

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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Reverend Donald Libby - Pastor / Reverend Mr. Douglas Wigton - Deacon



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Office Hours: Monday and Friday
9:00AM - 4:30PM
Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday 4PM
Mass Schedule: Saturdays: 4:00PM
Sundays: 8:30AM
Sundays: 11:30AM
Latin Extraordinary
Form of the Mass
Weekday Masses:
See inside

Sacrament of Penance
Dates and times listed inside

Communion to Shut-ins
Please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism
Please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage
Arrangements must be made at least 9 months in advance.

Christian Service / Food Pantry
In conjunction with St. Rita / St. Joseph 228-5823

Parish Membership
Please call the parish office. Welcome!

Director of Religious Education: Rita Wilson
228-5429 Please call to enroll your child(ren)

Faith Formation Classes (grades K-6)
1st & 3rd Sundays of the month starting the 3rd Sunday in September thru April.

SOS - Servants of Our Savior (grades 7 & 8)

TAG - Teen Action Group (grades 9 thru 12)

RCIA - Right of Christian Initiation of Adults
An interest in the Catholic Faith or in returning to the Faith.

"Krolowo Rozanca Sw. Modl Sie Za Nami"
"Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Pray For Us"



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2009

This Week's Services

Saturday, December 19th

6:45 am Exposition, 7:30-7:50 am Confession, 8:30 am Rosary, 9:00 am Mass
3:00-3:45 pm Confession, 3:30 pm Rosary, 4:00 Mass – Int. Edward Garvin by Joanne Popa

Sunday, December 20th

6:45 am Exposition, 7:15-7:30 am Confession, 8:00 am Rosary, 8:00-8:15 am Confession, 8:30 Mass – Int. For All Parishioners
11:30 am Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Int. – Emily Couturier by the Belanger Family

Servers for the Extraordinary Form – December 20th

Jack, Jake, Isaiah, Joshua & Levi Belanger, Jonathan & Daniel Buehler, John, Joseph & Anthony Evich, Jacob & Samuel Grant, Caleb Hughes

Monday, December 21st - St. Peter Canisius (New), St. Thomas (Trad.)

6:45 am Exposition, 7:30-7:45 am Confession, 7:45 am Rosary
8:15 am Mass – Int. Theresa Herman by Yvonne Sadler

Tuesday, December 22nd – St. Francis Xavier Cabrini (Trad.)

6:30 pm Mass – Int. Brian & Diane Black by Theresa Trancik
7:30 pm Exposition/Our Lady Perpetual Help, 7:50 Benediction/Holy Face Devotion, Confession/Adoration

Wednesday, December 23rd – St. John of Kanty (John Cantius – New)

6:45 am Exposition, 7:30-7:45 am Confession, 7:45 am Rosary
8:15 am Mass

Thursday, December 24th – Vigil of Christmas

8:30 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass – Int. Dale Darga by Joe & Irene Janik
3:00 pm “Kolendy” Christmas Carols
4:00 pm Mass – Int. Adam & Loretta (Miser) Panek
11:15 pm Christmas Carols

Friday, December 25th – Christmas-The Birth of Our Lord

12:00 am Midnight Mass - Special Intention
8:30 am Mass – Int. Bob Bozoman by wife Carol
10:30 am Mass with Choir – Int. For All Parishioners

Saturday, December 26th – St. Stephen (New/Trad.)

6:45 am Exposition, 7:30-7:50 am Confession, 8:30 am Rosary, 9:00 am Mass
3:00-3:45 pm Confession, 3:30 pm Rosary, 4:00 Mass – Int. Margaret Peplinski by Pam & Tom Kearns

Sunday, December 27th - Feast of the Holy Family (New)

6:45 am Exposition, 7:15-7:30 am Confession, 8:00 am Rosary, 8:00-8:15 am Confession, 8:30 Mass – Int. Otto Sebastyen by daughter Carol Bowman
11:30 am Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form) Int. – For All Parishioners

Ministers for the Coming Week

4:00pm Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve

Cantor: Chris Steffke
Lector: David Popa
Servers: Curtis Bunek, Jacob & Eric Glazier, Grant Williams, Dale & Matthew Pleva, Chris Ursu, Thomas Barley
Ushers: Mike Bunek, Dale Pleva, Bob Dezelski, Al Laskey

8:30 am Friday, December 25th Christmas Day

Cantor: Kirsten Trudeau
Lector: Casey Truelove
Servers: Anthony Evich, Jack Bardenhagen
Ushers: Ken Novak, Ron Williams, Glenn LaCross, Joe Fabiszak

