

GOOD NEWS

MAY 13, 2018 (B)
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-7, 11-13 / Mk 16:15-20

The beginning of the Book of Acts presents a summary of the life of Christ and how he called and taught the apostles in the Holy Spirit. After his resurrection, Christ kept the apostles in Jerusalem, where they prayed together with the Virgin and awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit which would give them power to witness to him beyond the city and into the outlying countries and regions, just as the Gospel reading commands.

This Spirit given to them by Christ is a spirit of mission and witness. When Jesus was finished speaking, when his revelation had finished, he was taken to heaven. And the apostles were left standing there, looking up after him.

That looking up can be interpreted as a longing for Jesus' presence that was no longer in human form. Things had radically changed. Jesus' mission had finished, and now theirs was beginning. Their situation is the same as ours. We are sent on a mission!

An essential element of being Christian is to understand that we are sent into the world to build Christ's kingdom. We are his missionaries, his representatives. He counts on us to go into the world and bring his message to all his beloved children just as he did - with preaching, testimony, and love. Jesus doesn't send us to be comfortable, professionally successful, and wealthy. He sends us to be missionaries!

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Dear Padre

It says in the Gospel account of the ascension that Jesus was taken up body and soul into heaven. Why would Jesus need a body in heaven?

In the Old Testament, there was a great chasm between our bodies and heaven. We were told that no one could see the face of God and live, let alone live with God in heaven. Jesus came to bridge the gap through his body and blood.

Jesus' glorified body is in heaven to show that we, too, will be glorified like him, showing that, as part of God's creation, our bodies are inherently good and worthy of heavenly life. Jesus' ascension will be followed by our ascension into heaven. Our bodies will become like Jesus' glorified body. Our life with God will become like Jesus' life with God. We see in Jesus our own future. Our lives and our loves will not be snuffed out like a candle. Rather, we will carry them in our spiritual and glorified self, leaving behind pain, death, and human inadequacies.

Christianity is a flesh-and-blood religion. We can't bypass the physical to reach the spiritual. Jesus ascended into heaven, body and soul. We do not reach higher spiritual truths by rejecting the material world. Heaven won't contain disembodied spiritual beings, but will be full of glorified human bodies without the inadequacies we suffer now. Saint Paul, in 1 Corinthians 15:35-40, tries to explain this to the people of Corinth. He tells them that the splendor of the heavenly body is of one kind and the splendor of the earthly body is another.

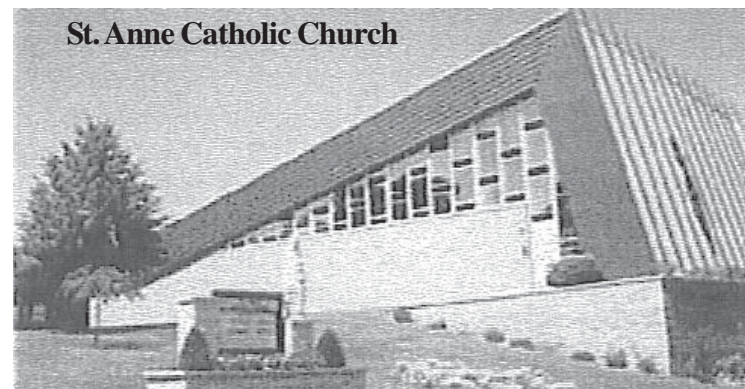
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OUR FAMILY OF CATHOLIC PARISHES AT THE RISING OF THE SUN

SERVING THE ALCONA AND SOUTHERN ALPENA COUNTIES

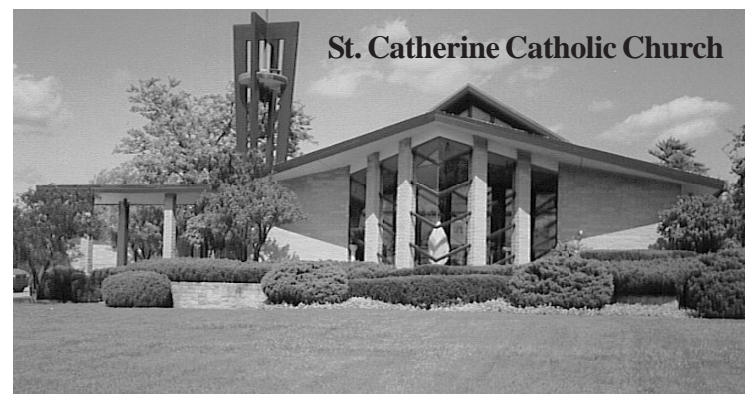
*From the rising of the sun to its setting,
to You, Almighty Father, all honor and glory*

ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~~~MAY 13, 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:

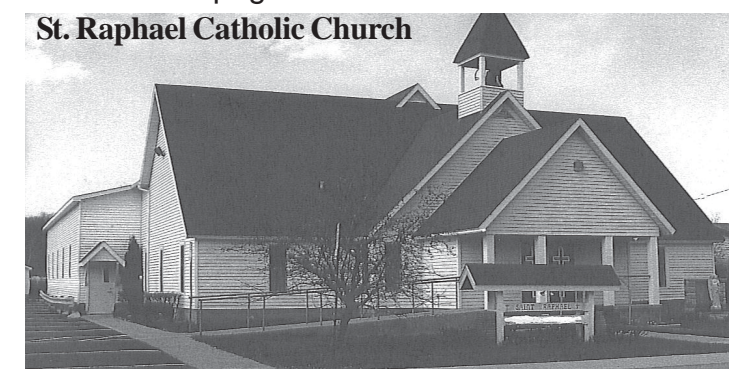
4:30 pm (Sat) - St. Raphael
6:30 pm (Sat) - St. Gabriel
9:00 am (Sun) - St. Catherine
11:00 am (Sun) - St. Anne

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.

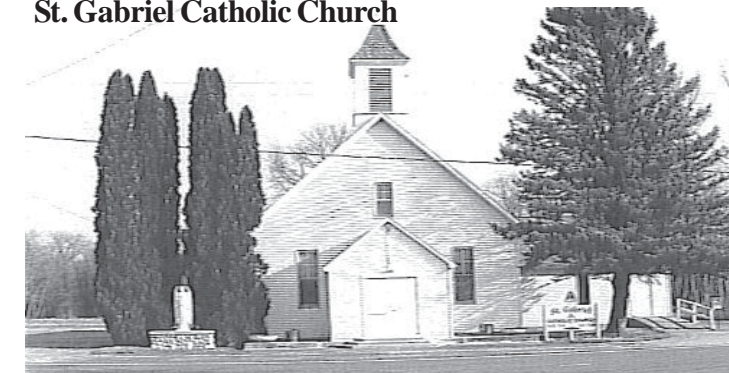


St. Raphael Catholic Church

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 May 14 - 20

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17	Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a	Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 21:15-19	Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19	Acts 28:16-20 30-31 Jn 21:20-25	Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b--7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Today we celebrate The Ascension of the Lord. Jesus' Last Supper, Passion & Death, Glorious Resurrection to New Life, His Ascension and Sending the Holy Spirit which we will celebrate next Sunday, are really one expression of God's Love For Us.

Having totally given himself to us in Eucharist and his Death upon the Cross, Jesus did not abandon us in his humanity but rose/was raised from the dead to a whole new way of human existence. He offers us that same existence by sealing us, enabling us by the gift of the Holy Spirit, the very love of the Father and the Son for each other that we may be in the presence of our Triune God for all eternity.

Do you want that gift? If so how are you showing it?

You might use this to prepare for next Sunday's Solemnity: Pentecost by asking the Holy Spirit ever more truly be with you and in your life. Maybe just repeating over and over: Come Holy Spirit

Have a Blessed Week

Fr. Bob

5 Keys to Freedom from Sexual Sin (part 3)

Key 3: Get Accountable

First and foremost, be open with your confessor! The doctor can't heal what you don't reveal. Go to confession FREQUENTLY, not just once a year. Every time you fall, go to confession as soon as possible.

Join a recovery group. Programs like Sexaholics Anonymous (sa.org) and Sex Addicts Anonymous (saa-recovery.org) are great places to start. Ask your priest about similar groups in your area.

Sign up for an online recovery program. Fortify (fortifyprogram.org), X3 watch (X3watch.com) and Reclaim (reclaimsexualhealth.com) are excellent programs.

More next week.

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Next Sunday's Reading:

Suddenly, noise like a strong driving wind, tongues of fire rested on each one and all were filled with the Holy Spirit (1st); Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth (ps): The fruit of the Spirit is love (2nd); Receive the Holy Spirit (gos).

Tidbit:

"If we only knew how God regards this Sacrifice, we would risk our lives to be present at every single Mass". St. Padre Pio

Welcome to our Parish Family by baptism, **Andrew Thomas Sopczynski**, son of Christopher & Katie Sopczynski, who was baptized on Sunday, May 6th at St. Catherine Church.

