

GOOD NEWS

MARCH 11, 2018 (B)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14

Healed Through His Wounds

Jesus refers to the story that Michelangelo painted into a corner of the Sistine Chapel. It is about the time the Chosen People were attacked by serpents and many were dying. God instructed Moses to place two serpents on a staff and lift it up over the people. All they had to do was look at the serpents to be miraculously healed of their bite wounds.

We have all been bitten by sin. This can be our own self-destructive choices and attitudes, or we can be victims of others' sins. Yet sin and suffering doesn't need to have the last word. We can overcome if we choose to look at Christ crucified and learn his lesson of love. Jesus teaches us to not be defined by our ugly choices or the wounds we suffer. Our wounds and weaknesses can become the place of our healing. Jesus wants to heal us. That is why he let himself be lifted up!

To embrace this healing is simple yet challenging. First it requires simple faith to believe you are loved by the Father, no matter what. Second we need a constant, often-denied effort on our part to sincerely repent and work with God's grace to transform self-limiting attitudes and habits into virtues.

Even if you feel dead in your transgressions now, Jesus has already secured your path to life. Grace awaits you. The first step is to accept the love from he who is lifted up with arms outstretched to receive you.

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Dear Padre

A friend said he was looking forward to celebrating the Triduum. Can you explain that word to me?

The word triduum is Latin meaning "three days." In the early part of the 1900s, most major feasts of the Church were preceded by three days of prayer and pious exercises in preparation for the feast at hand. Today we use the word to refer to the paschal Triduum. These three days celebrate Christianity's most sacred events - the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The official beginning of the paschal Triduum takes place the evening of Holy Thursday, when we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This day is also referred to as Maundy Thursday, because Jesus gives a command (*mandatum*) to his followers to be an example of love and service to others. The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends in somber stillness, as the tabernacle is emptied and the altar is stripped bare. The priests, ministers, and congregation then exit in silence.

Good Friday is a day of somber quiet, as we relive the passion and death of Jesus. The service centers on the solemn veneration of the cross. Holy Saturday is characterized by the spirit of waiting and quiet anticipation until the festive Easter Vigil, celebrated in the evening, when the Church comes alive with the new light of Christ and catechumens are joyfully received into the eucharistic community. The Triduum ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

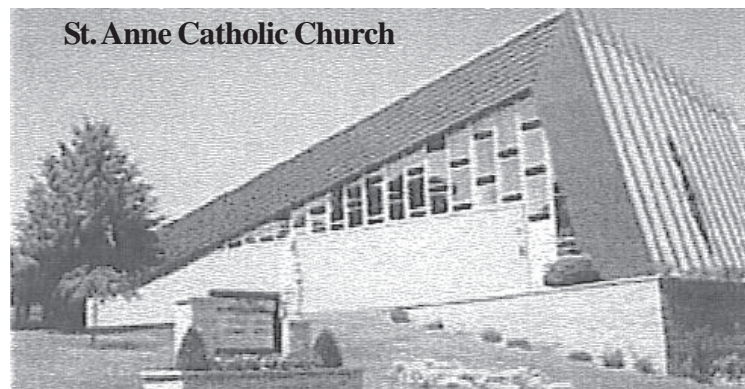
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OUR FAMILY OF CATHOLIC PARISHES AT THE RISING OF THE SUN

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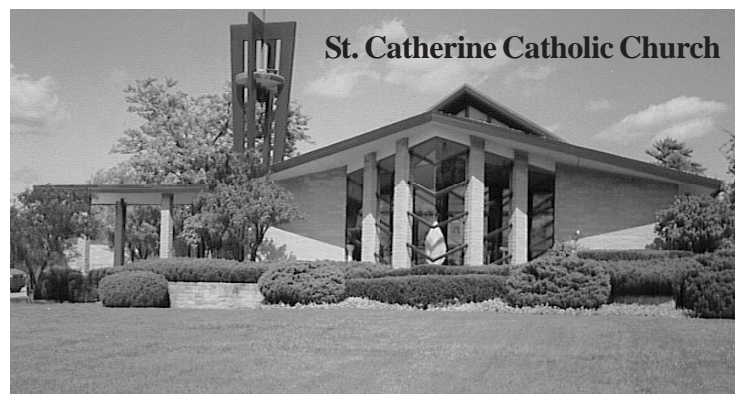
*From the rising of the sun to its setting,
to You, Almighty Father, all honor and glory*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~~~ MARCH 11, 2018



