



DIOCESE  
— *of* —  
GAYLORD

**PASTORAL  
PLAN  
2026**

**LOVE.  
COMMUNION.  
MISSION.**



**“Love never fails.” (1 Cor 13) • “They devoted themselves... to the breaking of the bread.” (Acts 2:42) •  
“Go, therefore, and make disciples.” (Mt 28:19–20)**



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## PASTORAL PLAN 2026

# From the Desk of Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh

For more than a year, the clergy, parish leaders and lay faithful have been working with me on the pastoral plan for our diocese. The guiding theme of our diocesan pastoral planning was the “2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.” As a Church, we are Pilgrims of Hope.

Now, as we begin the implementation of this diocesan pastoral plan in July 2026, the guiding theme will be “*Love, Communion and Mission.*” (L.C.M. in the D.O.G.)

I am grateful to all our priests, deacons, directors of parish life, parish finance and pastoral council members and other key leaders who participated in the planning process and will continue to be instrumental in making it fruitful.

The planning process was marked by careful review of:

- the 2009 Long Range Recommendations Report
- analysis of current data/parish statistics
- realistic assessment of resources

The data-driven process was deeply rooted by collaboration, synodal process, discernment and, of course, prayer.

Despite our daunting challenges, we were hope-filled every step of the way.

Building on the foundation of the virtue of hope, we now look forward with a Gospel-vision of love, communion and mission. Let us not underestimate the tasks that lie ahead and trust more steadfastly in Divine Providence. Clergy and laity alike will be asked to make sacrifices. I would ask us all to embrace the future with the credo of *Love, Communion and Mission.*

### **LOVE – 1 Corinthians: 13**

Love never fails. Love must animate the difficult discussions and actions we take to adapt to changes in our diocesan structures, personnel and schedules.



Not in a trivial way, love is foundational. God is love. Jesus is love incarnate. We are united to Christ and each other through love.

### **COMMUNION – Acts 2: 42**

In all we do, let us strive to be “in union with” God and each other. Sacramental communion is the source of sanctity from which flows awareness of being bonded to others as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are just in the beginning phase of an authentic Eucharistic Revival in our country. Our Lord gives himself to us as food for the journey.

### **MISSION – Matthew: 28:19-20**

“The Great Commission” from Jesus underscores our responsibility to know and share the Gospel. By virtue of our baptism, we are called to be and to make disciples. Our Lord pledged to be with us always. Let’s get to the work of building the kingdom. To God, be all honor and glory.

In his first homily as our Holy Father in May 2025, Pope Leo succinctly captured what I hope will be our embrace of a Church rooted in love, communion and mission:

“Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for *a united Church, a sign of unity and **communion**, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world.*

“In this our time, we still see too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth’s resources and marginalizes the poorest. For our part, we want to be a small leaven of unity, communion and fraternity within the world. We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of **love** and become his one family: *in the one Christ, we are one.* This is the path to follow

together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

“This is the **missionary spirit** that must animate us; not closing ourselves off in our small groups, nor feeling superior to the world. We are called to offer God’s love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people.

“Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters. With my predecessor Leo XIII, we can ask ourselves today: If this criterion “were to prevail in the world, would not every conflict cease and peace return?” (*Rerum Novarum*, 20).

“With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God’s love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made “restless” by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

“Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another.”

*(Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV, May 18, 2025, homily at St. Peter’s Basilica, Rome)*

Through study of hundreds of suggestions, recommendations, comments etc. that were received during the planning process, it became abundantly clear that not only was there need to “rightsize” our diocese, but to celebrate it and invest in it. Lay education, vocations and youth ministry are three particular areas where we will do just





that. Stay tuned for future announcements about a Diocese of Gaylord “JMJ Holy Family Institute” for adult lay formation and education, vocation events and programs, and new initiatives for middle/high students and young adults.

While I could not incorporate every recommendation regarding parishes, I thoughtfully reviewed each one and prayed about them. These final decisions about our parishes reflect a collective wisdom and effort to address the driving factors of:

- clergy availability
- finances
- geography
- seasonal shifts
- parish vibrancy
- clergy wellness

You will notice in this pastoral plan, in addition to the changes with parish clusters, changes of personnel. It is understood that change will bring some anxiety, sadness and perhaps anger. In the time of transition from February to July 2026, resources and help will be available. At the spiritual level, let us ask God for an increase of patience, understanding and kindness.

With this plan, I believe we will be in a better position to meet pastoral needs and enrich the lives of our clergy by:

- reducing the number of parishes from 73 to 56
- decreasing the burden for most priests and parish leaders with minimized clusters and
- adding international and other priests in roles of support

To those who will experience the closure or limited use of a previously active parish, I want to acknowledge your hurt. I have been through it myself. My home parish in Scranton closed in 2007; seven churches eventually merged into one. My family, especially my grandfather, felt this pain deeply.

But we are never left abandoned and remain as a family of faith. It took time, but my parents integrated into the new parish and remained active.

To those who are in a parish that has a new cluster structure, I want to ask for your understanding and patience while adjusting to new people and scheduling. Please be welcoming and generous when it comes to the practicalities – parking, seats in the pews, lay ministry sharing, volunteering etc.

To those in parishes where no apparent changes took place, it is important to recognize the broader Church in our diocese and also be ready to be welcoming and generous to those who may be joining your community from a closed/limited-use church.

