



St. Anne Catholic Church

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**Fourth Sunday
 of Advent
 December 20, 2020**

Entrance Antiphon for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
 let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior. *cf. Is 45: 8*

Mass

Readings

Mon. DEC. 21

Sg 2:8-14
 Lk 1:39-45

Tues. DEC. 22

1 Sm 1:24-28
 Lk 1:46-56

Wed. DEC. 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
 Lk 1:57-66

Thurs. DEC. 24

2 Sm 7:1-5,
 8b-12, 14a, 16
 Lk 1:67-79

Fri. DEC. 25

Christmas
 Is 52:7-10
 Heb 1:1-6
 Jn 1:1-18

Sat. DEC. 26

St. Stephen, First
 Martyr
 Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59
 Mt 10:17-22

Sun. DEC. 27

The Holy Family of
 Jesus, Mary, and
 Joseph
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
 Col 3:12-21
 Lk 2:22-40



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Mass Times: Saturday, 4 pm // Sunday 7:45 am & 9 am // Tuesday 5:30 pm // Thursday 9 am

Parking Lot Confessions: Saturday 3-3:50 pm

Baptisms: Please make arrangements with pastor at least one month in advance.

Confirmation & First Communion: Please notify the parish office of your need ASAP.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request when suffering from serious illness or before surgery.

St. Al's Masses, Houghton:

(Christmas Break Schedule)

Sunday: 11 am &

5 pm (Parking Lot Mass)

Wed. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Sat.	Dec. 19	4:00 pm	Living & Deceased Members of St. Anne's Altar Society	By St. Anne's Altar Society	Masses
Sun.	Dec. 20	7:45 am	For the People of St. Anne's & St. Al's	By the Parishes	
Sun.	Dec. 20	9:00 am	For a Special Intention	By Terry Peterson	
Tues.	Dec. 22	5:30 pm	† Sr. M. Francette Riebe	By the Franciscan Sisters	
Thurs.	Dec. 24	4:00 pm	† Connie Soumis-Olson	By Paulette Archambeau	
Thurs.	Dec. 24	6:00 pm	† Albert Chaput	By Bernard Chaput	
Thurs.	Dec. 24	8:00 pm	† Virginia Filpus	By Julie Filpus & Bruce Horsch	
Fri.	Dec. 25	9:00 am	† Elaine Chaput	By Tim & Helen Gerard	
Sat.	Dec. 26	4:00 pm	For the People of St. Anne's & St. Al's	By the Parishes	
Sun.	Dec. 27	7:45 am	† Ernie Griff	By Dcn. Tom & Pat Corrigan	
Sun.	Dec. 27	9:00 am	† Judy Austin	By the Lazzari Family	

As we celebrate public Masses with social-distancing, liturgical ministers will be kept to a bare minimum and scheduled directly.

FAITH FORMATION

Outdoor Christmas Pageant There will be a short simple outdoor Christmas Pageant at 3:15 pm before the 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass. The Mass itself is invite-only for our faith formation families but all are welcome to come for the outdoor pageant! It will be by the detached pole barn at St. Anne's.

Faith Formation at St. Anne's It's shifting from week to week. Parents, contact Sr. Jacqueline if you have questions, sisterj@mtucatholic.org

PARISH EVENTS

Upcoming Advent Penance Service 6 pm, Monday, Dec. 21 at St. Anne's in Chassell. Prepare well for Christmas!

Weekly Confession at St. Anne's is at 3 pm in the parking lot. Fr. Tom or Fr. Ben will be parked by the detached garage, pull up next to them.

Christmas Masses Please note the very different schedule this year, on the facing page. With 8 total Masses, we have lots of space... please invite your family and friends!

2021 Offering Envelopes Please pick up your 2021 Offering Envelopes in the side entrance at St. Anne's, they're there in the alphabetical order.

Stained Glass Windows Enjoy the beauty of our newly installed stained glass windows! All you saints, pray for us! As of Friday, all the work should be done for now. We'll be replacing the stucco outside when it warms up in the spring, and we'll be installing the remaining window up in the choir loft then, too. My gratitude to Don Vanderhoff for the restoration work, and for LJJ Contracting for all the carpentry! In particular, my gratitude to the families who have contributed the funds necessary. I hope to have dedication plaques ready in the coming weeks.

