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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday— 1 pm-5 pm

Friday—9 am-1:00 pm

Tuesday—CLOSED

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Masses, Confessions, & Devotions

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

Saturday, January 3rd • The Holy Name of Jesus

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer

8:15 am Mass • Int. Fr. Wolfgang Intention; Procession, Adoration; Confessions Following

3:00-3:45 pm Confessions; 3:35 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord • Int. Dave Taghon (+) by Dan & Donna Petroskey

6:30 pm Talk, Confessions, Holy Hour with Fr. Wolfgang for Married Couples

Sunday, January 4th • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:35-7:50 am Confessions

8:00 am Mass • Int. Fr. Wolfgang Intention

9:15 am Faith Formation

11:00 am Mass • Int. For All Parishioners

Monday, January 5th • St. John Neumann

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:25 pm Rosary & E Prayer

5:45 pm Mass • Int. Fr. Wolfgang Intention; OCIA & Epiphany Following

Tuesday, January 6th • St. Andre Bessette

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer

8:15 am Mass • Int. Fr. Wolfgang Intention

Wednesday, January 7th • St. Raymond of Penyafort

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:25 pm Rosary & E Prayer

5:45 pm Mass • Int. Fr. Wolfgang Intention

6:30 pm Holy League

Thursday, January 8th • Christmas Weekday

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer

8:15 am Mass • Int. Fr. Wolfgang Intention

Friday, January 9th • Christmas Weekday

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer

8:15 am Mass • Fr. Wolfgang Intention

Saturday, January 10th • Christmas Weekday

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer

8:15 am Mass • Int. Fr. Wolfgang Intention

3:00-3:45 pm Confessions; 3:35 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for the Baptism of the Lord • Int. Margaret Siemiantkowski (+) by Matt & Cindy Morhman

Sunday, January 11th • THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:35-7:50 am Confessions

8:00 am Mass • Int. Fr. Wolfgang Intention

11:00 am Mass • Int. For All Parishioners

From Father Libby



Merry Christmas and A Blessed New Year,
At Easter, He makes us Good; at Christmas, He makes us glad.

I remember growing up in the Methodist ecclesial community; we'd get to Easter, and we'd have a sunrise "service" gathering around a cross without a crucifix and sing Easter songs, rejoicing for the few hours that feeling lasted.

Christmas was the much bigger holiday (we really didn't have the concept of Holy Days), get fat, joy, the dog running around barking happily. We'd keep the 'live' Christmas tree up till Junish, deader than a doornail by then, a symbol of trying to keep the joy alive since the supernatural life provided by the Sacraments of the Catholic Church was not present—that structure necessary to maintain the gift of becoming 'Sons, Daughters, of God'. Christmas is the great, true, and real joy of Leah of the bible; the great, true, and good gladness of the natural; the image of God, a reminder of how even on the natural level we are oriented to worshipping the creator and so duty-bound to keep the gladness. It is also the time where we receive the Great Invitation to also restore the likeness of God, lost by sin. John 1 9-13—the famous 'Last Gospel' in the extraordinary form every day except the 3rd mass of Christmas, where it becomes the Gospel of the day:

"the true light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, he gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in his name. 13 Who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Indeed, truly good as the natural is, the image of God beautiful and holy, so important for us to understand how good the image of God is in us even after the Fall, God's calling us to also restore the likeness along with the image. We need both Rachel and Leah! So what's it going to be for us this year? Accept the power? The invite? Or did we throw the tree out the day after Christmas and return to glumness? St Francis de Sales says we can't always be cheerful, but we can always be gracious. Sweet Leah can't sustain on her own. She needs her sister Rachel, the supernatural life, the supernatural 'economy' of graces, the sacraments, leadership, hierarchy.

Now Rachel wasn't exactly always great either, scripture portrays. She has the potential, the power to be a daughter of God through acts of charity in our analogy, but lacked all the gladness of Leah, the good, great natural virtues Leah had. This is the 'so and so doesn't go to Church, but they are a good person' person, the 'better than many Catholics' guy. We should learn from them, all the natural virtues, but they need Rachel just as Rachel needs Leah. Grace elevates and perfects nature.

This is why we need to renew the acceptance of the invitation to

be ‘made good’ at Christmas, even though it is not completed until Easter and practiced in the ‘time after Pentecost’ now called ordinary time. Let us first allow ourselves to be ‘made glad’ and join in the fun. FORTY DAYS of fun. As we read from St Irenaeus on December 19 every year:

He wanted to invite man to take on his likeness, appointing man an imitator of God, establishing man in a way of life in obedience to the Father that would lead to the vision of God, and endowing man with power to receive the Father. He is the Word of God who dwelt with man and became the Son of Man to open the way for man to receive God, for God to dwell with man, according to the will of the Father. For this reason, the Lord himself gave as the sign of our salvation, the one who was born of the Virgin, Emmanuel.

Merry Christmas!