To our priests, deacons and directors of parish life, please pray for this pastoral plan to give new life to our diocese. Many of our priests and deacons will experience change and three of our directors of parish life will lose their positions. I am most grateful to Sister Chris Herald, Sister Sue Gardner and Deacon Martin Korson for their many years of ministry and service. As change is different for everyone, be steadfast and true. It is not just a cliché, “God provides.”

The reality of this pastoral plan is that it does indeed reduce the number of churches and shifts personnel, resources and responsibilities. However, it does not solve all our problems – no plan can do that. If today, just one pastor was to fall sick, take a leave of absence, or if God calls one of our pastors home to heaven unexpectedly, more change will be necessary. There, but by the grace of God, go we!

May God bless our stewardship of this local Church. As time moves on, may God also let us experience the good fruit from diocesan branches pruned for more abundant *Love, Communion and Mission* (L.C.M. in the D.O.G.) I am convinced we have fertile soil in the Diocese of Gaylord, and by patiently cultivating seeds of faith now, God will bring about a generational growth.



It is fitting to end with a reminder of the dogmatic constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*) from the Second Vatican Council. Let us take to heart and strive to embody this vision of the mystery of the Church:

“Just as Christ carried out the work of redemption in poverty and persecution, so the Church is called to follow the same route that it might communicate the fruits of salvation to men. Christ Jesus, ‘though He was by nature God...emptied Himself, taking the nature of a slave,’ (77) and ‘being rich, became poor’ (78) for our sakes. Thus, the Church, although it needs human resources to carry out its mission, is not set up to seek earthly glory, but to proclaim, even by its own example, humility and self-sacrifice. Christ was sent by the Father ‘to bring good news to the poor, to heal the contrite of heart,’ (79) ‘to seek and save what was lost.’(80)

“Similarly, the Church encompasses with love all who are afflicted with human suffering and in the poor and afflicted sees the image of its poor and suffering Founder. It does all it can to relieve

their need and in them it strives to serve Christ. While Christ, holy, innocent and undefiled (81) knew nothing of sin, (82) but came to expiate only the sins of the people, (83) the Church, embracing in its bosom sinners, at the same time holy and always in need of being purified, always follows the way of penance and renewal. The Church, ‘like a stranger in a foreign land, presses forward amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God’ (14\*), announcing the cross and death of the Lord until He comes.’ (84) By the power of the risen Lord it is given strength that it might, in patience and in love, overcome its sorrows and its challenges, both within itself and from without, and that it might reveal to the world, faithfully though darkly, the mystery of its Lord until, in the end, it will be manifested in full light.”

In Christ our Life!

Most Reverend Jeffrey J. Walsh  
Bishop of Gaylord

# Diocese-wide Summary Overview

Effective July 1, 2026

## Pastoral Plan 2026 Changes Coming

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Parishes Closing
- 20

Parishes to be Designated Limited-Use Churches
- 757

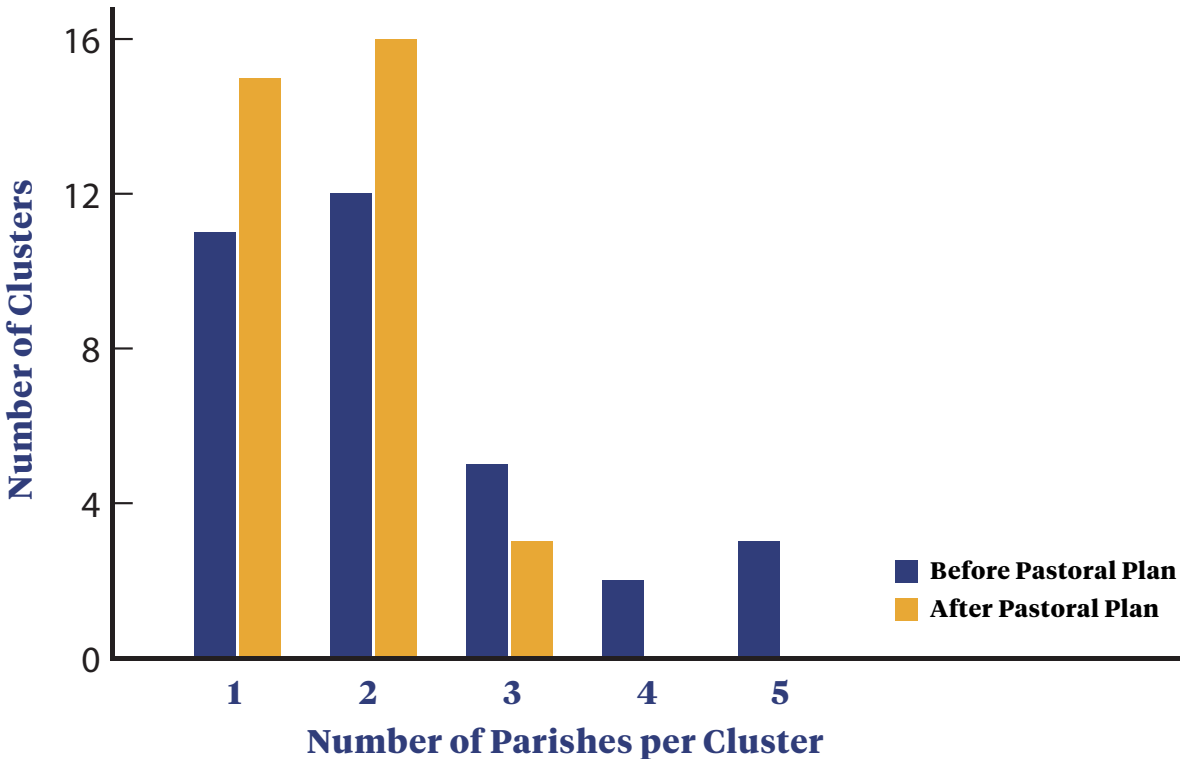
Registered Parishioner Households Affected by Closures/Limited-Use Status
- 18

