

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, August 31, Weekday

1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30

7:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, September 1, Weekday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

6:00 PM Special Intention for Amy Ward

Wednesday, September 2, Weekday

Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

9:30 AM Priests and Deacons of our Diocese

7:00 PM Devotions to Our Mother Of Perpetual Help

Thursday, September 3, St. Gregory the Great

Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

7:30 AM James Kapcia, 4th Anniversary

Friday, September 4, Weekday

Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

7:30 AM Janice Thelen, Anniversary

Saturday, September 5, Weekday

Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

4:30 PM John Schneider, 21st Anniversary

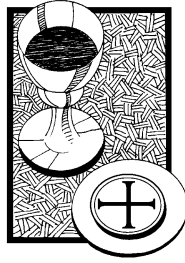
September 6, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

7:30 AM For the People

9:30 AM Wayne Schrauben

11:30 AM Bill, Dorothy & Philip Stump



Follow Directions

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Follow directions. If you follow the directions good things will happen. But if you take short cuts or disobey the rules, you will fail.

When Moses read the statutes and decrees of God before the people, he told them to follow the directions. If they did, they would enter the Promised Land. They would give evidence of their intelligence. And God would remain close to them.

If the people did not follow directions, Moses could not promise anything.

Throughout their relationship, God asked Israel only to keep the covenant. When Israel strayed, God sent prophets to remind the people. God never abandoned Israel, but remained in relationship with them.

Many times we do not follow God's directions. Sometimes we think they are too hard. Or that they won't give us the results we want. But the commands of God remain firm for a reason. They bring the best results.

The commands of God are not hard to find nor difficult to remember. They are as close as our Bible and as familiar as friends. They signify God's love for us. They demonstrate God's desire to be present to us.

When we follow directions, when we bend our will to match God's will, good things will happen.

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Sunday Offering Report

July 1, 2009 through August 23, 2009

Weekly Parish Ministry Needs	\$ 17,980.00
Our Gifts for Sunday, August 23	15,125.25*
Our Gifts – Fiscal Year to Date	125,494.24
Parish Needs – Fiscal Year to Date	143,840.00
Over/(Under) – Fiscal Year to Date	(18,345.76)

*Includes Children/Youth envelopes 32.50

St. Patrick Day Care has an opening for “Lead Teacher” beginning August 31. 30 hours a week plus benefits. Must meet requirements set by State of Michigan (see R400 5103a-(5)). Must have Virtus training and comply with other State of Michigan and St. Patrick School requirements. Pick up employment packet at St. Patrick School Office. Call 647-2415 or 647-7551 for more information.

Natural Family Planning is good news for couples striving to live in today's society while seeking to do God's will. A couple learns to understand God's design for marriage, fertility, and family - thus allowing them to plan their future with respect to God's loving plan. St. Mary's Parish in Westphalia will host a class series, beginning Saturday, October 3. For more information or to register, call Amber at 517-282-2371. To learn more about NFP visit www.ccli.org

ALTAR APPOINTMENTS – September 5 & 6, 2009

4:30 PM Lorie Schrauben 9:30 AM Sharon Hoffman
7:30 AM Beverly Sobolewski 11:30 AM Bill Durnwald

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 PM Joseph, Paul & Lily Pung, Mari Behovitz
7:30 AM Emilee Fox & Chelsea Pline
9:30 AM Hannah & Matthew Thelen, Michael & Tessa Kreiner
11:30 AM Daniel & Elizabeth Beachnau,
Marin Pline, Cody Cathcart

GREETERS

4:30 PM Jim & Jean Klein, Janet Kransz
7:30 AM Sandy & Tom Meitler
9:30 AM Bill & Judy Clark, Tom Lehman
11:30 AM Lee & Emery Haik, Kim Schrauben



Classes start for St. Patrick School students on Tuesday, September 1. Please watch out for children and youth when driving around parish grounds. Thank you!

**Sponsor
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Week**

AUGUST 30, 2009

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...

