

# Parishes of the Resurrection of the Lord

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# HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

**Opening Prayer:** May all who have strayed from the path of the Lord find their way back to the merciful God and be united with Him not only here on earth but forever in the everlasting Kingdom of God our Father in Heaven.

**The Lost but Found Item and Animal:** Both the shepherd and the housewife searched until they found what they had lost and upon finding their lost things they shared their joy with the whole community. Properties or items are inanimate things which have no intelligence and free will. Human beings are worth more than properties because we have intelligence and free will. Although the Gospel Reading today talks about the lost sheep and the lost coin-an animal and an item, the essence of the story is about human beings-people with souls who have strayed away from God, lost as a result of sin. If an animal (sheep) and an item (coin) are worth the effort, time and attention how much more the human person created with body and soul in the image and likeness of God. God cares so much about people who are lost as a result of sin and He goes out of his way to find them.

**God the Father who Cares and Goes in Search of the Lost Soul:** The shepherd leaves his 99 other sheep and goes after the lost one, searching until He finds it. The woman who lost her coin sets aside all her other work and diligently searched until she finds it. Jesus is the Good Shepherd whose mission is: "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19: 10). Each of these three parables in their own ways stress the same central theme: God is willing to do just about anything to bring back someone who is lost! Like these three characters-the Shepherd, the woman and the father who were preoccupied with the search of what is valuable to them until they found them, God loves and forgives every human soul no matter who they are and what they have done. God is worried about all His children who are lost and goes in search for them until He finds us and re-establishes a relationship with us. In the parable of the lost son, Jesus gives us a vivid picture of God our Father and what His character and attitude towards us is like. God is truly generous, kind, and forgiving towards us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray from him and his commandments. God the Father always rejoices in searching out those who have strayed and he welcomes them home with open arms.

**Christ came to Save Sinners**: About the Tax collectors and sinners who were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, the pharisees and scribes complained saying: *"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them"* (Cf. Luke 15: 1-2). In fact Jesus is presented in the Gospel of St. Luke as the one who came to save sinners not the righteous: *"I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners"* (Luke 5: 32) and again in another instance Jesus said: *"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost"* (Luke 19: 10). The scribes, the pharisees and the religious elite among the Jews took great offense at Jesus because he went out of his way to meet with tax collectors, prostitutes and adulterers and treated them like friends. In order not to ritually defile themselves the Pharisees avoided all contact with those they considered sinners. They did not entrust their money to sinners of bad repute, or have any business dealings with them, or trust them with a secret, or entrust orphans to their care, nor accompany them on a journey, nor give their daughter in marriage to any of their sons, nor invite them as guests or be their guests. Sinners were drawn to Jesus because they knew Jesus will welcome them. Jesus will not condemn them. Jesus respects them and had the power to forgive them their sins. The sinners themselves knew Jesus was understanding, patient merciful, compassionate, and forgiving. Jesus on His own part welcomed and received sinners because they were honest about themselves. Jesus could tell they were honest, sorry, humble and were ready to be healed by Jesus.

**"There will be Rejoicing among the Angels of God over One Sinner who Repents" (Luke 15: 10):** The angels who live in the presence of God know the joys of God's glorious presence in heaven and would like the same type of a happy and fulfilled life for those who have been rescued by Jesus the Good Shepherd. The angels also know the terrors of hell that would overtake lost sinners. When a sinner therefore repents and is forgiven, the angels of God rejoice because the sinner has the opportunity to now spend eternity glorifying God in heaven instead of elsewhere. So, although those in Heaven are always filled with joy, the sorrow and the repentance of the sinner calls for more joy and celebration. When the lost sheep and the lost coin were found, there was great rejoicing. Nevertheless, the joy that flowed as a result of finding the lost sheep and the lost coin was nothing compared to the joy of the Father when his son who was lost was found. The main story about the younger son deals with a lost Soul and this explains why the father of the younger son was concerned. He looked forward for the day his son will show up. At last, when the father saw his son in a distance, he was moved with pity, takes the initiative and goes out of his way to meet his son. Having received his son well and sound, the father ordered that the son be saved and restored to fellowship with him. There is a party or a celebration in heaven among the angels when a sinner repents and obtains forgiveness from God. Since God forgives and receives sinners let us not be afraid to return to our understanding, patient, merciful, loving and forgiving God.

