

GOOD NEWS

JULY 8, 2018 (B) FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 2:2-5 / 2 Cor 12:7-10 / Mk 6:1-6

A bright and luminous work of art from 1905 by Maurice Denis shows the Child Jesus in Nazareth, apparently teaching the other children. Nazareth highlights the peace, beauty, and joy of those years when Jesus was growing in wisdom and strength right before Mary's eyes.

The little dovelike white ribbons on the heads of the kneeling children indicates the knowledge and spirit Jesus was imparting.

Yet when Jesus returns to Nazareth as an adult, things are quite different. The townspeople are suspicious of his wisdom as they remember him as the carpenter, son of Jospheh and Mary. Those humble roots don't justify the knowledge and power with which he spoke. Perhaps envy or jealousy blinded them and brought Jesus to quote the Old Testament, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house" (Mark 6:4).

Their closed hearts pained Jesus, as he would have most certainly wanted to show all the love and power of God to his fellow Nazoreans. Scripture says Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith.

We can also limit everything Jesus wants to do in and for us with our lack of belief in him and his power. Perhaps those of us who are closest to him through daily prayer and regular sacraments are the least convinced of his power. Dare to let Jesus in and do with you what he wants!

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Dear Padre

I am troubled with doubts of faith and find these thoughts very frightening. Have I lost my faith? Please help me.

It's not a sin to have these worries and doubts. I've seen this kind of thing happen to very good holy people. Some of the saints went through terrible periods of darkness when everything they believed in seemed to be gone. Saint Therese of Lisieux said several times that her faith seemed to have vanished, that her prayers seemed to be going nowhere. So you are not alone.

Saint Alphonsus recommends that a person hounded by such doubts should not try to argue with them in the heat of battle, but rather should "run away" - that is, make a brief act of faith and try moving on to something else, get involved in some distracting activity. Temptation or doubt will likely persist, but don't believe these dark feelings. The devil is the father of lies. He is trying to make you think you're lost when you're not. By making you upset and agitated, he keeps you from prayer and other good deeds.

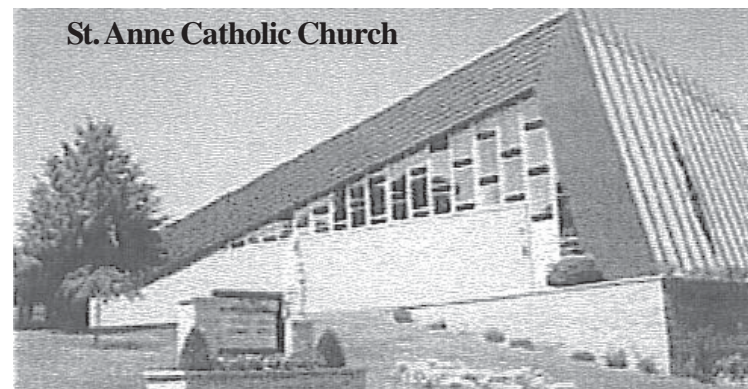
To sum up, when a doubt arises, say a short prayer such as "My Lord, I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you." Once you've said a little prayer, you can ignore the temptation even if it keeps roaring in your head. Remember that the Lord can read your heart and knows that you don't want to offend him, but rather to love him with your whole heart.

OUR FAMILY OF CATHOLIC PARISHES AT THE RISING OF THE SUN

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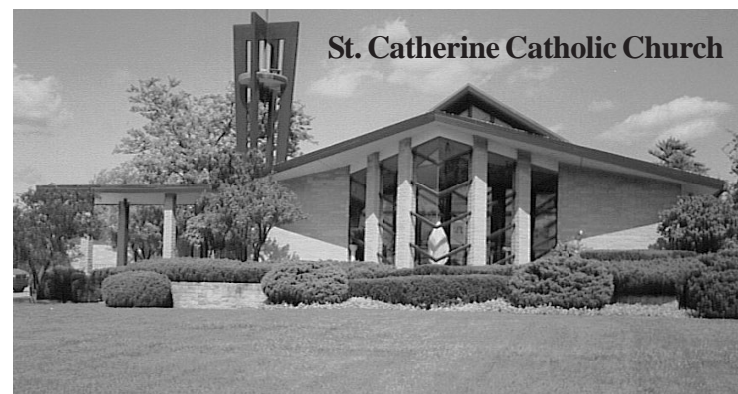
From the rising of the sun to its setting, to You, Almighty Father, all honor and glory

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St. Anne Catholic Church

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

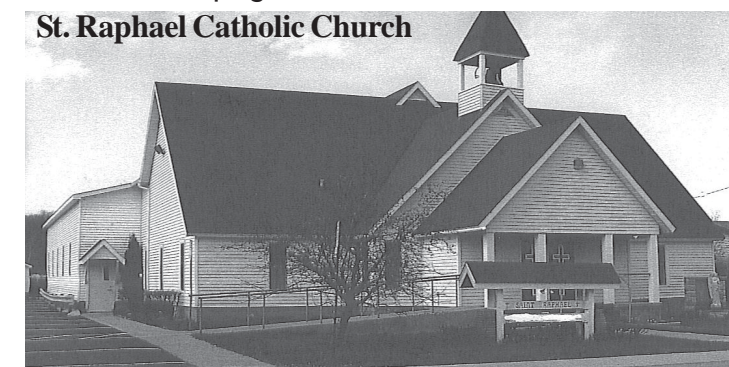
4:30 pm (Sat) - St. Raphael
6:30 pm (Sat) - St. Gabriel
9:00 am (Sun) - St. Catherine
11:00 am (Sun) - St. Anne

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.

