



Parishes of the
**Resurrection
of the Lord**

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St. Anne - Harrisville | St. Catherine - Ossineke
St. Gabriel - Black River | St. Raphael - Mikado

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

110 S. Main St., Harrisville, MI 48740

SUNDAYS:

- Reconciliation before Mass - *BY REQUEST
- Rosary before Mass - 10:30-11:00am
- Mass - 11:00am

TUESDAYS:

- Adoration/Reconciliation - 9:30-10:30pm

ADVENT DAY OF PENANCE FOR

ST. ANNE & ST. RAPHAEL

Where: St. Anne Church

Date: December 18 at 12pm

(Immediately Following Mass)

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

2531 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745

SATURDAYS:

- Reconciliation before Mass - 3:30-4:15pm
- Rosary before Mass - 4:00pm
- Mass - 4:30pm

ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

2188 W. Nicholson Hill Rd, Ossineke, MI 49766

SUNDAYS:

- Reconciliation before Mass - 8:00-8:45am
- Rosary before Mass - 8:30-9:00am
- Mass - 9:00am

WEDNESDAYS:

- Adoration/Reconciliation - 5:00-6:00pm

THURSDAYS:

- Adoration/Reconciliation - 9:30-10:30am

ADVENT DAY OF PENANCE FOR

ST. CATHERINE & ST. GABRIEL

Where: St. Catherine

Date: December 11, 2022 at 2pm

ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

5570 N. Lakeshore Dr., Black River, MI 48721

SATURDAYS:

- Reconciliation before Mass - 6:00-6:30pm
- Rosary before Mass - 6:00-6:30pm
- Mass - 6:30pm

Second Sunday of Advent | December 4, 2022

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HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

Opening Prayer: Making a straight way for the Lord implies that we do not presume the mercy and goodness of God but that we listen to the prophets especially the Words of God as they are addressed to us during this Advent.

Straightening the Pathway For the Lord: Prior to the coming of Christ, whenever a procession was to take place or an important person was to visit Jerusalem, it was the custom among the Jews to go into the desert to make a less provisional road; cut away bushes, fill up potholes, flatten obstacles, and repair bridges. Prior to the celebration of the Passover by the Jews in Jerusalem the same was done in order to receive the pilgrims from the Diaspora. This is what inspired John the Baptist when he cried out: “[and] saying, “Repent, or the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: “A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” (Matthew 3: 2-3). While John the Baptist spoke to his contemporaries metaphorically about the path they were to make straight. The real path to be cleared is not the human path made on land but in the heart of every person. The path is not built in the desert but in the lives of people. To make a straight path there is no need to engage in material labour. All that is needed in order to make a straight path for God is interior conversion or transformation of life. The path we are invited to straighten for the Lord in our life is our egoism, our pride, our sloth, our selfishness, our violence, our selfishness, our falsehood, our hypocrisy, our impudence, our superficiality and our drunkenness. By getting rid of those things that break or spoil our relationship with God and one another, we make a straight path for God in our heart and allow God to dwell there-in.

Making A Straight Way for the Lord by not Being Presumptuous or Complacent: In an effort to get the people, particularly the Pharisees and Sadducees to “Produce good fruit as evidence of their repentance,” John the Baptist confronted the people who thought they were Jewish and so were the entitled or the favoured of the Lord God. John the Baptist referred to the Pharisees and Sadducees and those others who came to him for Baptism as “You brood of vipers,” in other words snakes! because they were complacent or presumptuous. All they knew and were interested in is themselves. They thought that just because they belonged to the chosen people, just because they were the sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah and belonged to the covenanted people, they thought they had God on their side and did not need to do anything else since they were Jews and had Abraham as their father. The Pharisees and Sadducees whom John the Baptist referred to as “You brood of vipers!” had been prideful, self-righteous, hypocritical, loved places of public honor and had condemned or looked down on others. Nevertheless none of these mattered to them but they considered themselves the chosen of the Lord. The message to us today, Second Sunday of Advent is “prepare” or, more precisely, “Don’t presume; instead prepare.” We too have the responsibility to make a straight way for the Lord by never presuming that we have been Baptised, made our First Holy Communion, Confirmed or even Ordained. Let us not presume that we have a bond, a relationship or that we have a part in the kingdom of God that we never need to maintain or work at improving. Let us not allow ourselves to become victims of the same mistakes made by the Pharisees and Sadducees, who presumed they were already children of Abraham and so did not need to bear fruit that befits repentance. If we have struggled with self-righteousness, a critical tongue, a “holier than thou” attitude or a judgmental attitude toward others, then now is the time to acknowledge our faults, turn away from them and turn towards God instead of ignoring them. As we go through this period of Advent, the message for us is not to make ourselves deaf to the extent that we become presumptuous or complacent. Let us not just flow along with others and allow ourselves to go through this season not wanting to change anything concerning our lives in the way that God expects. Rather than being complacent or presumptuous, we are to work on our relationships with each other, be receptive of each other, be peaceful, mend ruptures, soothe frictions, face family responsibilities, and work honestly.

