

# GOOD NEWS

APRIL 15, 2018 (B)  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 / 1 Jn 2:1-5a / Lk 24:35-48

The glorified Jesus is not easy for the apostles to recognize. There is a deep truth here. The Twelve are startled and terrified to see Jesus again. In fact, they even think they are seeing a ghost. Their fear and lack of faith makes it impossible to see him for who he is - their resurrected Savior. Before they can truly see, they need to first accept him and believe.

And how does Jesus prove his identity to them? He shows them his wounds, the signs of his suffering and crucifixion. We often want to hide our wounds. We are ashamed of them and afraid of how others will react if they really knew. But Jesus, unashamed, shows his wounds and uses them as signs of who he is.

There is a message for us here. We need to allow our brokenness to find fullness and resurrection in Christ. It is at that point that the love of God is perfected in us. First we need to acknowledge our wounds and not bury or hide them. Then we need to admit our need for healing. Finally, through prayer, confession, and help from those who love us, we allow Jesus' redemptive love to wash over our wounds and give us renewal, rebirth, and healing.

As a result, like Jesus, we will no longer be ashamed of our wounds, but rather we will share them as evidence of the power of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Dear Padre

*I read my horoscope in the daily newspaper faithfully. Is there anything wrong with this? I don't take what it says seriously, but sometimes the predictions do come true.*

Many people enjoy reading their daily horoscopes as form of entertainment. Like you, they don't take it seriously. When it's approached in this light-hearted way, there is no sin. Others, however, take their horoscopes seriously. Perhaps they don't realize what might underlie their fascination with it. Could it be a desire to escape responsibility? It's a cop-out to believe horoscope advice like, "If the position of the stars makes you act a certain way, then you're not responsible for your actions." This thinking doesn't acknowledge that God, as Lord of the universe, is the creator of these stars and their movements. It's absurd to ascribe mystical powers to the stars themselves as if they could influence us independently of God's providence.

What about predictions that come true? Reread that horoscope and you'll usually find it was worded in such general way that it would fit almost any situation. There's also the aspect of the self-fulfilling prophecy. If you *think* you're going to have a certain type of day, you are more likely to *have* that type of day. Your approach affects your day, not an outside force.

The future will always contain unknowns. For Christians, however, the unknown is cushioned by the belief that all things are in the providential hands of a loving God.

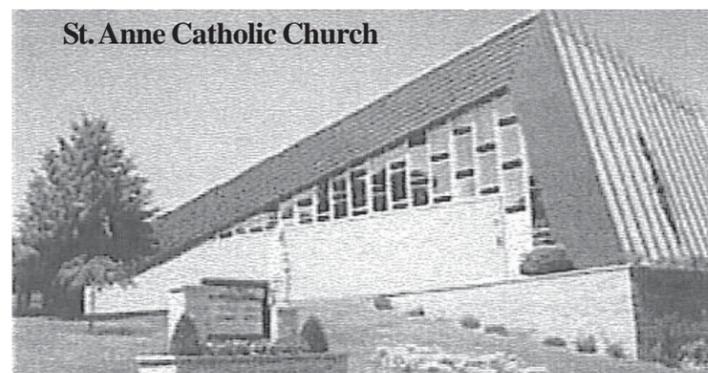
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*Questions and Encouragement*

## OUR FAMILY OF CATHOLIC PARISHES AT THE RISING OF THE SUN

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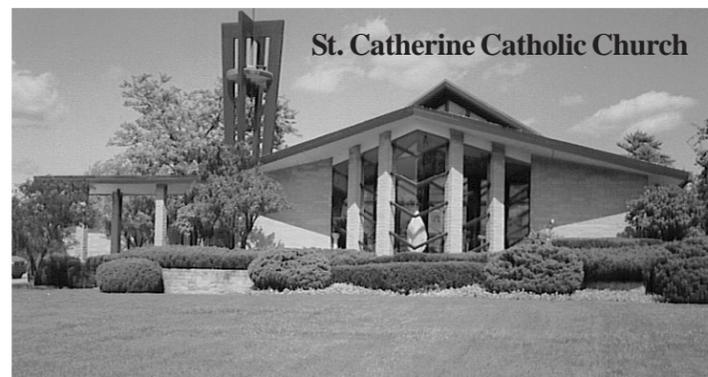
*From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
to You, Almighty Father, all honor and glory*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~~~APRIL 15, 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:**