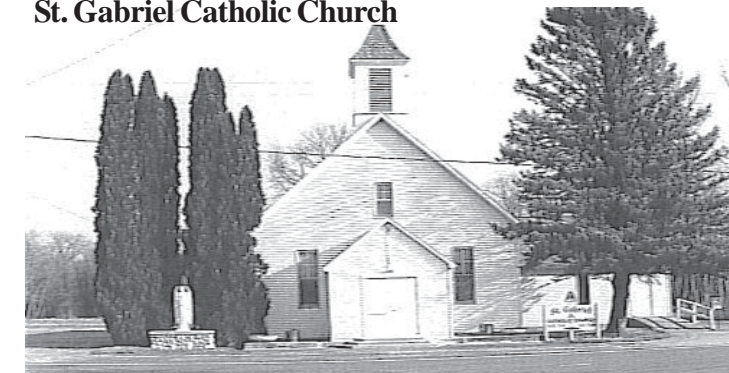


St. Raphael Catholic Church

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 9 -15

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Hos 2:16, 17c-18 21-22 Mt 9:18-26	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Mt 9:32-38	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Mt 10:1-7	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 Mt 10:7-15	Hos 14:2-10 Mt 10:16-23	Is 6:1-8 Mt 10:24-33	Am 7:12-15 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mk 6:7-13

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Having celebrated Independence Day last Wednesday and realizing our country has very serious problems - we need to continue to work and pray for our country keeping as our responsorial psalm refrain "Our eyes fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy" and not fall into the negativity as expressed in our 1st reading today: being rebels who have rebelled against God, hard of face and obstinate of heart in our second reading: "And they took offence at him".

But as God said to St. Paul in our second reading: My grace is sufficient for you and in the words of our responsorial psalm: "To you have I lifted up my eyes" and "Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy."

God Bless.

Fr. Bob

Dear John and Mary on Your Wedding Day (part 3)

The role of being married within the Church is very special and dear. As married you become a new living cell within the body of Christ to nourish and build up the Church; you become a "home" or "domestic church", a cell of the parish church. You are now called to share in a new way in the priestly, prophetic and kingly mission of Jesus and the church: accompanying, showing, and helping others come to the Father and to be part of His family. Together you are called to be a faith community: trying to find God in your midst, to discover how you are to live the way of Jesus, celebrating God's actions in your life, being of service to others. In having and raising children, you give birth to and nourish new members in the church.

More next week.

Next Sunday's Reading:

The Lord took me and said, "prophesy to my people" (1st); Lord, let us see your kindness (ps); In him, he has made known to us the mystery of his will (2nd); And sent us out two by two (gos).

Tidbit:

If a person is seeking God, much more is her beloved seeking her.

St. John of the Cross

"This Week in Our Parishes"

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

Monday, July 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

8:30 am Mass, St. Anne Chapel

For all health care workers

7:00 pm St. Catherine K of C Meeting

7:00 pm Harrisville K of C Meeting

Tuesday, July 10

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Jim Aube

6:00 - 8:00 pm St. Anne Youth Group

Wednesday, July 11 St. Benedict

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Tom Steinbauer

10:00 am, Rosary at St. Gabriel

Thursday, July 12

11:00 am Belles of St. Anne Meeting

5:00 pm Mass, St. Raphael

Pat Gibbard

Friday, July 13 St. Henry

9:30 am Mass, Jamieson's Nursing Home

Maxine Humphrey

Saturday, July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha

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

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

Sunday, July 15 Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,

St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

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

For those experiencing financial difficulties

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

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Living and Deceased Members of the Alfred Aube

Family

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne

For those living with health problems

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	\$1,900.00	\$2,350.00	\$530.00	\$870.00
Actual YTD	\$2,672.50	\$3,768.15	\$496.00	\$627.80
July 1	\$2,672.50	\$3,768.15	\$496.00	\$627.80
Children		\$3.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$28.00	\$25.00		

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.

***St. Gabriel:** We are updating our funeral luncheon donation list, if you would like to be added to our list please contact Dawn Miltz at 989-590-8516.

***Save the Date! St. Anne Parish:** July 15th there will be a luncheon following Mass in Maria Hall to gather fun and interesting memories of St. Anne's Parish to be presented at our 150th Anniversary Celebration. Please join us and share your memories, we need all your help to make this a success.

Please remember in your Prayers our recently deceased: Denise Tibot & Lyle Vredenburg

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 - Rev. Greg McCallum

Monday - Rev. John McCracken

Tuesday - Deceased Priests

Wednesday - Rev. Bryan Medlin

Thursday - Rev. Paul Megge

Friday - All Deacons

Saturday - Rev. Ruben Munoz

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 71% participation, St. Catherine is at 73% participation, St. Gabriel is at 68% 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.