

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Monday, September 7, Weekday**

*Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11*

7:30 AM NO COMMUNION SERVICE

**Tuesday, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23*

6:00 PM Eugene Densmore

**Wednesday, September 9, St. Peter Claver**

*Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26*

9:30 AM Margaret Thelen, Anniversary

7:00 PM Devotions to Our Mother Of Perpetual Help

**Thursday, September 10, Weekday**

*Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38*

7:30 AM Marian Webster, Anniversary

**Friday, September 11, Weekday**

*1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42*

7:30 AM Fred & Ann Lehman

**Saturday, September 12, Weekday**

*1 Tm 1:15-127/Lk 6:43-49*

1:00 PM Wedding – Schrauben & Smith

4:30 PM St. Patrick High School Class of 1959

**Sept. 13, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

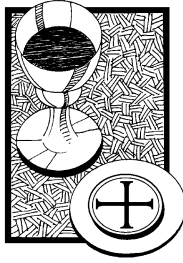
*Us 50:5-9a/Js 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35*

7:30 AM Paul Hengesbach & Fred May

9:30 AM Mary Peake; Perry Lawless, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Dec. Members of William & Anna May Family

11:30 AM For the People



**Fear Not**

*Isaiah 35:4-7a*

The uncontrollable forces of nature cause uncontrollable fear. Illness is an inconvenience. If we cannot overcome it, it can make us fear the future. A natural disaster can cause destruction and harm. If we cannot control it, we fear it could happen again.

We experience fear when we do not understand the sources of infirmity, or when we cannot control the future.

God spoke through Isaiah to Israel, "Fear not." The blind, the deaf, the lame, and the mute suffered uncontrollable infirmities. But God is stronger than disability, and God is coming to save.

The desert yielded no water. It offered no chance for crops to grow or life to thrive. But God is stronger than death, and God is coming to save.

In moments of fear, it may help to remember the source of our strength. God is the author of creation. God is our destiny in redemption. All creation suffers weakness, and imperfection causes fear. But creation is not equal to the Creator. The Creator knows no weakness. The Creator knows no fear.

The fear we feel need not overpower us. The one who made us, sustains us, and calls us home gives us strength when we are weak.

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**Sunday Offering Report**

**July 1, 2009 through August 30, 2009**

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| Weekly Parish Ministry Needs       | \$ 17,980.00 |
| Our Gifts for Sunday, August 30    | 13,613.75*   |
| Our Gifts – Fiscal Year to Date    | 139,107.96   |
| Parish Needs – Fiscal Year to Date | 161,820.00   |
| Over/(Under) – Fiscal Year to Date | (22,712.04)  |

\*Includes Children/Youth envelopes 38.76

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"He has done all things well" (Gospel). Jesus works miracles in us if we take time to listen how to make our marriage even greater than it is. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is October 23–25 in West Michigan. Reserve your spot now. For information, contact Bob and JeanAnn McCann, 616-847-0582.



**Attention Ladies...**

Don't forget the retreat on the weekend of September 11 at St. Lazare Retreat House in Spring Lake. You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are interested, please contact Cil Gross at 517-647-4858.

The flowers decorating our sanctuary area this weekend were donated by Bernice Schneider and family in memory of John Schneider.

**Sponsor of the Week**

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

- MON** *Labor Day – Parish Offices Closed*
- TUES** Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:00 PM at 116 Blossom Dr  
Finance Commission Meeting following Mass
- WED** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM  
Youth Ministry Walk-in-Wednesday, after school  
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- THUR** Healing Ministry Prayer Group, 7:00 PM, Chapel
- FRI** Youth Ministry “Going Deeper”, 6:00 AM
- SAT** Rosary in the Chapel, 7:30 AM  
Reconciliation, 3:00 PM



**Knights of Columbus News**

Knights of Columbus Council 2168 would like to congratulate Fred and Jude Kramer on their selection as “Family of the Month” for September. Congratulations also go out to Pat Russman on his selection as “Knight of the Month” for September. Thanks for all you do.

The Knights of Columbus are holding a membership drive after all the masses next weekend, September 12 and 13. Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference. Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. We invite you to visit with us after mass to find out more about becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus.

**Chicken BBQ Time** - The Portland Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Chicken BBQ on Sunday September 20th at the KC Hall located at 690 Maynard Road in Portland. Starting at 12:00 PM. Cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 16. Take out will also be available. This dinner is open to everyone so come on out and enjoy some of Mark Simon’s famous chicken. For more information contact Rich Schneider at 517-647-4567.