- MON** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM
St. Patrick School Welcome Back/Open House,
6:00 to 7:30 PM
- TUES** First Day of Classes at St. Patrick School
Gathering of widows, widowers and those suffering
a loss, 11:30 @ at the Wagon Wheel
School Commission Meeting, 7:00 PM
- WED** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM
Youth Ministry Walk-in-Wednesday, after school
- THUR** September Communion Calls
Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
- FRI** *Parish Offices Closed*
No Classes at St. Patrick School
- SAT** *Parish Offices Closed*
Rosary in the Chapel, 7:30 AM
Reconciliation, 3:00 PM

September Communion Calls

On Thursday, September 3, the following parishioners will be visited and the Eucharist brought to them. If there is someone not on our list, and not receiving Communion, who would like a visit, please call the office by Tuesday, September 1. Thank you.

Floyd Luna	Betty Hancock	Marge Browning.
Bill Klein	Thelma Hayner	Donna Fedewa
Marie Fox	Sandra Odem	Agnes Trowbridge
Ivan Willcox	Marvin Lawless	Walnut Grove AFC
Diana Rivera	Antonio Rivera	Country Living AFC
Shane Platte		

Retreat for the Ladies of our Parish

On the weekend of September 11, 2009, the women of our parish are invited to attend a weekend retreat at St. Lazare Retreat House in Spring Lake. This would provide a wonderful opportunity to 'to come to the mountain to pray' as Jesus frequently did during His lifetime. You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are interested, please contact Cil Gross, the retreat captain for our parish, 517-647-4858.

IS YOUR MARRIAGE TEARING YOU APART?

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, if you are thinking about separation or divorce, but want to try to save your marriage there is help available!

A Retrouvaille weekend is being held September 25-27 at Maranatha Conference Center, Muskegon, MI including, and immediately following, six additional Saturday four hour presentations.

For more information, please call the Retrouvaille community at (616) 752-7004 or on the web at www.retrouvaille.org. There is an informational DVD available to check out at the diocesan office.

ENRICH of Ionia County received requests from 28 new families last month. If you have any of these that are in good condition and working order, we can get them to the less fortunate:

11 Baby Cribs or Youth Beds, 77 Twin Beds, 32 Full Beds, 34 Queen Beds, 50 Dressers. 25 Couches, 7 Chairs, 23 Love seats, 35 Dining Sets, 11 Refrigerators, 2 Gas Ranges, 38 Washers, 24 Electric Dryers and 10 Gas Dryers.

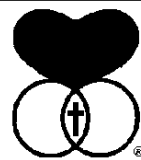
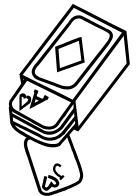
Another need is our truck currently will not start and could use a mechanic to look at it, funding as always is a concern for us.

If you can deliver items to our building (343 W Main St., Ionia) it would be appreciated, but if you can't we can pick up items. For either give us a call at 616 522 1126 for our open hours.

We are also in need of **volunteers**. **ENRICH** is operated totally by volunteer staff. We need truck drivers, truck helpers, store workers and office help. If you can help, please call the above number. THANK YOU!

Texas Hold 'em

Knights of Columbus Council 2198 Carson City – Hubbardston is sponsoring a Texas Hold 'em Tournament, (Lic #M50202) on September 13th from 3:30 to 10:30 PM. (Cash table from 3:30 to 10:00 PM. Tournament at 5:00 PM) at the Hubbardston Community Center, 305 Russell Street, Hubbardston, to benefit Knights of Columbus 2198. \$30.00 buy-in, pay 5 places, 60% payback. For more information contact Bob Fahey at 989-981-6503, cell 517-526-1025.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Live in love, as Christ loved us." Worldwide Marriage Encounter helps us to try to love each other more like Christ loves us. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is October 23-25 in

the West Michigan area. Reserve your spot now. Future 2010 dates are March 5-7 and July 23-25. For more information, contact Bob and JeanAnn McCann, 616-847-0582.

The flowers decorating our sanctuary area this weekend were donated by Ed and JoAnn Theis on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Ed and JoAnn!



