

# Parishes of the Resurrection of the Lord

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# HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

**Opening Prayer:** Dear God, increase and sustain our faith in you now and always so that like those who have exhibited great faith we will also live in eternity with you.

Faith in God as Belief, Loving Obedience and Total Commitment to the Will of God: For us Christians, we believe and at the same time express our belief in God by putting our faith in God and his works not just in ourselves, other people or things. Holy Scripture defines faith as: "... the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11: 1). Faith is not just believing that God exists. Faith is demonstrated in real life by our service, our belief, our obedience, and our commitment or submission to the will of God. Although faith and belief are often understood as two separate ideas, nevertheless, they are closely related and could be used interchangeably. A believer (disciple/Christian) is said to believe and have faith in God when they trust God and the many facts about God and at the same time are committed to God in their lives. Belief and faith are used interchangeably in Scripture especially in the fourth Gospel: "But these are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (John 20: 31). So, belief and faith are about God and his Son Jesus Christ as well as our commitment to all the things we come to know about God. In the Acts of the Apostles, faith is linked to the acceptance of the word of God: "But many of those who heard the word came to believe and (the) number of men grew to [about] five thousand" (Acts 4: 4); "The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith" (Acts 6: 7; Cfs. Acts 13: 12; 14: 1; 17: 12). The Gospel according to St. Luke also links faith with the hearing of the word of God in the parable of the Sower: "Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial" (Luke 8: 12-13). Faith is also understood by Luke as believing in the person of Jesus, that is, abandoning everything for Jesus and following him: "And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "[Lord,] let me go first and bury my father," "And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home" (Luke 9: 59, 61).

Why the Disciples of Jesus asked Him to increase their Faith: Prior to the request by the Apostles that the Lord Jesus increase their faith, Jesus had just demanded that his disciples forgive their offenders unconditionally and unlimitedly (Luke 17: 3-4). Elsewhere in the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus' teaching on faith was given in reply to question from the disciples who were not able to expel a demon as Jesus did (Matthew 17: 18-20). Subsequently, the teaching of Jesus about faith and its power is preceded by Jesus' miracle of the withered fig tree (Cfs. Matthew 21: 21, Mark 11: 20-23). So, to meet the demands of being faithful/loyal to Jesus, to believe fully and strongly in his teaching, to strengthen their trust in Christ, the disciples of Jesus asked for more faith. With the type of Jesus' faith, the disciples thought they would be able in the position to unlimitedly forgive their repentant brothers and sisters. Furthermore, the Apostles were asking for greater confidence and trust in God, so that they might also be able to work the miracles which they had seen Jesus perform-like the expelling of the demon or the cursing and withering of the fig tree by a simple command. Jesus went on to use the parables of the mustard seed and the good servant to help his Apostles and us, to understand that for faith to be effective, it must be linked with trust, loving obedience and total commitment to God or active submission to the will of God.

**Children of God who Demonstrated Strong Faith:** The Holy Scriptures presents us with great men and women who exhibited great faith in the Lord their God. Examples of people of faith in the Old Testament include Abraham (Cfs. Genesis 15: 6, 22: 1-8;); Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Cf. Daniel 3: 17-18); Esther (Cf. Esther 4: 16) and Moses (Cf. Exodus 14: 13-14). Example of people who displayed faith in God in the New Testament include the Canaanite woman who refused to allow anything to stop her from obtaining healing for her daughter (Cf. Matthew 15: 21-28); the blind man-Bartimaeus who as a result of his faith shouted for Jesus' mercy even when the people around him tried to stop him (Cf. Mark 10: 46-52); the woman with flow of blood who pushed through a crowd of people because she was convinced that she'd be healed if only she touched the robe of Jesus (Cf. Matthew 9: 20-22); and Mary the Mother of Christ who trusted God when she was chosen to be the mother of Christ (Cf. Luke 1: 35-38).

