Anne Church in Harrisville

11:00AM - Blessing of the Baskets

9:00PM - Easter Vigil



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD | APRIL 17

9:00AM - Easter Sunday Mass at St. Catherine Church

11:00PM - Easter Sunday Mass at St. Anne in Harrisville

LENTEN FASTING AND 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*

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p><u>St. Catherine</u> 8:00-9:00AM Confession 8:30-9:00AM Rosary 9:00AM Mass</p> <p><u>St. Anne Church</u> No Confession 10:30-11:00PM Rosary 11:00AM Mass</p>	<p><u>St. Anne Church</u> 9:00AM Mass</p>	<p><u>St. Anne Church</u> 9:00AM Mass 9:30-10:30AM Adoration/Confession</p> <p><u>St. Gabriel Church</u> 6:30-7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Confession</p> <p>7:00-7:30PM Mass</p>	<p><u>St. Catherine Church</u> 9:00AM Mass 5:30-6:00PM Stations of the Cross & Confession</p> <p>6:00-6:30PM Mass</p>	<p><u>St. Catherine Church</u> 9:00am Mass 9:30-10:30AM Adoration</p> <p><u>St. Raphael Church</u> 4:30-5:00PM Stations of the Cross & Confession</p> <p>5:00-5:30PM Mass</p>	<p><u>St. Anne Church</u> 5:00-5:30PM Stations of the Cross & Confession</p> <p>5:30-6:00PM Mass</p>	<p><u>St. Raphael</u> 3:30-4:30PM Confession 4-4:30PM Rosary 4:30PM Mass</p> <p><u>St. Gabriel</u> 6-6:30PM Confession 6-6:30PM Rosary 6:30PM Mass</p>