

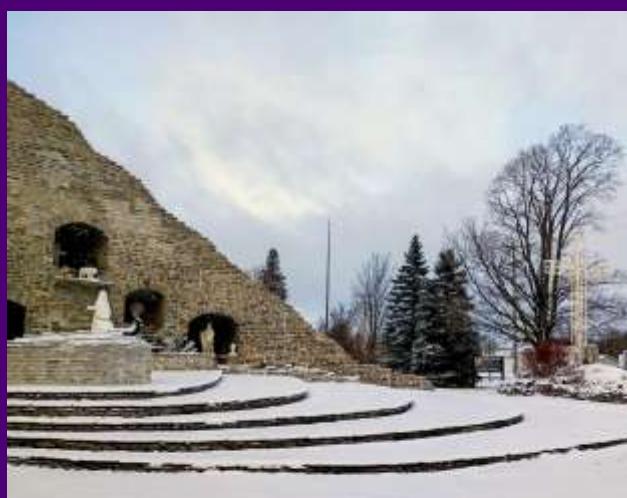


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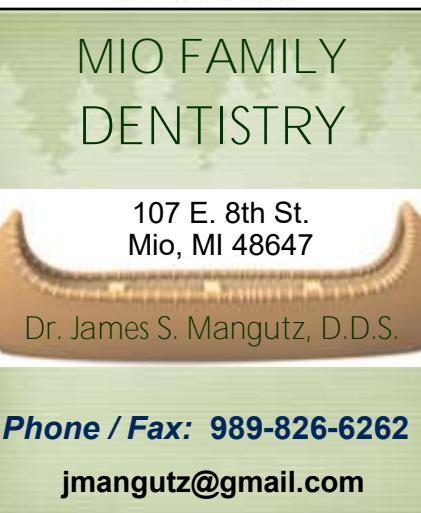
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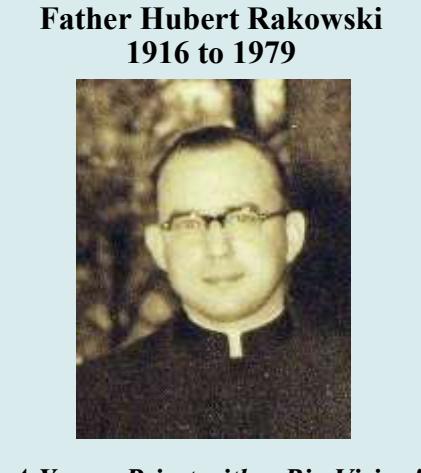
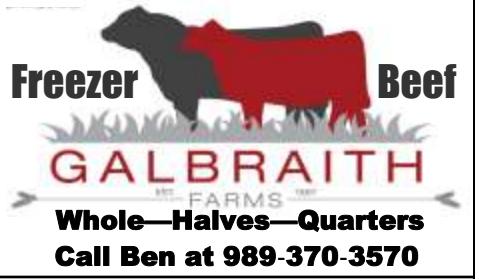
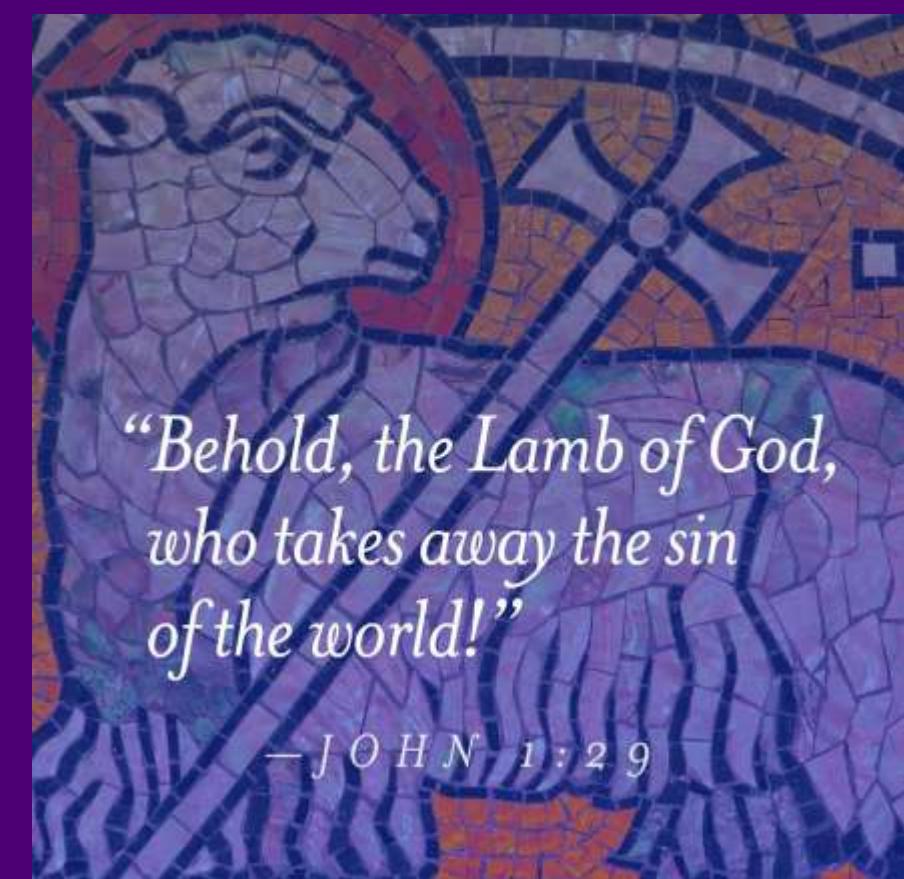