New Parish Clusters
- 29

Priests with Altered Assignment
- 3/3

Directors of Parish Life/Sacramental Ministers Affected by Changes

## Parish Clusters, Effective July 2026

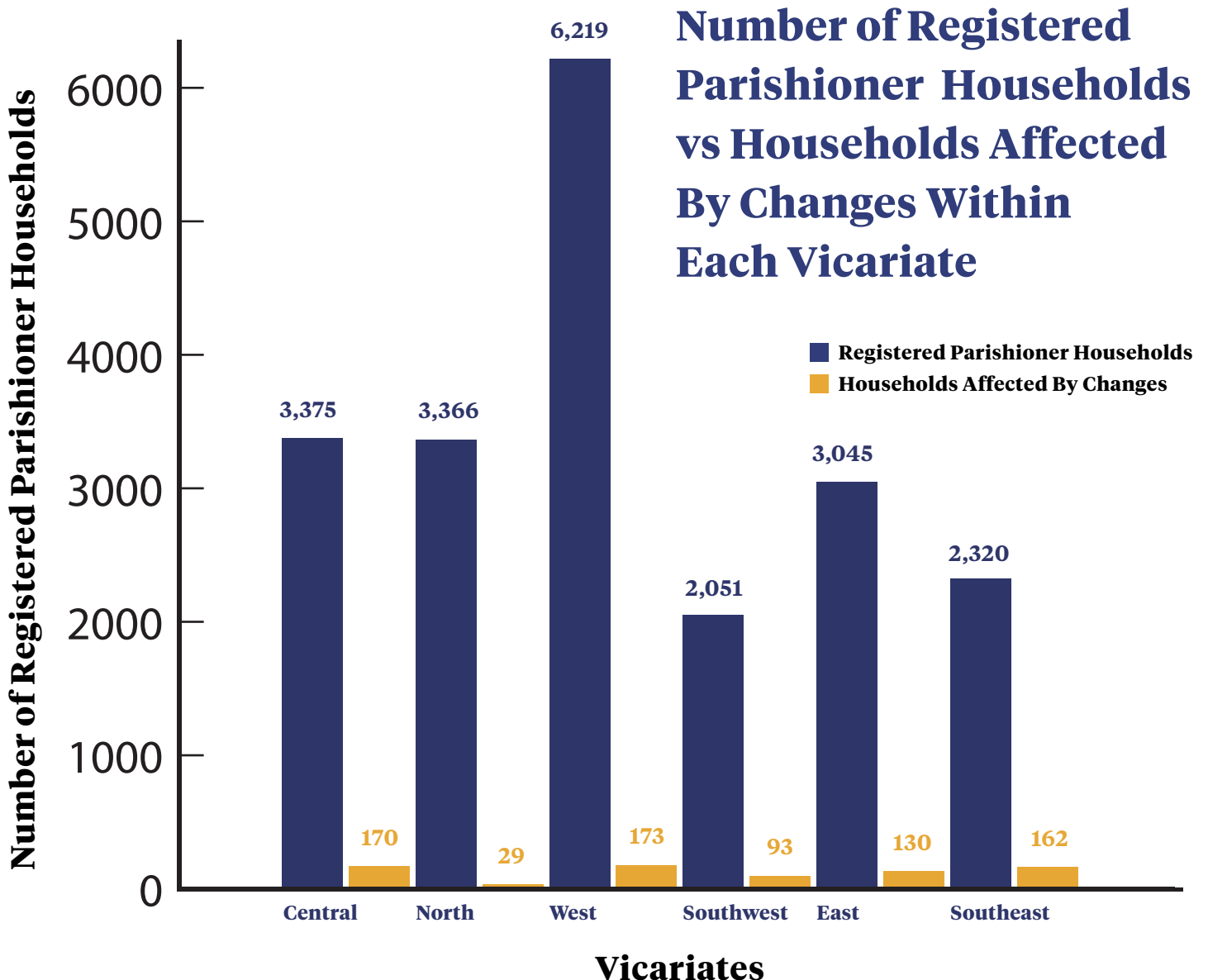




## Projected Priestly Ordinations



## Projected Priestly Retirements



# Diocese At a Glance as of July 2026

56

**Parishes**

29

**Pastors**

29

**Deacons**

20

**Limited-Use  
Churches**

2

**Priest  
Administrators**

8

**Seminarians**

2

**Chapels**

10

**Parochial  
Vicars**

3/3

**Directors of  
Parish Life /  
Sacramental  
Ministers**

9

**International  
priests**

# Parishes to be Designated Limited-Use Churches by Vicariate

## Central Region

- 2 St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Elmira
- 3 Holy Redeemer Parish, Vanderbilt
- 13 St. John Nepomucene Parish, Praga

