



Parishes of the
**Resurrection
of the Lord**

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St. Anne - Harrisville | St. Catherine - Ossineke

St. Gabriel - Black River | St. Raphael - Mikado

You formed my inmost
being; you knit me in
my mother's womb.

Psalms 139:13

God Bless our mothers!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 14, 2023

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HOLY AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD,

Opening Prayer: May Jesus who sees and knows our situation in life never leave us alone but always accompany us with the Holy Spirit and keep us safe in His care.

Our Desire to See God Face to Face: Human beings, especially Christians talk, hope and even dream to see God face to face! Certain Old Testament passages do speak about seeing God. Jacob is said to have seen God (Cf. Genesis 32: 30-31). Moses too saw God (Cfs. Exodus 33: 11; Deuteronomy 34: 10). David wrote about seeing God (Cf. Psalm 17: 15). John in his Apocalyptic writing also affirmed to seeing God (Cf. Revelations 22: 4). Angels who are Divine Spiritual beings (Cf. Hebrews 1: 14), shout the praise of God (Cfs. Job 1: 6; 2: 1), they serve God (Cfs. Job 38: 6-7; Psalm 103: 20), and also behold the face of God (Matthew 18: 10). Although these Old and New Testament figures are said to have seen the face of God, what they really experienced was the glory of God, His splendor or greatness (Cfs, Exodus 33: 21-23; Isaiah 6: 1). Since God is God and He is Spirit, ordinary human beings cannot see God with their naked eyes. Holy Scripture is clear about the fact that human beings cannot see God directly as He is (Cfs. 1 Timothy 1: 17; 1 Timothy 6: 15-17; 1 John 4: 12; Exodus 33: 20; Deuteronomy 4: 12). Despite the fact that no human being can behold God face to face with the physical eye, we are able to understand and discern the beauty or glory of the Almighty God (Cfs. Matthew 5: 8; Genesis 32: 20; Job 19: 26-27), through Jesus who is the full revelation of the Father: “no one has ever seen God,” but that Jesus, “the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known” (John 1: 18). Jesus Himself clearly said: “Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father” (John 6: 46). St. Paul applied the term face to face in relation to God to express the glorious and awesome day when the Lord will return and we will see Him face to face. On that day when Jesus will return at the end of time, the light of God will shine upon us, and we will be free from all darkness, imperfection, and error and come to know God fully, even as we are fully known by Him: “At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known” (1 Corinthians 13: 12). The event described in this verse is often referred to as the “Beatific Vision,” that is, to see God as He is. It is in Heaven that we will see God in all His unveiled glory.

The Role of Love as We Wait and Watch to See God Face to Face: In His farewell address to his disciples Jesus told his disciple how he wanted them to live when he was gone. One of the things Jesus told his disciples is that those who love him keep his commands: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14: 15). Jesus further told them that whoever loves Him will be loved by God and by Jesus who will also reveal himself to them: “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him” (John 14: 21). Furthermore, Jesus went on to say: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14: 23). When Jesus talked about love and obeying his commands, he was not referring to keeping a particular group of commandments but rather about following his way of life. A true disciple of Jesus is the one who listens to his words and try to live by them. If we do not try to live as Jesus taught, we would not be his true disciples. Love becomes real in the decisions we make and in what we do. It is in the actions that result from our choices, that love is realized. God did not just say he loves us but he sent His only Son as an expression of the fact that he loves us. Jesus himself did not only say he loves us but he went on to suffer and die on the Cross to show us how much He loves us. Christian love according to Jesus is to be strong, concrete, self-sacrificial, and very real. Love is a way of living. Real love is shown in deeds. People know us by our acts, not by what we say with our lips.

The Role of the Holy Spirit as We Wait and Watch to See God Face to Face: Since Jesus knew that living as his disciple in contemporary society is difficult, he assured us that he will not leave us alone, but he will ask the Father to give us an advocate who will be with us always when he is gone (Cf. John 14: 16; John 14: 18). Still Jesus went ahead to repeat that he will dwell with us: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14: 23). The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Holy Trinity who is Love personified, acts internally within us. The Holy Spirit is present within our hearts and souls, animating, vivifying, and inspiring us. The Holy Spirit comforts us in times of sorrow, enlightens us in times of darkness, and makes us brave and strong in times of weakness. The Holy Spirit does not stand or operate alone or apart on its own, but rather the Holy Spirit lives and breathes within our souls. As the Consoler, the Advocate, the Sanctifier, and the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit protects and defends us against our Ancient Enemy; He is our Advocate, the One who stands with us particularly when we feel worthless, useless, and of no value in God’s eyes. His consolations strengthen us when we feel weak, inadequate, and powerless. Like love, we discern the Holy Spirit’s presence within us when we cause external things to happen-when we act and engage with the world around us. The Holy Spirit comes to us so that we in turn will stand beside others and console them with our deeds. Both love and the Holy Spirit cannot be known in and of themselves. Both are realized in acts, in deeds, and in things that are done in and through us. They fill us with their special life. Both are expressions of God.

