

GOOD NEWS

JULY 1, 2018 (B) THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 1:13-15:2:23-24 / 2 Cor 8:7, 9,13-15 / Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Michelangelo's statue The Pieta, finished before he turned twenty-four, expresses a theme Italians didn't enjoy seeing in art: death. Even worse, it recalls the torturous death of a crucified son held by his mourning mother. The image is horrific.

In his approach, Michelangelo is revolutionary. Rather than directly representing death, his statue is a meditation on it. Instead of showing the Virgin in the moment of extreme anguish, the normal strategy to achieve pity in the onlooker, the master decides to show Mary in humble acceptance of this heart-wrenching moment.

She doesn't fight or run from the pain in rebellious screams. Her teeth aren't clenched, her brow is un wrinkled, and her eyes aren't filled with tears imploring upward seeking to understand the illogical. She merely sits in the painful moment embracing the Son and abandoning her sorrow to the Father who permitted it.

Her hands reveal her attitude. One holds her Son under her arm firmly. She pulls him to her, sustaining the weight of the mystery. She absorbs the moment, fleeing not. Remaining in the pain, she endures the cost of our redemption, expressing her fiat again, in silence: Let it be done to me according to your word.

The other hand tilts toward us, open. She is letting go, giving over! She knows this Child in her arms was never only hers, but everyone's. We're invited to grasp her open hand, join her pain, and do our part to take up our own cross and follow him.

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Dear Padre

Is there any sense in suffering? A friend is in great pain, and I don't think she should have to suffer so much. No one should!

The most popular book of Catholic devotion is *The Imitation of Christ*, written by Thomas a Kempis. He wrote this as he watched his best friends and members of his religious community suffer and die from the plague. Much of the book revolves around suffering.

Thomas wrote that it was not deep words that made a person holy and upright, but a good life, lived in God's presence. He believed God walked with the simple, and revealed God's very self to the humble. For Thomas a Kempis, there is no solution to suffering except to put your faith in Christ.

The Book of Job explores the mystery of innocent people experiencing misery and evil. Job suffers great pains and hardships, but he comes to the conclusion that faith in God must transcend personal pain and suffering.

Jesus advises his followers to take up their cross and follow him (Matthew 10:38, 16:24; Mark 8:34; and Luke 9:23, 14:27). Saint Paul reminds us that we suffer with Christ so that we may be glorified with him (Romans 8:17). The epistle of James challenges Christians to consider trials of any kind as nothing but a joy (James 1:2).

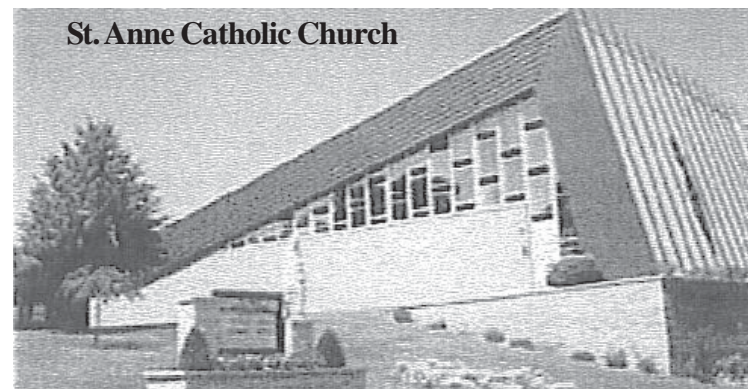
We all suffer. It's part of life. Our faith in Jesus is the bridge that can lead us over the chasm of suffering to the place of peace that many of the early martyrs and saints found.

OUR FAMILY OF CATHOLIC PARISHES AT THE RISING OF THE SUN

SERVING THE ALCONA AND SOUTHERN ALPENA COUNTIES

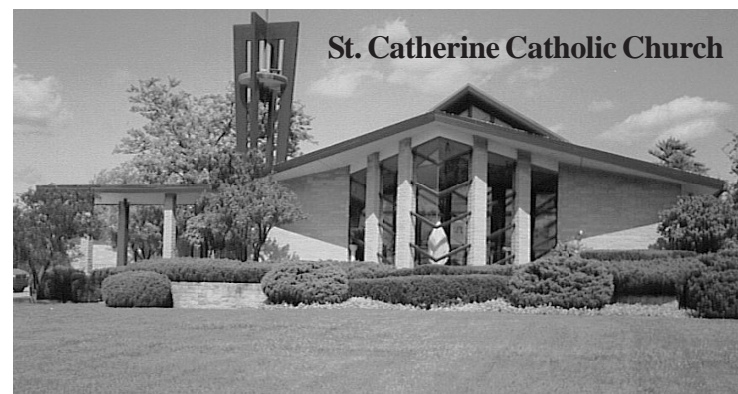
From the rising of the sun to its setting, to You, Almighty Father, all honor and glory