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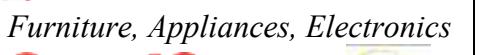
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026



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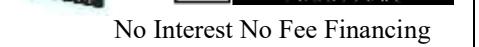
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Rosary at 7:30 pm
3rd Degree meetings
1st Monday of month 8:00 pm

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Bulletin Deadline: Monday

MASS SCHEDULE

NO DAILY MASS

January 20th-February 6th

AS FR. SAN IS TAKING
A VACATION IN THE
PHILIPPINES.

WEEKEND MASSES
WILL CONTINUE AS USUAL
WITH A VISITING PRIEST.



Saturday—January 24
3:00-3:25 pm Reconciliation with
Fr. Larry Boks

3:25 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Mass celebrated by Fr. Larry Boks
+Luke Farhat
(Marisa Farhat)

Sunday—January 25
8:00-8:25 am Reconciliation with
Fr. Larry Boks
8:25 am Rosary
9:00 am Mass celebrated by Fr. Larry Boks
+Gerald & +Marie Brown
(Cathy Brown-Kuba)

PRAYER LIST

NAMES STAY ON FOR UP TO ONE YEAR AND
ARE THEN MOVED TO THE CHURCH PRAYER BOOK

Brian Urbanski, Kerri Pennington, Greg Pennington, Wally Cox, Cynthia VanVleck, Rich Valley, Jude Brammel, Marianne Roddy, Jim, Sharon LeBlanc, Marilyn Hood, Marty Landman, Natalie Davidson, Donna Nicolay, Robert Stevens, Chris Horger, Joe Regnier, Bob Beale, Chris DeMoines, Sophia Camaj, Irene Bryske, Connie Cook, Gary Babcock, Marcia Botkin, Buck Bradley, George Hammerle, James Schick

Sun: Rev. Michael Verschaeve

Mon: Vocations Tues: Rev. Duane Wachowiak
Wed: Rev. Matthew Wigton Thurs: Rev. Peter Wigton
Fri: Rev. Robert Zuchowski Sat: Seminarians

