Holy Rosary Catholic Church St. Pio Adoration Chapel

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

Saturday, September 7th • Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer	
8:15 am	Mass • Int. Jean Zacharias (+) by Bernard Zacharias;
	Followed by Procession, Adoration, Confession
3:00-3:45 pm Confessions; 3:35 pm Rosary	

4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for 23rd the Sunday in Ordinary Time • Int. For All Parishioners

Sunday, September 8th • The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:30-7:50 Confessions
 8:00 am Mass Int. For Bridget McManus by the Coffman Family
- 11:00 am Mass Int. Dryden Family

Monday, September 9th • St. Peter Claver

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:15 pm Rosary & E Prayer 5:45 pm Mass • Int. Leona Witkowski by Ed Witkowski

Tuesday, September 10th • Weekday

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

Wednesday, September 11th • Weekday

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:15 pm Rosary & E Prayer 5:45 pm Mass • Int. 90th Birthday of Yvonne Sadler

Thursday, September 12th • The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer 8:15 am Mass • Int. David Mikowski Jr. (+) by Bernard Zacharias 1:00-3:00 pm Confessions in Office

Friday, September 13th • St. John Chrysostom

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer 8:15 am Mass • Int. Ezra Mazur by Robert & Katrina Grigg

Saturday, September 14th • THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 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 24th the Sunday in Ordinary Time • Int. N. Karen Csaszar (+) by Holy Rosary Quilters

Sunday, September 15th • The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OrdinaryTime7:20 am7:20 amM Prayer & Rosary; 7:30-7:50 Confessions8:00 amMass • Int. For All Parishioners

- 9:15 am Faith Formation
- 11:00 am Mass Int. Jack 'John' Treml by Tom Lesausky

From Deacon Wigton

The Light in the Darkness



Standing in the 'Watch Room' at the top of the Northport lighthouse, I could look out below at the waves crashing against the shore and hear the howl of the wind blowing fiercely out of the northwest. I could imagine the keeper of yesteryear looking out from this same vantage

point as ships laden with goods and materials plied the treacherous waters. He had dedicated his life in that tiny space to shine a light that would assist valiant sailors to reach their destination safely. Nevertheless, the dreams and hopes of the men risking their lives in the gales that arose were frequently dashed. A map in the museum below me gave evidence of the numerous times that lives and cargo were lost in those storms. The floor of the Great Lakes was literally strewn with their wreckage. Lake Michigan holds claim to have the greatest number of sunken vessels of any of the Great Lakes. Since the La Salle's Griffin sinking in 1679, over 1500 boats have been lost to the unforgiving elements. In 1820 Augustin Fresnel developed a set of crystalline prisms in a faceted dome that concentrated and intensified light waves. This Fresnel lens, placed above the keeper could be seen for miles. It saved millions of lives and ships.

Isaiah, in chapter 34, describes a similar vision from his vantage point where dreams and visions turn to calamity. He could see the wreckage of human lives tossed about in treacherous waters with the enemy Satan sending waves crashing against them unceasingly. He calls them dragons dwelling in the deep. His vision is that of an angry God who is enraged against the nations who refuse to accept His Sovereignty. They are given over to slaughter. The slain are cast out. Their corpses send up a stench. The heavens are rolled up like a scroll, and they wither away. The leaf wilts on the vine, and the fig withers on the tree. The devastation is so complete that these nations are reduced to nesting places for owls and buzzards. The land is strewn with their wreckage.

Suddenly as if the clouds of heaven break open and sun suddenly beams down on the earth, in chapter 35 we hear in today's readings a complete change from the dismal scene to that of glory. In a flash now Isaiah sees streams bursting forth in the desert. Burning sands become pools. The grasslands rejoice and bloom with abundant flowers. Hands are strengthened, and knees made strong. Zion sings and is crowned with everlasting joy! God has come to save the lost and deliver the captives!

Today, the 8th of September, is the Feast of the birth of Our Blessed Mother Mary. It is a day when the sun washes away the clouds and the rays of God's grace and forgiveness radiate from heaven. It is reminiscent of Isaiah's vision of Israel's deliverance. All of God's glory obliterates the devastation as He prepares to fulfill His promise to rescue us from certain peril. The birth of a virgin who is prophesied to bring Our Savior into the world, is the first glimmer of light to a fallen world.

