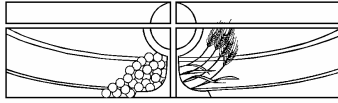


Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Monday, July 13, Weekday

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34-11:1
7:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, July 14, Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
6:00 PM Lorena Irrer

Mass of Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered

Wednesday, July 15, St. Bonaventure

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
7:30 AM Sick & Homebound of our Community
7:00 PM Devotions to Our Mother Of Perpetual Help

Thursday, July 16, Weekday

Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
7:30 AM Julia Martin, Anniversary

Friday, July 17 Weekday

Ex 11:10-12, 14/Mt 12:1-8
7:30 AM Kathleen Smith, Anniversary

Saturday, July 18, Weekday

Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21
1:00 PM Wedding—Simon & Clarey
4:30 PM Helen Pung, Richard Pung Jr. & Richard Pung Sr.

July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
7:30 AM Adeline Moran
9:30 AM Special Intention for Karen Lawless Mulane
John W. Schrauben; David Simon, Anniversary
11:30 AM For the People

ALTAR APPOINTMENTS – July 18 & 19, 2009

LECTORS

4:30 PM Connie Vallier 9:30 AM Sharon Hoffman
7:30 AM Dan Schrauben 11:30 AM Ann Marie Pung

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 PM Ben Lawless, Jessika Grapentien
Jacob Miller, Aubrey Bartosh
7:30 AM Tessa Kreiner and Michael Kreiner
9:30 AM Allison Hodge, Royce Cook
Justin Kerr, Joseph Weller
11:30 AM Bailey Schneider, Joshua Schneider
Caitlin Rommel, Riley Pline

GREETERS

4:30 PM Don Boos, Jim & Jean Klein
7:30 AM Sandy and Tom Meitler
9:30 AM Eric & Mary Berry, Judy Braley
11:30 AM Lee & Emery Haik, Connie Mallek

God-given Words

Amos 7:12-15

“Get out of here!” No one likes to hear those harsh words. Wherever we go, we like the assurance that the place where we have arrived is hospitable. Sometimes we trespass. Sometimes we say offensive words. Sometimes we perform an action that separates us from the community. If we upset the host, we may hear those awful words, “Get out of here!”

That was the command that Amaziah the priest of Bethel leveled against the prophet Amos. Amos came from Tekoa of Judah in the southern part of the kingdom. At God’s command he traveled to Bethel in the north to prophesy. He warned the people of God’s judgment against them. The local priest didn’t like hearing the message Amos brought. So Amaziah gave Amos a blunt and derisive retort: “Go home. Get out of Bethel. Go back to Judah. Prophesy there. Leave us alone.”

There was one problem. Prophesying in Bethel wasn’t Amos’s idea in the first place. It was God’s idea. God sent Amos from Judah to Bethel to bring divine judgment on the people.

Sometimes when people tell us to leave them alone, they are wrong. If God has given us words to speak, we stay and deliver them.

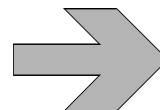
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**Sunday Offering Report
July 1, 2009 through July 5, 2009**

Weekly Parish Ministry Needs	\$ 17,980.00
Our Gifts for Sunday, July 5	19,401.26*
Our Gifts – Fiscal Year to Date	19,401.26
Parish Needs – Fiscal Year to Date	17,980.00
Over/(Under) – Fiscal Year to Date	1,421.26
*Includes Children/Youth envelopes	21.83
*Includes Automated Donations of	\$2,545.00

Church Cleaning for July -- District 8 is in charge and will clean on Saturday mornings beginning at 8:00 AM.



As of July 2, 481 St. Patrick parishioner families have made CSA pledges totaling \$97,402.87. That’s 86% of our CSA goal of \$113,612.

A person’s true character is revealed by what he does when no one is watching.

**Sponsor
of the
Week**

July 12, 2009

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...