Closing Prayer: May the Lord God who promised to love those who love him and obey his commands be with us always through his Holy Spirit who aids us always.

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>
Needed Each Week:	\$2,467.41	\$2,807.70	\$815.76	\$533.66
Needed Year-to-Date:	110,717.12	123,538.80	36,709.20	23,481.03
Actual Year-to-Date:	111,143.21	118,776.55	33,188.85	23,577.71
Date: 5/7/2023:	1,841.00	3,187.55	1,058.00	718.00
Other Collections:	9,847.94	275.00	180.00	35.00

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

4:30pm Mass at St. Raphael

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

6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel

(*Gerald Ludwiczak)

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023 *HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY*

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(*William Kramer)

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

(*James Barth)

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(*Marijane Maceri)

5:00pm St. Anne Women's Group Meeting in Maria Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Anne

(*Antonija Ovcjak)

9:30-10:30am Adoration/Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(*Carl Skwirsk)

11:00am Anointing of the Sick at St. Catherine

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

at St. Catherine

5:30pm Memorial Mass for Marijane Maceri

(*Marijane Maceri)

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(* 60th Wedding Anniversary Blessing for

Norm and Darlene Fortier)

9:30am-10:30 Adoration at St. Catherine

5:30pm Anointing of the Sick at St. Raphael

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

NO MASS

5:30pm Fr. John Going Away Potluck/Party

at St. Catherine

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

11:00am Memorial Mass for Zanetta Bielusiak

(*Zeneta Bielusiak)

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, & St. Raphael)

6:00pm Rosary at St. Gabriel

6:00pm Reconciliation at St. Gabriel

6:30pm Mass at St. Gabriel

(For the parishioners of St. Anne,

St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, & St. Raphael)

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

9:00am Mass at St. Catherine

(For the parishioners of St. Anne,
St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, & St. Raphael)

11:00am Mass at St. Anne

(*Sharon O'Callaghan)

12:00pm Goodbye Luncheon for Fr. John

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ST. ANNE WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING:** Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7pm in Maria Hall. All women are welcome!
- **ST. ANNE CEMETARY CLEAN-UP:** Will be Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Cemetery. All volunteers are welcome.
- **FR. JOHN'S GOING AWAY PARTY MAY 19 @ 5:30PM:** St. Catherine will be having a potluck to celebrate the time we had with Fr. John. There is a sign-up sheet at the front of the church to sign up for what you would like to bring.
- **GOODBYE POT LUCK LUNCHEON FOR FR. JOHN:** Will be on Sunday, May, 21, at 12:00 noon in Maria Hall at St. Anne. All 4 parishes are invited to come and help celebrate with Fr. John.
- **ST. CATHERINE CLEANERS NEEDED!** There is a sign up sheet available at the front entrance of the church for parishioners to sign up to help clean the church. We are in great need of parishioners help. Times and dates will be on the sign-up sheet. Thank you in advance.
- **ST. ANNE CHURCH CLEANING PERSON NEEDED:** St. Anne needs Volunteers to clean the Church for July through December 2023.
- **ST. CATHERINE'S ANGEL FUND COLLECTION:** Has collected a total of \$7,323.00. 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:**
St. Catherine: Coffee and Donuts after Mass on Sundays!
St. Anne: Coffee & Donuts after Mass on Sundays!
St. Raphael: Refreshments will be after Mass on Saturdays!

ST. ROSE OF LIMA TOWN HALL MEETING:

Dear St. Rose of Lima Parishioners,

Bishop Walsh would like to invite you all to a town-hall meeting on **Monday, May 22nd at 6 pm at the All Saints Parish Center** (817 Sable St. Alpena). Bishop will be present along with Theresa and Fr. Tyler to present an update on St. Rose church and discuss the present and the future of St. Rose Parish.