**Children of God are to Grow Strong in Faith!** We are called to grow in the knowledge and faith in God. If we want to grow in faith and the knowledge of God, we must work at it by attending to the things that Jesus wants us to do. First, faith is increased by drawing closer to God through prayer. Jesus tells us what to do whenever we are in need: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7: 7). Second, we nourish our faith and allow it to grow when we spend time reading, hearing and studying God's word. Our faith is activated by hearing the Word of God proclaimed by Christ: "Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ" (Romans 10: 17). Third, our faith also increases when as a result of concentrating on the word of God, we remain obedient to its commands and apply them in our real lives (Cf. James 1: 22). Fourth, we grow in faith and knowledge of God by practicing the sacraments, through contact with the believing community and by leading a well-disciplined spiritual life.

*Closing Prayer:* May our faith in the Lord God be like the faith of the outstanding man and women who have gone before us, so that like them we will dwell with God in heaven forever. **FR. JOHN WILLIAM** 

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*Everything I have is yours.*" *Luke 15:31* Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do 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 as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

	<u>St. Anne</u>	St. Catherine	<u>St. Raphael</u>	<u>St. Gabriel</u>
Needed Each Week:	\$2,467.41	\$2,807.70	\$815.76	\$533.66
Needed Year-to-Date:	32,076.33	36,500.10	10,604.88	6,937.50
Actual Year-to-Date:	33,457.56	34,507.09	9,6892.29	7,801.90
Date: Sept. 25, 2022:	2,832.00	1,550.55	812.00	300.75
<b>Other Collections:</b>	1,207.00	100.00	12.00	-

# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

### Saturday, October 1, 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
(Alice Kohut)

## Sunday, October 2, 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 *(Jim Barth)*12:15 pm Rosary to End Abortion on
the church lawn by US 23

## Monday, October 3, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne(For the protection of unborn babies)4:15pm St. Raphael Sodality Meeting

# Tuesday, October 4, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (For the youth)9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation2:00pm St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting

### Wednesday, October 5, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (*Jo Ann Beaty*)5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration and Reconciliation at St. Catherine

### Thursday, October 6, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (*Flavia Gagnier*)9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

Friday, October 7, 2022 No Mass Today

Saturday, October 8, 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 Mass at St. Gabriel 6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel *(Cheryl Kacvinsky)* 

## Sunday, October 9, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Lorraine Probst)11:00am Mass at St. Anne (Charlie, Jan & Cathy Dettling)

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- St. Gabriel Altar Society Meeting 10/4- Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 2:00 pm
- St. Raphael Sodality Meeting 10/3- Monday, October 3rd at 4:15pm @ St. Raphael church in Mikado. We welcome all ladies to join us Hope to see you there!
- ATTENTION ST CATHERINE AND ST GABRIEL PARISHIONERS: The Ossineke Council of Knights of Columbus #6851 have placed kiosks in the main entrance of St. Catherine and St. Gabriel churches. The kiosks contain fifteen different booklets focusing on Building the Domestic Church. A variety of interesting and informational topics are covered. Stop by the kiosks and have a look at what is available. Booklets are yours to keep and are free.

 COFFEE & DONUTS ~ A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS! St. Catherine: The next Coffee & Donuts will be Sunday, October 9th following mass. St. Anne: Coffee & Donuts will be after mass on Sunday's! St. Raphael: Refreshments will be after mass on Saturday's!

- 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.
- Volunteers are needed to clean St. Anne Church for the months of October December.
- MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

**SUNDAY:** HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-4, 2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14, LK 17:5-10

<u>MONDAY:</u> GAL 1:6-12, LK 10:25-37

<u>TUESDAY:</u> GAL 1:13-24, LK 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY: GAL 2:1-2, 7-14, LK 11:1-4

THURSDAY: GAL 3:1-5, LK 11:5-13

**FRIDAY:** GAL 3:7-14, LK 11:15-26

SATURDAY: GAL 3:22-29, LK 11:27-28

# PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday: Rev. Lawrence Sergott

> Monday: Rev. James Siler

**Tuesday:** Deceased Priests

Wednesday: Rev. Rolando Silva

**Thursday**: Rev. Kenneth Stachnik

**Friday**: Rev. Dennis Stilwell

**Saturday**: Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh

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# **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**COFFEE FOR VETERANS 10/2:** Come join Alcona County Department of Veterans Affairs at a Coffee for Veterans hosted by the AHS National Honor Society. **On October 2nd from 2-4p.m.** at the high school auditorium lobby.