St. Anne Catholic Church

Parish Office: St. Anne & St. Raphael
110 S. State Street, Harrisville, MI 48740
Mailing address: PO Box 345 Harrisville, MI 48740
Office Hours: Mon. & Fri. 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Phone: 989-724-6713 **Fax:** 989-724-5210
E-mail: stannechurch@sta-str.org
Secretary: Beth Brege; Bookkeeper: Barbara Bruske
Youth Faith Formation:
St. Anne: Veronica Brown
St. Raphael: Ruth Johnson
Parish Outreach: St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store:
2227 F-41 Mikado, MI 48745, 989-736-6271



St. Catherine Catholic Church

Parish Office: St. Catherine & St. Gabriel
2188 W. Nicholson Hill Rd., Ossineke, MI 49766
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs. 8:00 - 3:00 pm
Phone: 989-471-5121 **Fax:** 989-471-2697
Rectory: 989-471-2556
E-mail: stc-stg@stc-stg.org
Secretary: Shelby Failla
Youth Faith Formation: Cathy Macfalda
Parish Outreach: St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry,
2635 US 23 South Alpena, MI 49707
989-354-3671

Pastor: Fr. Robert H. Bissot

Sunday Masses:

4:30 pm (Sat) - St. Raphael
6:30 pm (Sat) - St. Gabriel
9:00 am (Sun) - St. Catherine
11:00 am (Sun) - St. Anne

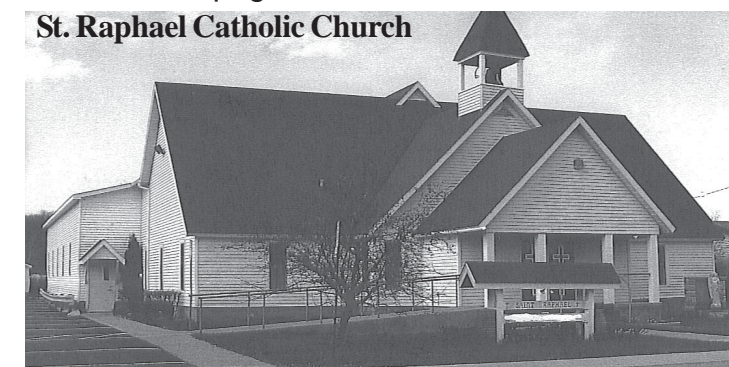
Daily Mass - see weekly calendar inside page.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

2:00 - 2:30 pm (Sat) - St. Anne
3:50 - 4:10 pm (Sat) - St. Raphael
8:15 - 8:40 am (Sun) - St. Catherine

Parish Website: www.stc-stg.org/

Recent Bulletins: www.dioceseofgaylord.org, click on Parishes, choose your parish, click "more info", see the bottom of the page.



St. Raphael Catholic Church

Contact Parish Offices:

- To meet with Fr. Bob
- for Baptism - Confirmation step towards Eucharist
- for Marriage at least 6 months prior & before making any other arrangements.
- new parishioners, those returning to the Faith or inquiring into the Catholic Faith. All welcome.
- for the Anointing of the Sick or Eucharist to the homebound.
- Bulletin Deadline is Tuesday at noon.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church



Scripture Readings for the week of March 12 - 18

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Is 65:17-21	Ez 47:1-9, 12	Is 49:8-15	Ex 32:7-14	Wis 2:1a,	Jer 11:18-20	Jer 31:31-34
Jn 4:43-54	Jn 5:1-16	Jn 5:17-30	Jn 5:31-47	12-22	Jn 7:40-53	Heb 5:7-9
				Jn 7:1-2, 10,		Jn 12:20-33
				25-30		

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

In our first reading today people of Judah “mocked the messenger of God, despised his warning and scoffed at his prophet.” God let them suffer the consequences of their actions and their city of Jerusalem was conquered, destroyed and many were forced into exile.

Not only did those who mocked God suffer but many innocent others suffered too.

Lent is the time for us to look at whether we scoff and mock God’s messages and despise/ignore God’s warnings. And when God lets us suffer the consequences of our actions how many innocent others also suffer because of us?

Take some extra time this fourth week of Lent and reflect and pray about all this and how Jesus the Savior fits into all of this.