All St. Rose parishioners are invited to attend!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK (YEAR A)

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, 1 Pt 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15, Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1, Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8, Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28, Jn 16:23b-28



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS & RELIGIOUS

Sunday: Rev. Greg McCallum

Monday: John McCracken

Tuesday: Rev. Ruben Munoz

Wednesday: Rev. Joseph Muszkiewicz

Thursday: Rev. Robert W. Nalley

Friday: All Deacons

Saturday: Rev. Bradley Nursey

FAREWELL FESTIVITIES FOR FR. JOHN

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SUNDAY, MAY 21 @ 12PM



PRAYER TO ST. DYPHNA FOR THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

Lord Jesus Christ, You have willed that St. Dymphna should be invoked by us as the patroness of mental health and have brought it about that her interest in these people and those that serve them should be an inspiration to and an ideal of charity throughout the world. Grant that, through the prayers of this youthful martyr of purity, those who experience mental health challenges everywhere on earth may be helped and consoled. Be pleased to hear the prayer of St. Dymphna and of your Blessed Mother. Give those whom invoke them the strength and courage to bear their affliction with resignation to Your Divine Will. Give them the consolation they need and especially the healing and recovery they so much desire, if it be Your Will. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saint Dymphna, Patron Saint of Mental Health, the world is filled with stress, anxiety and mental challenges. Pray for us to deepen our faith, patience and wisdom.

The Church celebrates the feast of Saint Dymphna on May 15.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We want to thank Fr. John William for his many years of generous priestly ministry in the Diocese of Gaylord. As you know, Fr. John will be returning to his home diocese of Maiduguri in Nigeria. His priestly assignment in the Diocese of Gaylord will come to an end on May 21st. Please join me in showing Fr. John our love and prayerful support in these days. From May 22nd until June 30th, Bishop Walsh has asked me to be temporary administrator of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael parishes. **During that time, the day-to-day operations of the parishes will continue. However, daily Masses, adoration, and confessions during the week will be canceled. Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses will continue as scheduled** with me and Fr. Michael Lingaur filling in from All Saints Parish in Alpena. On some weekends a few other priests will assist us during our previously scheduled vacation time. For any pastoral emergency or Anointing of the Sick, please call All Saints Parish at 989.354.3019 and press #3 to leave a message for me and Fr. Michael. In the coming weeks, the Diocese of Gaylord will announce new priestly assignments including a new pastor for the Parishes of the Resurrection. Please keep me, Fr. John, Fr. Michael, and your new pastor in your prayers during this time of transition.

God bless,
Fr. Tyler Bischoff
Regional Vicar – East Vicariate

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

St. Anne:

- Mary Gruba
- Donald Krejcarek
- Mike Maturen
- Catherine McNeil
- Brian K. Somers
- Jason Wrush
- Wendy Wrush

St. Catherine:

- Beverly Aube
- Bob Keen
- Charles Carriveau
- Cathy Skwirsk
- Glen Thompson
- T.J. Dryden

St. Gabriel:

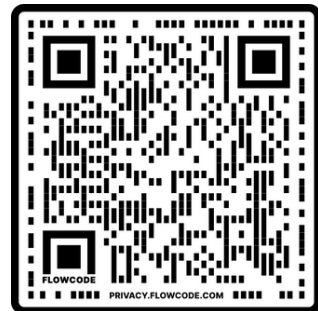
- Karl Miltz Sr.

St. Raphael:

- Pauline Short
- Sam Rizzotto
- Stan Sufnar
- Christopher Troy



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The 2023 Catholic Services Appeal is off to a great start in our parish! Your gifts to the CSA make a difference for many ministries and programs throughout the diocese. Through this appeal, we are helping to proclaim the gospel, care for those in need, and support our parishes and clergy. To date, receipts of gift commitments towards the goals of our parishes are as follows: St. Anne - \$0; St. Raphael - \$500; St. Catherine - \$0; St. Gabriel - \$0. We would like to achieve 100% participation. If you have not yet made a gift to the CSA, please consider doing so today. Every dollar raised supports important diocesan services, and every dollar raised above target will be used in our parish toward ongoing projects. Learn more and give online at DioceseofGaylord.org/CSA23.

Our parishes goals are: St. Anne's Goal is \$22,555. St. Raphael's Goal is \$7,633. St. Catherine's Goal is \$26,923.00. St. Gabriel's Goal is \$5,341.00. Please make a gift today to support this important mission. Learn more and give online at DioceseofGaylord.org/CSA23.