



The Jubilee Year of Mercy Plenary Indulgence in Plain English

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.

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

St. Dominic Parish
Ss. Peter & Paul Church
 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