Prepare for Advent! Join Sr. Jacquelin on Wednesday, Dec. 23 from 10-10:45 am and 7-7:45 pm. This is a free program from Formed.org, with Sr. Jacqueline facilitating. The next three sessions are: Trust in God by Brigid DeMoore, Watch & Pray by Dr. Ed Sr. and The Gift by Dr. Tim Gray. To receive more information, email sisterj@mtucatholic.org

Mass for Families with Little Kids every Saturday at 9 am. A short daily Mass, a time for families to bring their rambunctious little ones!

Each year at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, the St. Anne's St. Vincent de Paul Conference provides grocery gift cards to friends in need in the Chassell (49916 Zip Code) area. If you'd like to suggest friends to be added, leave a message at 523-4904 with their names and contact info.

Life Outreach Center December Diaper Drive During December, please help support local families in our community by donating any brand and size (especially 4,5, and 6) diapers and baby wipes in the box located at the entrance.

Parking Lot Mass at St. Al's

Sundays at 5 pm at St. Al's! Watch from the parking lot, hear the Mass through your phone, receive communion from inside your car. Since you are in your own car, mask not required.

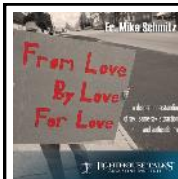
Basic Pandemic Safety Reminders

- If you have a **positive COVID test or COVID symptoms**, please do not come to Mass.
- Please wear a **mask** in church.
- Please **sanitize** your hands when you arrive, and before communion in the pew, if you can.
- Please observe **social distance spacing**: every other pew is blocked, a spot for one or two people at each end. If you're a family of three or more, please take a whole pew.
- Bishop John encourages everyone to receive **communion in the hand**, and please **stay spaced** out in the line.
- No collection: but please put something in the basket up front if you can! **We are grateful for your support!**



Words of Wisdom from Bishop Frederic Baraga

About four o'clock in the morning, Baraga could be found kneeling on the cold, frozen ground, deeply engrossed in prayer. To talk thus to his Master rekindled his every burning missionary Zeal into a lambent flame.



NEW CDs from Lighthouse Talks/ Augustine Institute are located in the side entrance. Please donate \$3 per CD.

From Love, By Love, For Love Fr. Michael Schmitz tackles some of the most difficult topics in the Church today. With compassion, clarity, and humor, he shows that the Church's teachings on contraception and same-sex attraction are rooted in the yearnings for authentic love that is shared by all, who are made in the image and likeness of God.

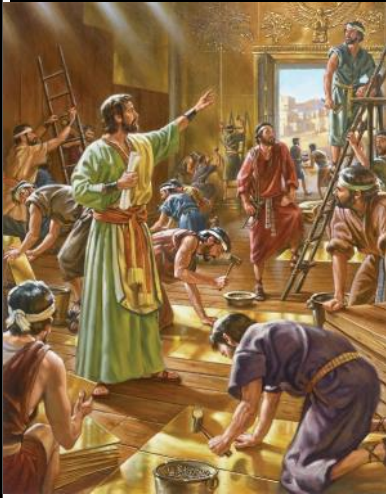


Looking for a new show to watch?

Go to Formed.org!

Dec. 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree
The Story of the Nativity
Brother Francis: O Holy Night
The Blessings of Christmas
The Strangers at the Manger



“But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: ‘Go, tell my servant David, “Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?”’ “It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my

people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance.

David wanted to build God a house. It seems a worthy endeavor, and initially the Prophet Nathan affirmed David’s desire. But God spoke and said something unexpected... he reminded David that all of his successes and accomplishments were really from God. God made that enduring promise to David that was fulfilled with the coming of the Christ.

Do we often forget that it is FIRST about what God has done and is doing for us? That God’s plan and God’s timing are what govern all things? God chose to establish His Kingdom in a way NO ONE really expected... what might He do in us and through us if we let Him!

We ask the Lord that the few remaining days of this Advent Season might be a time of spiritual preparation, of purification, of deeper self knowledge. **May God’s mercy and power prepare our hearts both to receive the Christ Child, but also to proclaim Him, to testify to Him!**

For Christmas, there will be 8 Masses between our two parishes, so we should have plenty of seats. **Please note, the 4 pm Mass at St. Anne’s is invitation only**, so that we can get our families with little kids into our limited seating. The 4 pm Mass at St. Al’s will be a Parking Lot Mass... so unlimited space. Both 8 pm Masses will be by candlelight!

