



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

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## **Parish update and *Our Faith, Our Future* pastoral plan news**

On Sunday, June 26, Bishop Hurley will celebrate the closing Mass at Our Lady of Aglona Church located on Broadway Street in Grand Rapids. Several years ago parish leadership approached the bishop indicating various problems with the church building and the aging population's difficulty in using the facility. The church building is being sold. The Latvian Catholic community, although very small, wishes to stay together and will have Mass at the Latvian Community Center as long as there is a priest available.

In addition, the following changes are part of the *Our Faith, Our Future* plans and will be effective July 1, 2011:

- 1) Christ the King Parish in Howard City and St. Francis de Sales Mission in Lakeview are merged with Christ the King as the primary worship site and St. Francis as a secondary site. The new name is Christ the King-St. Francis de Sales.
- 2) St. Patrick Parish in Grand Haven and St. Anthony Mission in Robinson Township are merged with St. Patrick Church as the parish church. After seeking permission of the Bishop with the consent of the Finance Council of the Diocese and the College of Consultors, St. Anthony Church building may be sold at some future date. The new name for the merged parish is St. Patrick-St. Anthony.
- 3) St. Ann Parish in Baldwin and St. Ignatius mission in Luther are merged with St. Ann as the primary worship site and St. Ignatius as a secondary site. The new name for the merged parish is St. Ann-St. Ignatius

When parishes merge, all councils, finances and sacramental records are merged at the new canonical parish. There is one pastor, staff, parish council and finance council that may serve multiple sites.