

THE DRIFT

Blue Water Vicariate

January, 2022

From the Vicar

As we are still traditionally within the “Christmas cycle”, it’s not inappropriate for me to wish you a Merry Christmas. Nor do I have to use the word “belated”. Even though many trees used for Christmas have already been discarded (or boxed up for those who go artificial) and many decorations have already been taken down, it’s not wrong for us to continue to meditate on the Christmas mysteries (even if you might be reading this during what we now refer to as “Ordinary Time”). It is one of the beautiful things about the Church’s liturgical calendar: it gives us time to sit and reflect. We are allowed to imitate the example of Our Blessed Mother who “kept all these things, pondering them in her heart” (Luke 2:19).

It’s not easy living within a culture that is always in a hurry, ruled by deadlines, never at rest, perpetually stimulated. It can be physically and mentally demanding, and it is in fact quite detrimental to us spiritually. That’s why it’s a blessing that as Catholics, we are given the time to slow down. Hopefully, we take advantage of it. For us as Catholics, despite the appearance of decorations and lights and the sound of Christmas (or “holiday”) music since the beginning of November, the Church has the discipline never to rush immediately into Christmas. She first has an Advent season that gives us time to reflect on who Christ is, why He’s coming, and what we need to do to prepare for Him.

As Catholics, we don’t celebrate Christ’s birth on December 25 and then throw out our trees and take down our decorations on December 26 as if to say, “Thank God that’s over”. We are given an entire Christmas season (and especially a Christmas octave) that allows us to continue to celebrate and more importantly meditate on the meaning of Christ’s birth and what my response must be (By the way, am I the only one who yells, “It’s still Christmas!” at the TV when on December 26, I see some place advertising an “After Christmas” sale?).

For us, neither is the Epiphany just one day. There is a time “After Epiphany” leading up to the Baptism of the Lord that gives us time to reflect on why Christ has revealed Himself to the world. Those who participate in the Traditional Latin Mass are familiar with an Epiphany season that extends until the pre-Lenten (Septuagesima) season.

Why does the Church have these prolonged seasons while the culture is constantly moving on to the next thing? Number one, because we need time. The mysteries that we celebrate are exactly that: mysteries. We cannot fully understand them on our own, nor can we ever fully understand them even in an entire lifetime. But that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t try. In fact, faith demands that we try. These liturgical seasons give us

time to pray and to ask God to help us to understand their meaning so that faith can grow.

Number two, because the culture needs our witness. Christ came to be our Savior. Hopefully, we know that and have thought about what that means and how it must change my life. But how many people who celebrated Christmas looked upon the Child as their Savior? How many people who celebrated Christmas think that they don’t need a Savior, that they’re just fine without one, or recognize Him in Christ? The fact that we still celebrate the coming of the Savior even long after most people have moved on is a simple way to announce humanity’s need for a Savior and that He is Christ alone.

Number three, it reminds us that all things belong to God – even time. Our proper observance of these seasons reminds us that all time is God’s. Time doesn’t belong to the world nor to us. The world may say it’s “After Christmas”, but it doesn’t get to say that. By these seasons, the Church sanctifies time and reminds everyone that all time belongs to God. Observing these liturgical seasons is our way of taking time back and giving it to the Lord.

The Month of the Holy Name

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. It is highlighted by the Church’s observance of the Feast of the Holy Name on January 3. Without faith in the supernatural, something is going to fill the void: politics, bureaucracy, endless programs, more bureaucracy. We think that these can save the world. We have a Savior. Jesus is His Name.

The Name “Jesus” means “God saves”. Jesus came into the world to be our Savior, and so our observance of the Holy Name helps us continue our celebration of the Christmas mysteries.

This month, resolve to be aware of your use of the Name of Jesus. If you have the habit of using God’s Name in vain, work on being rid of that habit. We have to be careful not to use Our Lord’s Name casually, and it is gravely sinful to use His Name as a curse.

Also, consider how you can be a witness to the Holy Name. In times past when it was common for men to wear hats, it was customary to remove one’s hat at the Name of Jesus. Priests who wear a biretta at the Traditional Mass still remove it at the Name of Jesus. In the absence of a hat, one can bow his/her head at the Name of Jesus.



Holy Family Parish Knights of Columbus #10501



Dinner includes Chicken Parmesan, Cheese Ravioli, Italian Sausage, Tossed Salad, Dessert and Beverage

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When: Saturday, January 22nd, 2022, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: Holy Family Life Center.