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~~~JULY 1, 2018



St. Anne Catholic Church

Parish Office: St. Anne & St. Raphael
110 S. State Street, Harrisville, MI 48740
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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:

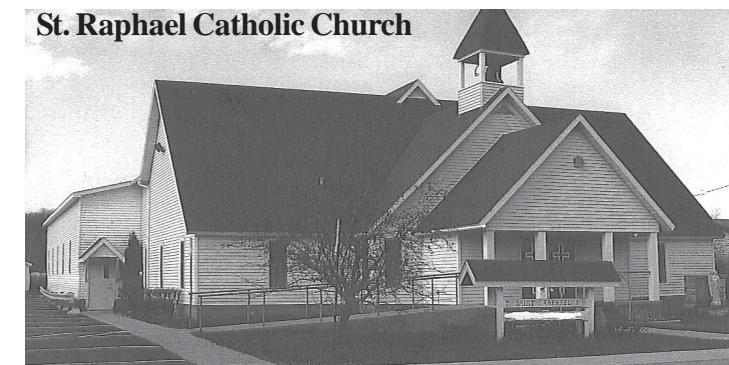
4:30 pm (Sat) - St. Raphael
6:30 pm (Sat) - St. Gabriel
9:00 am (Sun) - St. Catherine
11:00 am (Sun) - St. Anne

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.

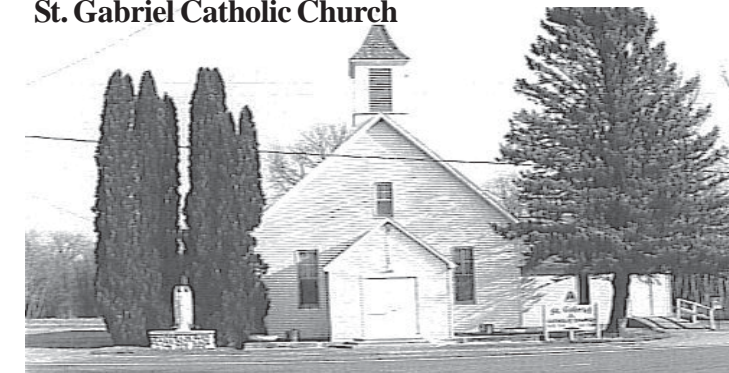


St. Raphael Catholic Church

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 July 2 - 8

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Am 2:6-10, 13-16 Mt 8:18-22	Eph 2:19-22 Jn 20:24-29	Am 5:14-15, 21-24 Mt 8:28-34	Am 7:10-17 Mt 9:1-8	Am 8:4-6, 9-12 Mt 9:9-13	Am 9:11-15 Mt 9:14-17	Ez 2:2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Wednesday we celebrate Independence Day, the birthday of our country. The first few words of our first scripture reading gives meaning to our Entrance Antiphon: "All people, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy" for "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living."

While there are great and beautiful things going on in our country there are many signs of illness and sickness that could lead to death. Everyone looks out only for one's own skin; failing to work together; racial prejudice and profiling; rash judging even of whole groups; the nurturing of hate; looking out for the wealthy over the needs of the poor; abuse of the environment, dissemination of untruths; non-welcome of immigrants and refugees; government by the few.

But there is hope as we sang in our responsorial psalm refrain; I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. And as St. Paul wrote in our second reading we have the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is for us now like the woman in our gospel story who in faith touched Jesus' cloak and the synagogue official fell at Jesus' feet and pleaded earnestly for him to lay hands on his daughter.

With and in prayer then have a Blessed Fourth of July. Fr. Bob

Dear John and Mary on Your Wedding Day (part 2)

You now wish to assume an adult role in the community of the church. You had a number of options. There would have been a place for you among us as single. Or you, Mary, could have offered yourself to be a vowed person living in community as a religious sister; and you, John, as a religious brother or as priest within the church community. But after prayer, reflection, and the seeking of advice, and after having come to know each other and seeing your relationship as a real covenant of love; you come to us, your faith community and ask to be recognized in the role as "married" among us.

More next week.

