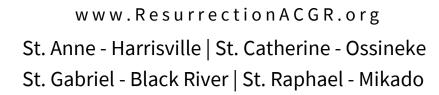


Parishes of the

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#### **Stations of the Cross Benediction** & Lenten Program (The Lenten Companion **Evening Prayer** TUESDAY'S by Ascension Press) SUNDAY'S at 5:00 pm at 5:30 pm at St. Gabriel, followed by Mass at 6:00 pm WEDNESDAY'S February 26 at St. Raphael WEDNESDAY'S God wants to give you more. How will you March 5 at St. Catherine at 5:30 pm at St. Catherine, followed by Mass at 6:00 pm respond this Lent? March 12 at St. Anne <u>April 2</u> at St. Gabriel THURSDAY'S 1:00 pm at St. Catherine 6:30 pm at St. Anne at 4:30 pm at St. Raphael followed by Mass at 5:00 pm Lenten Penance Service FRIDAY'S St.Catherine/St.Gabriel: March 19 at St.Catherine | 2:00-3:00pm at 5:00 pm at St. Anne followed by Fish Fry at 5:30-7:30 pm St.Anne/St.Raphael: March 26 at St.Anne | 12:00pm **Plan Ahead for Holy Week! Fish Fry Fridays** Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent HOLY THURSDAY | APRIL 6TH 5:30pm Mass at St. Catherine (except Good Friday) at Maria Hall. **CELEBRATION OF THE LORDS PASSION** (GOOD FRIDAY) | APRIL 7TH 5:30 - 7:30 pm 3:00pm at St. Catherine Friday, February 24 -- St. Anne

**VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD** (HOLY SATURDAY) | APRIL 8TH 11:00am Blessing of the Baskets at St. Anne 8:00pm Easter vigil at St. Raphael

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY) APRIL 9TH 9:00am Easter Sunday mass at St. Catherine 11:00am Easter Sunday Mass at St. Anne

# First Sunday of Lent | February 26, 2023

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Friday, March 3 -- St. Catherine

Friday, March 17 -- St. Raphael

Friday, March 24 -- St. Gabriel

Friday, March 31 -- St. Anne

Friday, March 10 -- St. Catherine

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Volunteers will

be needed to staff

these events.

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# HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

**Opening Prayer:** Our first parents were comfortable in the presence of God until they disobeyed God and lost everything. May we always choose God and His goodness and reject the false promises of a better world by the devil.

The Devil Exists We Should Never Underrate the Devil: Although at the end of Jesus's temptation the devil left Jesus and angels came and ministered to him, today, we ourselves are not free from the works of the prince of darkness. These days, the devil, Satanism, wizards, witches, occultism, spiritualism, voluble fortune tellers, vendors of spells and amulets, as well as authentic satanic sects are found all over. Although the devil has been defeated by Jesus and expelled from the presence of Jesus, the devil is still all around us humans looking for someone to destroy. Since the devil did not succeed with Jesus, he is busy and angry trying to make disciple of us children of God. That the devil exists is clear from the fact that Jesus himself was tempted but did not sin. The existence of the Saints who fought and victoriously defeated the devil during their lifetime is also an indication that the devil exists. It is because the devil does exist that we need to strive to be pure, innocent and free from defilement. For us Christians, our faith makes us understand that the devil exists but has been defeated and conquered by Christ who suffered, died and rose from the dead in order to reconcile us to God. Although the devil was defeated through the death and resurrection of Christ, we still need to be careful because he is a deceiver and never stops to lead people astray.

Submitting Ourselves to God and Resisting the Devil: We are never to allow ourselves to be tempted and defeated like our first Parent-Adam and Eve. Like Jesus we should try not to surrender or give in to temptation but to say no to it and overcome temptation. True disciple of Jesus are those who submit themselves to Him by trying to always draw near and remain on the side of God. Submitting ourselves to God means that we acknowledge that God is all powerful and all-knowing and that He created all things and has authority over everything including the devil and his agents. We can remain close to God by keeping our hands, hearts and minds pure and clean: "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you of two minds" (James 4: 8). When we are on the side of God and are submissive to Him, we will be able to resist the devil: "So submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4: 7). Disciples of Jesus are invited to apply the approach of Jesus to the devil in their own lives. Just as three times Jesus confronted and did not succumb to the tricks of the devil, so we are also to resist the devil ourselves and never to give in to his tricks. Jesus was not afraid of the devil. Instead, Jesus willingly faced those temptations, confronted them and came out victorious. Christians can resist the influence of the devil by making the word of God (Holy Scriptures), a sacred weapon against the devil and his agents and also by using passages of the Scripture as Jesus did (Cfs. Matthew 4: 1-11; Hebrews 4: 12). Our life will remain free from being corrupted by the devil when we make the effort to live life that is truthful, virtuously, and when our life is full of faith in God (Cf. Ephesians 6: 13-17). Children of God who try to remain always in union with God through prayer and thanksgiving in their lives are also able to resist the works of the devil (Cf. 1 Thessalonians 5: 17-18; Philippians 4: 6-7). The devil and his work will be defeated when God is glorified in our thoughts and when we do not allow the devil to manage our thought life (2) Corinthians 10: 5). The best way to deal with the devil is to be on the side of God and to avoid sin in our lives.