Preparing the Way for the Lord through Metanoia: The English word “repentance” is derived from the Greek word “metanoia,” which literally means “change of mind.” The practice of metanoia is not limited to regret, guilt, shame or recognizing sin. When metanoia or repentance is applied, the decision is made to turn away from darkness-sin and to turn towards the light or what is right. In this case we have a double turning. First, we turn away from the evil in our lives by accepting we have offended God. Second, we turn towards God by our resolve to continue to do good and sin no more. Someone who is truly repentant will recognize the error of their ways, turn away from their sinful ways and turn towards Christ with their mind and heart and continue to pursue Him. Repentance is therefore not just when we have sorrow or regret about the wrongs we have committed. Repentance is not just when we are mentally aware or know our sins. Neither is repentance doing good deeds in order to make up for our sins. True repentance implies that as we express sorrowful for our sins, acknowledge our sins and carry out good deeds, the sinner freely chooses to divorce oneself from evil and to marry God and His good ways. Instead of rushing through the period of Advent or looking right over it to Christmas, let us follow the call of John the Baptist to prepare ourselves by divorcing ourselves from evil and committing ourselves to follow Jesus Christ more and more every time every day.

Closing Prayer: As John the Baptist called people to realise and repent of their sins, may we see and accept our sins, turn away from them and always choose to be on the side of God with who we hope to dwell in eternity.

~ 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>	<u>St. Catherine</u>	<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:	56,434.10	61,769.48	17,946.72	11,207.12
Actual Year-to-Date:	54,032.44	56,011.69	16,121.79	11,847.55
Date: Nov. 27, 2022:	1,348.00	1,679.35	687.10	369.75
Other Collections:	575.00	290.00	360.00	0

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

~SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT~

Saturday, December 3, 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
(Oliver DeRocher)

Sunday, December 4, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(Al Sharp)
11:00am Mass at St. Anne
(Sharon O'Callaghan)
1:00-3:00pm St. Raphael Sodality Annual
Ecumenical Christmas Celebration

Monday, December 5, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(For the Homeless)

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Anne
(For the Children of the Parish)
12:30pm St. Gabriel Altar Society
Luncheon and Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(For all Health Care workers)
5:00pm-6:00pm Adoration & Reconciliation
at St. Catherine
6:30pm Holy Hour with the Lord at St. Anne

Thursday, December 8, 2022

****HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION****

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine
(For the parishes of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel and St. Raphael)
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine
5:30pm Mass at St. Anne
(For our Country)

Friday, December 9, 2022

NO MASS TODAY

Saturday, December 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
(For those who are sick)

Sunday, December 11, 2022

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (Flavia Gagnier)
11:00am Mass at St. Anne (Anna Casey)



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

DEC. 24 - Vigil Mass at St. Raphael at 4:30pm
Vigil Mass at St. Gabriel at 6:30pm

DEC. 25 - Christmas Mass at St. Catherine at 9am
Christmas Mass at St. Anne at 11am

NEW YEARS MASS TIMES:

DEC. 31 - Vigil Mass at St. Raphael at 4:30pm
Vigil Mass at St. Gabriel at 6:30pm

JAN 1 - Mass at St. Catherine at 9am
Mass at St. Anne at 11am

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Carolyn Lenhard, Joan Youngblood, Beverly Aube, Betty Keen, Charles Carriveau,
Karl Miltz Sr., Carol Antkowiak, Carl Skwirsk, Mary Fitzgerald, Mary Gruba