- MON** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM
TUES Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:00 PM, at
116 Blossom Dr.
Baptism Prep Class, 7:00 PM, Admin. Bldg.
WED Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM
FRI Third Friday Communion Calls
SAT Paper Drive/Pop Can Drive, West Street Lot
Rosary in the Chapel, 7:30 AM
Reconciliation, 3:00 PM
SUN Parish Picnic following 11:30 AM Mass



The flowers that decorated our sanctuary area last weekend were donated by Germaine May in memory of her husband, Fred, and her son, Gary.

Come to better understand God's plan for marriage and family. Learning fertility awareness is the natural way to achieve or postpone pregnancy - and it's safe, healthy, and effective. For more information contact Tony or Stephanie (989) 593-2798 or visit www.ccli.org

Come and help Fr. Larry celebrate the 20th anniversary of his ordination. Plans are underway to celebrate this happy occasion at our 2nd annual parish picnic. The event will take place in Alton Park on Sunday, July 19th, following the 11:30 Mass. Just bring a dish to pass, as the main dish, beverages and paper products will be provided. This picnic is sure to be a fun afternoon for all!

Attention K of C Members

By now you should have received your summer newsletter. Don't forget to send in your 50/50 tickets by July 20 in order to qualify for the \$50.00 Early Bird Drawing.



Thank you to Fr. Larry, Parents, Teachers and Students that helped with the St. Patrick School 4th of July float. Your hard work was greatly appreciated. St. Patrick school took first place. *Great job!*

Thank you, too, to Don Miller from Lloyd Miller & Sons of Corunna for providing the sparkling New Holland tractor that Steve Hengesbach used to pull the float. Mr. Miller's generosity is appreciated. We also thank Steve for his skillful driving as the school float team continues the streak of trophy winning efforts.

Year of the Priest
Proclaimed by His Holiness
Pope Benedict XVI

In this year of the Priest, O God,
We ask Your blessing on those
You have called to priestly ministry.
May they, above, all, be faithful and passionate
followers of Your beloved Son, Jesus.
May they be compassionate, as Jesus was,
toward all who seek spiritual comfort
and forgiveness.
May they open wide their hearts
to all in need of Your merciful embrace.
May they be teachers, as Jesus was,
steeped in Your Word and teaching, on fire
with it, and breaking it open for all who are
hungry for Your holy and transforming Word.
May they be prophets, as Jesus was,
speaking courageously for what is right and
true, proclaiming Your kingdom to all in need
of Your grace and giving voice to all Your
children, especially the poor and marginalized.
May they be prayerful, as Jesus was,
hearts burning within them and set upon You
above all.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
may they be the voice of praise and
thanksgiving, and of faith, hope and love
to all in their care.
St. John Vianney, beloved priest of God, pray
for us and for all your brother priests. Amen.

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Summer Hours at the Parish Office

Monday thru Friday
9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 to 4:00 PM
Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Saturdays from 9:00 AM to Noon

Summer Scrip Sales

Monday thru Thursday – 9:30 to 11:30 AM
Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 PM
Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM

Notes from our Neighbors

Counseling Services

Catholic Social Services expanded its counseling services to include Ionia and Montcalm Counties. The office is located at 601 E. Washington Street, Suite A, Ionia. Services are available Monday thru Thursday. CSS offers counseling for children, adolescents and adults. Counseling services include individual, couple and family counseling, substance abuse, educational groups, group therapy, pregnancy support, or premarital preparation. To schedule an appointment or for general information, please call (616) 522-0836.

Beginnings and Beyond "B+"

is August 5 – 8 at the Diocesan Conference Center, to **inform, update, and energize** parish RCIA teams, parish musicians, and staff. This is brought to you by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate, and sponsored by the diocesan Offices for Worship and Catechesis. More info and to register: naforum.org or call the diocese 616-246-0588 (Jean) secretary, Office for Worship. This is a unique opportunity for those in a 6-state area—all meals included in registration! "B-plus" means emphasis on adults and children alike.

Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Caribbean.

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Father Robert Murphy, October 3 – 10, 2009 on the Carnival Glory out of Port Canaveral (Orlando) Florida. Ports of Call: Cozumel, Belize, Costa Maya and Nassau. Prices begin at \$991 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785.