Lent as a Time to Look Up to God and Turn Away from Our Sins: Lent is a time to look up to God so that with His help we will be able to know our true selves and take the necessary step to make things right between us and God. Since Jesus is the one who takes away sins, we are to turn to God and allow Him to take care of our sins. Today's Psalm from Psalm 51 teach us to turn and to focus on God: "Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love; in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions" (Psalm 51: 2-3). Just as the Psalmist, we are to turn to God and look up to Him, then we will have the courage to admit our sins and the assurance to be freed from them. If we look at our own sin in all its starkness and take our eyes off God, we can experience only embarrassment, guilt and shame that we have acted so badly. So, our main task during this Lent is to fix our gaze on God who is love. As we look up to God who is love, we will simply and honestly know and be able to admit our sin. After acknowledging and looking up to God, the Psalmist goes to accept that he is a sinner: "For I know my transgressions; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your eyes so that you are just in your word, and without reproach in your judgment" (Psalm 51: 5-6). With the help of God we are able to see our true selves, admit our faults, confess them and be set free. A sinner who therefore turns to God and ask for pardon for sins he has committed is forgiven and admitted into the Holy presence of God. A practical example of those who have never failed to acknowledge their sins, to confess them, and obtain forgiveness for their sins are the saints. Let us follow the example of the Saints.

**Closing Prayer:** May God fill us with courage and help us with the Holy Spirit so that when we are tempted we will not allow ourselves to be led to sin. Even when we sin may we turn to God, express sorrow for our sins and ask for pardon.

#### ~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

	<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:	83,575.61	92,654.10	27,735.84	17,610.78
Actual Year-to-Date:	84,301.61	91,013.52	25,447.61	17,999.70
Date: 2/19/2023:	980.00	1,777.65	373.00	329.50
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# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

#### Saturday, February 25, 2023

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 (\*Helen Anstead)

## Sunday, February 26, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (\*Joan Youngblood)
11:00am Mass at St. Anne (\*Walter Joslin)
5:00-5:30pm Benediction & Evening Prayer at St. Raphael

## Monday, February 27, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (For a Fruitful Lenten Season)

## Tuesday, February 28, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Anne (For the Leaders of our Country)
9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation
12:00pm Funeral for Betty Keen at
St. Catherine
5:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Mass at St. Gabriel

(\*Special Intention for Eugene & Barb Spring 70th Wedding Anniversary)

#### Wednesday, March 1, 2023

1:00pm Lenten Program at St. Catherine 5:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Catherine 6:00pm Mass at St. Catherine (*\*Bernice Kuell*) 6:30pm Lenten Program at St. Anne

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: St. Anne will have an altar server training session on Sunday, March 5th immediately following the 11:00 am Mass
- **ST. ANNE CHURCH CLEANING PERSON NEEDED:** St. Anne needs Volunteers to clean the Church for April through December 2023
- **ST. CATHERINE'S ANGEL FUND COLLECTION:** Has collected a total of \$4,620.00. If you would like to donate there are envelopes at both entrances of the church, just drop them in the collection or at the parish office.
- COFFEE & DONUTS ~ A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SOCIAL TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS! St. Catherine: Coffee and Donuts will resume in May 2023. St. Anne: Coffee & Donuts after mass on Sundays! St. Raphael: Refreshments will be after mass on Saturdays!
- MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER IS AVAILABLE

## Thursday, March 2, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (For all of the youth of our parishes)
9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine
4:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Raphael
5:00pm Mass at St. Raphael (For all of the elderly of our parishes)

#### Friday, March 3, 2023

NO MASS 5:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Anne 5:30 - 7:30pm Fish Fry at St. Anne Hall

#### Saturday, March 4, 2023

3:30pm Reconciliation at St. Raphael
4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael
4:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Raphael (\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne,
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael
5:00 Soup Supper at St. Raphael
6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel
6:30pm Vigil Mass at St. Gabriel (\*Gerald Ludwiczak)

## Sunday, March 5, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine (\*Jim & Bonnie Bica)
11:00am Mass at St. Anne (\*Mary Fitzgerald)
5:00-5:30pm Benediction & Evening Prayer at St. Catherine

