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**Resurrection  
of the Lord**

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## The Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday) | April 9, 2023

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## HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

**Opening Prayer:** Today, with great joy we celebrate the triumph of love over death. Since Jesus is alive and dies no more, may we rise from our tombs and be privileged to enjoy everlasting life with Jesus in his Holy dwelling place.

**Jesus Is Truly Risen:** As we celebrate Easter Sunday, the day Jesus come back to life after he was crucified, died and was buried, we are joyful. What gives us joy is that Jesus Christ is risen from the Dead. The resurrection of Jesus gives us joy because it proves that Jesus is truly God. We celebrate and are filled with joy today because by his resurrection Jesus has fulfilled all he had said about his suffering, death and raising from the dead. We are joyful still because the victory of Jesus over death is also our own victory. By coming back to life, Jesus has been able to restore us to life, just as by dying he destroyed our death.

**Three Things that Show us that Jesus Christ Rose from the Dead:** The resurrection of Jesus is denied by some people. The truth of the matter is that today's readings testify that Jesus died and rose from the dead. Today's readings, especially the Gospel Reading present us with three events which show that Jesus who suffered and was crucified on the cross, rose from the dead.

First, the fact that Jesus was certainly buried and his tomb was found empty show that Jesus who was crucified rose from the dead. Jesus's body was not stolen as purported by some people because it was never found. Moreover, the grave of Jesus was secured with a stone and with soldiers after he was buried, so how could his body have been stolen. The presence and position of Jesus's burial clothes is also another evidence that he rose from the dead and his body was not stolen. If Jesus's body was stolen as alleged, the burial clothes could not have been left behind and carefully folded by the side. Who will even steal a dead body and leave the burial clothes?

Second, another evidence that Jesus rose from the dead is the simple explanation by Mary Magdalene that Jesus is risen, he is not there in the tomb. At least it is a fact that there was a certain woman who goes by the name, Mary Magdalene and that she was the one who found the tomb empty. Although she did not experience the real moment of the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb, nevertheless, it is a fact that she was the first to go to the tomb very early in the morning and when she did not find the body of Jesus, she ran to the disciples to tell them of the empty tomb. Peter who was confused ran to the tomb to see for himself. John also went and when he saw the empty tomb, he believed. Eventually, all of the Apostles themselves come to understand and believe.

Third, Jesus who suffered, died and was buried, truly rose from the dead, and transformed the lives of his disciples who boldly proclaimed that he was risen. After the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples, who were at first paralyzed with fear of being arrested as accomplices of Jesus, suddenly made a complete turnaround and began to boldly proclaim that Jesus, was alive and with them. Their experience of the Spirit of the Risen Lord gave them unshakable courage that made them ready even to die for the truth that Jesus is risen and is alive. Even when they were imprisoned, they rejoiced and became more committed to witnessing to Jesus and sharing in his sufferings that they might share in his glory. Peter testified that Jesus rose from the dead and St. Paul also admonished the early Christians to set their hearts on what is above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

**Believing and Proclaiming Christ Crucified but Risen from the Dead:** People can believe what they want to believe, but the truly great thing for the Christian is to believe that Jesus is risen. Instead of engaging ourselves in arguments that try to prove Jesus did not resurrect, it's far much better to allow ourselves to be moved by faith in the resurrection like the early disciples who after the resurrection of Jesus Christ were radically changed and begin to proclaim Jesus crucified and risen from the dead. Just as the disciples became people of faith and testified to the resurrection of Christ, so we too who today are disciples of Jesus are called to witness to the resurrection of Jesus by believing and proclaiming it. One of such early testimony to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is St Paul's declaration: "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: That Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again according to the Scriptures; and that he was seen by Cephas, and after that by the eleven. "Then he was seen by more than 500 brethren at once, of whom many are still with us and some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen by James, then by all the apostles. And last of all, he was seen also by me, as by one born out of due time" (1 Corinthians 15: 3-8). Faith in the resurrection and proclaiming it is better than indulging in arguments as to whether Jesus rose from the dead or not, because even the angel who appeared to the women on early Easter morning said to them: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (Luke 24: 5). If the Jews and the Romans do not deny there was a Jesus who they crucified on the cross of Calvary, why should the resurrection of the one who they certainly crucified be a problem to them or even us? Since Jesus is now alive and at work in his people and in his Church, instead of dwelling on arguments as to whether Jesus rose from the dead or not, it's better to believe in the resurrection of Christ and be dedicated to proclaiming the Kingdom of God which Jesus came to establish among us so that we will be saved.

**Closing Prayer:** May Jesus Christ who is truly risen from the dead and has brought us eternal life help us to remain faithful to him now, and at last come to behold him face to face.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

~ FR. JOHN WILLIAM

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

	<u>St. Anne</u>	<u>St. Catherine</u>	<u>St. Raphael</u>	<u>St. Gabriel</u>
<b>Needed Each Week:</b>	\$2,467.41	\$2,807.70	\$815.76	\$533.66
<b>Needed Year-to-Date:</b>	98,380.07	109,500.30	32,630.40	20,812.73
<b>Actual Year-to-Date:</b>	96,655.09	106,294.04	29,061.17	20,827.05
<b>Date: 4/2/2023:</b>	1,794.00	3,520.10	732.00	710.45
<b>Other Collections:</b>	2,098.25	675.00	310.00	65.00
<b>March Online Collection:</b>	3,245.77	1,560.98	157.12	120.25

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

### Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023

11am Blessing of Baskets at St. Anne  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet at St. Catherine  
7:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (download Zoom to join in)  
8:00pm Easter Vigil at St. Raphael  
*(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael)*

### Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

#### **THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
*(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael)*  
11:00am Mass at St. Anne  
*(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael)*  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet at St. Catherine  
7:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Download Zoom to join in)