We’ll be celebrating these liturgies with less than our full pomp and circumstance in some respects... but we can still celebrate safely, and with deep reverence! **Please invite family members and friends to come to one of our Christmas Masses with you!**

Our last vicariate Advent Penance Service is at St. Anne’s this Monday at 6pm! Please come and make a good confession! There will also be confessions at St. Al’s on Tuesday at 8 pm and Wednesday at 4:30 pm.

In the hubbub of the coming holy days, **please make it a point to stop by St. Anne’s during the day for some quiet prayer.** Use our new stained glass windows as a springboard for praising God. Go for a quiet walk by yourself or with your family and pray the rosary. Prepare the room of your heart, mind, and soul to receive Him!

This is also a great time to spend some quiet time with the Nativity accounts in Scripture in Matthew and Luke!

After a lot of generosity this month, we are over budget year-to-date on collections for the first time in months! **Thank you so much for your generous and timely support of St. Anne’s!!!**

God Bless, Fr. Ben

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

4 pm, St. Al’s (Parking Lot)

6 pm, St. Anne’s and St. Al’s

8 pm, St. Anne’s and St. Al’s (Candlelight Only Mass)

Christmas Day

9 am, St. Anne’s

11 am, St. Al’s



Eucharistic Adoration

Solemn Exposition & Benediction:

Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

First Fridays:

4 pm Friday - 5 pm Saturday



Let’s Eat! Dinners

Sunday, December 20

We are providing a take-home meal for you! Sunday, December 20 from 4-5 pm at Holy Trinity in Chassell. Step out of your car, take a meal container from the table. Please limit meals to one per person in car, plus one max. Menu: Turkey breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and green beans, roll, dessert and fruit.

Did you forget your giving envelope?

Give online to St. Anne’s!

Make one-time, monthly or weekly gifts!

stannechassell.org/give-online

St. Anne’s CONTRIBUTIONS

Message from our faithful collection counters:

Please use your envelopes,

it makes the counting process much smoother!

December 12 th & 13 th , 2020	Year to Date	
Envelopes	\$2,720.00	\$51,623.50
Loose	\$265.00	\$4,869.04
Children	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holy Days	\$125.00	\$1,280.00
Initial Offering	\$0.00	\$10.00
Heating/Cooling	\$0.00	\$945.00
Total	\$3,110.00	\$58,727.54
Budgeted	\$2,436.55	\$58,477.20
Overage/(Shortfall)	+\$673.45	+\$250.34



10% of our parish income is tithed to ministries that directly assist those in need.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process in which people can investigate Catholicism. We welcome anyone who wants to explore the teachings of the Church. Meetings take place each Sunday from noon - 1:30 pm at St. Al's, after the 11 am Mass. **To get involved, contact Sister Jacqueline: cell 906-231-6862, sisterj@mtucatholic.org**

Are you or a loved one experiencing homosexual attractions and looking for answers?

Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. It also has an outreach called **EnCourage** which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions.



Visit couragerc.net for more information.

St. Anne Parish Finance Council 2019/2020



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Life Outreach Center

Think you're pregnant? Not sure what to do? We listen. We care. We can help. There is hope.

906-482-8681 lifoutreachhoughton@gmail.com
lifoutreachcenter.org

300B Quincy St. Hancock, MI 49930

Hours of Operation: (or by appointment)

Monday 11 am - 5 pm / Tuesday Closed

Wednesday-Friday noon - 5 pm

Do you have room in your heart and home for a child in need? Interested in helping children by becoming a licensed foster parent or adopting? If you want to learn more, please contact Mary Sparapani at (906) 282-4605 or mkrause@cssup.org



Do you or does someone you love struggle with addiction?



Along with prayer, Confession, Eucharist, and spiritual counsel, our faith encourages us to seek tested healing resources, among them many good 12-step programs. Several such groups meet regularly at St. Al's; to be referred to one that might be a good fit for you or your loved one, call 906-482-7778, or talk to Fr. Ben.



What's Happening at St. Anne's? (Christmas Week, *monthly events italic*)

Sunday	7:45 am 9 am	Mass Mass
Monday		
Tuesday	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Holy Hour Mass
Wednesday		
Thursday Christmas Eve	4 pm 6 pm 8 pm	Christmas Eve Mass, <i>invitation only</i> Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Eve Mass, Candlelight only (Mass at these 3 times at St. Al's also)
Friday	9 am	Christmas Day Mass (there is also Mass at 11 am at St. Al's)
Saturday	9 am 3 pm 4 pm	Mass for families with little children Parking Lot Confessions Mass

**St. Anne's Church is open
for your prayer each day!**

Beard to Holiness Chart