## ALERT!! SCAM TEXTS/EMAILS - DO NOT RESPOND OR COMPLY -

There are some unethical people sending texts/emails to parishioners pretending to be Fr. John William, asking that you help him out financially by purchasing gift cards for him. This is NOT Fr. John, please ignore any request like these or report them to the Sheriff's Department.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year A)

**SUNDAY:** GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7, ROM 5:12-19, MT 4:1-11

**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

> **<u>SATURDAY:</u>** DT 26:16-19, MT 5:43-48

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Beverly Aube - St. Catherine Charles Carriveau - St. Catherine Cathy Skwirsk - St. Catherine Robert Probst - St. Catherine Karl Miltz Sr. - St. Gabriel Pauline Short - St. Raphael Mary Gruba - St. Anne Mike Maturen - St. Anne Catherine McNeil - St. Anne Brian K. Somers - St. Anne Jason Wrush - St. Anne Wendy Wrush - St. Anne Marijane Maceri - St. Anne

# PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

Sunday: Rev. Leonard Paul

**Monday:** Rev. Alfred Pillarelli

**Tuesday:** Rev. Benjamin Rexroat

Wednesday: Rev. Mitchel Roman

**Thursday**: Rev. Richard Schaeffer

**Friday**: Rev. Lawrence Sergott

> **Saturday**: Pope Francis

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## **ST. RAPHAEL SOUP SUPPERS:**

St. Raphael will be holding meatless soup and bread suppers during lent on the Saturdays of **March 11th, and March 25th.** There will be a free will donation with proceeds to go to rice bowl. If you are unable to stay to go cups will be available.

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

#### LENTEN PREPARATION PROGRAM (Lenten companion by Ascension press) BEGINS: ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22, 2023 Afternoons: 1-2PM at St. Catherine | Evenings: 6:30-7:30 at St. Anne

This program is an opportunity for our whole community to enter into the season of Lent intentionally and receive the grace God wants to give us during this holy season. Join us for our Lenten Companion Sessions and take full advantage of this transformative experience.

Because we want this Lent to be a journey we take together as a parish, we are holding Lenten Sessions on Wednesday afternoons from 1-2PM at St. Catherine, and evening sessions from 6:30-7:30 at St. Anne. Each registered participant will receive The Ascension Lenten Companion book to use throughout the Lenten season.

## LENTEN FISH FRY EACH FRIDAY:

Parishes of the Resurrection of the Lord will be having a Fish Fry each Friday evening during Lent to be held at St. Anne Harrisville in Maria Hall from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Volunteers will be needed to staff these events.

The schedule of church hosting is as follows: Friday, March 3 -- St. Catherine Friday, March 10 -- St. Catherine Friday, March 17 -- St. Raphael Friday, March 24 -- St. Gabriel Friday, March 31 -- St. Anne



St. Anne & St. Raphael volunteers should call the St. Anne Office to volunteer. St. Catherine & St. Gabriel volunteers should call the St. Catherine Office to volunteer. Remember, many hands make light work! Please be generous with your time, support our parishes, and join in the life of our churches by helping with one or more of these evenings!

SUN - 2/26 MON	- 2/27 TUES - 2/28	WEDS - 3/1	THURS - 3/2	FRI - 3/3	SAT - 3/4
9am Mass at St. Catherine 11am Mass at St. Anne 5:00-5:30pm Benediction & Evening Prayer at St. Raphael		1:00pm Ascension Lenten Program at St. Catherine 5:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Catherine 6:00pm Mass at St. Catherine 6:30pm Ascension Lenten Program at St. Anne	9am Mass at St. Catherine 9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine 4:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Raphael 5:00pm Mass at St. Raphael	No AM Mass 5:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Anne 5:30 - 7:30pm Fish Fry at St. Anne Hall	3:30pm Confession at St. Raphael 4:00pm Rosary at St. Raphael 4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael 6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel 6:00pm Confession at St. Gabriel 6:30pm Mass
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#### LENTEN AND FASTING 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 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 www.usccb.org.



#### Deepen your relationship with Jesus and be a part of the Eucharistic Revival. Bishop Walsh is hosting Holy Hour (and a Half) consisting of exposition, adoration benediction, and eucharistic catechesis.

See dates, times and locations below:

- Feb. 26, 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral, Gaylord Central Vicariate
- Mar. 5, 3 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier, Petoskey North Vicariate
- Mar. 12, 3 p.m. at St. Joseph, West Branch Southeast Vicariate
- Mar. 19, 3 p.m. at St. Ann, Cadillac Southwest Vicariate
- Mar. 26, 3 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Traverse City West Vicariate