Communal Penance Services:

Sunday, March 18 - Following 11:00 am Mass at St. Anne

Tuesday, March 20 - 6:30 pm at St. Gabriel

Thursday, March 22 - 5:00 pm at St. Raphael

Wednesday, March 28 - 1:30 & 7:00 pm at St. Catherine
Fr. Bob

Reflection on the Eucharist

In our common language, the Mass (part 11)

I like to think of you who take Holy Communion to the homebound as more than just Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. I like to think of you as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. As Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, you are very special Christ-bearers. You let the homebound participate and share in an extraordinary way in the Eucharist, the Mass. You bring Christ to those who cannot come to the Eucharist. You bring Christ as the Word proclaimed as you share something of the day’s Scripture. You bring Christ under the appearance of bread. You let them join in the Sacrifice of the Mass, as they listen to the scripture shared, eat and drink of the Lord, and so take the risk to change and see their lives, their joys and crosses in a new way, as Jesus sees them. You represent the Faith Community to them. You are a sign to them that the community is not forgetting them. You keep them in touch with the Faith Community.

Next Sunday’s Readings:

I will make a new covenant, written in their hearts (1st); Have mercy on me, O God. Create in me a clean heart (ps); When he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation (2nd); When I am lifted up, I will draw everyone to myself (gos).

Tidbit:

“If you want someone to become a Christian, let the person live with you for a year.”
St. John Chrysostom

“This Week in Our Parishes”

Sunday, March 11 Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm (Sat) **Mass,** St. Raphael

Parish finances

6:30 pm (Sat) **Mass,** St. Gabriel

*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

9:00 am **Mass,** St. Catherine

Fr. Robert Leonhardt, OFM

11:00 am **Mass,** St. Anne

Cass Miller

Monday, March 12

8:30 am Mass, St. Anne Chapel

For those living with mental illness

7:00 pm Harrisville K of C Meeting at Maria Hall

7:00 pm St. Catherine/St. Gabriel K of C Meeting at St. Catherine

Tuesday, March 13

6:30 pm Mass & Stations of the Cross St. Gabriel

For those who feel lost and alone

6:00 pm St. Anne Youth Group

Wednesday, March 14

9:00 am Mass & Stations of the Cross, St. Catherine

Ken & Elaine Kavanaugh

6:30 pm Holy Hour for local & world needs at St. Anne

Thursday, March 15

4:30 pm Stations of the Cross

5:00 pm Mass, St. Raphael

Pamela Jarvis

Friday, March 16

Day of Abstinence from meat for those 14 yrs and older

8:30 am Mass, St. Anne Chapel

For all of God’s children

4:30 pm Stations fo the Cross St. Anne

5-7:00 pm K of C Fish Fry, St. Anne Maria Hall

Saturday, March 17 St. Patrick

2:00 - 2:30 pm, Confession at St. Anne

3:50 - 4:10 pm, Confession at St. Raphael

Sunday, March 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm (Sat.) **Mass,** St. Raphael

Unemployed

Meatless Soup & Bread Supper following Mass

6:30 pm (Sat.) **Mass,** St. Gabriel

Worldwide economic justice

8:10 - 8:40 am Confession at St. Catherine

9:00 am **Mass,** St. Catherine

Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,

St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

11:00 am **Mass,** St. Anne

For those burdened by life’s challenges

Communal Penance following Mass

Religious Education Classes:

Sun., March 18, 9:15 am, St. Anne Pre-12th grades & Adult Class

10:30 am, St. Catherine Pre-12 grades

We Give Back to God in Gratitude

“Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost.”

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Day-to-Day				
Needed Each Week	\$1,900.00	\$2,350.00	\$530.00	\$870.00
Needed Year to Date	\$68,400.00	\$84,650.00	\$19,080.00	\$28,320.00
Actual YTD	\$76,503.92	\$92,193.30	\$19,865.14	\$31,428.27
March 4	\$2,588.50	\$3,211.65	\$478.00	\$677.80
Children		\$6.50		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$16.00			\$23.00

Biblical Tithing: 10% of income to charities. Everything we are and have are gifts from God not just for ourselves but to be shared with others.

All Parishes:

***Please help the elderly** by leaving parking spaces closest to the church available for elder parishioners to park closer to the church entrances.