10:30 am Friday, December 25th Christmas Day

Cantor: Donna Peterson
Lector: Pat Fleis
Servers: Braydon & Hunter Reed, Tristan & Austin Tarsa, Caleb Hughes
Ushers: Ron Petroskey, David Martz, Al Garvin, Fred Peplinski

4:00 pm Saturday, December 26th

Cantor: Kirsten Trudeau
Lector: Carol Tondreau
Servers: Dale & Matthew Pleva, Jack Bardenhagen
Ushers: Ron Williams, Ron April, Dan Brzezinski, Bryan Brzezinski

8:30 am Sunday, December 27th

Cantor: Mary Becker
Lector: Casey Truelove
Servers: Thomas Barley, Jacob & Eric Glazier
Ushers: Ron Petroskey, Dale Pleva, Joe Fabiszak, Al Laskey

Potluck – Apologetics - Adult Catechism

First & Third Sundays of the Month
Potluck 12:45 classes from 1:15pm – 3:15pm

Mass in the Extraordinary Form

Each Sunday, the Latin (Tridentine Liturgy) is offered here at 11:30 am by Fr. Libby. All are invited.

The Christian Young Adult Network (CYAN) is a group of young adult Catholics (18-35) in Grand Traverse Area who gather to pray, learn more about their faith, meet others, serve the community and participate in social events. We meet every other Saturday at 6:15 pm at Immaculate Conception Church. For information, contact Jenn Godin: milonelion17@gmail.com or (231) 620-5054. Our next gathering will be December 26th we hope to have a fun outing in the snow.

For Your Calendars

December 19th - Children's Christmas Play at 7:00 pm
December 19th - Women's Chant Class at 10:00 am
December 20th - 12:45 pm Potluck, 1:15 pm Apologetics,
2:15 pm Adult Catechetics, 3:15 pm
Evening Prayer
December 22nd - Practice for children participating
in Christmas Story
December 24th - Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 pm
December 25th - Christmas Day Masses at 12:00 am
Midnight (Extraordinary Form), 8:30 am
and 10:30 am with Choir.
Tuesdays - 9:30 am - Legion of Mary - Church basement

Parish Office Schedule - The weeks of Christmas and New Years the office will be closed on Thursday and Friday. Office hours are currently 9:00-4:00 pm. Monday through Friday; closed for lunch between 12:00-1:00 pm.

Bulletin Deadline - We are moving our bulletin deadline for inserts to Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in order to produce our bulletin earlier in the week.

Christian Service Committee

Christian Service Holiday Outreach Committee wants to thank everyone on behalf of the 74 children and 54 adults who are going to have a wonderful Christmas because of your generosity! Despite the rough times many of us are going through, you still donated an amazing amount of food, cash and wonderful gifts.

Your donations, along with the financial support and meat donations from Sugarfoots Saloon, Buntings Cedar Market, Deerings Tree Service, Mr. Kuras and Ms. Debleck of the Homestead Resort, Martinson Funeral Home, Maple City/Cedar Lions Club, The Cedar Chamber of Commerce and the Father Fred Foundation, all helped to overflow our pantry shelves, filling over 100 bags of food for these families, including piles of children's gifts.

We would also like to acknowledge our other committee members, Dianne Dunson and Pat Atkinson for their hours of planning, sorting and cleaning, Suzanne and Bob Franko for the "Angel Tree," and Bob Piche for putting us in touch with and delivering food from Father Fred. We would also like to thank those volunteers who helped with packing and delivering, however, none of this would have been possible without YOU and your ongoing support! Our sincere thanks to everyone. We hope you enjoy every minute of your own Christmas celebration, remembering that Jesus told us "Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers, that you do unto Me." Have a merry and blessed Christmas!

Christmas Story Volunteers-We need children to play the roles of Mary, Joseph, the Angels and Shepherds for the re-enactment of The Christmas Story during the Polish Carols on Christmas Eve. The children would need to arrive that day at 2:45 pm. Practice will be on December 22nd and will last about an hour. Please call Rita Wilson in the Parish Office if your child is interested.

Weekend Offerings

December 5 & 6

Envelopes.....(87).....	\$2603.40
Loose.....	\$425.00
Total.....	3028.40
Tridentine.....	\$500.00

December 12 & 13

Envelopes.....(88).....	\$3060.00
Loose.....	\$477.00
Total.....	3537.00
Tridentine.....	\$385.55

Please Note: We need envelope users to write the amount of their contribution on the envelopes. Your name is not necessary. This saves our volunteers a lot of time when they are counting.

Choir Practice Choir will meet on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. to practice before mass. Please come and bring a friend or family member who can sing. Our next Christmas practice is Monday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m.