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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, December 18th following mass.
St. Anne: Coffee & Donuts will be after mass on Sundays!
St. Raphael: Refreshments will be after mass on Saturdays!
- Volunteer Cleaners needed for January - December 2023 for St. Anne Church.
- **MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year C)

SUNDAY:

IS 11:1-10,
ROM 15:4-9,
MT 3:1-12

MONDAY:

IS 35:1-10,
LK 5:17-26

TUESDAY:

IS 40:1-11,
MT 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY:

IS 40:25-31,
MT 11:28-30

THURSDAY:

GN 3:9-15, 20,
EPH 1:3-6, 11-12
LK 1:26-38

FRIDAY:

IS 48:17-19,
MT 11:16-19

SATURDAY:

SIR 48:1-4, 9-11,
MT 17:9A, 10-13

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday:

Rev. John McCracken

Monday:

Rev. Ruben Munoz

Tuesday:

Deceased Priests

Wednesday:

Rev. Joseph Muszkiewicz

Thursday:

Rev. Robert W. Nalley

Friday:

Rev. Bradley Nursey

Saturday:

Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS:

We are now accepting Christmas Flower Donations, please print the name of your loved ones that you would like to honor or in memory of on your parish envelope in your box. There are envelopes available if you need them in the back of the church.



DIFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSIONS:

Training sessions to use the New AEDs (defibrillators) that are in St. Anne and St. Raphael will be held as follows:



St. Raphael – after 4:30 pm mass on Sat., Dec. 10

St. Anne – after 11:00 am mass on Sun., Dec. 11

All are welcome to attend these training sessions.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BECOME A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

FREE MEMBERSHIP Now through December 31st
It will make you a better husband, a better father, a better catholic and a better man!

Calling all Catholic men 18 and older. Now is a great time to join the Knights of Columbus. If you can please scan the QR code, enter your information and use the FREE code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY for a FREE membership as an online member.



The Knights are a Catholic fraternal organization that actively supports the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. Whether you have 2 hours a year or 2 hours a month, show your support for our faith and sign up. Call Joel Kendzorski, Diocesan Membership Director, if you are interested in joining or to answer any questions you may have. Phone (989) 766-2124



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION:

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS SPECIAL COLLECTION: DECEMBER 10-11, 2022

My dear friends in Christ,

Next weekend, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, a national annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure — both for their service to our Church and for the ways their prayer and witness enrich our faith. “Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age” (Ps 92:14-15).

As I reflect on the ministry of women and men religious — past and present — I am grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith when I was in the Diocese of Scranton. Having read the history of the Diocese of Gaylord, I also value the service they have offered the people of our diocese. Perhaps you, too, recall an older religious who made a positive difference in your life.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide financial support that helps religious communities care for aging members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to give what you can. Most importantly, please pray for God’s continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured that they are praying for us.

In Christ our Life!

Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh (Bishop of Gaylord)

ST. ANNE GIVING TREE: St. Anne's Women's Group is sponsoring the giving tree for our local nursing home and adult care home residents. Gift ideas are written on each card. **Please bring the gifts back to the church by noon on Sunday, December 18th wrapped with the card attached to the gift. Gifts will be delivered the night of December 18th so it is very important that they are returned on time.** This is often the only gift that these residents will receive. If you take a tag and find that you are unable to purchase a gift please contact Janette Stover at 989-736-6919.

ST. CATHERINE GIVING TREE: St. Catherine council of St. Vincent de Paul is again sponsoring a giving tree for needy families in our area. Tags with names on them will be on the tree, in the gathering area of the church. Please take as many tags as you feel comfortable with and **return the gifts with the tags attached, no later than Dec. 10th.** Thank you so much for your time and generosity.

HOLY HOUR WITH THE LORD

Day: Wednesday's (Beg: 11/16)
Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Where: St. Anne Church

"Again, I say to you, If two of you agree on Earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." (Matthew 18:19)



FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY WITH STEVEN ADAMS & JOHN MACMASTER

Day: Friday's (Beginning 12/2)
Time: 6:30-7:30pm
Where: Maria Hall at St. Anne Church
Join Steven and John this Advent with a scripture study series on Friday nights. Soup and bread will be provided.