Employment Opportunities

The office of Catholic Secondary Schools of Greater Grand Rapids is seeking to fill the following positions: Grant and Publications Specialist and Advancement Director (two openings). Complete descriptions of these positions are available on the diocesan Web site at <http://dioceseofgrandrapids.org/schools/schooljobs.html>, or for additional information, contact Cindy Sielawa, V.P. Marketing and Development Catholic Secondary Schools of Greater Grand Rapids at cindyzielawa@grcss.org.

Teacher Aide - 4 Positions

St. Mary's Catholic School, Charlotte seeks individuals to join our faith family who have a passion for teaching and a commitment to Catholic education. This position serves as a Teacher Aide working up to 19.5 hours per week to help support the day-to-day operations of the teaching staff for our growing school. Our school offers a faith-centered work environment with small class sizes, supportive colleagues and parents. Preferred applicants will have a teaching background with successful classroom experience. Teacher aides will be given preference once full-time teaching positions become available. Please send a letter of interest, resume and at least three letters of recommendation no later than July 17th, 2009 to: St. Mary's Catholic School, Aide Search Committee, 905 St. Mary's Blvd
Charlotte, MI 48813



The TK III Golf Outing is Saturday, August 15, at the Portland Country Club. There will be a 9:00 AM shot gun start. The cost is \$200 per team entry fee. Last year we donated over \$1,000 to the Relay for Life and raised funds for St. Patrick School's football team. Please help support our football program and help raise funds for the American Cancer Society. For more information please contact the Portland Country Club at 647-4521.

Mail entry form and \$50 deposit to PCC, P.O. Box 336, Portland, MI 48875

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More Notes from our Neighbors....

Portland Summer Theatre

The following performances will be held at the Portland Playhouse, 231 Maple Street. Tickets for students are \$4.00 each and adults are \$6.00 each.

Hooray for Hollywood
 July 15 and July 16, 7:00 PM

The Gift
 July 17, 7:00 PM and July 18, 1:00 PM

The Prince and The Pauper
 July 18, 7:00 PM and July 19, 1:00 PM

Attention Mid-life Singles:

If you are looking to grow in your faith life, meet new friends, and feel like you belong, a REFLECT Singles Retreat is for you! Singles (ages mid-30s to mid-50s): register today for a life-changing weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, Mich. (10 mi. north of Lansing) on August 14-16, 2009. Cost is just \$135, which covers meals, lodging, and materials. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Call 989-450-0993, visit www.reflectsingles.com, or e-mail us at reflectsingles@yahoo.com for more details.

Making Memories Summer Bash

Ionia County Community Mental Health offers this program for Adults with Dementia or Alzheimer's. August 17 thru August 21, 2009. 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Free lunch provided. Location: Easton United Methodist Church, 4970 Potters Road, Ionia. Limited to the first 50 individuals. To register, or if you have questions, contact Forget-Me-Not Wraparound Coordinator: Becky Flint at 375 Apple Tree Drive, Ionia or phone 616-527-1790. Registration information needed: Caregiver Name, Older Adult Name, Address, Phone Number, E-mail, schedule option: half or full day.

Support Group for Persons with Parkinson Disease in Ionia County

This support group is affiliated with Michigan Parkinson Foundation. The support group is open to both the care giver and the person with Parkinson's. To be held July 16, 10:30 AM to Noon at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital – Guild Room, 479 Lafayette Street, Ionia. (please enter by the Emergency Room). For more information and to register contact Ionia County Community Mental Health's Older Adult Services Worker, Becky Flint, at 616-902-0726 or 616-527-1790.

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

This exercise program is a fun and invigorating recreational exercise program, led by specially-certified instructors, for anyone who is limited by impaired joint motion and/or strength. The goal of the program is to:

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| Increase joint flexibility | Enhance personal growth | Increase strength and endurance |
| Decrease pain and stiffness | Improve posture | Improve performance in daily activities |

Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 AM at the Ionia Commission on Aging, 115 Hudson Street, Ionia. Suggested donation is \$1.00 per attendee. Please call 616-527-5365 or 888-527-5365 for more information.