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Dine in or Carry Out via Drive Thru behind the Life Center.

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Grief Work – Healing From Loss

This workshop will engage those who grieve and help them to identify, internalize and/or verbalize personal feelings while working through the grieving process.

Each week will contain an activity, educational handouts and journaling pages.

Every Wednesday
Jan. 12 to Feb. 23, 2022
1:00pm to 2:30pm

RSVP: Tina 586-725-1762
So that I may prepare materials for you.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Parish Hall
9764 Dixie Hwy., Ira, MI 48023
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Joy to the World
You Are Invited
Immaculate Conception
Christmas Concert
 (Formerly known as the Epiphany Concert)

Sunday, January 9, 2022 @ 2:30pm
In the Parish Hall
97464 Dixie Hwy, (enter off Church Rd)
Ira, MI 48023

Lyre and hornpipe as depicted in stained-glass window in loft at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Celtic Cross, Choir, Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Brass

Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long

Light Snacks and Refreshments Following
 (You may bring a dish to pass)

Sponsored by Immaculate Conception Music Ministry

MARCH FOR LIFE 2022

ALL AGES EVENT

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Thursday, January 20th
6:00am Departure from Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church-Emmett, MI
6:00pm Hotel Check In
Friday, January 21st
Morning Free Time
Noon-Participate in the March for Life
Evening Free Time
Saturday, January 22nd
6:00am Depart from Hotel
6:00pm Arrive at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church-Emmett, MI

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- *Meals are not provided
- *Space is limited and spots will be filled in the order in which forms and payment are received
- *Waivers will need to be signed prior to departure
- *Minors must be accompanied by a parent or authorized adult chaperone



QUESTIONS?

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Blue Water Vicariate Directory

Including Weekend Mass and Confession Times (Please call for daily Mass schedule or to confirm)

Holy Family Parish (Memphis)

Phone: 810-392-2056

Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 10:30 am & 5:30 pm

Confession: Saturday 3:30 pm

St. Augustine Parish (Richmond) *

Phone: 586-727-5215

Masses: Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 7:30 am & 9 am

Confession: Wednesday 8:45 am Saturday 5 pm

Holy Trinity Parish

St. Joseph Church (Port Huron)

Phone: 810-984-2689

Mass: Sunday 11 am

Confession: Wednesday 6 - 7 pm

St. Stephen Church (Port Huron)

Phone: 810-984-2689

Masses: Saturday 4 pm, Sunday 9 am

Confession: Saturday 9 am to 10 am

Immaculate Conception Parish (Ira Township) *

Phone: 586-725-3051

Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 8 am, 10 am & 12 pm

Confession: Saturday 3:30 pm

Thursday after 8:30 am Mass

Our Lady on the River Parish

Holy Cross Church (Marine City) *

Phone: 810-765-3568

Masses: Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 8 am & 9:30 am

Confession: Friday after 9 am Mass

St. Catherine of Alexandria Church (Algonac)

Masses: Saturday 4 pm, Sunday 11:30 am

Confession: Saturday 3 pm

St. Mark Chapel (Harsens Island)

Mass: Sunday 10am

St. Christopher Parish (Marysville)

Phone: 810-364-4100

Masses: Sunday 8 am, 11 am & 5:30 pm

Confession: Saturday 3 - 4 pm or by appointment

St. Edward on the Lake (Lakeport) *

Phone: 810-385-4340

Masses: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 10 am & 12 pm

Tridentine Mass: Sunday 8 am

Confession: Sunday 7:30 am & 9:30 am,

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 7:30 am, Thursday 6 pm,

Saturday 7:30am, 8:30 am & 4 pm, First Friday 6:30 pm

St. Mary Parish (Port Huron) *

Phone: 810-982-7906

Masses: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 9 am, & 11 am

Confession: Saturday 4 pm, Thursday 8:45 am-9:30 am,

1st Friday 8-9 pm or by appt.

St. Mary Parish (St. Clair)

Phone: 810-329-2255

Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 8:30 am & 11:30 am

Confession: Saturday 9:45 am

St. Mary Mystical Rose

Phone: 586-784-5966

Masses: Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 am

Confession: Saturday 3:00 pm

St. Mary Queen of Creation (New Baltimore)

Phone: 586-725-2441

Masses: Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 9 am & 11 am

Tridentine Mass: Sunday 1:00 pm

Confession: Wednesday during 6 pm Holy Hour

Saturday 11:30 am

* Indicates Catholic School on campus

Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School (Marine City)

Phone: 810-765-8825



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