## North Region

- 19 St. Francis Solanus Chapel, Petoskey
- 21 St. Ignatius Parish, Good Hart
- 31 St. Monica Parish, Afton

## East Region

- 34 St. Dominic Parish, Metz
- 39 St. Bernard Church, Alpena
- 40 St. Mary Church, Alpena
- 41 St. John Church/School, Alpena
- 43 St. Gabriel Parish, Black River

## Southeast Region

- 46 St. Raphael Parish, Mikado
- 53 St. Helen Parish, St. Helen

## Southwest Region

- 59 St. Theresa Parish, Manton
- 60 St. Edward Parish, Harrietta
- 62 Guardian Angels Church, Manistee
- 65 St. Raphael Parish, Copemish

## West Region

- 76 St. Rita and St. Joseph Parish, Maple City
- 79 St. Gertrude Parish, Northport
- 81 St. Wenceslaus Parish, Gill's Pier

# Parishes Closing by Vicariate

## Central Region

0

## North Region

- 25 St. Mary Parish, Burt Lake

## West Region

0

## Southwest Region

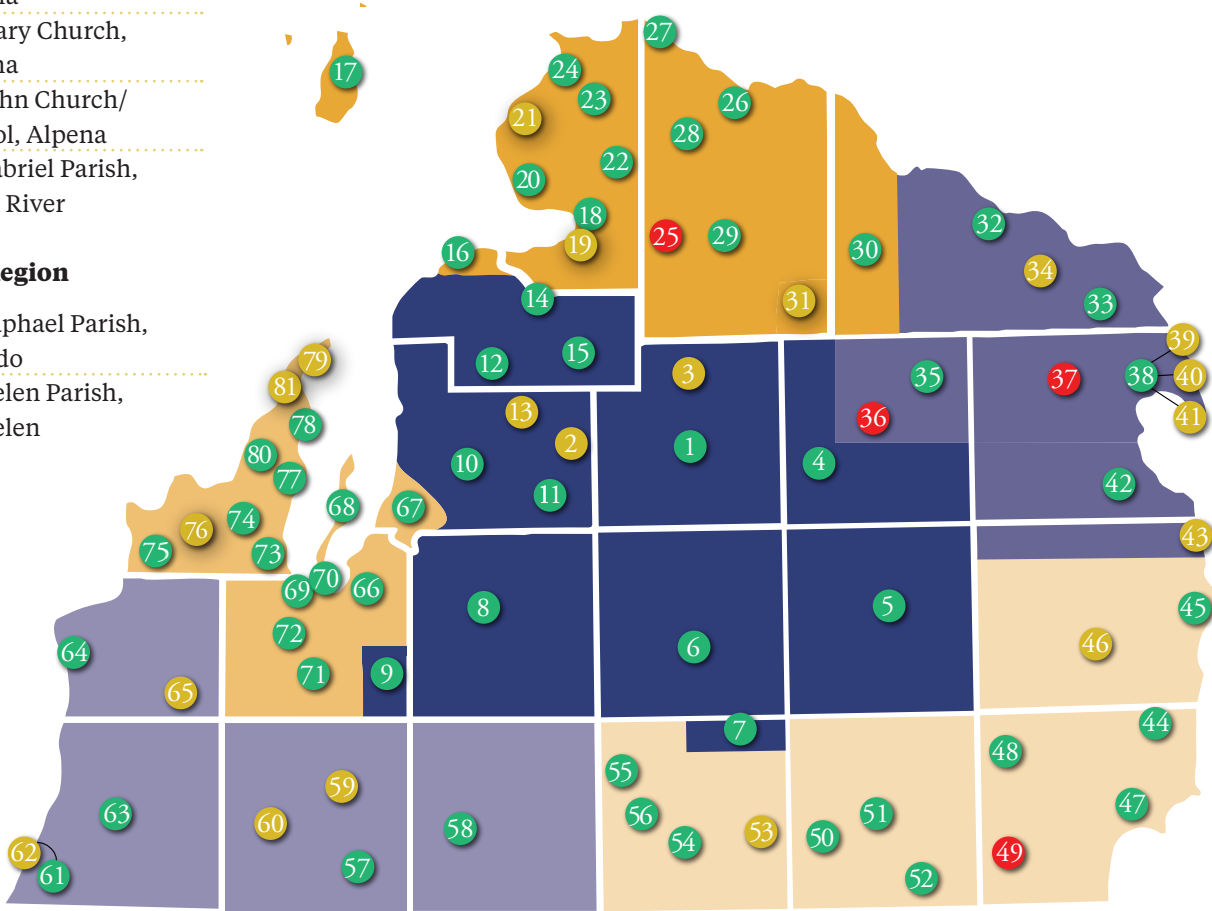
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## East Region

- 36 Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish, Atlanta
- 37 St. Rose of Lima Parish, Herron – Already Closed

