Tridentine Community News

March 7, 2021 - Third Sunday of Lent

Restoring St. Charles Borromeo Church in Cheboygan

Bill Price, Sr. has long been a mover and shaker in the Michigan Latin Mass world. When he served as leader of the Jackson Tridentine Community, he took the modest Tridentine Mass that had been held at St. Joseph Church, arranged for its relocation to the grand St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, backed his son Bill, Jr. in developing a serious music program to support the Mass, and initiated a marketing campaign that tripled attendance at that Mass. You may have seen his "Bill"board along I-94 promoting St. Mary's Latin Mass.



Bill retired and moved up north. In April, 2019 he purchased the long-shuttered historic St. Charles Borromeo Church in Cheboygan, with the intention of restoring it to its original beauty [below] so it can once again host the Traditional Latin Mass. A former electrician, Bill is doing much of the restoration work himself, including replacing the roof, to control costs but still welcomes donations.



As this column has many times noted, it has become increasingly common for dioceses to support the faithful in their endeavors to purchase and maintain churches privately. In the Archdiocese of Detroit alone we have the Fatima Shrine in Riverview, St. Albertus Church in Detroit, St. Joseph Chapel in Pontiac, and the Divine Mercy Center (the former St. Claude Church) in Clinton Township as examples of privately owned churches which offer public Masses with the approval of the diocese.



weekly [Ordinary Form] Masses at the Mt. Carmel Centre. Precedents such as these make it easier to make the case for a Tridentine Mass to be held at a similar privately-owned church in the same diocese.

St. Charles Borromeo Church is located in the Diocese of Gaylord, whose original cathedral, [the old] St. Mary's [pictured], is now under private ownership and known as the Mt. Carmel Centre. The Mt. Carmel Centre in 2013 hosted a Traditional Mass [pictured] that had been publicized on the diocese's web site. Since then the St. Mary Cathedral Parish School began to hold



For more information, including a video explaining the project: https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-restore-tradition-st-charles-needs-you

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week



<u>Fri. 03/12 7:00 PM:</u> High Mass at *St. Aloysius, Detroit* (Friday in the Third Week in Lent) – Mass in the lower level crypt church. The OCLMA Choir will sing Missa Octávi Toni by Orlando di Lassus. Social for young adults age 18-35 after Mass.

Sun. 03/14 10:00 AM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Fourth Sunday in Lent) – Choir will sing Missa Ætérna Christi Múnera by Palestrina. Celebrant: Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