

# The power of prayer: There's many benefits in talking to God

You'll actually want to come back.

Bay Pointe   
Community Church

Sundays – 9 & 11 AM  
At TC Central HS Auditorium  
(off Milliken Drive, call 922-9882)

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Sr. Pastor Nick Twomey – Childcare and Children's Programs  
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## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

3686 S. Airport Road

Located West of Best Buy & Across from Sam's

"A Healing Community"

9:15 a.m. Praise Team Led Worship  
11:00 a.m. Choir Led Worship

### CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

9:15 Children's Choir & Worship,  
Adult Classes

11:00 Sunday School Classes,  
All Ages

Mid-Week Children's Club      Jr. & Sr. High Youth Ministries  
Staffed Nursery

#### Our Values

- Biblical Hospitality
- Excellence in Worship
- Biblical Teaching
- Service to the World
- Biblical Discipleship
- Power from Prayer
- Biblical Servanthood
- Caring Fellowship

~ Where You Are Welcomed ~

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Senior Pastor Jerry Bauman of the Bible Baptist Church of Traverse City has great faith in the power of prayer because "we see it all the time."

Bauman has been in the ministry for 37 years and has served in 10 foreign countries. At times, he has been faced with problems raised by hostile officials in unfriendly

places, only to have the problem resolved at the very time someone in Traverse City was praying for him. He has also observed healing and seen people gain in strength to accept their difficult health situations.

"You are always given answers when you need them," he said.

Many times he has witnessed spectacular answers to prayer, such as the arrival of unexpected but much-needed checks have arrived or other

help given to those facing a crisis.

God touches people and works through them, he explained.

"You can pray as part of a group or as an individual," he added. "It is one of the great Christian disciplines."

Bauman expressed admiration for older or incapacitated church members who have more free time at this stage of their lives and use it to pray for the well-being of others.

Madeleine Newman, a parishioner at St. Francis Catholic Church of Traverse City, believes if she didn't pray, she could not have gone on alone after the death of her husband, Rex.

"I pray I will one day be with him," she said.

The church has a grieving group for the bereaved, she explained, that is helpful to many people. However, Newman personally finds it more beneficial to be a part of more active church groups. One parish custom that she participates in is the prayer chain. Anyone needing the prayers of others is given the names of willing people to call.

"They will join their prayers with yours," she said.

The church also has a book in which anyone may list their petitions, such as the safety of family members and friends.

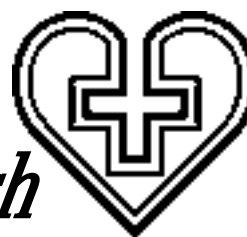
"It keeps us going," she said.

Newman said that a number of people at St. Francis attend Mass every day and another group meets to recite the rosary on Monday nights. There is also a Tuesday morning prayer service with Communion.

A different kind of prayer service is held at St. Francis during Advent and Lent. Taize night, according to parish volunteer Pat Hyde, is a type of contemplative prayer developed in France by monks and has been held at St. Francis for three years. It is non-denominational and is intended to benefit anyone seeking inward peace.

The service includes music and chants, with a scripture reading in a quiet and peace-

## Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



Located in the "Heart" of Vacation Land

143 Charles Street  
Elk Rapids, Michigan 49629

**Parish Office:** (231) 264-8087

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

And 1:30 PM - 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

**Web site:** [www.sacredheartelkrapids.org](http://www.sacredheartelkrapids.org)

### Weekend Mass Schedule:

5 p.m. Saturdays

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sundays

### Weekday Mass Schedule:

7:00 p.m. Tuesdays

8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays

**RCIA:** first and third Mondays of every month

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:** second Sunday of every month from 9:00 a.m. until noon - Everyone is welcome!

**Directions:** 1/2 mile east from stop light on US-31 Elk Rapids; turn right at Brand Street (at car wash); 1/2 block turn left onto Buckley Street; 1/2 block turn right onto Charles Street.

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