## Southeast Region

- 49 St. James Parish, Whittemore – Already Closed

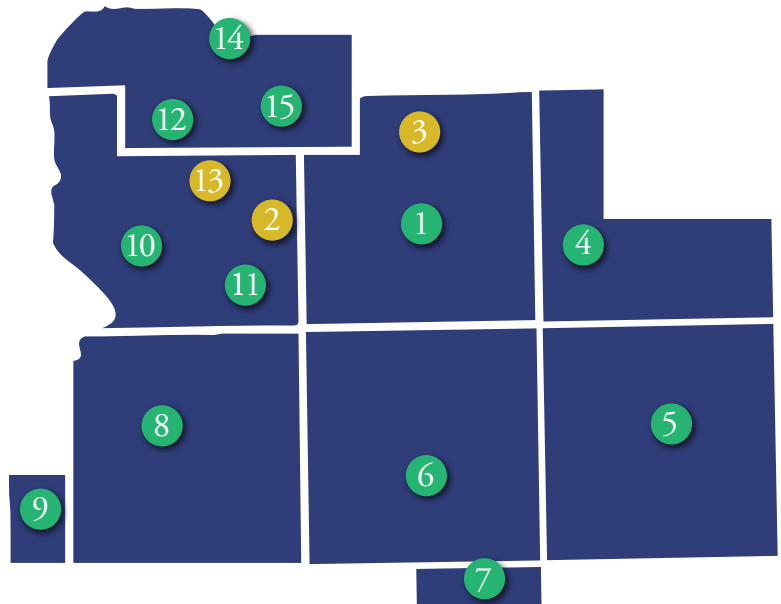


# CENTRAL Vicariate

Vicar: Rev. Matthew Furguele

## Central Vicariate Snapshot

- Parishes – 12
- Parish Clusters – 4
- Limited-Use Churches – 3
- Closing – 0
- Cluster Changing – 2
- Remaining the same – 6
- Pastors – 6
- Parochial Vicars – 0
- Deacons – 8
- International Priests – 0
- Directors of Parish Life/Sacramental Ministers – 2/2



Key: *Open*, *Limited Use*, *Closed*

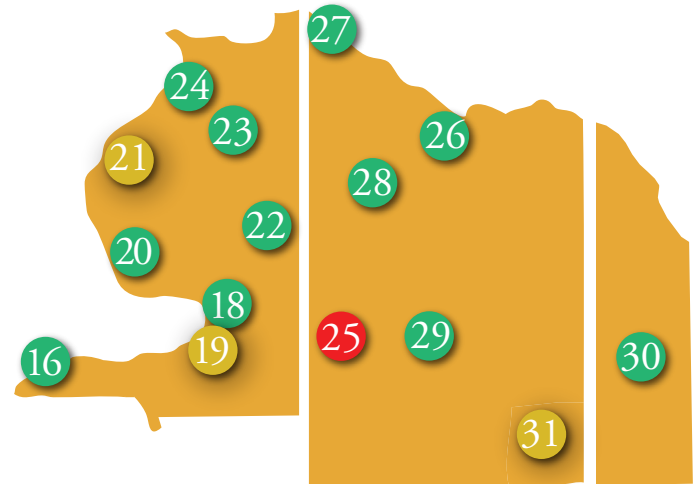
- 1 **ST. MARY CATHEDRAL GAYLORD – OPEN**  
Rev. Matthew Wigton, Rector, Pastor and Vicar for Clergy; Rev. Charles Donajkowski, Vicar General, part-time sacramental help
- 2 **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH, ELMIRA – LIMITED-USE CHURCH**
- 3 **HOLY REDEEMER PARISH, VANDERBILT– LIMITED-USE CHURCH**
- 4 **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, LEWISTON – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Scott Lawler
- 5 **ST. MARY PARISH AND OUR LADY OF THE WOODS SHRINE, MIO - OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Santiago Hoyumpa
- 6 **ST. MARY PARISH, GRAYLING – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Gerard Hunko
- 7 **ST. MICHAEL PARISH, ROSCOMMON – OPEN**
- 8 **ST. MARY OF THE WOODS PARISH, KALKASKA – OPEN**  
Director of Parish Life: Denise Elsenheimer; Sacramental Minister: Rev. Michael Verschaeve
- 9 **ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH, FIFE LAKE – OPEN**
- 10 **ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST PARISH, BELLAIRE – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Rolando Silva
- 11 **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH, MANCERONA – OPEN**
- 12 **ST. JOSEPH PARISH, EAST JORDAN – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Matthew Furguele
- 13 **ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE PARISH, PRAGA – LIMITED-USE CHURCH**
- 14 **ST. MATTHEW PARISH, BOYNE CITY – OPEN**  
Director of Parish Life: Patty Furtaw; Sacramental Minister: Rev. Dennis Stilwell
- 15 **ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH, BOYNE FALLS – OPEN**

# NORTH Vicariate

Vicar: Rev. Duane Wachowiak

## North Vicariate Snapshot

- Parishes – 12
- Parish Clusters – 4
- Limited-Use Churches – 3
- Closing – 1
- Cluster Changing – 4
- Remaining the same – 2
- Pastors – 5
- Priest Administrators – 1
- Parochial Vicars – 2
- International Priests – 2
- Deacons – 2
- Directors of Parish Life/Sacramental Ministers – 0