### Monday, April 10, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Anne  
*(For All traveling this holiday season)*  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet at St. Catherine  
7:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Download Zoom to join in)

### Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9am Mass at St. Anne  
*(For All Newly baptized/received into the Church this Easter)*  
9:30-10:30am Adoration and Confession  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet at St. Catherine  
7:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Download Zoom to join in)

**7:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet**  
**(Download Zoom to join in)**  
**Meeting ID: 849 3626 3628**  
**Passcode: 725717**

### Wednesday, April 12, 2023

11:00am Funeral for Louis Bey at St. Catherine  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet at St. Catherine  
5:00-6:00pm Adoration/Reconciliation at St. Catherine  
7:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Download Zoom to join in)

### Thursday, April 13, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
*(For all the souls in purgatory)*  
9:30-10:30pm Adoration/Reconciliation at St. Catherine  
3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet at St. Catherine  
7:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (Download Zoom to join in)

### Friday, April 14, 2023

3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet at St. Catherine  
7:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (download Zoom to join in)

### Saturday, April 15, 2023

3:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet at St. Catherine  
4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael  
*(\*For the Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael)*  
6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel  
*(\*Dee Stiener)*  
7:00pm Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet (download Zoom to join in)

### Sunday, April 16, 2023: DIVINE MERCY SUN.

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine  
*(\*Kathleen Ernster)*  
11:00am Mass at St. Anne  
*(\*Sharon O'Callaghan)*  
2:00pm Confession at St. Anne  
2:45 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour for Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Anne

## **RETURN YOUR RICE BOWLS!**



## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **ST. GABRIEL MEN'S CLUB MEETING:** St. Gabriel Men's Club will meet on Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 pm at St. Gabriel.
- **ST. ANNE CHURCH CLEANING PERSON NEEDED:** St. Anne needs Volunteers to clean the Church for June through December 2023.
- **ST. CATHERINE'S ANGEL FUND COLLECTION:** Has collected a total of \$6,670.00. 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**
- **ALPENA ST. VINCENT de PAUL:** Starting Tuesday, April 4th St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays BY APPOINTMENT ONLY from 11:30 pm, with the last appointment at 2:15 pm. Each appointment will be approximately 15 minutes. For those riding together we can do up to 3 families in that 15 minute appointment time frame. Please look for the signs that will be posted for the pantry area. To schedule appointments or for any questions please call the pantry line at 989-464-6375. If no one is available please leave a message and someone will return your call.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

For The Week (Year A)

### SUNDAY:

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43, COL 3:1-4,  
JN 20:1-9

### MONDAY:

ACTS 2:14, 22-33, MT 28:8-15

### TUESDAY:

ACTS 2:36-41, JN 20:11-18

### WEDNESDAY:

ACTS 3:1-10, LK 24:13-35

### THURSDAY:

ACTS 3:11-26, LK 24:35-48

### FRIDAY:

ACTS 4:1-12, JN 21:1-14

### SATURDAY:

ACTS 4:13-21, MK 16:9-15

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Beverly Aube - St. Catherine  
Bob Keen - St. Catherine  
Charles Cariveau - St. Catherine  
Cathy Skwirsk - St. Catherine  
Karl Miltz Sr. - St. Gabriel  
Pauline Short - St. Raphael  
Sam Rizzotto - St. Raphael  
Christopher Troy - St. Raphael  
Mary Gruba - St. Anne  
Donald Krejcarek - St. Anne  
Mike Maturen - St. Anne  
Catherine McNeil - St. Anne  
Brian K. Somers - St. Anne  
Jason Wrush - St. Anne  
Wendy Wrush - St. Anne

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

### **Sunday:**

Rev. Peter Eke

### **Monday:**

Deceased Priests

### **Tuesday:**

Rev. James Fitzpatrick

### **Wednesday:**

Rev. Matthew Furguele

### **Thursday:**

Rev. James Gardiner

### **Friday:**

Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh

### **Saturday:**

Rev. Donald Geyman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARISHES OF THE RESURRECTION:



### **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA & CHAPLET**

Begins on Good Friday, April 7 through Saturday, April 15, 2023 leading up to  
**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, 2023!**

We will be praying the novena for nine days as a parish group every evening at 7:00pm from Good Friday to April 15, 2023. If you wish to pray along with us, you can do so by downloading the Zoom app and entering the meeting ID and passcode below:

Meeting ID: 849 3626 3628  
Passcode: 725717

If you wish to pray it as a group in person, they will be praying it everyday at 3:00 at St. Catherine Ossineke. We will also try to make the Novena Prayers available on our Parish Website and/or on My Parish App.

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 2:00 -- 3:45 PM**

A day to receive God's extraordinary mercy as a church community, as the Body of Christ, as His followers. "It is a time when we are blessed with Divine Mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified"

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

- Confession from 2:00 – 2:45 pm
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 2:45 pm
- Chanting of Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm
- Veneration of the Divine Image
- Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3:45 pm

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SON RISE SIDE - MEN OF ST. JOSEPH - MEN'S CONFERENCE PRESENTS:

# AWAKE

## Not Woke

**JOIN US SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 (8AM - 4PM)**  
**AT HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**516 WEST LINCOLN STREET, EAST TAWAS, MI**

**“BECOMING THE MAN GOD CREATED YOU TO BE  
IN A POST CHRISTIAN WORLD“**

*Awake O sleeper; and rise from the dead, and  
Christ shall give you light. Ephesians 5:14*

**MUSIC BY: JULIUS DECHAVEZ WORSHIP**  
**CONFESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE**

### **GUEST SPEAKERS**



**PETER HERBECK**



**DR. MARCUS PETER**



**JIM O'DAY**