***Living Faith for April, May & June, Little White Books from the Diocese of Saginaw & April Word Among us** are available at the exits of all 4 Churches.

***Church Flowers:** Anyone wishing to donate to your parish Altar Flowers fund please put your donation in an envelope marked “Altar Flowers” and either drop it in the weekly collection or mail to your parish office.

***Try Baraga Catholic Radio 91.3 & 88.9 FM**

***If anyone needs to use a low gluten host in the reception of Holy Communion please contact Fr. Bob.**

***Mass for Pardon and Reconciliation:** All are invited to join Bishop Steven J. Raica and priests of the Diocese of Gaylord on Sunday, March 18 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral. The Diocese of Gaylord acknowledges that there have been times that we, as a local Church, have failed to live up to God’s calling. This Mass is an effort to reach out to anyone who has felt hurt by ministers of the Church.

***Meatless Soup and Bread Supper at St. Raphael:** March 17 following Mass. We will have soup to go for those who can’t stay. Donations will go to support Lenten Rice Bowl.

Lenten Communal Penance Services:

Tuesday, March 20 - 6:30 pm at St. Gabriel

Thursday, March 22 - 5:00 pm at St. Raphael

Wednesday, March 28 - 1:30 & 7:00 pm at St. Catherine

***Over 55:** Opportunity to volunteer. Contact NEMCSA’s Retired & Senior Volunteer Program by calling 989-358-4637.

***Wanted:** If anyone has any old, clean, usable rags they would like to donate, please bring them to the St. Catherine parish office. Thank you in advance.

***Hidden Treasure of the Catholic Church** - Tuesday, March 13 from 6-8:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Oscoda. Sylvia Cortes-Lopez will present on Our Lady of Guadalupe.

***Alcona St. Vincent de Paul:** Eastern Michigan Food Bank “March Against Hunger” Campaign. Donations received March 1-April 30 will receive a 10% match. Checks can be sent to Alcona St. Vincent de Paul but must be made payable to the Food Bank. Donation slips are available in the back of St. Raphael Church.

Those serving in the military: SR. Paige E Jewett, Corporal Jacob Campell, US Marine Corps, AirForce - Lindsey Moggie, Marine Private Tristan Gordy, Airman First Class Kyle Thum, Corporal Christopher Dubay, Corporal Tony Dubay, US Marine Corps, Sgt. Michael D’Augustino, US Airforce, Airman Cole Mitchell, Lance Corporal Steven J. Rizzotto, Sr Airman Phillip (Boone) Bouchard, Captain Michael Ruess, MM3 Benjamin Bumgardner, Sgt. Charles LaFave, Specialist Ethan Siegert

Our Sick: May God shower his love and care upon you, comfort you and encourage you, heal you in body, soul and spirit and bring you to peace. May we grow in trust in God, accepting his will, putting everything into his hands.

Al LaBrecque, Jim Aube, Peter Bosca, Joell Krejcarek, Joan Youngblood, Joan & Bernard Pintar, Nancy Hauss, Rob Adamski, Dan Kaczmarek, Jim Siebert, James Banner, Irene Sedoskey, Tom Steinbauer, Edwin Paulson, Anna Michel, Paul Forsythe, Gerald Dingledein, Dorothy Abbott, Pat Thompson, Thomas Walter, Clara Watson, Kenneth Loubert, Tina Fox, Greg Robinson, Mary Jane Fliehman, Joan Cleveland, Al Sharp, Gloria Kozak, Jim Rigato, Kathleen Holderman, Bob Wilson, George Killewald, Theda & Frank Waldecker, Bernard Abbott, Mike Morris, Vanessa Pender, Jim Barth, Rick Carstens

Our Priests:

Sunday - All Deacons

Monday - Rev. Msgr. John Porter

Tuesday - Rev. Joseph Reitz

Wednesday - Rev. Benjamin Rexroat

Thursday - Rev. Richard Schaeffer

Friday - Rev. Lawrence Sergott

Saturday - Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Remember to pray for a priest each day!

A Prayer for Our Time:

O Lord our God, we humbly ask that you move all leaders and would-be-leaders in our country and throughout the world and all of us to be open to the inspiration of your Holy Spirit in discerning and implementing what is right, just and best for all in our country and throughout the world.

This Lent Encounter those in Need

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community - their country. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit csrcricebowl.org