**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 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](http://www.retrouvaille.org). There is an informational DVD available to check out at the diocesan office.

**SCRIP/GIFT CARD NEWS**

With our school back in session, the parish office has returned to longer open hours. Scrip/Gift cards are available in the evenings, Monday through Thursday from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm and on Saturday mornings from 9:30 am until 11:30 am.

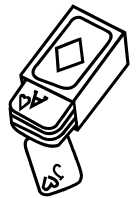
Scrip is also available in the school from 8:00 am until 9:00 am and then again from 2:00 pm until 3:45 pm every day school is in session.

Thank you to Jan Bozung, Judy Kapcia, Jeannette Makries and Sandy Hornby for their great work this summer. Volume was far ahead of the previous summer.

We have several new merchant partners this year. Check out [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) to see the new options. Send questions to (517) 647-2462 or [ladybug48875@yahoo.com](mailto:ladybug48875@yahoo.com)

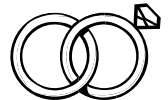
**Texas Hold ‘em**

Knights of Columbus Council 2198 Carson City – Hubbardston is sponsoring a Texas Hold ‘em Tournament, (Lic #M50202) on September 13<sup>th</sup> 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. \$30.00 buy-in, pay 5 places, 60% payback. For more information contact Bob Fahey at 989-981-6503, cell 517-526-1025.



**Second Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Together with your families, the Church in the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes to celebrate with you. Bishop Hurley is inviting **all couples celebrating anniversaries of 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years** to join him on **Sunday, October 4 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew** (265 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids). A simple reception will immediately follow. Please RSVP by calling the parish office or using the form below to confirm your attendance.



**Wedding Anniversary Mass**  
**Sunday, October 4, 2009**

Names \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years Married \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed forms to the parish office.**

## **King's Korner**

### **Welcome Back to School...**

Summer vacation is over – probably all too quickly for many of you children and youth, but not soon enough for many of you parents. I'm sure that everyone has grown a lot over the summer in height, weight, wisdom, life experience, and in your relationships with the God who created you as well as with your family and friends. If all these things are true, then it really has been a good and blessed summer vacation!

Now it's time to return to the classroom and extra curricular activities related to school. May this be a school year filled with much continued growth in the fields of academics, athletics, social relationships, team work, and creative genius in whatever field God has gifted you young people! We're all rooting for you!

### **Sign of Peace at Mass...**

I received a request from several parishioners that the 'Sign of Peace' at Mass be discontinued during the flu season. I'm very sensitive to the 'H1-N1' virus that's spreading around the country and around the world, but I'm not sure that this would require discontinuing the 'Sign of Peace' at Mass. Rather than discontinuing it, how about if everyone determines for themselves if they want to shake hands for the 'Sign of Peace' – or for that matter hold hands during the Lord's Prayer, or shake hands when entering or leaving church. So, let's do our best to be respectful of one another's wishes in this regard. For those who choose not to shake someone's hand, you can still greet others and wish them the *Peace of Christ* in their lives without touching.

### **New Bulletin Boards in the Gathering Area of Church...**

Soon, perhaps already done, we will be installing new bulletin boards in the Gathering Area of the Church. Each bulletin board will be dedicated to a particular ministry in the parish, so you can find information you're looking for quickly and easily. Those ministries that will have their own dedicated bulletin board are: St. Patrick School, Faith Formation, and Youth Ministry. The large bulletin board by the "Suggestion Box" will be used for additional In-Parish and Out-of-Parish events / information. Reminder: Please do NOT put anything on these bulletin boards without permission from the head of that ministry.

### **Suggestion Box...**

Just a reminder that there is a "Suggestion Box" in the Gathering Area. Also note that I do not respond to unsigned suggestions left in the box. I'm also open to listening to suggestions, but please have the courage to sign your name to your suggestion.

### **Fr. Flohe Bell Moved to School...**

Those who enter church through the Gathering Area probably noticed that the Fr. Flohe Bell is gone. It has been moved over to the School and displayed prominently by the School Office. Since the bell came from the school originally, it seemed to make sense to give it a place of honor in the school. THANKS to Tony Goodrich for the cabinetry he built next to the Fr. Flohe Bell. They look great together!

