

# Holy Rosary Catholic Church

## St. Pio Adoration Chapel

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Registration

Communion to Shut-Ins

Sacrament of Baptism: Class 3 months before due date

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements 9 months prior

**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday—Thursday 2:45-5:45 pm

Friday—9am-1pm

**Bulletin Deadline** Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

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Sunday 9:00-9:30am & 12:15-12:45pm

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## Masses, Confessions, & Devotions

Check e-calendar for changes after printing (funerals, confessions times, etc.)

### Saturday, April 6th • Saturday Within the Octave of Easter

7:00-7:40 am Confessions in Office; 8:05 M Prayer  
8:15 am Mass • Int. Joe & Martha Czerniak (+) by Al & Jean Garvin; Followed by Rosary Procession, Meditation, Confessions  
3:00 pm Confessions; 3:35 pm Rosary  
4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for Sunday of Divine Mercy • Int. Living & Deceased Members of the Piche Family

### Sunday, April 7th • SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:35-7:50 am Confessions  
8:00 am Mass • Int. Michael Shorter (+) by Nancy Zimmerman  
9:15 am Faith Formation  
11:00 am Mass • Int. For All Parishioners  
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour; Followed by E Prayer

### Monday, April 8th • THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:15 pm Rosary & E Prayer  
5:45 pm Mass • Int. Rev. Thomas Y by Margaret Foster

### Tuesday, April 9th • Easter Weekday

7:00-7:40 am Confessions in Office; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer  
8:15 am Mass • Int. Frank & Germaine Kabot (+)  
6:00 pm OCIA

### Wednesday, April 10th • Easter Weekday

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:15 pm Rosary & E Prayer  
5:45 pm Mass • Int. Special Intention

### Thursday, April 11th • St. Stanislaus

7:00-7:40 am Confessions in Office; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer  
8:15 am Mass • Int. Chris Mallery (+) by Ralph & Ester Courdes

### Friday, April 12th • Easter Weekday

5:15 pm Rosary & E Prayer  
5:45 pm Mass • Int. Ken Knudsen (+) by Kathryn Mousseau

### Saturday, April 13th • St. Martin I

7:00-7:40 am Confessions in Office; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer  
8:15 am Mass • Int. Bishop Walsh  
3:00-3:45 pm Confessions; 3:35 pm Rosary  
4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for 3rd Sunday of Easter • Int. Lori Commins (+) by Kit Novak

### Sunday, April 14th • THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:35 am Confessions  
8:00 am Mass • Int. For All Parishioners  
11:00 am Mass • Int. Lawrence & Lucia Novak (+) by Eunice Novak

## From Deacon Wigton

### Our Set of Shackles



Paul and Silas were in prison. They had been stripped and beaten with rods for telling the people of Philippi that Jesus had died and risen from the dead in order that they could be saved. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison.

Philippi is in ancient Greece and, under Alexander the Great, had become the capital of the Greek Empire. Built on a fertile plain, it was famous for its abundant gold mines and springs of water. It had a renowned school of medicine and is thought to be the place where St Luke, the physician, had studied.

Archaeological digs have uncovered baths, a gymnasium, library and a site thought to be a temple of Apollo and Artemis constructed in 400 BC.

It was to this ancient city, entrenched in belief in pagan gods, that Paul and Silas had come with a message that would spin their world on its head. That message was not well received! It was for this that they now found themselves with their feet shackled to a stake in the innermost cell of the city's prison. At midnight, they were singing and in prayer when a violent earthquake shook the foundation of the prison, burst open the doors, and broke their chains. Starting with the jailer and his family, conversion occurred throughout the city. The church of Philippi, despite its background in the worship of pagan gods, flourished as a strong and healthy model church, often supporting St. Paul in his ministry and throughout his mission to the rest of the world.

Eight Centuries prior to this, Isaiah prophetically wrote: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me, He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners." (Isaiah 61:1) At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus came to Nazareth, entered the synagogue, unrolled the scroll, and read this same passage. All eyes were looking intently on Him when He said: "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21)

How interesting it is that a modern, sophisticated, and presumably intelligent society like ours should have to have someone stand before them to repeat this scripture passage. Have we not become like the pre-Christian Philippi? Jesus died and rose from the dead so that we could be released from our prisons and unshackled from our passions. This was common knowledge in this great country founded on that very principle. Yet we find prisoners everywhere, shackled and bound in the innermost cells of their personal prisons. Are we not bound by our desire for fame and fortune? Do we not know that our need for the saving graces only given to us by the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is infinitely greater than anything this world can provide and that our

hearts will be "restless until they rest in Jesus" (Augustine) How far does our society need to fall before it recognizes the bondage? How far from the God who sent His Son to open wide the prison doors do we need to go to recognize that it is our passions for things of this world that are enslaving us? When the president of this great 'Christian' country supplants a day dedicated to the Resurrection of Jesus, our true founder, with that of 'Transgender Day of Visibility,' should we not be up in arms? Perhaps, if not, should we not realize that we, too, are shackled and in prison and still need to accept the gift of God's mercy and worship His Son! Come, Lord Jesus, and set us free!