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- 16 ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH, CHARLEVOIX – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Peter Wigton
- 17 HOLY CROSS PARISH, BEAVER ISLAND – OPEN**
- 18 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH, PETOSKEY – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Peter Eke
- 19 ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS CHAPEL, PETOSKEY – LIMITED-USE CHURCH**
- 20 HOLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS PARISH, HARBOR SPRINGS – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Mitchel Roman
- 21 ST. IGNATIUS PARISH, GOOD HART – LIMITED-USE CHURCH**
- 22 ST. CLEMENT PARISH, PELLSTON – OPEN**  
Administrator: Rev. Michael Class
- 23 ST. NICHOLAS PARISH, LARKS LAKE – OPEN**
- 24 HOLY CROSS PARISH, CROSS VILLAGE – OPEN**
- 25 ST. MARY PARISH, BURT LAKE – CLOSE**

- 26 ST. MARY-ST. CHARLES PARISH, CHEBOYGAN – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Duane Wachowiak; Parochial Vicar: Rev. Thomas Philip
- 27 ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH, MACKINAW CITY – OPEN**
- 28 SACRED HEART PARISH, RIGGSVILLE – OPEN**
- 29 CROSS IN THE WOODS NATIONAL CATHOLIC SHRINE, INDIAN RIVER – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Donald Libby; Parochial Vicar: Rev. Emmanuel Yilar
- 30 ST. PAUL PARISH, ONAWAY – OPEN**
- 31 ST. MONICA PARISH, AFTON – LIMITED-USE CHURCH**

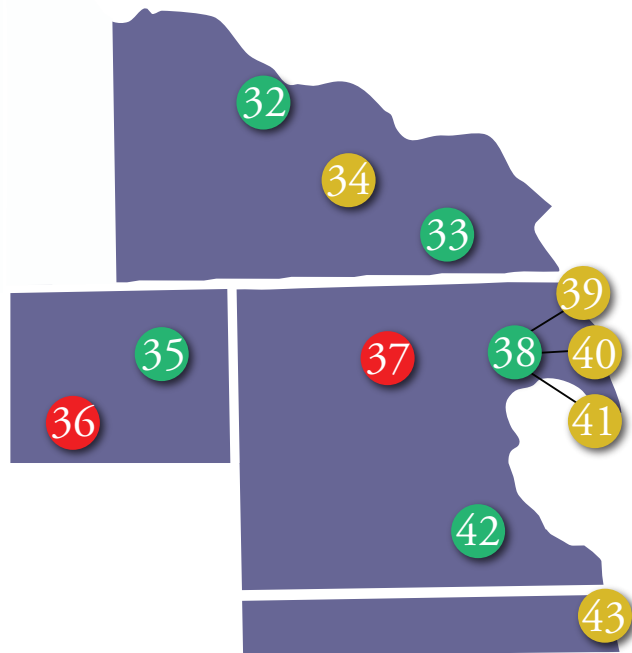


# EAST VICARIATE

Vicar: Rev. Benjamin Martin

## East Vicariate Snapshot

- Parishes – 5
- Parish Clusters – 2
- Limited-Use Churches – 5
- Closing – 1
- Cluster Changing – 3
- Remaining the same – 0
- Pastors – 3
- Parochial Vicars – 3
- International Priests – 2
- Deacons – 2
- Directors of Parish Life/Sacramental Ministers – 0



Key: *Open*, *Limited Use*, *Closed*

### 32 ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH, ROGERS CITY – OPEN

Pastor: Rev. Don Geyman; Parochial Vicar:  
Rev. Yakubu Philibus

### 33 ST. CASIMIR PARISH, POSEN – OPEN

### 34 ST. DOMINIC PARISH, METZ – LIMITED-USE CHURCH

### 35 ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH, HILLMAN – OPEN

Pastor: Rev. Benjamin Martin

### 36 JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, ATLANTA – CLOSE

### 37 ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH – ALREADY CLOSED

### 38 ALL SAINTS PARISH, ALPENA – OPEN

Pastor: Rev. Emmanuel Finbarr; Parochial Vicars:  
Rev. Aloysius Okpala and Rev. Basil Lek