Next Sunday's Reading:

To the hard of face and obstinate of heart I am sending you (1st); Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy (ps); My grace is sufficient for you (2nd); And they took offense at him (gos).

Tidbit:

For God to set his grace in the soul is to make her worthy and capable of his love.

St. John of the Cross

"This Week in Our Parishes"

Sunday, July 1 Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
4:30 pm (Sat.) Mass, St. Raphael
Vacationers
6:30 pm (Sat.) Mass, St. Gabriel
Donald Bushey
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
Our Country

Monday, July 2
8:30 am Mass, St. Anne Chapel
Chris Cowdin

Tuesday, July 3 St. Thomas
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
Antonio Gonzales

Wednesday, July 4 **Independence Day**
NO MASS
10:00 am, Rosary at St. Gabriel

Thursday, July 5 St. Anthony Zaccaria &
St. Elizabeth of Portugal
2 - 5:00 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour St. Raphael
5:00 pm Mass, St. Raphael
Aaron Simon

Friday, July 6 St. Maria Goretti
8:30 am Mass, St. Anne Chapel
For all creation

Saturday, July 7
2:00 - 2:30 pm, Confession at St. Anne
3:50 - 4:10 pm, Confession at St. Raphael

Sunday, July 8 Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
4:30 pm (Sat.) Mass, St. Raphael
Health Researchers

Bake Sale Following Mass at St. Raphael

6:30 pm (Sat.) Mass, St. Gabriel
The Mentally Ill

8:10 - 8:40 am Confession at St. Catherine
9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
Vocation to the Priesthood & Religious Life

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to **Virginia Kavanaugh** who will be turning 104 on Sunday, July 1st.

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	\$98,800.00	\$122,200.00	\$27,560.00	\$45,240.00
Actual YTD	\$108,427.30	\$126,705.02	\$28,261.91	\$42,975.14
June 24	\$2,380.00	\$2,295.98	\$487.00	\$822.80
Children		\$5.00		
St. Vincent de Paul		\$50.00		

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.

* **July Word Among Us** and Living Faith for July - Sept are available at the exits of all 4 Churches.

***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 from premises by May 1.

*SAVE THE DATES FOR ST. ANNE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

*Sunday, August 12, 2018:

Commemorating the inaugural blessing of the current St. Anne Church.

6:30-7:15 pm - Curtis Chambers will present: Snowshoeing in the Footsteps of Bishop Baraga. This First Nation member of the Chippewa Band has walked hundreds of miles through the northern forests on a spiritual journey.

7:15-8:15 pm - Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Fr. Tyler Bischoff.

*Sunday, August 19, 2018:

11:00 am Anniversary Mass with Bishop Raica
12:30-4:30 pm Lunch and celebration by ticket only.

Wanted: If you have any beautiful/unique crucifix that you are willing to part with St. Anne Youth Group is looking for a number of them for a wall display in their newly remodeled youth room. If so please contact Veronica at 989-335-0844.

***Alcona St. Vincent de Paul:** Needed - someone to work at our store that has no lifting restrictions as we pick up furniture twice a week. We can offer up to 34 hours a week. Please contact Leo or April at 736-6271.

The Family of Donald Bushey would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers, monetary gifts, masses, visits and luncheon. A special "thank you" to Fr. Bob, Carol Bare, Norma Ludwiczak, Lillian Bigham and Jan Malenfant. It is very comforting to know so many care, our heartfelt thanks and prayers to all of you.

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, Sgt. 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, 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.

Nancy Silverthorn, Vincent Gagnier, Al LaBrecque, Lori Mitchell, 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, 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, Jim Barth, Rick Carstens

Our Priests:

Sunday - Pope Francis

Monday - Rev. Scott Lawler

Tuesday - Rev. Donald Libby

Wednesday - Rev. William Lipscomb

Thursday - Rev. Patrick Mahar

Friday - Rev. Pablo Martinez

Saturday - Most Rev. Steven Raica

Remember to pray for a priest each day!

Note: Our 4 Parishes have not yet reached 100% participation in our Diocese of Gaylord's Catholic Services' Appeal Fund Drive for 2018-19. Thank you to all of you who have responded. Those of you who have yet to respond we encourage you to do so.

St. Anne is at 68% participation, St. Catherine is at 72% participation, St. Gabriel is at 69% participation, St. Raphael is at 75% participation. *Anyone who has not yet pledged please do so soon.

***Harmony Weekend:** If any group or individuals would like an outdoor vendor space for the weekend of Sept. 1 & 2 please contact St. Anne parish office at 724-6713.

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!