If you have items to be blessed ... Father Libby will be available to bless them after masses on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 3:00 pm Kolendy "Polish Carols"
4:00 pm Mass
11:15 pm Carols before Mass
12:00 am Extraordinary Form Mass
Christmas Day: 8:30 am Mass
10:30 am Mass with Choir

GTA/RTL Newspaper Signature Sign Up

The Right to Life ad in the newspaper will run Sunday, January 17, 2010 in the Grand Traverse Insider. You may still call their office to have your name added if you missed the sign up. Also, donations for the Annual Silent Auction are being accepted now until January 14th, with bidding taken on-line at www.gtartl.com, or by phone at 946-9469 during regular business hours until January 23rd at noon.

Benefit Pancake Breakfast for the St. Patrick Church Food Pantry

Sunday, December 20th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, hosted and prepared by the St. Patrick Men's Club. Sponsored by Sally Masterson in memory of her husband Hugh Masterson, allowing for a greater portion of the proceeds to go to the food pantry. St. Patrick Church is located at 630 W. Silver Lake Road South in Traverse City. For more information or if you would like to help serve, call Jim at 943-4929 or Alan at 943-8545.

Faith Formation -The First Reconciliation Retreat will be on January 9, 2010 from 9:45-12:30. January 16, 2010 will be First Reconciliation at 10:30 am. Please mark your calendars.

Newcomer's Pancake Breakfast - After the 8:30 am Mass on January 10th. All newcomers eat for free!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

Holy Rosary Church on Tuesdays beginning at 7:30 pm. Our Lady's devotion will be followed by the Holy Face Devotion. All are invited.



Holy Face Devotion

On Tuesday evenings following the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help we will have an hour of reparation to the Holy Face and confession during that hour. Visit <http://www.holyfacedevotion.com/> if you would like to learn more.



Eucharistic Adoration for the Upcoming Week

Monday 6:45 am

Tuesday 7:30-9:30 pm

Wednesday 6:45 am

Saturday 6:45 am

Sunday 6:45 am

Mothers in Christ invites all moms to join us Monday mornings at Christ the King Church in Acme from 9-11am as we meet to enjoy fellowship, listen to speakers on various topics, and grow in our faith. We also have a Mom's Night Out for working moms! Membership dues are offered at a low rate and include childcare so you can relax and enjoy your morning out. We feature a bi-weekly bible study with the topic on December 14th being "Self Control." December 21st is our Christmas brunch. No meeting on December 28th due to the Christmas break. New members always welcome! Contact mothersinchrist@gmail.com, or visit us on the web at www.mothersinchrist.com. We follow the GTACS closings during winter weather.

TAG Our gathering last Sunday was very special. We opened with singing "O Come Emmanuel" and had a reading about the meaning of Advent and Christmas, and their importance to our faith. Fr. Libby discussed the Sacrament of Penance and helped a dozen plus teens with preparations to receive the graces of that Sacrament at St. Rita's. A party followed to celebrate our clean hearts, with pizza and treats brought by the teens (thanks, Moms!). We ended the evening with a silly gift exchange game that had us all laughing and wanting it to last longer! What a fun group of teens – all are very special to our TAG leaders and to each other, growing closer in friendships with each meeting. We'll meet again in January, on the second and fourth Sundays.

A special retreat will be offered on two days after Christmas, and all high school teens of the parish are invited to attend, whether or not you come to TAG. Fr. Libby is hosting a visiting Priest, Fr. Nathan, who works extensively with teens on retreats, camps, mission trips, etc., and is willing to offer talks on topics of interest to teens. This retreat is designed to help teens learn to love God more and to understand their faith, realizing they are a valuable part of the Church.

The schedule is: Thursday, December 31st, 4-6pm with Mass following at 6:00 pm, and Saturday, January 2nd from 2:00-6:30 pm, which includes the Saturday Vigil Mass at Holy Rosary. This schedule allows for teens to be with family and friends on New Year's Eve and day, while also accommodating work and sports schedules. For more information, contact Mrs. LaCross at 228-5366. God bless each teen and family with a Merry and Holy Christmas!

St. Monica Sodality *Looking for a chance to bring back your family members who have fallen away from the Church?*

The Sodality prays for loved ones to return to the Faith, for conversions, and for our own sanctification. We meet monthly for Holy Mass every 4th Saturday morning. Before Holy Mass we publicly recite the Holy Rosary and 5 minutes after Holy Mass we publicly recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Saint Monica Prayer. Prayer petitions are located in the Our Lady of Guadalupe room along with other information. Please become a part of this effort to bring our loved ones home to Holy Mother Church. For more information call Kathryn Mousseau at 943-5045.



Cedar/Maple City Lions Christmas Trees-You cut or we cut, December 19th and 20th. From 10-5 on Saturdays and 12-5 on Sundays. Located on 669 one half mile east of M-72. Donations are \$10 for Spruce and \$25 for Douglas Fir. All proceeds for Cedar/Maple City Lions projects.