*Sorrow looks back.
Worry looks around.
Faith looks up.*

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1	Tues	First Day of School for SPS Students DK-12 (full day) Gathering of Widows, Widowers and those suffering a loss, 11:30 AM Mass, 6:00 PM School Commission Meeting following Mass	Wagon Wheel Church Parish Hall
2	Wed	Mass, 9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM Youth Ministry – Walk in Wednesday, after school Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM	Church Church Youth Room Church
3	Thurs	Mass, 7:30 AM Communion Calls Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM	Church Church Admin Bldg.
4	Fri	No School for SPS Parish Offices Closed Mass, 7:30 AM	Church
5	Sat	Rosary, 7:30 AM Reconciliation, 3:00 PM Mass, 4:30 PM	Chapel Church Church
6	Sun	Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM	Church
7	Mon	Labor Day – No School NO COMMUNION SERVICE	
8	Tues	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:00 PM Mass, 6:00 PM Finance Commission Meeting following Mass	116 Blossom Dr. Church Admin Bldg.
9	Wed	Mass, 9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM Youth Ministry – Walk in Wednesday, after school Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM	Church Church Youth Room Church Church
10	Thurs	Mass, 7:30 AM Wedding Rehearsal, 6:00 PM Healing Ministry Prayer Group, 7:00 PM	Church Church Chapel
11	Fri	YM Going Deeper, 6:00 AM Mass, 7:30 AM	Youth Room Church
12	Sat	Rosary, 7:30 AM Wedding: Kristen Schrauben and Aaron Smith, 1:00 PM Reconciliation, 3:00 PM Mass, 4:30 PM	Chapel Church Church
13	Sun	Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM Youth Ministry Kick-Off Party	Church Youth Room
14	Mon	Communion Service, 7:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM Liturgy & Worship Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, 8:00 PM	Church Chapel Admin Bldg. KC Hall
15	Tues	Mass, 6:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting following Mass Baptism Prep Class, 7:00 PM	Church Parish Hall
16	Wed	Mass, 9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM Youth Ministry – Walk in Wednesday, after school Youth Ministry – Going Deeper, 8:00 PM Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM	Church Church Youth Room Youth Room Church

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		Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM	Church
17	Thurs	Mass, 7:30 AM	Church
18	Fri	Mass, 7:30 AM	Church
		Third Friday Communion Calls	
		Wedding Pre-Rehearsal and Rehearsal, 4:30 PM	Church
19	Sat	Rosary, 7:30 AM	Chapel
		Wedding: Sheila Trimmer and Mark Fabiano, 1:00 PM	Church
		Reconciliation, 3:00 PM	Church
		Mass, 4:30 PM	Church
		St. Patrick High School Homecoming, 7:00 PM	PHS Field
20	Sun	Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM	Church
		Commission of Catechists at 9:30 AM Mass	Church
		Knights of Columbus Chicken BBQ/Social, 12 Noon	KC Hall
		Youth Ministry EHOP, 6:30 PM	Chapel
21	Mon	Communion Service, 7:30 AM	Church
		Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM	Chapel
		Faith Formation Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM	Parish Hall
22	Tues	Mass, 6:00 PM	Church
23	Wed	Mass, 9:30 AM	Church
		Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM	Church
		Youth Ministry – Walk in Wednesday, after school	Youth Room
		Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM	Church
		Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM	Church
24	Thurs	Mass, 7:30 AM	Church
25	Fri	YM Going Deeper, 6:00 AM	Youth Room
		Mass, 7:30 AM	Church
26	Sat	Rosary, 7:30 AM	Chapel
		Reconciliation, 3:00 PM	Church
		Mass, 4:30 PM	Church
27	Sun	Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM	Church
		Protecting God's Children Awareness Center, 2:00 PM	Parish Hall
28	Mon	Communion Service, 7:30 AM	Church
		Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM	Chapel
		Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 PM	Meet in Church
29	Tues	Mass, 6:00 PM	Church
30	Wed	Mass, 9:30 AM	Church
		Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM	Church
		Youth Ministry – Walk in Wednesday, after school	Youth Room
		Youth Ministry – Going Deeper, 8:00 PM	Youth Room
		Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM	Church
		Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM	Church

Council for Educational Travel, USA (CETUSA) is seeking host families for high school students from many countries around the world who all share the same dream – to experience an academic semester or year in an American home and high school. They are screened for academic and English abilities and arrive with medical insurance and their own spending money. A large number of our students are culturally accomplished and are gifted with exceptional music/talent and/or sports abilities. Welcoming an exchange student into your home and hearts is the perfect opportunity to become a Good Will Ambassador for World Peace! See our students online at www.cetusa.org or call us toll free for more information: 1-888-238-8721