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We know the rest of the story. The Holy Spirit came upon Our Blessed Lady and the power of the Most High overshadowed her. She did have a Son, delivered for us in her virginity. His name is Jesus. He was the one who came to heal our brokenness, to bind our wounds, and raise us up. He is the Light that came to shine in the darkness.

The landscape is strewn with wreckage. Waves still crash against us. Lives and dreams may be dashed, but the light that shines through Our Blessed Mother Mary is that of her Son, who guides us safely to our destination. He is our Lighthouse.

Collection Totals For August 31st & September 1st Total......\$9,983.50

For the Coming Week's Masses

4:00 pmSeptember 14thPropersJoseph WitkowskiCantorBridget ThoresonLectorNeil WitkowskiAcolyteNeil WitkowskiUshers - BryanBrzezinski, Bryon Bolton,Ron Novak, JosefNanners

8:00 am September 15th
Propers Walker Ratajczak
Cantor Tonya Ratajczak
Lector Greg Robinson
Acolyte Greg Robinson
Ushers- Dale Pleva, Joe Peplinski, Fred
Peplinski, Tim Lowe

11:00 amSeptember 15thUshers- Philip Nachazel, Mike Kelly, BrentWeaner, John Martz

Baraga Days

Join Bishop Walsh and other faithful from Michigan for Baraga Days 2024! Beginning on Friday, Sept. 13 with vespers at St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord, this event will offer the opportunity to learn more about Bishop Baraga's legacy and pray for his canonization. Activities will continue through Saturday, Sept. 14. For more information go to: https:// dioceseofgaylord.org/event/baraga-days-2024

> *Our Sponsor of the Week* Play It Again Sports

2nd Grade Sacraments Class



We are gearing up for the upcoming Faith Formation year. If you plan on your child receiving their first confession, first Holy Communion, or Confirmation, please let the office know by August 15th. Your child should be seven years old by October 1st.

Faith Formation

We are now registering for the 2024/2025 Faith Formation year. Forms can be found online under the 'Faith Formation' tab.

Adoration & Witness

Bishop Walsh invites the faithful to an hour of Eucharistic adoration followed by witness stories from National Eucharistic Congress pilgrims. Deepen your relationship with Jesus and receive encouragement to become witnesses to the joy of the Gospel and go out on an Eucharistic mission for the life of the world. September 17th at St. Francis. Other dates and times are posted on the diocesan website.

St. Joseph Fall Festival

Save the date for September 14th at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Center Rd in Traverse City. They will be hosting a Fall Festival with a raffle, games, prizes, silent auction, local wine tasting, and food provided by Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Call 231-421-7310 for raffle tickets.

Life Chain October 6th

October 6th from 2:30-3:30 pm all are invited to a public prayer event to pray for the end of legalized abortion. For more information please contact 883-5491.

Baby Bottle Boomerang begins Sept. 8

Once again, Thrive Medical Clinic is running its yearly fundraiser to support its efforts in our community of supporting women who face unplanned pregnancies. They provide free ultrasounds, support for pregnant women, and baby supplies for those in need. You can donate online at https://thrivemedicalclinic.org/

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If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or in becoming Catholic, please contact the office.



Land of Peace– a nonprofit organization, will be with us on September 28th and 29th, speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries– all made of olive wood, which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. The sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" that is authentic from the holy land.

40 Days For Life—Save-the-date

Holy Rosary has chosen to pray outside Planned Parenthood on Monday, October 7th, and Friday, October 25th, from 9 am-5 pm for the 40 Days for Life Campaign. Information along with the 'Statement of Peace' that must be signed will be in the vestibule soon.

Mothers In Christ

Mothers in Christ kicks off its 2024-25 season this Monday, September 9 with a welcome brunch at St. Francis Parish Hall from 9-11 am. This vibrant Catholic group, whose mission is to strengthen the holy calling of both marriage and motherhood, welcomes all mothers from those with children to empty nesters to grandmothers. Child care is provided. See the insert in this week's bulletin for a schedule and more information.

Catholic Women's Club Meeting

The next meeting will be on September 19th at 7pm in the church basement. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Immaculate Conception Elementary

Immaculate Conception is still in need of a afterschool helper. Please contact Kecia Brick at krbick@gtacs.org for more information. The program hours are 2-5:45pm with flexibility.

Piano Lessons

Piano Lessons are available on Wednesdays. Please email music@holyrosarycedar.org for more





September 15th 9:30 am —First Faith Formation Class

September 19th 7pm– Catholic Women's Club Meeting



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