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS



Annual
March for Life
Hosted by Oscoda
County
Right-to-Life



Wednesday, January 21, 2026

11:00 am Coffee & Donuts in the parish hall

12:00 noon Walk to Car Wash & Back

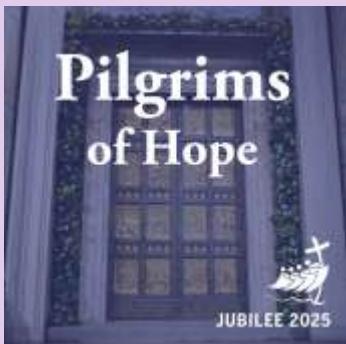
1:00 pm Soup & Sandwich Lunch in hall

*Everyone is welcome to join us as we
celebrate the life God has given us!*

*See bulletin insert this week for
Baby Shower ideas for our local pregnancy
center—please bring items anytime to
the parish hall.*

Prizes for Jubilee Year of Hope

In thanksgiving for the graces from the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese is offering a prize to any pilgrim who attended at least eight Jubilee Liturgies and made a pious visit to all three pilgrimage sites during the Jubilee Year.



Pilgrims who wish to receive this prize should send a photo of their stamped passport to Cameron Diachun at cdiachun@dioceseofgaylor.org or call (989) 705-3519.

Stewardship Report

Average Monthly Operating Budget:	\$	19,000.00
Loose, Envelopes & Misc.	\$	5,072.54
Coffee and Donuts	\$	46.00
Candles	\$	4.00
Mass Intentions	\$	30.00
Rental Income	\$	400.00
January Income to Date	\$	10,181.54

Up to \$10,000 will be matched dollar-for-dollar now through 01/31/26!



Donation Matching

*Help us finish our
Shrine Restoration....*

**to date we have \$9,637.15 of our
\$10,000.00 Match.**

**Thank you so much—we are just
a squiggle away from our goal!**

Painting with Friends



Sunday January 18, 2026 1:00 PM
St. Mary's Catholic Church

11X14 \$25 or 16x20 \$30

Call 989.808.2646 Delores McArdle or
Kris Babcock 989.808.4240 to register.

SHRINE CORNER

Ordinary Times

The Jubilee Year of 2025 ended on January 6, 2026 with Pope Leo XIV closing the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica. The Christmas season ended with the Baptism of Jesus which was celebrated on January 11, 2026. Now we enter Ordinary times.

Although this is the case, Our Lady of the Woods Shrine is anything but ordinary. It is a place of prayer and meditation to Our Mother Mary and Christ the King.

It is mindboggling to think that around 25 years ago there was consideration given to taking down Our Lady of the Woods Shrine. That would have been a disgrace. How wonderful it is, though, that God led Fr San to start the restoration process back in the fall of 2013. Now completion of the restoration project is in sight thanks to the many volunteers and contractors who worked diligently on its restoration. The result is Our Lady of the Woods Shrine is now a place to pray to Our Mother Mary and to worship Christ the King for years to come. Remember what Fr. San always says - It is through prayer that we can become holy and will bring us closer to Jesus.

My hope is that our bishop makes Our Lady of the Woods Shrine a “Pilgrimage of Hope” sight in the Jubilee Year of 2033. This is the next time the Holy Doors are open in honor of the 2,000th anniversary of Christ’s crucifixion.

Peace be with you in this new year.

Monte Mariani, Shrine Director

“What does the Shrine Mean to Me Essay Contest”

- 1) Deadline is February 1, 2026.
- 2) Write a paper 200 to 400 words long to answer that question. Tell your story, your way; there is no format.
- 3) Essays will be judged by the Pastoral Council.
- 4) The winning essay will be framed and put in the Parish Hall and will receive \$100.00.
- 5) There could be two categories— one for school age and one for the older adults—to be decided yet.

For the bulletin online, go to the Shrine website—olwshrine.org—and click on “Our Parish.”
You can also access it at: dioceseofgaylor.org, ‘Find a Parish’, then find us on the map or list—click on our website.