Bishop Cistone has designated eight (8) Pilgrimage Churches in the Diocese of Saginaw for the *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* which may be visited by many who wish to make a confession and attend Mass to receive the *Plenary Indulgence*. The eight sites are:

- Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, Saginaw
- Sacred Heart Church, Bad Axe (Saint Hubert Parish)
- Sacred Heart Church, Birch Run (Saints Francis & Clare Parish)
- Sacred Heart Church, Gladwin
- Sacred Heart Church, Caro (Saint Christopher Parish)
- Sacred Heart Church, Kawkawlin (Prince of Peace Parish)
- Sacred Heart Church, Merrill (Saint John XXIII Parish)
- Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Mt. Pleasant

The *Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy* began on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (and the 50th Anniversary of the closing of Vatican Council II), and ends November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. When declaring this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis said:

*I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God’s mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness.*

**What is a Plenary Indulgence?**

An indulgence is the remission in the eyes of God of the temporal punishment due to sins, the guilt of which has been absolved through the Sacrament of Penance. The Christian faithful who are rightly disposed and fulfill the requirements gain this remission through the effective assistance of the Church. A “Plenary Indulgence” frees a person from all of the temporal punishment due to sins (the necessary purification from sins “either here on earth, or after death in the state called ‘Purgatory’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1472) and may be gained only once on any one day.

**How Can I Obtain a Plenary Indulgence During the Holy Year of Mercy?**

By receiving Holy Communion, making a profession of faith (reciting the *Creed*), praying for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and for the intentions that he bears in his heart for the good of the Church and for the entire world, while doing any of the following:

† Visiting a Pilgrimage Church (see listing) while having the intention to obtain the indulgence
† Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance (before or after the visit)
† Performing one of the Spiritual or Corporal Works of Mercy (see listing)
† Praying for the Beloved Dead (at Mass that they be freed from sin and be embraced by God in eternal life)
† The sick and people who are elderly and alone may obtain the indulgence by receiving Holy Communion or attending Mass or community prayer (including participation through TV, the Internet or radio)
† Those who are incarcerated may visit the Chapel in prison

### Corporal Works of Mercy
- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Clothe the naked
- Visit the sick
- Visit the prisoners
- Bury the dead
- Give alms to the poor

### Spiritual Works of Mercy
- Counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Admonish the sinner
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Forgive injuries
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Pray for the living and the dead

#### Holy Hours During the Holy Year

**7:00-8:00 p.m.**

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| **Tuesday, January 19, 2016** | St. Dominic Parish  
St. Peter & Paul Church  
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4735 W. Michigan Ave., Saginaw |
| **Wednesday, February 17, 2016** | Good Shepherd Parish  
St. Andrew Church  
612 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw |
| **Tuesday, March 8, 2016** | St. Jude Thaddeus Parish  
St. Joseph Church  
1005 Third St., Bay City |
| **Thursday, April 14, 2016** | St. Joseph the Worker Parish  
St. Joseph the Worker Church  
2163 N. Winn Rd., Beal City |
| **Thursday, May 19, 2016** | Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish  
St. Francis Borgia Church  
25 Moeller St., Pigeon |
| **Tuesday, June 7, 2016** | Annunciation of the Lord Parish  
St. Michael Church  
8650 Independence St., Port Austin |
| **Thursday, July 7, 2016** | Holy Name of Mary Parish  
St. Anthony of Padua Church  
8239 Helena Rd., Helena |
| **Thursday, August 11, 2016** | St. Hubert Parish  
St. Joseph Church  
3455 Rapson Rd., Rapson |
| **Wednesday, September 21, 2016** | Resurrection of the Lord Parish  
St. Joseph Church  
7842 Newberry St., Alger |
| **Thursday, October 13, 2016** | St. Mark Parish  
St. Mark Church  
415 S. Court St., Au Gres |
| **Thursday, November 10, 2016** | Prince of Peace Parish  
St. Valentine Church  
999 Nine Mile Rd., Kawkawlin |
| **Wednesday, December 6, 2016** | Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish  
St. Stanislaus Kostka Church  
1503 Kosciuszko Ave., Bay City |