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5th Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024

This Week at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Liturgies & Prayer

Tuesday, March 19

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity
6:00 pm Mass @ St Roch

Wednesday, March 20

8:45 am Bible Study
9:30 Confessions
10:00 am Mass @ St Francis
Mass offered: RoseMary Gast

Thursday, March 21

9:30 am Confessions
10:00 am Mass St Roch
Mass offered: John Gjonaj
5:00 pm Stations of the Cross & confessions following St Roch

Saturday, March 23

4:30 pm Confession
5:00 pm @ St Roch
Mass offered for Rosemary Gast

Sunday, March 24

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8:15 am Gather in Parish Hall and process in to church.
8:30 am @ St Roch
Mass offered: Rowena Baca
10:15 am Gather in back of St Francis to process in
10:30 Mass @ St Francis

Weekly Message from Fr. George

An Easter letter by Saint Athanasius, Bishop

Keep the coming feast of the Lord through deeds, not words

The Word who became all things for us is close to us, our Lord Jesus Christ who promises to remain with us always. He cries out, saying: "See, I am with you all the days of this age." He is himself the shepherd, the high priest, the way and the door, and has become all things at once for us. In the same way, he has come among us as our feast and holy day as well. The blessed Apostle says of him who was awaited: "Christ has been sacrificed as our Passover." It was Christ who shed his light on the psalmist as he prayed: "You are my joy, deliver me from those surrounding me." True joy, genuine festival, means the casting out of wickedness. To achieve this one must live a life of perfect goodness and, in the serenity of the fear of God, practice contemplation in one's heart.

This was the way of the saints, who, in their lifetime and at every stage of life, rejoiced as at a feast. Blessed David, for example, not once but seven times rose at night to win God's favor through prayer. The great Moses was full of joy as he sang God's praises in hymns of victory for the defeat of Pharaoh and the oppressors of the Hebrew people. Others had hearts filled always with gladness as they performed their sacred duty of worship, like the great Samuel and the blessed Elijah. Because of their holy lives, they gained freedom and now keep festival in heaven. They rejoice in shadows after their pilgrimage and now distinguish reality from promise.

When we celebrate the feast in our own day, what path are we to take? As we draw near to this feast, who is to be our guide? Beloved, it must be none other than the one whom you will address with me as our Lord Jesus Christ. He says: "I am the way." As blessed John tells us, it is Christ "who takes away the sin of the world." It is he who purifies our souls, as the prophet Jeremiah says: "Stand upon the ways; look and see which is the good path, and you will find in it the way of amendment for your souls."

In former times, the blood of goats and the ashes of a calf were sprinkled on those who were unclean, but they were able to purify only the body. Now, through the grace of God's Word, everyone is made abundantly clean. If we follow Christ closely, we shall be allowed, even on this earth, to stand as it were on the threshold of the heavenly Jerusalem and enjoy the contemplation of that everlasting feast, like the blessed apostles, who in following the Savior as their leader, showed, and still show, the way to obtain the same gift from God. They said: "See, we have left all things and followed you." We, too, follow the Lord, and we keep his feast by deeds rather than by words.

(From the Office of Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent)

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS – MARCH 2024

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be on Thursday at St. Roch's Church at 5:00 pm—soup dinner to follow.

Lenten Confessions: There will be private confessions, and individual penance will occur on Thursday after stations of the Cross on Thursdays and before morning Mass on Wednesday at St. Francis. Please avail yourself of this opportunity.

HOLY WEEK, MARCH 25-30: We conclude the Lenten season with Holy Week, so called because it is the week we commemorate the last days of Jesus Christ in human form in his mission to save us. Therefore, it is a vital week for every Christian and Catholic to especially follow the events that shaped Jesus' last days to his death and Resurrection. We mark our calendar to prepare for this holy season:

Psalms Sunday, March 24, 2024: Mass with a procession at the Parish Hall, 8:15 am, Mass with simple entrance, 10:15 am at St. Francis, Pigeon.

Chrism Mass, Tuesday, March 28: Mass at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw

Liturgical Practice, Wednesday, 27: Practice for all Liturgical ministers for the Triduum at 5:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall, Caseville.

Holy Thursday, March 28: Mass of the Last Super at 6:30 pm at St. Francis, Pigeon

Good Friday, March 29: Stations of the Cross at 1:30 pm and Celebration of the Lord's Passion at St. Roch, Caseville.

