



From the Desk of  
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Happy Easter!

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the many who made the journey of Holy Week to Easter a prayerful journey that led us to great rejoicing at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. The generous gift of time and talent with the various set ups, and those willing to serve in ministry (this includes those who agreed to have their foot washed!), thank you! Thank you to our parishioners and visitors who came and participated in the various liturgies throughout that week. Congratulations to our newest members of the Catholic Church: Brandie Palot, Chandon Palot, Harper Palot, Zachary Vega, Joe Allen, Tony Martin, Miles Martin and Parker Martin! Our parishes are blessed to walk with you and rejoice with you as you continue your faith journey, all together as one body in Christ. Alleluia!

Here are some announcements:

**Just a reminder** that Father Mike, with some of our parishioners (including me) will be on a Marian pilgrimage starting Monday, April 13 through Saturday, April 25. We will be having some visiting priests.

- Weekend of April 18/19 Food For the Poor, Maryknoll Priest: Father Bob Vujs  
*Thank you to those who will be making his stay possible by providing transportation and meals!* Please note: There will be no confessions on this weekend.
- Saturday, April 25 4 PM Mass Father Joy Lipin from St. Francis in Traverse City. He will be hearing confessions at 3:15 that Saturday.
- Sunday, April 26 9 AM & 11 AM Father Mike will be back and leading us in prayer.
- For both weekends the sub for Sharon is Suzanne Colligan.

Thank you to all of you for making our visiting priests and musician welcomed.

**Administrative Assistant and Office information:** We have hired an Administrative Assistant. He is starting on Monday, April 27. Stop in and say hi to Josh Fox.

I also want to thank Jule Moore for her dedication, ministry, and love for the parishes, and for coming in and helping out during this transition. She will be helping Josh get established in this position. Jule and her husband are helping their daughter and son-in-law by taking care of their children when they are at work.

With that in mind, for the next few weeks the office hours will be different.

- April 13-17 M 10-3, Tu 9-4, Wed 9-3, Thurs 9-3, Friday Closed
- April 20-24 M 10-3, Tu Closed, Wed 9-3, Thurs and Fri Closed
- April 27-May 1 M 10-3, Tu 9-4, Wed/Thurs 9-4, Fri By Appointment

Sue LeFaivre will be in the office on the M & W – holding down the fort while I am gone! Thank you Sue for all your dedication and hard work you do for the parishes!

**Please keep our Confirmation/First Communion Candidates and their families** in prayer as they move toward celebrating Confirmation/First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 16, at 11 AM at St. Ann's in Cadillac:

Andy Borden, Jean Paul Fox, Brady Kolanowski, Jacob Litwinski, and Miles Martin.

Then on Sunday, May 17, we will have a reception after the 11 AM Mass at St. Mary's to congratulate these boys.

**Graduating High School Seniors:**

There will be information forthcoming of a scholarship opportunity through the Knights of Columbus. Please watch the bulletin for the application or call the office if you have questions.

Also, we will honor the graduating Seniors on Sunday, May 31 after the Mass(es). I will be sending out letters when I return. If you don't receive a letter by May 9, please contact the office.

**Adoration schedule:** St. Mary's – 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 12-3pm and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10 am- Noon  
St. Aloysius – Every Wednesday 9-10am

**May Crowning:** SA: 9 AM Mass, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
SM: 11 AM Mass, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Sisters in Strength:** (For all single women in the parishes) We gather the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month  
**April** gathering cancelled, however if you are going to the Chris Stefanick REBOOT!  
Event on April 29 in Gaylord and want to car pool or need a ride, please call the office. For more information on the event or to purchase a ticket go to [dioceseofgaylord.org](http://dioceseofgaylord.org) and in the search type Chris Stefanick

**May** gathering May 28 Going to the Upper Bar in Fife Lake for lunch. More information forthcoming.

**CSA for 2026-27** Kicks Off on May 2/3. Our goals are based on 19.92% of our ordinary income for the last fiscal year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025). Ordinary income is from the Sunday and Holy Day Collections. Our goals are:

St. Mary: \$41,517 St. Aloysius: \$19,317

You will be receiving a postcard and a letter from Bishop Walsh speaking to the upcoming campaign. We have exceeded our goals for both parishes last year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! The excess is returned to the individual parish and has been put towards the driveway repair fund for each parish.

**PRAYERS FOR PEACE:** the Pope scheduled another global prayer vigil for peace, to be held at St. Peter's Basilica today/yesterday. So, this weekend, please offer up prayers for peace for the world.

In closing, thank you, each parishioner and our visitors, for making our parishes vibrant and being Christ in the world.

May Our Risen Lord fill you with Easter Joy! God Bless you. See you in 2 weeks.

Denise