**Closing Prayer:** May God bless us and grant us the grace to be sorry for our sins and to turn back to God asking to be forgiven for "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered" (Romans 4: 7). **FR. JOHN WILLIAM** 

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP St. Anne St. Catherine St. Raphael St. Gabriel *Everything I have is yours.*" *Luke 15:31* Our Heavenly Father gives us \$2,467.41 \$2,807.70 \$815.76 \$533.66 Needed Each Week: everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Needed Year-to-Date: 24,674.10 28,077.00 8,157.60 5,336.60 Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do 25,034.41 27,852.36 7,431.50 7,109.87 Actual Year-to-Date: you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth 3,129.36 3,602.10 777.75 1,386.25 Date: Sept. 4, 2022: as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first 6,779.06 65.00 60.00 40.00 **Other Collections:** in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

Online Giving - August: 4,286.15

1,997.59

142.79

120.27

# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

## Saturday, September 10, 2022

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael

(For the Parishioners of St. Anne,

St. Catherine, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel

(Mike & Diane Morris)

# Sunday, September 11, 2022

8:00am Reconciliation at St. Catherine
8:30am Rosary at St. Catherine
9:00am Mass at St. Catherine *(William Kramer)*10:30am Rosary at St. Anne
11:00am Mass at St. Anne *(Clair Russell Farabaugh)*Monday, September 12, 2022
9:00am Mass at St. Anne *(For all Priests, Deacons, Brothers & Sisters)*4:15pm St. Raphael Sodality Meeting
7:00pm KofC #6851 Meeting at St. Catherine

#### Tuesday, September 13, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne(For the Protection of Unborn Babies)9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

# <u>Wednesday, September 14, 2022</u>

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

# <u>Thursday, September 8, 2022</u>

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Living/Deceased Members of the John Beatty Family) 9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine Friday, September 15, 2022 No Mass Today Saturday, September 16, 2022 3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael 4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael 4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael (For all our Faithful Departed) 6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel 6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel 6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel (Oliver DeRocher) Sunday, September 17, 2022 9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Clifford and Marv Anderson) 11:00am Mass at St. Anne

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

## MASS FOR ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

9/13 - St. Raphael and St. Anne: September 13 at 5:30pm at St. Raphael \*There will be a luncheon following Mass at St. Raphael\*

9/28 - St. Catherine and St. Gabriel: September 28 at 11am at St. Catherine \*There will be a luncheon following Mass at St. Catherine\*

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- KofC #6851 MEETING 9/12: KofC Meeting, Monday, September 12, at 7:00pm at St Catherine
- **ST. RAPHAEL SODALITY MEETING:** Meeting will be on Monday, September 12 at 4:15 pm, at St. Raphael Church in Mikado. We welcome all ladies to join us Hope to see you there!

 COFFEE & DONUTS ~ A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS! St. Catherine: The next Coffee & Donuts will be Sunday, September 25th following mass. St. Anne: Coffee & Donuts will be after mass on Sunday's! St. Raphael: Refreshments will be after mass on Saturday's!

- ATTENTION ALL PARISHES!! We are ordering new envelopes for next year soon. Please call the church office to register if you would like to receive envelopes for your offerings to the church.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
- Volunteers needed in the St. Anne Cemetery to fill in the potholes. There is a pile of topsoil behind the shed. Please contact the office to get all the details.
- Volunteer Cleaners needed for the months of September December!
- MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

**SUNDAY:** EX 32:7-11, 13-14, 1 TM 1:12-17, LK 15:1-32

> MONDAY: 1 COR 11:17-26, 33, LK 7:1-10

TUESDAY: 1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A, LK 7:11-17

<u>WEDNESDAY:</u> NM 21:4B-9, PHIL 2:6-11, JN 3:13-17

> THURSDAY: 1 COR 15:1-11, JN 19:25-27

FRIDAY: 1 COR 15:12-20, LK 8:1-3

**SATURDAY:** 1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49, LK 8:4-15

# PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday: Rev. Donald Libby

Monday: Rev. Michael Linguar

**Tuesday:** Rev. William Lipscomb

Wednesday: Rev. T. Patrick Maher

**Thursday**: Rev. Benjamin Martin

> Friday: All Deacons

**Saturday**: Rev. Greg McCallum

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# **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