**Collection Totals**

**For March 30th & 31st**

**Total . . . . . \$12,789.00**



**For the Coming Week's Masses**

<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>April 13th</b>
<b>Proprs</b>	Christopher & Joseph Witkowski
<b>Cantor</b>	Bridget Thoreson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Neil Witkowski
<b>Lector</b>	Neil Witkowski
<b>Ushers</b>	Bryan Brzezinski, Byron Bolton, Bernard Zacharias, Tom Lesausky
<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>April 14th</b>
<b>Proprs</b>	Brandon Maxon, Jake Dunphey, Jim Thoreson
<b>Cantor</b>	Bridget McManus
<b>Lector</b>	Dave Popa
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jason Maday
<b>Ushers</b>	- Dale Pleva, Fred Peplinski, Tim Lowe, Joe Peplinski
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>April 14th</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	- Phil Nachazel, Brent Weaner, Mike Kelly, John Martz

**Our Sponsor of the Week**

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**Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus Council No. 11664 wishes to thank the generous parishioner and friends who purchased Mystic Monk coffee during our Easter Sales event. The proceeds will be directed to the diocesan seminarians. There is still some available, contact 231-735-1514.

**From the Raffle Ladies**

The raffle license has arrived for the big raffle for our chicken dinner and festival being held on Sunday, July 28th, 2024. Please mark your calendars! We are in need of prizes. We will be having a top prize of \$5000 once again. Cash prizes, gift certificates, homemade items and other new items would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your past support. If you have questions please contact Joan at 231-649-4556 or Shirley at 231-228-3406

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7th at 3pm Father there will be adoration, a spiritual talk from Deacon Wigton, confession, the chaplet, and benediction. A plenary indulgence may be obtained by taking part in the prayers and devotions under normal conditions.



**Consecration to Jesus Through Mary St. Louis de Montfort Consecration**

The final opportunity for the St. Louis de Montfort Consecration will be after the 5:45 pm mass on Monday, April 8th.

**"Go to Bat for Vocations"**

Save the date! On June 9th, at Turtle Creek Stadium in Traverse City, come watch the clergy take on high school students in a fun game of baseball. The cost is free, but donations are being accepted for men and women discerning the call to religious life. The gates open at 3 p.m., and the game starts at 4 p.m.



**Pancake Breakfast**

Cedar/Maple City Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast on April 14th from 9am-1pm. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children and free for 5 and younger. Lions Community Building, 100 E Bellinger Rd, Maple City, MI



**Country Store Donations**

Wanted: New or used items for the chicken dinner country store. Donations can be dropped off during regular parish office hours. Please no paint, electronics, or clothing. Donations should be clean, intact, and in working order. Contact Elisha Robinson at 231-944-4134 with any questions.

**Holy Rosary Quilters**

Holy Rosary Quilters have wound up this year's sessions with 56 quilts donated or held for the church raffle, Ed & Irene Fleis Educational fund, Brian Nachazel's Memorial Event, Father Fred's, some children in the social service system, a May Valley Nursing, and to sell at the Churches summer festival/clothes pin booth. A BIG thank you for all the donations especially the two sewing machines.

**Carmelite Monastery Mass**

Canon Andrew Morrow ICKSP (formerly known as "Deacon Andy of the Filii Patris") will be returning to Traverse City to offer a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at the Carmelite Monastery on April 11th at 10:30 AM. There will be a luncheon afterwards on the veranda. All are invited. Please RSVP Therese O'Brien at (231) 463-6993 if you plan to attend the luncheon or would like to help.

**St. Mary School Angel Celebration**

Join St. Mary School for a Celebration Dinner to benefit the Tuition Assistance & Endowment Foundation of St. Mary School on Sat., April 27th at the Leland Lodge from 6-9 pm with special guest Bishop Walsh. Event tickets are \$85. Free Child Care is available. You must register by April 20th. Call 256-9670.

**Holy Rosary Books & Gifts**

Extra Gift Shop hours for 1st Communion/Confirmation will be on Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30, & May 7th from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm in addition to the regular hours of Saturdays 9am-noon and Sundays 9am-9:30am & 12:20pm-1:00pm. Large assortment of religious & sacramental gift items & cards.



**Coming Up...**

**April 7th**— 9:15 am Faith Formation & 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour; Followed by Evening Prayer



**April 8th**—Feast of the Annunciation

**May 5th**— May Crowning after the 8am and 11am masses

**May 11th 4:00 pm**—Confirmation with Bishop Walsh

**May 11th & 12th**—RTL Flower sale

**May 13th**—Our Lady of Fatima Procession



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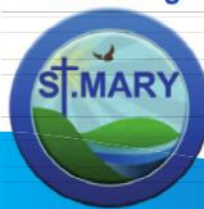
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