Holy Saturday, March 30: Morning Prayer and Blessing of Easter Meal at 10 a.m. at St. Roch Caseville. Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm at St. Roch.

Easter Sunday, March 31: Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord, 8:00 am at

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Parish Office Hours

Closed Mondays

Tuesday – Friday 8:00 AM to Noon

Sacraments

In order to celebrate the following Sacraments in our Parish, it is vital to be an active member of our Faith Community by participating regularly in our Worship and being a registered parishioner.

Registration:

If you wish to become a member of our parish family, please stop by the Parish Office to register.

Baptism:

We ask that you please make an appointment, prior to birth, if possible, with the Pastor.

Marriage:

An appointment with the Pastor must be made at least 6 months before the wedding celebration.

Reconciliation:

First Friday @ St Roch & First Saturday
@ St Francis Borgia 9:30 to 10:30 AM,
or by appointment.

Pastoral Care:

If you or someone you know wishes a visit and/or Holy Communion during an illness or hospital stay, please contact the Parish Office.

Commissioned Lay Ministers

Doug Grates

Linda Oeschger

Pastoral Council

Chairperson—Lisa DiCamillo

Finance Committee Chairperson

Mary Buda

Christian Services

Lisa DiCamillo

Faith Formation Religious Education

Lisa Schulte

Cemetery Sextons

Ben Willenberg-Parish Cemeteries

John Champagne-St Felix Cemetery

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Stewardship **March 10, 2024**

Income

⇒ Envelopes:	3328.00
⇒ Loose:	273.00
⇒ Building Maintenance	100.00
⇒ Cemetery	97.00
⇒ Easter Flowers	260.00
⇒ CRS	627.00

Total \$ 4685.00

Expenses

Wages & Benefits:	3,792.65
Utilities:	198.91
Maintenance:	810.00

\$4801.56

Thank you for your weekly contributions.
Number of envelopes used: 120
Count Group #3 for Monday, March 18

Christ Mission Appeal 2023-2024

If you have already made your pledge or donation, thank you!

If you have not, please consider a gift of some amount.

Our parish assessment is \$58,705, reduced from \$66,058

by the Diocese of Saginaw!

As of December 22, our parish has received \$45,555

We have reached 77.6% of our goal!

Capital Campaign

Extra Capital Campaign (red & white) envelopes are in the back of church for your convenience.

Pledges for our capital campaign may be returned to the parish office or in the collection basket at any of our Masses.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of St Joseph

Mass March 19 at St Roch , 6:00 pm

POPE LEO XIII – Quamquam Pluries (1889) To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.

Game Night will follow Tuesday 6:00 pm Mass, all are welcome to attend!

Chrism Mass

Tuesday March 26, 2024 at 10:30 am

Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption

615 Hoyt Ave, Saginaw, MI

Graduation Mass Planned

Sunday, May 19, 2024

10:30 am AT St Francis Borgia

If you have a graduating senior for 2024 and would like to be recognized and blessed at Mass, please call the office and let us know.

Chicken BBQ Festival Meeting

Monday March 25, 2024

6:00 pm at St Roch Parish Center

Anyone who would like to attend this meeting is welcome. We encourage any new ideas and thoughts for our parish festival. The next festival is scheduled for August 11, 2024.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish
January—February

Bethany(Grates)Burns

John Champagne

David Dillingham

Kenneth Duffield

Sherry Ferguson

Jeannie Henry

Mary Mayra

Todd Mangiapane

Natalie Morgan

Steve Rybinski

Dominic Rybinski

Joanne Samborski

Mitch Champagne

Beth Cole

Joseph Duffield

Ron Gross

Nancy Rathbun

Gary Maes Sr.

Natalie Morgan

Nancy Oaks

Steve Wolfram

John Schaefer

Norm Samborski

Brandon Burtcz

John Gilmore

Donna Lawrence

Linda Hart

Maura McSorley

Jean McFadden

Rose Motycka

Sonja Smith

Nathan Repke

Shirley Laya

Pat Desjardins

We continue to keep those who have been sick for some time in our prayers. Your name or that of your loved one will remain on our prayer chain until you call to have them taken off. Prayer chain contact: Peggy 989-738-5452 & Norma 989-453-3026

Please pray for the men and women serving our country in the military, Coast Guard, Police or Fire Department.