### 39 ST. BERNARD CHURCH, ALPENA – LIMITED-USE CHURCH

### 40 ST. MARY CHURCH, ALPENA – LIMITED-USE CHURCH

### 41 ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH/SCHOOL, ALPENA – LIMITED-USE CHURCH

### 42 ST. CATHERINE PARISH, OSSINEKE – OPEN

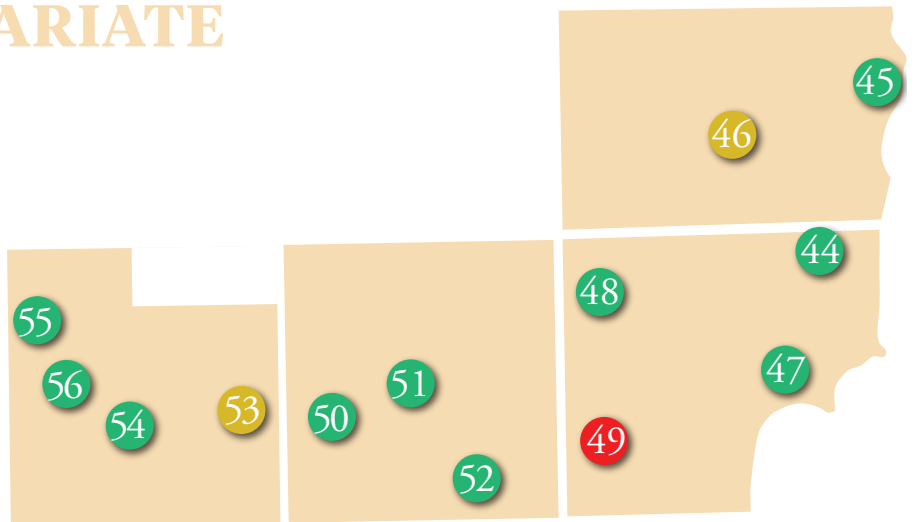
### 43 ST. GABRIEL PARISH, BLACK RIVER – LIMITED-USE CHURCH

# SOUTHEAST VICARIATE

Vicar: Rev. Artur Duchnowicz

## Southeast Vicariate Snapshot

- Parishes – 10
- Parish Clusters – 4
- Limited-Use Churches – 2
- Closing – 0
- Cluster Changing – 3
- Remaining the same – 2
- Pastors – 4
- Priest Administrators – 1
- Parochial Vicars – 1
- International Priests – 1
- Deacons – 4
- Directors of Parish Life/Sacramental Ministers – 0



Key: *Open*, *Limited Use*, *Closed*

**44 SACRED HEART PARISH, OSCODA – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Gerald Okoli

**45 ST. ANNE PARISH, HARRISVILLE – OPEN**

**46 ST. RAPHAEL PARISH, MIKADO – LIMITED-USE CHURCH**

**47 HOLY FAMILY PARISH, EAST TAWAS – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Artur Duchnowicz

**48 ST. PIUS X PARISH, HALE – OPEN**

**49 ST. JAMES PARISH, WHITTEMORE – ALREADY CLOSED**

**50 ST. JOSEPH PARISH, WEST BRANCH – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Alfred Pillarelli; Parochial Vicar: Rev. Shaphan Zirra

**51 HOLY FAMILY PARISH, KLACKING CREEK – OPEN**

**52 ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY PARISH, SKIDWAY LAKE – OPEN**

**53 ST. HELEN PARISH, ST. HELEN – LIMITED-USE CHURCH**

**54 OUR LADY OF THE LAKE PARISH, PRUDENVILLE – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Matthew Cowan

**55 ST. HUBERT PARISH, HIGGINS LAKE – OPEN**  
Administrator: Rev. Michael Steltenkamp

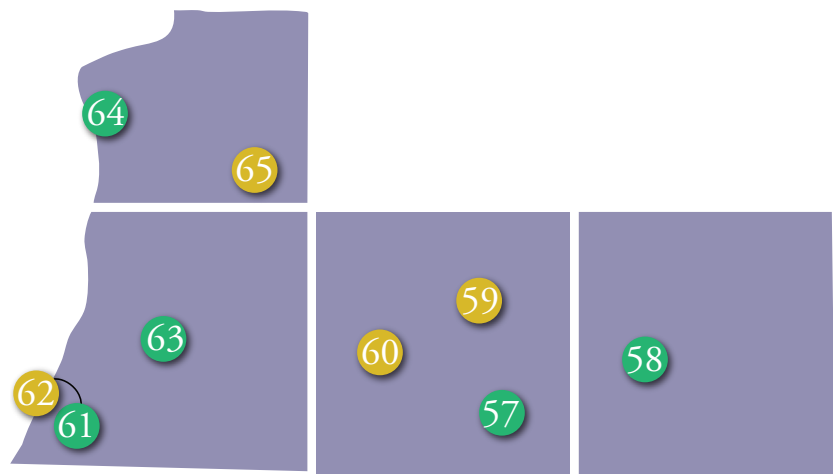
**56 ST. JAMES PARISH, HOUGHTON LAKE – OPEN**

# SOUTHWEST VICARIATE

Vicar: Rev. Michael Janowski

## Southwest Vicariate Snapshot

- Parishes – 5
- Parish Clusters – 2
- Limited-Use Churches – 4
- Closing – 0
- Cluster Changing – 3
- Remaining the same – 0
- Pastors – 2
- Parochial Vicars – 2
- International Priests – 2
- Deacons – 2
- Directors of Parish Life/Sacramental Ministers – 1/1



Key: *Open*, *Limited Use*, *Closed*

**57 ST. ANN PARISH, CADILLAC – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. Michael Janowski; Parochial Vicar:  
Rev. Kanul Baliar Singh

**58 ST. STEPHEN PARISH, LAKE CITY – OPEN**

**59 ST. THERESA PARISH, MANTON – LIMITED-USE CHURCH**

**60 ST. EDWARD PARISH, HARRIETTA – LIMITED-USE CHURCH**

**61 DIVINE MERCY PARISH, MANISTEE – OPEN**  
Pastor: Rev. James Bearss; Parochial Vicar: Rev.  
Shabu Kunnathoor

**62 GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH, MANISTEE – LIMITED-USE CHURCH**

**63 ST. JOSEPH PARISH, ONEKAMA – OPEN**

**64 ST. ANN PARISH, FRANKFORT – OPEN**  
Director of Parish Life: Kristin Smeltzer;  
Sacramental Minister: Rev. Christopher Welch

