

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday— 1 pm-5 pm

Friday—9 am-1:00 pm

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Masses, Confessions, & Devotions

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

Saturday, April 11th • SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:30 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. David & Linda Everett
3:00 pm Confessions; 3:35 Rosary
4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday • Lori Commins (+) by Ron & Kit Novak

Sunday, April 12th • DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:35-7:50 am Confessions
8:00 am Mass • Int. Ken Knudsen (+)
9:30 am Mandatory Meeting
11:00 am Mass • Int. Julie Witkowski
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour; Talk; Confessions; Evening Prayer

Monday, April 13th • St. Martin I

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:25 pm Rosary & E Prayer
5:45 pm Mass • Int. Ryan Maxon by Todd & Heather Maxon

Tuesday, April 14th • Easter Weekday

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. Special Intention

Wednesday, April 15th • Easter Weekday

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:25 pm Rosary & E Prayer
5:45 pm Mass • Int. Sister Chiara O.P.
6:40 pm Parish Council

Thursday, April 16th • Easter Weekday

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. Kathy Tate

Friday, April 17th • Easter Weekday

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. Deceased Members of the Joe & Mary Maslowski Family by the Balesh Family

Saturday, April 18th • Easter Weekday

7:15 am Rosary & M Prayer
7:45 am Mass • Int. St. Monica Sodality; Devotions
3:35 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter • Int. Jennifer Atkinson (+) by Ed & Irene Fleis

Sunday, April 19th • THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:35-7:50 am Confessions
8:00 am Mass • Int. For All Parishioners
9:15 am Faith Formation
11:00 am Mass • Int. Olga Gomez (+) by Mark & Nancy Turchi

From Father Libby



Dear All,

He is Risen! The “Firstborn of the Dead” (Col 1, Rev 1). We’re the second-born, third, and fourth...As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this weekend, this is what we are celebrating; that God loved us enough to raise us from the death of our sins, alleluia! Such a simple message, but revolutionary. Like the Institution of the Sacrament of Charity (the Eucharist along with the Sacrament of Holy Orders since you need a priest to confect, make, the Eucharist) that we live for founded on Holy Thursday, the removal of our sin happened on Good Friday and then the Resurrection, the Rectification/Justification of our souls happened, and is happening on this Easter Sunday (“And after eight days again his disciples were within, Thomas with them, Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said: Peace be to you” John 20:26).

The first time the doors were locked, and Jesus passed through in His true, resurrected body, not a ghost, was the first day of the Octave, last Sunday, when He instituted the Sacrament of Confession that, after baptism, returns us to this rectified, justified state whenever we fall:

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. John 20:19-23.

This Sunday, He rectifies our doubts, as He did with St Thomas the Apostle, a greater miracle, dare we say, than even the Resurrection from the dead?* For really, it is only our doubts that keep us from eternal life, from accepting the Ocean of Mercy that He wants to pour out upon us. If we are in an ocean of anything, the point is that it is overwhelming. There’s no contest that the ocean wins and has the power to destroy whatever is its contrary, which in this case is doubt. How could we possibly doubt God’s love for us if we’re in an ocean of mercy? That’s all there is as far as the eye can see, is mercy. We don’t stand a chance to doubt. It’s like when St John the Evangelist says (1 John 3:1) that “we should be called God’s children--and **indeed we are!**”.

So come this Sunday afternoon to our ‘Oceans of Mercy’ Holy Hour where we will gaze upon the image of the Divine Mercy as revealed to St Faustina and ratified by the Church, say the Chaplet of Mercy and, if you haven’t gone to confession yet, have a chance to go. Just accept it, accept the free gift that God wants you to have.

So keep enjoying the great fruits of the Easter Season as this beautiful Octave, eight days, comes to a close. Continue feasting in the sense of not fasting, but return to normal penances and mortifications, as surely the Apostles did on their walk to meet Jesus in Galilee, perhaps the greatest penance simply being not being able to see Jesus as they wanted to, but now here and there when they *recognized Him in the breaking of the bread*. Let us join them in this by taking an hour of adoration so that we can come to **recognize** Him!

* 'greater miracle' meaning not of course in magnificence or power, but in the sense that for us, believing without doubting can be hard, can take hard work of renewing acts of faith and growing in our faith.