Collection Totals

December 20th & 21st

Total.....\$6,370.00

For the Coming Week's Masses

4:00 pm January 10th
Propers Joseph & Thomas Witkowski
Cantor Bridget Thoreson
Lector Neil Witkowski
Acolyte Neil Witkowski
Ushers - Bryan Brzezinski, Jon Manners, Tim Weber, Bernard Zacharias

8:00 am January 11th
Propers Jim Thoreson, Joey Dunphey
Cantor Emily Dunphey; Maggie Maday
Acolyte Jason Maday
Lector Jason Maday
Ushers- Dale Pleva, Joe Peplinski, Fred Peplinski, Mike Tate

11:00 am January 11th
Ushers- Bill Huddleston, Kris Zimmerman, Bill Sisco, Erich Burkardt

Coming Up...

1/3 6:30 pm Talk, Confessions, and Holy Hour for Married Couples in Church

1/4 9:15 am Faith Formation

Adopt a Seminarian

For 2026, spiritually adopt a seminarian from the Diocese of Gaylord. Take a copy of the ‘Prayer for Vocations’ and make a firm commitment to praying each day either the rosary, adoration, or Bishop Walsh’s prayer for Vocation. Send them a Christmas card or birthday card. Your prayers mean a lot to them and help them in their discernment. Our diocese needs good and holy priests, and our prayers help bring them about.

Talk and Holy Hour for Married Couples

Fr. Wolfgang will give a talk on the Domestic Church and how his family has shaped his vocation at 6 pm on January 3rd, followed by a Holy Hour and Confessions. This event is for couples. No children, please. Nursing babies only.

Girls Quilting Group

The next meeting will be held on January 3rd, after morning mass.

Holy Rosary Quilters

Holy Rosary quilters will start on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the office/convent basement. We begin at 9:30 and end at 2:30 with a short lunch (bring your own) break. No experience needed, all hands will be helpful. Questions? Call Sandy Miller, 228-5754.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Would you offer a Holy Hour for Vocations, Fr. Libby, Bishop Walsh, and Pope Leo? If so, sign the form outside of the adoration chapel. The hours will be collected and sent to Pope Leo and our Bishop.

Men's Dinner

January 28th. Men's dinner with Father after the 5:45 Mass. Discussion on living your spirituality through the lens of Ephesians 5. 17yr and up invited. More details and information to follow.

Epiphany Blessing

Fr. Wolfgang will do the Epiphany Blessing after Mass on Monday, January 5th. Please have your wide-mouthed water jars filled with water in the server sacristy before January 6th. PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON YOUR JARS.

Seminary Visit to Josephinum College Seminary

Save the date! March 23rd-26th. Visit Josephinum College Seminary with the Vocation Director. More details and registration coming soon.

Diaconate Ordination

Save the date! April 18th at 11 am. Join Jason Maday and Neil Witkowski as they are ordained Deacons in the Diocese of Gaylord. The ordination will take place with Bishop Walsh at the Cathedral in Gaylord.

Melchizedek Discernment Group

Not sure if you are called to be a priest, but open to learning more? The Melchizedek Discernment Groups are six -week small groups for young men in the Diocese of Gaylord who desire to explore the priesthood in a prayerful, supportive setting. Each group consists of 5–10 men and meets weekly with a priest from the Vocation Team. Together, participants will pray, build fraternity, and engage in honest conversation about the priesthood and vocational discernment. Visit: <https://gaylordvocations.org/mp2025/>

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Mothers In Christ

Celebrating the gift of motherhood on Monday mornings from 9-11am at St. Francis. 11/24 There will be no meeting.

Do you hear the call to Holiness, the call to community?

- Do you desire a deeper prayer life, a deeper spirituality, a deeper union with God?
- Have you heard the call of Pope St. John Paul II to “Come into the deep”?

The Discalced Secular Carmelite Community of the Infant Jesus of Prague meets monthly at the Carmelite Monastery in Traverse City.

For more information contact:
 Ed Mende, Formation Director
 (231)288-9314
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 Feb 8th
 March 8th
 April 12th
 May 17th
 (need to attend 3 classes)

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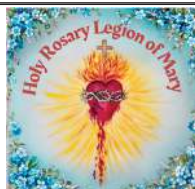


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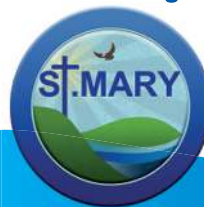
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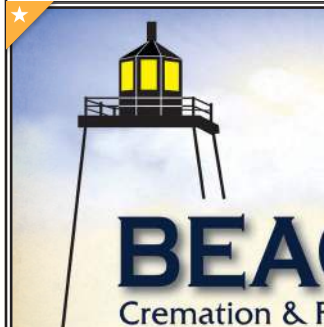
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bless this diocese with many Priests,
Brothers and Sisters who will love
Thee with their whole strength and
gladly spend their entire lives to serve
Thy Church and to make Thee known
and loved.

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.

