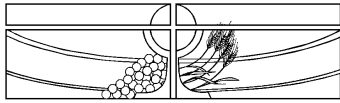


# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Monday, July 20, Weekday**

*Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42*

7:30 AM Communion Service

**Tuesday, July 21, Weekday**

*Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50*

6:00 PM Rose and Daniel Painter

**Wednesday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene**

*Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18*

7:30 AM George Mleko, Anniversary

7:00 PM Devotions to Our Mother Of Perpetual Help

**Thursday, July 23, Weekday**

*Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b*

7:30 AM Priests & Deacons of our Diocese

**Friday, July 24, Weekday**

*Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13;18-23*

7:30 AM Ed Gross, Anniversary

**Saturday, July 25, St. James**

*2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28*

4:30 PM Mary Ann Spitzley, Ed Schrauben

Margaret Schrauben, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

**July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34*

7:30 AM Edward & Pauline Goodman

Edna Weber, Month Mind

9:30 AM For the People

11:30 AM Raynold Miller, Adeline Smith

Betty Hildebrandt

**ALTAR APPOINTMENTS – July 25 & 26, 2009**

**LECTORS**

4:30 PM Devann Hattis

9:30 AM Kim Schrauben

7:30 AM Gary Brown

11:30 AM Bill Durnwald

**ALTAR SERVERS**

4:30 PM Taylor Wilcox, Brandon Fandel

Mackenzie Smith, Nicholas Coyne

7:30 AM Emily Fox and Emily Miro

9:30 AM Justin Kerr, Dana Hengesbach

Holly Gunderman, Rhet Schrauben

11:30 AM Chloe Alberta, Colin Gensterblum

Marin Pline, Ally Barricklow

**GREETERS**

4:30 PM Janet Kransz, JoAnn Pline, Jim Wlodarczak

7:30 AM Marlene McAllister and Jim Moses

9:30 AM Mary Beckhold, Bill & Judy Clark

11:30 AM Brenda Smith, Dawn Moffatt

**Uniting the Flock**

*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

When parents hand children over to other caretakers for the day, they rightly expect that those in authority will dutifully watch the kids. When religious and civil leaders accepted responsibility for the people of Israel, God rightly expected that they would watch the people with care.

It didn't happen. They failed. Through Jeremiah, God told the leaders of Israel that they were like hired shepherds who scattered the sheep and drove them away.

Several consequences resulted. God punished the irresponsible leaders, gathered the remnant of the chosen people back together, and appointed new leaders who would do the job right. God also promised something more. God promised to "raise up a righteous shoot to David," a king who would govern wisely and do what is just. We Christians believe that that prophecy was fulfilled in the coming Jesus, who rules as a righteous king.

God is no happier with bad leadership than parents are when caretakers mistreat their children.

Whom has God placed in your care? If God were to assess your leadership, how would you score? If God could use you to unite rather than scatter, what actions would you take?

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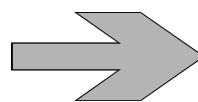
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**Sunday Offering Report**

**July 1, 2009 through July 12, 2009**

Weekly Parish Ministry Needs	\$ 17,980.00
Our Gifts for Sunday, July 12	14,720.83*
Our Gifts – Fiscal Year to Date	34,122.09
Parish Needs – Fiscal Year to Date	35,960.00
Over/(Under) – Fiscal Year to Date	(1,837.91)
*Includes Children/Youth envelopes	14.83

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



During the past week you may have received a boiler pledge statement with incorrect or missing information. Please disregard this statement. If you have not yet received another statement, you will soon. Please accept my apology if the first statement caused you any inconvenience.

Mike Johnson, Business Manager

**Bill and Pam Brown, life-long members of our parish are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 18. May God continue to bless them as He has so bountifully during their married life. Congratulation Bill and Pam!**

**Sponsor of the Week**

**JULY 19, 2009**

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...**

**SUN** Parish Picnic following 11:30 AM Mass  
**MON** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM  
**WED** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM  
**SAT** Rosary in the Chapel, 7:30 AM  
Reconciliation, 3:00 PM

**Knights of Columbus, Council 2168** would like to congratulate Craig Lehnert on his selection as Knight of the Month for July. Congratulations also go out to Jim and Ann Fedewa for their selection as Family of the Month for July. Thanks for all you do.

**Free Shamrock Basketball Clinic**

- Sunday evenings through August 16
- 6:00 to 7:30 PM
- Open to all boys and girls – 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Free of charge

This will be a skills clinic with emphasis on shooting, dribbling, passing and defense. For more information, please call

- Tim Wilcox at 517-566-7788 or 517-490-0359
- Dave Kramer at 517-647-2743 or 517-526-3529

*Congratulations to Emmet Kamby Fandel, the son of Christopher and Melinda Fandel, baptized by Deacon Don last weekend here at St. Patrick Parish.*

**Alzheimer's/Caregivers Support Group**

Will meet on July 20, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM at the Ionia County Commission on Aging, 115 Hudson Street, Ionia. Topic: Communication and Alzheimer's. Call to sign up: 1-888-527-5365 or 616-527-5365.

**Attention Districts 1 and 2 Quilters,**

Dear Quilters,

You have mastered a lovely art with workmanship unsurpassed.

We were fortunate to win the sweetheart quilt you made and I think of all the work, artistry and effort you put into the quilt every time I walk by it or when I show it off to friends and family.

Thank you so much.

Larry and Diane Schulte

**Most Holy Trinity of Fowler will host its annual festival on Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26.**

Saturday's events include a volleyball tournament starting at 9:00 AM, Social Tent from 7:00 to 11:30 PM featuring music by the JABS, Vegas game room, food and drinks. Sunday's events will feature a roast beef dinner from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, parade at 11:30 AM, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, children's games, Guitar Hero tournament, bean bag toss tournament, Bingo and live entertainment at 7:00 PM. The festival concludes at 8:00 PM with a cash raffle of prizes totaling \$6,000. Everyone is welcome!

**Director of Religious Education (full-time)**

St. Michael Parish is seeking a full-time Director of Religious Education. Responsibilities include religious education and formation for grades 1-8, sacramental preparation for first reconciliation and first Eucharist, and coordination of Children's Liturgy of the Word. Seeking a faith-filled Catholic with related educational background and experience, along with gifts of collaboration and creativity. Position description available at [www.stmichaelgl.org](http://www.stmichaelgl.org) Please submit resume with cover letter **by July 29** to: DRE Search Committee St. Michael Parish, 345 Edwards St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837