### **Non-Perishable Food Collecting for Local Food Pantries...**

So, what's going in the space in the Gathering Area of church vacated by the Fr. Flohe Bell? Well, that's going to be an area where we are going to collect non-perishable food items (bags or single cans and boxes) that will be distributed to the local food pantries. With the economy in a severe downturn and many people finding themselves out of work, this is one way that we can reach out to those who are wondering where their next meal is coming from.

So, bring your non-perishable food items with you when you come to church and drop them off before Mass. Actually, this could be a wonderful way to teach your children to be generous toward those who have less than they do by having them bring a can of food with them to church and place it in the box in the Gathering Area. Each week we'll have the food picked up and taken to one of the food pantries. This is just another expression of *Stewardship in Action!*

### **Thank You, Thank You, Thank You...**

I'd like to THANK all those involved in the upgrading and sprucing up of our grounds and facilities over the summer. You may have noticed the wonderful cement work done by Bruce Barber on the steps and retaining wall on Church Street. THANK YOU to the Maintenance staff (Pat Heckman, Jane Finkbiner, Dave Ward, and the three part-time college students from the parish – Ben Brown, Ben Simon and Alex Schrauben) for all the painting of the retaining wall and many other projects that they accomplished over the summer. By the way, did you notice the new railings going up the steps in front of the gym?! That was something that has been needed for a long time. I'd also like to THANK Mike Johnson, our Business Manager, for coordinating all these maintenance efforts, as well as Dick Lawless and Don Pohl for all of their monumental hours of volunteer work!!!

*Fr. Larry*

## PEWAMO CELEBRATES SESQUICENTENNIAL

The village of Pewamo will commemorate its 150th anniversary on September 11th and 12th, 2009 with a celebration in the street. The celebration will begin at dusk on Friday, September 11th with an old family movie shown outdoors. Viewers are encouraged to bring their blankets and chairs to settle in for a fun family night

There will be a large historical memorabilia display. A veteran tribute containing uniforms, pictures, and service relics of Pewamo natives who have served in the armed forces will also be on display. These exhibits will be open on Friday evening and Saturday.

On Saturday, September 12th, local veterans, State Representative Brian Calley, and the Clintonaires will participate in a flag raising and park dedication ceremony in downtown Pewamo. A pie eating contest and a fashion show depicting clothing styles over the past two centuries will also take place on Saturday. An antique tractor display, and a car show will also be held. Entertainment and performances by local bands will continue throughout the day and evening. Food and beverages will also be available. There will be plenty of activities for children on the 12th including, pony rides, jumping houses and a dunk tank. **Pewamo invites you to join the celebration**

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## Gluten-Free Living – 6 week class beginning Monday, September 21, 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

If you have been diagnosed with Celiac's Disease or are gluten sensitive, there's no need to feel like you have to give up all of your favorite foods. You will learn how to shop, where to go for a quick meal or fine dining, along with how to handle social events, travel tips and changes you'll need to make in your own kitchen.

The class is being sponsored by Portland Adult and Community Education. The class instructor is Linda Fedewa, former owner of A Piece O'Cake. The cost for the six-week class is \$75.

Register by calling Portland Adult and Community Education at 517-647-2987.

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## TEC Retreat

Could you use a retreat from the stresses of daily life in order to refocus yourself on Christ? Do you need to jump-start your faith? Are you looking for a way to deepen your faith while celebrating the joys of the Christian life? If you or someone you know can answer "Yes" to any of these questions, then TEC may be the right retreat experience for you.

(TEC) Together Encounter Christ, provides a profound and joyful faith experience for adults 18 and older. This retreat, endorsed by the Diocese of Grand Rapids, is a three-day weekend journey through the Paschal Mystery which offers many opportunities to evaluate, grow in, and expand your relationship with Christ. The weekend includes talks, time for reflection, as well as music and humor.

The next retreat will take place October 16-18, 2009 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Big Rapids. If you are interested in attending, or have any questions, visit [www.nextgenerationtec.com](http://www.nextgenerationtec.com) or contact Jane White at [jane@nextgenerationtec.com](mailto:jane@nextgenerationtec.com) or (616) 340-3725.

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*Dear Reverend King,*

*I wish to thank you and the members of St. Patrick Parish for your generous donation of \$370.38 to the boys and girls of Holy Cross Children's Services. We appreciate your concern and support of our mission of helping troubled youth.*

*If you would like to know more about Holy Cross Children's Services, please visit our new website at [www.hccsnet.org](http://www.hccsnet.org).*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Brother Francis Boylan, CSC, President*