Marines: Jonathan Taormina, Justin Carter, Chad DeShano, Jeremy McGee, Zachary McGee, Jackson Okey, Brandon Tolliver, Frank Duda

Air Force: Brandon Radlick, Rachel Radlick, Michael Sampson Jr

Army: Glenn May

Navy: Drew Thompson(Navy Seal), Remington Messing
Phillip Hancock

Paramedic Fire Fighter: Brett Karwowski

US Coast Guard: Evens Repke



Michigan State Police: Joshua Allen

Please contact the office to add any names of relatives or friends.

Saint Patrick

"Christ be with me.
Christ within me.
Christ behind me.
Christ before me.
Christ beside me.
Christ to win me.
Christ to comfort me
and restore me.
Christ beneath me.
Christ above me.
Christ in quiet.
Christ in danger.
Christ in hearts of all that
love me.
Christ in mouth of friend
or stranger"
St. Patrick's Breastplate
(390-461 A.D.)



Born: 387
Died: 461
Patron saint of:
Ireland (and more!)

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Please consider volunteering for your parish community!

There are many ways your talents are welcomed & appreciated! If you would like to help:
here are some groups in need:

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| Funeral Luncheons | Ushers |
| Mother Mary's Helpers | Christian Services |
| Counters | Shut in Ministry |
| Eucharistic Ministry | Faith Formation |
| Music Ministry | |

Right to Life Teen Rally

This Sunday, St Patrick's Day
at the Middle school in Bad Axe.
2-5 pm

Many Games and events planned, please send your

St Mary's Recycle Mission Group

This mission group works with Catholic churches, Convents, schools, The Knights of Columbus, and other organizations, as well as parishioner's who have religious items at home that are no longer needed.

They will take in just about anything of Religious nature that can be used by other churches, convents or other Catholic Organizations such as:

- Statues (any size, no out door concrete statues)
- Rosaries (damaged are ok)
- Relics Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Linens, Framed Religious Pictures, Musical Instruments, Prayer books.

If you have items that you would like to donate to St Mary's Recycle Group please bring them in the office. We will be collecting items until Sunday, April 14, 2024

Game Night –Host -Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm @ St Roch

Breakfast on St Patrick's Day!

Knights of Columbus sponsored breakfast
Sunday, March 17 at St Francis
9 am to 2 pm

Breakfast includes scrambles eggs, sausage, pancakes,
Cheesy Potatoes, Applesauce.

White Breakfast

Sponsored by:

Pigeon First United Women in Faith
7102 E Michigan Ave...Pigeon MI 48755

Guest Speaker: Robin Leineke

Tuesday March 26, 2024 at 9:30 AM

All Women are invited to share in quiet reflective
Time together with food for our bodies and souls.

Please call First United Methodist Church by March 23, 2024 to make
reservations.
989-453-2475
(There is no elevator working at this time)

Wednesday's are **sewing** days here at OLPH Parish Center,
All men and women are welcome to come/help hand sew the beautiful
quilt we will be selling tickets for at the Seasonal Blessings Craft Show.
Wednesday's 10 am to ??, St Roch Parish Center

Focus on Life

2024 Annual Benefit Dinner
March 22, 2024

Knights of Columbus Hall
1036 S Van Dyke Rd, Bad Axe, MI
Please reserve your space by March 15, 2024
Jeanne Gusa 989-670-3315 www.huronrtl@gmail.com

Aquinas College Open House

1700 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
Saturday, March 23 from 9 am to noon

Aquinas College invites all high school students and their
families to our Open House on Saturday, March 23.
Discover everything Aquinas has to offer-all at once! Ex-
plore our academic programs & student life opportuni-
ties, connect with our faculty, staff & students, and tour
our wooded campus. Register here:
aquinas.edu/openhouse

CELTIC TEA LUNCHEON

Friday April 12, 2024

12:00 pm

Fox Lodge at Oak Point 5857 Pt Austin Rd, MI
Tickets are sold but call to be put on a wait list. Price: \$25.00
Please contact Rosemarie Cregeur 989-375-4905
Irish Music by Dee Dee Tibbits
Menu: Quiche, toss green salad, bread, Strawberry jelly roll, tea

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morial or as a gift to the
parish.

Hall Rental

Are your family and friends
getting together?
Do you need a bigger space for a
meeting or special gathering?

Caseville & Pigeon Food Pantries
Are always in need of donations, par-
ticularly toiletries, paper products, &
tuna/canned chicken

Summer months—\$75.00
All Year—\$125.00

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Parish Center and St. Francis
Borgia Hall are available for rent.

Please call the Parish Office for

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