Bible Study Do you want to learn more about the Bible in a relaxed environment? Come check out Holy Rosary Women's Bible Study Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Office. Call Jill at 228-4066 for more information.

Give the Gift of Warmth

The Premier Salon inside Macy's at the Grand Traverse Mall has teamed up with the Father Fred Foundation to give the gift of warmth this winter. Until December 25th, a gift box to collect your donations of scarves, hats, gloves and mittens will be placed in the Salon. Phone 929-6833 for more information. The goal is 500 items. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

The Fourth Annual St. Andrews Task Force Retreat

will be held at Holy Childhood Church in Harbor Springs the weekend of January 8 – 10, 2010. In addition to speakers and various activities, a special highlight will be attendance at the Ordination to the Diaconate of Seminarian Gerald Okoli. This retreat is for young men in high school, grades 9-12. The registration deadline is Monday, December 21st, and space is limited.

He is Coming, and Will Not Delay!

A continued blessed Advent Season to all, as we enter into the week of Christ's birth. What a great time of year to meditate on the true Light of Life, as the days once again begin to get longer. The main focus we need to try to maintain is perspective of that which really matters during this time of year. As we 'look East' for His coming, as we 'convert', and change our minds and our hearts, let us embrace the Christ child in our midst.

For us here at Holy Rosary, it has been a busy Advent Season. The great turnout for Adventures into Advent, ongoing faith formation, taking care of the shut-ins and those who are struggling financially, Advent Caroling, the Parish Retreat/Penance service, Lessons and Carols, and the arrival of winter have kept us all busy.

In the office, the new parish secretary, Christina Furore has been doing a great job with the main secretarial work of the parish (and will be the one in the office during office hours answering your phone calls, emails and questions) which frees Donna up to do many of the projects that need attending such as the Directory, Cemetery organization, data entry of parish records and many other things that arise each week. Some missed the first bulletin announcement of Christina's introduction; she looks forward to getting to know and serve you in the parish.

Parish projects are moving along well—please do take a look at the approximately 2x2 area of floor in the basement right by the double doors next to the elevator that has been 'polished' (ground down) to give us a feel of what we are planning to do in the basement. After about a year of exploring possibilities of how to 'finish' the basement, the parish council has decided upon this method for a variety of reasons—first, because it should look very nice (if you are ever in Tom's on the corner of 22 and 72 look at the floor there—that is an example of polished concrete—our concrete is a little older and not as even, but nevertheless will come out pretty nicely), but also because it is very practical. Water comes into our basement during heavy rains and melting of snow, which rules out most other floor surfaces that would get ruined. With polished concrete water actually helps the floor. The man doing it is kind enough to do it for a reduced cost, and will be happy to come back and do the bathroom floors after the bathroom project that maybe we can tackle next year. If you have any thoughts/suggestions, please let a council member know by January! We'll also be taking up the carpeting on the back stairs and re-sanding/varnishing them, and in the spring, attending to the outdoor stairs and the work on the concrete out there. So it is nice to finally be able to use some of our chicken dinner money for 'concrete' projects around here, due to your great work last summer and especially the response to the raffle. Let's do the same this year—the raffle committee hopes to increase again in 2010, and as I mentioned this Spring, if each of us could increase our giving \$3-\$5/week, we could use all the money from the chicken dinner for such projects. As Mother Theresa said, 'give until it hurts!'.

I was at TAG the other night, and talked with the youth about the great opportunity to have a bit of a retreat over the holidays. Fr Nathan, a priest from the Brothers of St John will be up here doing a young men's retreat Dec 28-31st on Discerning God's Will for your Life (16 and older), and was kind enough to agree to stay a few extra days to help the parish out. So Dec 31st from 4-6 before the Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass for the Mother of God, there will be a youth retreat for high school, and then after the 6pm mass there will be a talk or two for adults/families, and then adoration, and finally mass at 11pm. It will be a great alternative for the New Years. The retreat will continue on Jan 2; a couple of talks after the Sat morning mass, and then again for the youth from 2-6:30 on Jan 2. We are blessed to have him. His order specializes in doing things for the youth, as well as on talks in general for philosophy and theology.

Plans for the ice rink continue along, so bring in any skates that you can spare!

Fr Fred Miller will be joining us, along with our seminarians, for Christmas. We'll have, along with the 4pm mass and the Christmas program that begins at 3, the midnight Extraordinary form mass, and then two masses Christmas day. One at the normal 8:30, and then a 10:30am mass with the choir.

May God bless your Advent,

Rev. Donald L. Alf

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