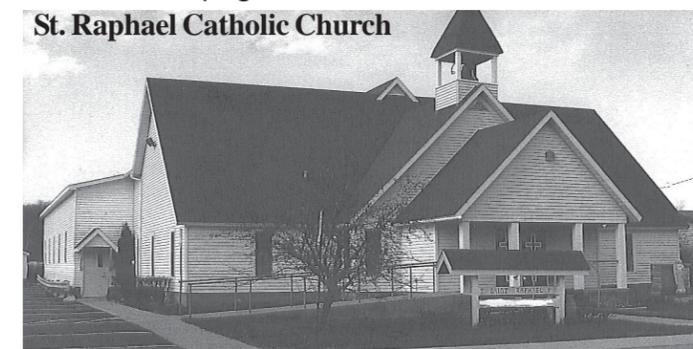
- 4:30 pm (Sat) - St. Raphael
- 6:30 pm (Sat) - St. Gabriel
- 9:00 am (Sun) - St. Catherine
- 11:00 am (Sun) - St. Anne

**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/](http://www.stc-stg.org/)  
**Recent Bulletins:** [www.dioceseofgaylord.org](http://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 April 16 - 22

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Acts 6:8-15	Acts 7:51-8:1a	Acts 8:1b-8	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 9: 1-20	Acts 9:31-42	Acts 4:8-12
Jn 6:22-29	Jn 6:30-35	Jn 6:35-40	Jn 6:4-51	Jn 6:52-59	Jn 6:60-69	1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

## Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Our Scripture readings today left us with some powerful phrases to pray and reflect on. In the first reading “be converted”. In our second reading “if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous ones.” In the gospel: “Peace be with you.” “Why are you troubled?...he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” “You are witnesses of these things.”

What does each one of these phrases say to you especially in this Easter Season as we celebrate Jesus’ glorious resurrection, his Ascension and Sending the Holy Spirit?

You might take a different one of these phrases each day this week for reflection and prayer and see where God takes you.

Have a gracefilled week.

Fr. Bob

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## Happy Easter! Happy Spring! (part 2)

It is not just a question of new life but the question of dying first to make way for the new life. There is no rising without dying. Christ died that he might rise. He said “that unless a grain of wheat dies (stops being a grain of wheat) it cannot bear fruit.” Unless a five-year-old stops being a five-year-old, a teenager being a teenager or single person living like a single person, one cannot be a six-year-old, a young adult or a married person.

The message of the Christian Easter is a message of our need to constantly die to an old way of life in order to rise to an ever-new way of life; die to all that is evil - to self-centeredness, hatred, revenge, neglect, materialism...and rise, filling the void with virtue and goodness. (Lk 11:24-26)

More next week.

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## Next Sunday’s Reading:

There is no salvation through anyone else, only Jesus the Christ (1st); I will thank you, for you have answered and you are my savior (ps): We are God’s children now, what shall we be has not yet been revealed (2nd); I am the good shepherd (gos).

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## Tidbit:

“If you judge people, you will have no time to love them”  
Mother Teresa

## “This Week in Our Parishes”

Sunday, April 15 Third Sunday of Easter  
4:30 pm (Sat.) Mass, St. Raphael  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,  
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*  
6:30 pm (Sat.) Mass, St. Gabriel  
*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*  
8:10 - 8:40 am Confession at St. Catherine  
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Rob Adamski*  
11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Defeat in anti-life legislation*

Monday, April 16  
8:30 am Mass, St. Anne Chapel  
*Favorable weather*

Tuesday, April 17  
**NO MASS**  
6:00 pm St. Anne Youth Group

Wednesday, April 18  
**NO MASS**  
6:00 pm Holy Hour

Thursday, April 19  
**NO MASS**

Friday, April 20  
**NO MASS**

Saturday, April 21 St. Anselm  
2:00 - 2:30 pm, Confession at St. Anne  
3:50 - 4:10 pm, Confession at St. Raphael

Sunday, April 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter  
4:30 pm (Sat.) Mass, St. Raphael  
*Joan Pintar*  
6:30 pm (Sat.) Mass, St. Gabriel  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,  
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*  
8:10 - 8:40 am Confession at St. Catherine  
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*Tom Steinbauer*  
11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*For the Priests of our Diocese*