"This Week in Our Parishes"

Sunday, May 13 The Ascension of The Lord
4:30 pm (Sat.) Mass, St. Raphael
Respect for all life
6:30 pm (Sat.) Mass, St. Gabriel
All mothers and all women in motherly roles
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
Financial support of our parish
10:30 am, **Mother's Day Breakfast at Alcona
Township Hall**

Monday, May 14 St. Matthias
8:30 am Mass, St. Anne Chapel
Dylan Martinez

Tuesday, May 15 St. Isidore
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
Terry, Mark and Ted Howay
6:00 pm, St. Anne Youth Group

Wednesday, May 16
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
Jim Aube
10:00 am, Rosary at St. Gabriel
6:00 pm, Holy Hour St. Anne

Thursday, May 17
5:00 pm Mass, St. Raphael
Pamela Jarvis

Friday, May 18 St. John I, Pope
8:30 am Mass,
The abused & their abusers
5:30 pm, 4 Parish Family Celebration Maria Hall/ St. Anne

Saturday, May 19
2:00 - 2:30 pm, Confession at St. Anne
3:50 - 4:10 pm, Confession at St. Raphael

Sunday, May 20 Pentecost
4:30 pm (Sat.) Mass, St. Raphael
Senior Citizens
6:30 pm (Sat.) Mass, St. Gabriel
For all humanity
8:10 - 8:40 am Confession at St. Catherine
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
For those burdened with difficulties
11:00 am Mass, St. Anne
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

***High School or College Graduates:** Please contact your parish office if you will be graduating this year. St. Raphael graduates please contact Sharon Gajewski as soon as possible.

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	\$85,500.00	\$105,800.00	\$23,850.00	\$36,160.00
Actual YTD	\$94,303.35	\$112,562.01	\$25,694.14	\$37,710.04
May 6	\$2,462.10	\$2,839.88	\$610.00	\$1,038.60
Children		\$4.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$15.00			

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 them to park closer to the church entrances.

***May Word Among us** are available at the exits of all 4 Churches.

***Alcona St. Vincent de Paul** has been blessed with two grants to go toward materials for our roof replacement. We will be removing the shingles and laying down a shiny new steel roof the first weekend in June. We are looking for able bodied volunteers to help with this project. If you are able and willing to help please contact April or Leo at 736-6271.

*Income (interest) on our **Cemeteries Perpetual Care Funds (Endowment)** is a pittance these days. Your help in caring for the cemetery is needed. You who place/had placed winter blankets on graves are asked to remove them and dispose of them off premises by May 1st. If you have not removed them please do so.

*Our Annual Diocese of Gaylord's Catholic Services' Appeal (CSA)

Have you made your pledge for CSA? May our generous support to the CSA be an expression of our love of God & His work and our Church.

"Thank You" to all who have made your pledges for CSA. Remember your support is vital to the financial health of our parishes. Whatever is not collected through our pledge drive needs to come out of our parish day-to-day income. What is given over a parish's share is returned to the parish. **Be generous as God is generous.**

***All 4 Parishes' Cemeteries:** To provide an overall uniform beauty, a safe environment, and cost efficient upkeep. All gravesites are to be in grass except for a 12 inch area directly in front of a monument for flowers and small memorabilia. **NO planting of trees, shrubs or bushes, no edging or benches and the like.** Parish offices are to be contacted before all burials and for approved placement of monuments and markers. All summer decorations and flowers are to be removed by those who placed them by Oct. 1; winter blankets etc. are allowed after Nov 1. and need to be removed by May 1.

Alcona St. Vincent de Paul needs your help: We are saving receipts from Family Fare as a fundraiser. There is a drop off box at St. Raphael and St. Anne for your convenience. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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 Siegart

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.

Vincent Gagnier, 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 - All Deacons

Monday - Rev. James Bearss

Tuesday - Rev. Stanislaw Bereda

Wednesday - Rev. Tyler Bischoff

Thursday - Rev. Robert Bissot

Friday - Rev. Joseph Blasko

Saturday - Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

Remember to pray for a priest each day!

9th Annual Family Celebration: Friday, May 18, 2018

Doors open at 5:30 pm Dinner at 6:00 pm
Fun for the whole family at Maria Hall, St. Anne Harrisville
Catered by *Up North Catering*

Get your ticket (donation to cover cost of dinner) by Wed., May 9 at your Parish Office: St. Catherine 471-5121 & St. Anne 724-6713 or from:

Veronica Brown 335-0844 Dianne Sharp 471-2408
Cathy Macfalda 464-1959 Carol Bare 295-9792
Carol Antkowiak 471-5104

Needed: 8 players to compete in "Name that Tune". For information or to register contact Adam Brege at 989-590-2137 or bregeadam@gmail.com

Happy Mother's Day!