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

## **CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2022**

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 Monday, September 25th, 2022:

St. Anne has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$17,720 which is 75.8% of our goal. We need an additional \$5,672. To date, 46 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 28% of our members. St. Catherine has reached in one-time gifts and pledges, \$27,045.00 which is 96% of our goal. We need an additional \$1,059.00. To date 65 parishioners have contributed or pledged to the CSA. This represents 65% 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!

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

**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 - 10/2 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.

Please come and stand for the unborn!

### Aquinas College Open House – Saturday, October 8 and November 12

Aquinas College welcomes any high school students and families to our Fall Open Houses on Saturday, October 8 or Saturday, November 12! Choose your own path throughout the day to get the inside scoop on academics, athletics and scholarships, as well as our Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community and service! Details and registration information can be found at aquinas.edu/openhouse.

### THANK YOU!! ~ K of C Polish Dinner held in Posen on Sept. 11:

A big thank you from the Knights of Columbus to all the parishioners in our parishes that bought tickets, donated money, volunteered to help, or attended the Polish dinner fund raiser to help fund and Ultrasound machine for Options Pregnancy Center in Alpena. The event was a huge success and raised over \$24,000 which allows the K of C to fund the machine.

Adrian Dominican Sisters Invite Single Catholic Women to "Come & See" Are you a single Catholic woman, age 19 to 35, who is contemplating religious life – or do you know of such a woman? The Adrian Dominican Sisters invite you to spend a weekend with them to discern your call and "Come and See" the life of a vowed Dominican Sister.

**Come and See Weekend is October 14-16, 2022**, at Weber Retreat and Conference Center, on the Motherhouse Campus of the Adrian Dominican Sisters, 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, Michigan. The weekend will give discerners the opportunity to meet other women exploring God's call; spend time in prayer, reflection, silence, sharing, and fun; learn about the life of a Sister and the Dominican life; tour the Motherhouse Campus and engage in conversation with Sisters; and attend Sunday Liturgy with the Adrian Dominican Sisters. **The weekend is free. You are our guests.** 

Register online at https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern. For more information, email Sister Katherine Frazier, OP, at kfrazier@adriandominicans.org or call or text her at 260-229-3045.



### 'FIGHT LIKE HEAVEN' AND JOIN CAMPAIGN TO PRAY AND FAST FOR DEFEAT OF PROPOSAL 3

Catholics know the battle to defeat Proposal 3 must also be waged on the spiritual front. That's why the faithful across the state are invited to join a 54-day Rosary Novena that will cover the entire campaign season leading up to Election Day on November 8 to pray for the defeat of Proposal 3. **The novena began this past Thursday, but sign-ups are still welcome. To do so, text the phrase "FightLikeHeaven" to 84576 to receive text alerts and daily prompts.** The prayer campaign was initiated by Bishop Boyea of the Diocese of Lansing, but the invitation to pray and fast is extended to every Michigander and beyond.

#### **Prayer for Life and Right Laws:**

Almighty ever-living God, you bestow the gift of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb. Look on our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart reverence for life. Protect our state from unjust laws. In your Name, bring to defeat every attack against the sacredness of life. Safeguard the rights of parents, whom you have entrusted with the care and formation of their children. Help all who believe in Jesus to proclaim the Gospel of Life to their neighbors. Dispel every anxiety and fear. Strengthen the bond between parents and their unborn child. May mothers and fathers accept and nurture the gift of life made in your image and likeness.

Our Lady, Queen of the Family, pray for us! St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!