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**Many of our diocesan priests will be on retreat this week. Please remember them all in your prayers.**

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## Religious Education Classes:

Sun., April 22, 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	\$77,900.00	\$96,400.00	\$21,730.00	\$32,680.00
Actual YTD	\$85,870.52	\$104,029.30	\$24,094.14	\$35,064.99
April 8	\$4,162.05	\$2,815.00	\$3,085.00	\$1,442.60
Children		\$4.00		
Rice Bowl Fund	\$782.84	\$1,508.20	\$490.00	\$151.07

**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.

\* **Little White Books from the Diocese of Saginaw & May Word Among us** are available at the exits of all 4 Churches.

\***Alcona St. Vincent de Paul:** Eastern Michigan Food Bank “March Against Hunger” Campaign. Donations received will receive a 10% match. Checks can be sent to Alcona St. Vincent de Paul and made payable to the Food Bank or to St. Vincent de Paul. Donation slips are available in the back of St. Raphael and St. Anne Churches.

\***Alcona Gospel Fest April 28, 2108:** At Harrisville United Methodist Church. For concert dates go to [www.InspirationAlcona.org](http://www.InspirationAlcona.org) Scroll down to events and click on “here”.

\***2018 ANNUAL DCCW CONVENTION - “Mary, Undoer of Knots”** - Wed., May 9, at the Cooney Conference Center in Gaylord. Featured speaker Elizabeth Gengle from St. Francis Parish in Petoskey. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with program at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Registrations and checks (payable to Gaylord DCCW) should be sent to Ruth Grant, 5574 W. Weir Road, Oscoda, MI 48750, by April 27. For more info, contact Ruth at 989.739.2363.

## \*Our Annual Diocese of Gaylord’s Catholic Services’ Appeal (CSA)

We may be inclined to look at an obligation as a downer and feeding the poor as an upper. But truly fulfilling our obligations are expressions of love and is truly what we call charitable acts. All our relationships have a mutual obligation e.g. parents- child relationship. Financial support of our parish and our diocese, expressions of our being the family of God, have their obligations as do natural families; fulfillment of which are just as much expressions of our love and gratitude.

Ask God’s help now as you plan your support of our Diocese of Gaylord’s Catholic Services’ Appeal on May 6th.

\***All 4 Parishes’ Cemeteries:** All winter blankets etc. are to be removed from graves and removed from premises (please do not throw them on others’ property) by May 1st by those who arranged for there placement. This will greatly help with spring clean-up.

\***Hidden Treasure Presentation** scheduled for Tues., April 17 at Sacred Heart Parish in Oscoda has been cancelled due to speaker unavailability.

\***Mark your Calendars for this year’s 8th Annual Family Celebration on Friday, May 18th at St. Anne Maria Hall. More information will follow.**

## Please remember in your Prayers our recently deceased: *Tom Steinbauer and Joan Pintar*

**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, Sgt. 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.

Fred Palin, Al LaBrecque, Peter Bosca, Joell Krejcarek, Joan Youngblood, Bernard Pintar, Nancy Hauss, Dan Kaczmarek, Jim Siebert, James Banner, Irene Sedoskey, 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 - Rev. Raymond Cotter

Monday - Rev. Matthew Cowan

Tuesday - Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Wednesday - Rev. Anthony Cureton

Thursday - Rev. Robbie Deka

Friday - Rev. Norman Dickson, SJ

Saturday - Rev. James Doherty

Remember to pray for a priest each day!

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**Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat:** Healing the Pain of Abortion, One Weekend at a Time. April 27-29 at the Augustine Center in Conway. For any person struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. For more details visit: [www.augustinecenter.weebly.com/](http://www.augustinecenter.weebly.com/)

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\***Promise to protect; pledge to heal** In an effort to protect all children and to promote healing, the Diocese of Gaylord encourages victims of child abuse or neglect to report the matter. Many professionals are required by Michigan State law to report suspected abuse or neglect of a child or minor. Individuals should contact their local office of the Department of Human Services. If an allegation involves sexual misconduct of a minor by clergy or any employee of the Diocese of Gaylord, even if it is in the past, individuals may also contact Larry LaCross at 989.705.9010.