

Ste. Anne's Newsletter

September 2025

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Chaldeans Make Their Annual Pilgrimage

Every year around the Exaltation of the Cross (September 14th) Ste. Anne's welcomes crowds of Chaldeans on their annual pilgrimage to Michigan churches. During their pilgrimage they stop at Cross in the Woods in Indian River for Mass and visit other churches in the area including Ste. Anne's.

This year we had a large group that enjoyed visiting the sanctuary for prayers and meditation as well as the museum and gift shop. We are always honored to be included in this pilgrimage and look forward to welcoming everyone back again next September.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our visitors stay wonderful! We are very grateful to Marc Bobinsky and Murray Hotel for their wonderful donations of delicious baked goods and to Tim and Debbie Megge, Val Porter and Molly Sommers for all of their help in the gift shop and with set up.



Thank you to Mackinac Landscape & Gardens for the beautiful new flowers that they donated and planted in our garden!



Schedule

Saturday Mass

5:30 PM **Confession 5:00 PM**

(Until October 25th)

Sunday Mass

10:30 AM

(Daily Mass will be cancelled from September 23rd – October 24th while Fr. John is traveling. We will still have weekend Masses during this time.)

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 8:30 am

Weekly Rosary Group

Thursdays at 10:00 am through October 9th



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Fr. John is Traveling for a Month

Our priest Fr. John Essel has a busy traveling schedule for September and October. From Monday, September 15th through Thursday, September 17th Fr. John traveled to Green Bay Wisconsin for an annual diocese wide priest convocation. They met for fellowship, prayer and spiritual guidance. The topic this year was on Praying the Psalms of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Fr. John returned for the weekend of September 20th and then began traveling again on Monday September 22nd to return to his home in Ghana for a month. Fr. John hasn't been able to travel home for a couple of years so we are very excited for him to have this opportunity. While he is traveling, Fr. Rick Courier will be covering his weekend Masses on September 27/28, October 4/5 and October 10/11. Fr. Matthew Chatterier will be covering Mass the weekend of October 18/19. We will welcome Fr. John back for Mass on October 25th.

While Fr. John is traveling, we will not be holding daily Masses at Ste. Anne's but we will still continue to hold weekend Masses as well as our rosary group every Thursday at 10:00 AM. We wish Fr. John safe travels and look forward to his return in October!

Summer Raffle is Wrapping Up; St. Patrick's Day Raffle Tickets are Available!

As our summer season is winding down so is our summer raffle. As of this newsletter being printed we do still have tickets available for sale but we are running low. Both of our yearly raffles assist us in keeping our doors open and our building maintained. Ste. Anne's currently has around 90 families but of those families only around 30 are year-round and that makes it harder to maintain a building such as Ste. Anne's with the help of such a small number of people. We are so grateful to our visitors who allow us to continue to be open and our raffle tickets are both a way to support our church and to offer something back to our visitors and donors.

The summer raffle this year will be held on Sunday, October 26th after 10:30 AM Mass. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and can be purchased after weekend Masses, in the gift shop or by contacting the Church Office. The prize package includes:

- A One Night Stay at the Grand Hotel with Breakfast Included
- Dinner for 6 at the 1852 Grill Room
- Private Carriage Tour from Mackinac Island Carriage Tours
- 2 Half Day Bike rentals from Mackinac Wheels
- And a 1 Year Family Membership to Mackinac State Historic Parks

We still have raffle tickets for our St. Patrick's Day raffle available. This raffle will continue until Saturday, March 7th. Along with the raffle drawing we will also have a St. Patrick's Day Dinner on that day. The purchase of a St. Patrick's Day ticket includes one free dinner at our adults only St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Reservations are required by February 1, 2026. Tickets can also be purchased after weekend Masses, in the gift shop or by contacting the Church Office. The prizes for the St. Patrick's Day raffle include:

1 st : \$3,000	5 th : \$1,000
2 nd : \$1,000	6 th : \$1,000
3 rd : \$1,000	7 th : \$1,000
4 th : \$1,000	8 th : \$1,000

*Congratulations to parishioners Phil and Val Porter on their 50th Anniversary and
Vow Renewal this month!*