# Would you like to help strengthen Northern Michigan's families and communities?

We invite you to pray. In the month of September our parishes will Embrace Catholic Human Services. This agency is the visible sign of Catholic good works in our communities. CHS is celebrating 50 years of service in the Diocese of Gaylord. Please pray every day for the continued success of CHS. To learn more about this prayer support initiative, please enroll. Each week you will receive an email (or regular mail for those who prefer). It will include a story of people who give or receive these services, a prayer and scripture. Catholichumanservices.org/prayer-project or call Susan (989)785-3030.

#### Prayer Project Bulletin Articles #1: What is Catholic Human Services?

Let me introduce you to Catholic Human Services! This remarkable agency bears the name of our faith and provides many good works among us. CHS provides companionship to lonely seniors, an outstanding open adoption program that seeks to respect the dignity of all parties, skilled counseling for addiction recovery, family turmoil, or employment stress, and a foster grandparent program, among others. In addition, there are opportunities for employment in northern Michigan in an agency with Catholic values. Our parish will be praying for CHS through the month of September. Won't you join us? By registering at catholichumanservices.org/prayer-project, you will receive materials to guide your prayer and increase your understanding of CHS: a weekly prayer and scripture verse as well as a collection of stories in the voice of people touched by the work of CHS. For those who prefer paper mail, please call Susan at 989.785.3030 ext. 2416

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION:**

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL '22

Catholic Service Appeal (CSA) provides the financial support for a number of important services maintained by the Diocese of Gaylord. It is expected that the parishioners of each parish will provide the assigned amount of support projected by the Diocese as that parishes' goal.

### As of Wednesday, September 7th, 2022:

St. Anne has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$17,310 which is 74% of our goal. We need an additional \$6,082. To date, 46 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 28% of our members. As of August 31, St. Catherine has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$26,395.00 which is 91% of our goal. We need an additional \$1,709.00. To date 77 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 62% of our members. St. Gabriel & St. Raphael have both reached there CSA goal in contributions but not in participation.

If you have not already contributed or pledged, please do so soon! It is imperative that we reach our goal. Thank you to all who have responded so far!

**FAITH FORMATION - BEGINS 9/18** We will begin classes for Pre-school through 12th grade Faith Formation Sunday's at St Catherine's: 9/18 at 10:30 - 11:45 am. Families may register following the 9 am Mass at St Catherine in the church office. There will be a special blessing for all Catechumens and students at the 9:00 am Mass at St. Catherine on Sunday September 18th.

# **BISHOP WALSH IS COMING TO VISIT OUR PARISHES!!**

September 24: St. Raphael at 4:30pm Mass and St. Gabriel at 6:30pm.

**October 16:** St. Catherine at 9am and St. Anne at 11am. There will be refreshments after 11am mass in Maria Hall. All parishioners are welcome and encourage to join in welcoming Bishop Walsh.



#### **RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - OCT 2, 2022 ROSARY TO END ABORTION**

Sunday October 2 is Respect Life Sunday. Join us after the 11:00 am mass on the church lawn by US-23 as we pray the rosary for the end of abortion. We'll be making signs in the coming weeks. **Please come and stand for the unborn!** 

# 7TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET FOR HARBOR LIGHTS PREGNANCY CENTER

Harbor Lights Pregnancy & Information Center is making preparations for their 7th Annual Fall Fundraising Banquet which will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2022 in the Family Center of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oscoda. The cost to sponsor a table is \$225.00. The tables will seat six guests. All donations are tax deductible. Please submit your check and a list of your six guests to Harbor Lights Pregnancy & Information Center, 310 Newman St, East Tawas, MI 48730 by September 15, 2022.