



**Weekend Masses:**

**Resurrection of the Lord**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

**St. Joseph**

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

**Pastor, Rev. David L. Parsch**

**Pastoral Minister/ Media Director, Gary Taylor**

**Director of Music, Connie Proulx**

**Weekday & Holyday Masses:**

Scheduled in the weekly bulletin.

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

Celebrated five times per year during weekend Masses, except during Lent.

Call the Parish Office for information and pre-baptism instruction.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:**

Please arrange at the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

**Sacrament of the Sick:**

Call the Parish Office any time.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 3:30 p.m.  
Please be present at 3:30 p.m.

*We welcome new parishioners. If you wish to join this Parish community, please contact the Parish Office.*

**Parish Office:**

Phone: 989-846- 9565, Fax: 989-846-9566

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Office Professional, *Kathy Beardsley*

Bookkeeper, *Mary Fitzgerald*

Maintenance, *Vincent Christie*

Maintenance, *John Baumgart*

Secretary, *Judith Allen*

**Religious Formation Center:**

Phone: 989-846-4101

Office Hours: Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday 12:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Coordinator of Elementary

Religious 1-6, *Annette Charchan*

Office Professional, *Mary Fitzgerald*

E-Mail: [rotlway@yahoo.com](mailto:rotlway@yahoo.com)

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# Resurrection of the Lord

## Parish

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**We invite you to join us in worship**

**Tuesday**

4:30 p.m. Mass

**Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. Mass @ Resurrection Alger

**Thursday**

9:00 a.m. Mass

**Friday**

9:00 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Rosary

**Saturday**

4:30 p.m. Mass

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Mass @ Resurrection Alger

10:30 a.m. Mass

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38  
or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday**

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;  
Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday**

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,  
8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday**

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  
Mk 1:40-45

**Friday**

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19;  
Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday**

**Saint Hilary**

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;  
Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

**Our Gifts For Last Weekend:**

Envelopes:	\$9,652.00
Loose:	721.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,373.25</b>

<b>Mary, Mother of God:</b>	<b>\$1,201.00</b>
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**Stewardship Reflection**

***"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11***

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



**• CONDOLENCES**

We express our condolences to the families of Margaret Stokoszynski and Robert Potts who were buried from the parish this past week. May God comfort their families at this time of loss and may God welcome Margaret and Robert into eternal life.

**• EPIPHANY**

The word Epiphany refers to a **manifestation of the divinity**, was used of a benevolent appearance of God in both the Old and New Testaments.

The magi are gentiles who would not believe in the God of Israel, yet they were compelled to search being led by the star. They discovered more than they could have ever imagined for they encountered the Christ child who is God's Son born to save people from sin and death.

Their gifts and humility before Jesus contrast with the scheming and jealous Herod who wants to destroy anyone who would challenge his power and prestige. The innocent child Jesus who will speak of love and not domination will ultimately teach a new way of living that does not rely on power, prestige, wealth or status, but only on dependence on God's love and providence.

This feast is always timely for the beginning of a new year when economic and political power fool people with the same old temptations to give a tiny nod to God's ways while choosing the dead ends that lead to emptiness and death.

**• THANKS**

As we end the Advent/Christmas Season, I want to thank all of those who enhanced the worship space, sang, played, proclaimed, ministered the Body and Blood of Christ, offered hospitality and welcome, and all of you who gathered to worship.

Thanks, too, to the staff who did so much behind the scenes; the Food Pantry team; the funeral lunch bunch and those we hire to keep the parking lots clear and safe.

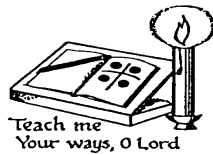
May God bless all of our families all through this New Year!

**• PARISH ADDRESS**

The Post Office has asked us to inform everyone that Post Office Box 306 must be used when mailing anything to the parish. Thank you.

Fr. David





### Family Sacramental Ministry

Welcome 2018, "Be not afraid", Jesus accompanies us through it all. Inspired and renewed here is the next step in our Family Sacramental Program.

Our **Confirmation** date is **April 24**.

Resurrection of the Lord and St. Marks, AuGres will be joining Holy Trinity (Pinconning) in celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**First Eucharist** will be celebrated **May 6** at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

### Child and Parent Gathering

Confirmation Gathering: January 31, 2018 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. (following Wednesday's 3:30—5:00 p.m. Religious Education Classes). Pizza will be provided.

### Youth Ministry Opportunities 2018

#### March for Life

January 18-21 (Washington D.C.) Arenac Right to Life will offer a \$270.00 scholarship to interested youth. Contact Annette at 846-4101 for more information.

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

January 13, 2018. To sign up contact Annette at 846-4101.

**2017 Financial Statements**—Please contact the parish office if you would like a copy of your 2017 yearly (envelope) contribution statement. Copies will be mailed **upon request**. Thank you.

### Prayer Network Intentions

**Successful Treatment:** Jennifer Osier.  
Please keep Jennifer in your prayers.

### Human Trafficking Awareness Day

The Office of Christian Service is offering a seminar on Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Center for Ministry, Diocese of Saginaw. This seminar will provide an overview of human trafficking, the facts vs. the myths, how to recognize and report, who's at risk, and a victim-centered approach to protect human dignity and the basic right of freedom. The presenters are Dawn Bellinger from St. Mary's of Michigan, Center of Hope and Terri Grierson, Director of the Office of Christian Service at the Diocese of Saginaw. (Both presenters were trained by the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force.) Please register by January 8 to Maria Coss at [mcoss@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:mcoss@dioceseofsaginaw.org) or 989-797-6646. There is no fee to attend, but registration is required.

### RESURRECTION FAMILY FUN BOWL

The Parish Life Committee has planned a bowling outing for our family, the family of Resurrection! A family of all ages! If bowling is your game, then see the details below.

#### Family Fun Bowl

Main Street Bowl, Standish

Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

2 pm-4 pm

\$1 per game, shoes extra

Pizza and pop provided by Resurrection of the Lord Limited to 60-70 bowlers.

Please reserve your spot by signing up at Mass the month of January. The bowling alley needs a head count to accommodate us.

For more information contact Ray Gehlman 989-324-9997 or Ron Alley 989-654-3575.

**Join Us When We Recite the Rosary** on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Remember, where two or more of us are found—he is in our midst.

### What do we seek?

Whether we intend it or not, we are all on a journey through this world of ours. Some of these journeys won't take us beyond the confines of our routines, but others lead beyond our wildest dreams. And as we travel, we bring along what's most precious to us—our riches or our relationships or the work of our hands—by any other name, our gold. We also bear frankincense, the symbol of our relationship with God, the "fragrance" of our prayer. Finally, we carry our myrrh, that which prepares us for the hour of our death. All of these gifts are vital, because we have to live fully invested in the world we know, and at the same time live "toward" the world we cannot see that is to come.

The Magi show us how it's done. (We are traveling a road where "someone" at least, has gone before.) We walk by faith and not by certainty. We bring our gifts, prepared to offer them freely at the hour when they are required of us. And perhaps the greatest lesson of the Magi is that, like them, we become what we are seeking. If we turn toward the glitter of this world with its fame and fortune, we become insubstantial, sparkling for only a short while. (Note the progression of our celebrities: on the cover of Time today and The Enquirer tomorrow!) If we turn our faces toward the Holy One, we will become a holy people, and shine like the stars for eternity. Nothing we gain on this route can ever be lost.

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