Collection Totals

March 28th & 29th

Total.....\$9,813.70



For the Coming Week's Masses

4:00 pm April 18th
Propers TBD
Cantor Veronica Parshall
Lector Larry Petroskey
Ushers— Bryan Brzezinski, Jonathan Manners, Tim Weber, 1 Volunteer

8:00 am April 19th
Propers Eli Parshall
Cantor TBD
Lector Marc Maday
Acolyte Jason Maday
Ushers - Dale Pleva, Joe Peplinski, Tim Lowe, Fred Peplinski

11:00 am April 19th
Ushers— Mike Kelly, Bernard Zacharias, Kris Zimmerman, John Martz

Coming Up...

April 26th— Martinsons Funeral Home Pre-Planning Presentation 9:30-10:30 am

May 10th—Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion 8am Mass

From the Raffle Ladies

We want to thank those who have responded in donating prizes. Our Festival and Raffle is Sunday, July 26th. If you are interested in donating a prize, please contact by phone or text Joan Gauthier @ 231-649-4556 or Shirley Mikowski @ 231-342-3329 no later than Wednesday, April 22nd so we can include your prize on the ticket. We hope to have them printed and distributed no later than the end of April. You can drop off certificates and checks in the two boxes designated for Raffle in the back of the church or in the after- hours box on the wall by Julie's office. This is a big money-making event for our church. Thank you all so much for your support and donations!

Fundraiser for Holy Rosary Seminarians

Save the date for May 27th, Holy Rosary seminarians will give us an update on their year, summer assignments, and what's next. There will be a spaghetti dinner after the 5:45 pm mass and a free-will offering. All donations will support Holy Rosary seminarians for the upcoming year.

Go To Bat for Vocations

A team of clergy and religious will take on Catholic high school students in an epic softball showdown! There will also be between-inning entertainment and fun items up for silent auction. Concessions will be available, along with inflatable obstacle course for kids! Bishop Walsh will offer an opening prayer, and the game will begin by 4:00 PM. This event is free to attend; any revenue from concessions and the auction will support the Vocation Office. Students in high school who are interested in playing in the game can contact vocations@dioceseofgaylord.org. Go to: <https://gaylordvocations.org/upcoming-events/go-to-bat/> to reserve your spot.

Spring Dance

Spring Dance. May 2. The Holy Rosary Dance Club will host a Dance on Saturday, May 2nd, 7-9:30 pm in the Parish Hall. This will include a contra-dance (line dance and reels) caller. More details to come.

Diaconate Ordination

Join us in prayer for: Jason Maday and Neil Witkowski as they prepare to be ordained Saturday, April 18, at 11:00 AM at St. Mary Cathedral, Gaylord.

Women's Retreat

"The Wellsprings of Prayer" Women's Retreat will be held May 29-31 at the Augustine Retreat Center in Conway, MI. This retreat is open to all women interested in beginning or deepening a life of prayer, highlighting St. Ignatius of Loyola's spiritual teachings on prayer with Sacred Scripture through Ignatian Contemplation and Meditation. Cost is \$275 and includes lodging, meals, and retreat materials. Presenter is Elizabeth Gengle. For more information email maresa@elizabethgengle.com or call or text 810.240.5992. To register, visit elizabethgengle.com.

Pancake Breakfast

Cedar/Maple City Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 12th from 9am-1pm at the Lions Community Building in Maple City. They will be serving pancakes, omelets made to order, sausage links, scrambled eggs, fries, fruit, and beverages. Cost is \$12 for adults, children 6-12 are \$6, and 5 and under eat free.

Marriage and Family Retreat

The Opus Angelorum marriage and family retreat will be held at Holy Rosary from June 12-14th. Please contact the office to reserve your spot. The retreat is open to all ages. Meals and snacks are provided.

Corpus Christi

June 6th is Corpus Christi. If you would like to donate to the flowers, please drop the donation in the collection basket or at the office before the 6th.

Jake Belanger Deaconate Ordination

Join Holy Rosary in celebrating the ordination of Jake Belanger at the Diocese of Gaylord on June 5th at 11am.

Catholic Women's Group

The Catholic Women's group will meet on Thursday, April 16th, at 5:30 pm in the church basement to start their 2026 season. Members are reminded to bring their dish for the soup and salad potluck.

Martinsons Funeral Home Presentation

Martinsons in Suttons Bay will be giving an hour long presentation from 9:30-10:30 on Sunday, April 26th. The presentation will cover what you need to know in funeral planning.



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Leader: Let us ask God to give worthy Priests, Brothers and Sisters to His Holy Church.

Others: O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless this diocese with many Priests, Brothers and Sisters who will love Thee with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve Thy Church and to make Thee known and loved.

Leader: Bless our families, bless our children.

Others: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

Leader: Mary, Queen of the clergy!

Others: Pray for us. Pray for our Priests and religious. Obtain for us many more.

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