



ENCOUNTER

CHARLEVOIX

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For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.
Matthew 18:20

A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Kerry Keyser

This Summer Encounter Charlevoix has been blessed with so many opportunities to go forth to pray for others in meaningful ways while also being able to continue to learn, grow and receive prayer.

In June we had our 4th Summer Intensive where we not only experienced an overview of the Encounter School of Ministry teaching over the course of four evenings, we also were activated and had abundant opportunities to pray for one another and receive prayer. Everyone experienced increased faith, joy, awe and wonder of who God is and who we uniquely are in Him.

In addition to Catholics from various parishes in the Gaylord Diocese in attendance, one third of our guests came from other Christian denominations. We believe God was truly glorified through our time of unity as the Body of Christ.

In July, thirty-nine of us from UpNorth MI went to Encounter Ministries' flagship conference in Grand Rapids. It was a foretaste of heaven being able to worship together with 5,500 other people from around the world. In attendance were 5 Bishops, 200 priests, 50 deacons, and numerous seminarians. It was a wonderful time of blessing, fellowship and infilling of the Holy Spirit for all who attended.

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EXCITING NEWS!

Enrollment Is Open! Charlevoix Campus

Looking to September! This year our new cohort of the Encounter School of Ministry begins Monday, September 14th at 6pm.

If you or someone you know is looking to go deeper in their faith, longing for Christian fellowship, desiring to know how to share their faith with others in meaningful ways, and are crying out for the Holy Spirit to be poured out upon you and our world then come join us in the Supernatural School that Jesus led His disciples through to release the Kingdom of God.

Our first three classes, September 14, 21, 28, are opportunities to “Come and See” what the Encounter School of Ministry is all about before applying. If you know this is for you, we encourage you to apply now as all applications are processed through Encounter Ministries in Brighton, MI.

Scholarships are available, please email encountercvx@gmail.com to discuss any financial assistance you may need. Encounter Charlevoix automatically applies 50% off one spouse to make it more affordable for spouses to make this journey together.

Healing Service: Cross In The Woods

This Summer we will be facilitating another Healing Service at Cross in the Woods the weekend before Labor Day, Saturday, August 29th, 6pm-8pm.

Weather permitting, we will be outdoors for adoration and reflection by Fr. Peter Wigton. Then we will pray together as the body of Christ for the physical needs for those present in groups. The evening will close with ESM trained prayer teams praying for individual prayer needs.

We will move indoors if the weather does not cooperate.

Construction Update

The building is really starting to take shape! The walls are completely framed in and there is an aggressive building schedule moving forward with all of the trades getting started on their portions of the build.

We are having fun selecting the decorative features and other aspects that will make the space a warm and inviting place to praise God.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fire of Love

St. Mary Parish Charlevoix

August: 12, 2026

September: 23, 2026

7:30 - 9:00 PM

Healing Service

Cross in the Woods,

Indian River

August 29, 2026

6pm-8pm

Encounter School of Ministry

Charlevoix Campus

2026 School Year Begins

September 14, 2026

encounterschool.org/charlevoix



Come & See - ESM

Charlevoix Campus

St. Mary Parish, Charlevoix

September 14, 21, 28, 2026

Your opportunity to join us with no commitment. Come check out our first 3 classes of the semester.



EVANGELIZATION CORNER

St. Mary Parish, Charlevoix, MI

Beautiful moments of pausing to pray for one another...Alumni and current students formed prayer teams to pray with parishioners after Masses in June & July. Entire families received prayer, some who were in emotional distress experienced tremendous peace and freedom.

A reluctant spouse shared after they received prayer for medical concerns:

“Wow! I’ve never experienced anything like this before. I’m tingling all over. I can’t thank you enough for your prayers.”

Two weeks later they reported the medical scans came back “normal”!



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”

~Romans 15:13

TESTIMONIES

ESM Charlevoix Campus Summer Intensive

“Thank you for all the love you gave to us. I feel very blessed to go deeper in the healing, it opened my mind and my spirit.”

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“I was blessed being welcomed this week. Making Jesus real and alive among us was a blessing beyond my imagining. Bless your work and ministry!”

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The week after our Summer Intensive, a mother and daughter who attended for the first time, prayed for a woman they met who injured her back, knee and ankle in an accident.

“The pain in her knee receded first. We kept praying and she said the pain in her ankle went from a 7 to a 3, she felt “lighter” all over. After it was all done the woman asked, do you do this often?”

This was the first time this mother and daughter prayed together for physical healing!

Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs, MI

A woman who received prayer from two alumni at Holy Childhood shared her hip pain went away as she received prayer and the brain scans later showed that her brain tumor disappeared! Praise God!!!

Encounter School of
Ministry, Charlevoix
Campus

2026-2027 Registration
IS OPEN!

Visit Our Website
To Register

encounterschool.org/charlevoix



INNER HEALING

Jesus wants to help heal the wounds you carry in your heart...and you don't have to do it alone.

Inner Healing is available at: St. Mary's Charlevoix, Holy Childhood in Harbor Springs, and Cross in the Woods in Indian River.

To set up an appointment at any location, please email:

st.marys.healing.prayer@gmail.com

For CITW: citw.healing.prayer@gmail.com



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If you would like to make a financial donation to support Encounter Charlevoix, we are a 501(c)3 organization (EIN 88-2778476). All contributions will be used to help grow and sustain our ministry.

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Mailed to: St. Mary's Parish

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With gratitude for all your prayers and support,
Kerry