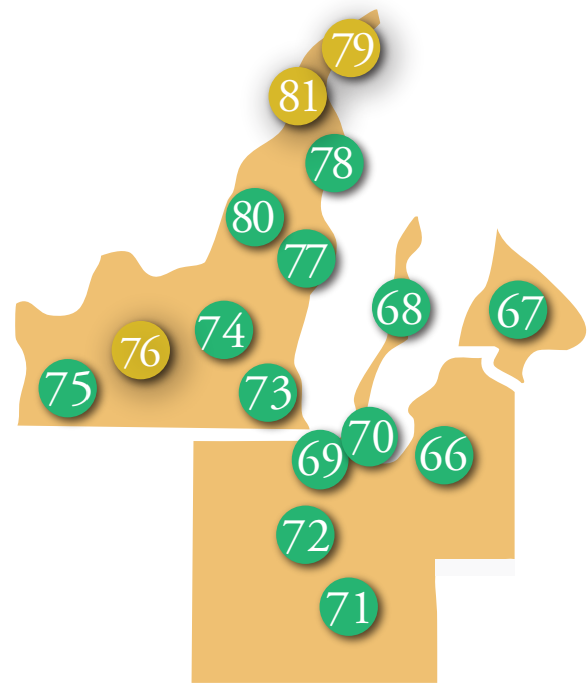
**65 ST. RAPHAEL PARISH, COPEMISH – LIMITED-USE CHURCH**

# WEST VICARIATE

Vicar: Rev. Anthony Citro

## West Vicariate Snapshot

- Parishes – 12
- Parish Clusters – 3
- Limited-Use Churches – 3
- Closing – 0
- Cluster Changing – 3
- Remaining the same – 7
- Pastors – 9
- Parochial Vicars – 2
- International Priests – 2
- Deacons – 11
- Directors of Parish Life/Sacramental Ministers – 0



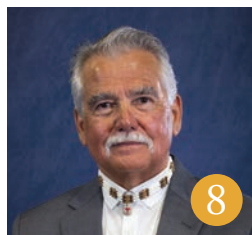
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| <p><b>66 CHRIST THE KING PARISH, ACME – OPEN</b><br/>Pastor: Rev. Christopher Jarvis; Parochial Vicar: Rev. Cleetus Koochikkatt George</p> <p><b>67 SACRED HEART PARISH, ELK RAPIDS – OPEN</b></p> <p><b>68 ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MAPLETON – OPEN</b><br/>Pastor: Rev. Benjamin Rexroat</p> <p><b>69 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, TRAVERSE CITY – OPEN</b><br/>Pastor: Rev. Anthony Citro</p> <p><b>70 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, TRAVERSE CITY – OPEN</b><br/>Pastor: Rev. Michael Lingaur; Parochial Vicar: Rev. Joy Libin</p> <p><b>71 ST. MARY OF HANNAH PARISH, KINGSLEY – OPEN</b><br/>Pastor: Rev. Greg McCallum</p> <p><b>72 ST. PATRICK PARISH, TRAVERSE CITY – OPEN</b></p> <p><b>73 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHAPEL, TRAVERSE CITY – OPEN</b><br/>Vicar for Hispanic Ministry: Rev. Wayne Dziekan<br/>Center for Hispanic Ministry Apostolate</p> | <p><b>74 HOLY ROSARY PARISH, CEDAR – OPEN</b><br/>Pastor: Rev. Bradley Nursey</p> <p><b>75 ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH, EMPIRE – OPEN</b><br/>Pastor: Rev. Kenneth Stachnik</p> <p><b>76 ST. RITA / ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MAPLE CITY – LIMITED-USE CHURCH</b></p> <p><b>77 ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH, SUTTONS BAY – OPEN</b><br/>Pastor: Rev. Patrick Maher</p> <p><b>78 ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH, PESHAWBESTOWN – OPEN</b><br/>Center for Native American Apostolate</p> <p><b>79 ST. GERTRUDE PARISH, NORTHPORT – LIMITED-USE CHURCH</b></p> <p><b>80 ST. MARY PARISH, LAKE LEELANAU – OPEN</b><br/>Pastor: Rev. James Siler</p> <p><b>81 ST. WENCESLAUS PARISH, GILL'S PIER – LIMITED-USE CHURCH</b></p> |
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# Overview

## Diocesan Leadership

1. Rev. James Hayden – from Vicar General to retirement
2. Rev. Charles Donajkowski – from Pastor to Vicar General
3. Julie Erhardt – to Chief of Staff and Director of Canonical Affairs
4. Rev. Matthew Furguele – from Tribunal Judge to Judicial Vicar
5. Dr. John Amos – from Director of the Tribunal to Tribunal Advocate
6. Rev. Benjamin Martin – to Regional Vicar (East Vicariate)
7. Sr. Sue Gardner – from Coordinator of Native American Ministry to return to her religious community
8. Rev. Patrick Maher and Deacon Curtis Chambers – Co-Coordination of Native American Ministry
9. Rev. Joseph Graff from Spiritual Formation Director of Permanent Diaconate Formation Program to Retirement
10. Rev. Michael Class – from Sacramental Minister to Spiritual Formation Director of Permanent Diaconate Formation Program and Administrator for a three parish cluster







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