

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, September 21, St. Mathew

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

7:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, September 22, Weekday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

6:00 PM June Hoffman, Anniversary

Wednesday, September 23, St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

9:30 AM Russell Krieger, Anniversary

7:00 PM Devotions to Our Mother Of Perpetual Help

Thursday, September 24, Weekday

Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

7:30 AM Peter Smith, Anniversary

Friday, September 25, Weekday

Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22

7:30 AM Gerald Cook, Anniversary

Saturday, September 26, Ss. Cosmas & Damian

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

4:30 PM Dec. Mem. of the William Stump Sr. Family

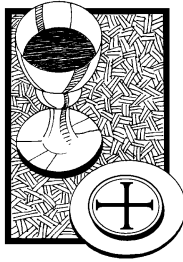
Sept. 27, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-42, 47-48

7:30 AM Marian Thelen

9:30 AM For the People

11:30 AM Sam Marvin



The Weakness of Wickedness *Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*

For churchgoers who strive to do what is right, it is hard to understand why some people strive to do what is wrong. But those people exist. They steal to support a drug habit. They hack websites to cause confusion. They lie. They murder. They have no respect for human life.

Evil people have been around throughout the history of the world. Jesus predicted that his life would end in their hands. Jeremiah faced them in his ministry.

Jeremiah overheard the collusion of the wicked. They targeted him because he was just, and righteous people were obnoxious to them.

Whenever the just reproach the wicked, the two sides grow farther apart. The just become more just and the wicked conceive more wickedness in retaliation.

To the untrained eye, evil people often seem to win. They achieve the wrong they try to do.

But to eyes of faith, the wicked never win. Agents of death and destruction, they are eternally conquered by the God of might.

Jeremiah did not live to see the final victory that Jesus achieved over death. Jeremiah lived to see revilement.

In the light of the resurrection, we know now what prophets only hoped for: that wickedness can never overcome what is good.

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ALTAR APPOINTMENTS – Sept. 26 & 27, 2009

LECTORS

4:30 PM Randy Pung

9:30 AM Laura Goostrey

7:30 AM Gary Fedewa

11:30 AM Mark Davis

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 PM Justin Kerr, Ben Lawless, Jacob Miller, Brady Lehman

7:30 AM Preston Beard and Joshua Schneider

9:30 AM John Kmetz, Noah Pung,
Caitlin Rommel, Gracelyn Pearson

11:30 AM Chloe Alberta, Kendall Schrauben
Kiah Schneider, Brittni Wilcox

GREETERS

4:30 PM Freda Bauer, Keith Cook, JoAnn Pline

7:30 AM Bill and Judy Clark

9:30 AM Steve Hengesbach, Tom Lehman, Jack Schrauben

11:30 AM Sandy & Tom Meitler

Sunday Offering Report

July 1, 2009 through September 13, 2009

Weekly Parish Ministry Needs	\$ 17,980.00
Our Gifts for Sunday, September 13	15,321.27*
Our Gifts – Fiscal Year to Date	173,920.57
Parish Needs – Fiscal Year to Date	197,780.00
Over/(Under) – Fiscal Year to Date	(23,859.43)

*Includes Children/Youth envelopes 21.17

Do YOU have any ideas that might help our parish become more welcoming to newcomers or guests? How about social activities that might help our parish family build stronger relationships? Or, are you able to help at any of the different activities we may have? ALL are invited to attend the next "Welcoming & Social Committee" meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7:00 pm at the Parish Hall. Hope to see YOU there!

Respect Life Sunday is October 4. Take a stand for life by peacefully, publicly joining others in prayer. Pro-Life chains will form locally in East Lansing, Okemos, Lowell and Grand Rapids. For more information contact Tony Feldpausch (989-593-2798) or visit www.lifechain.net.

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...

- SUN** Commission of Catechists at 9:30 Mass
K of C Chicken BBQ, Noon, K of C Hall
Youth Ministry EHOP, 6:30 PM
- MON** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM
Faith Formation Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM,
Parish Hall
- TUES** Art & Environment Meeting following Mass
in the chapel
- WED** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM
Youth Ministry Walk-in-Wednesday, after school
Welcoming/Social Comm., 7:00 PM, Parish Hall
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- FRI** Youth Ministry "Going Deeper", 6 AM, Youth Rm.
- SAT** Rosary in the Chapel, 7:30 AM
Reconciliation, 3:00 PM
- SUN** Protecting God's Children Awareness Session,
2:00 PM, Parish Hall

Fall Festival – October 11

Don't forget that the 2009 Fall Festival is right around the corner...Sunday, October 12. Every athlete in grades 5-12 is selling tickets to the dinner, so contact any of them to buy yours in advance. Tickets will also be available at the door. The dinner will be served from 11-3 and take out meals will be available.



Activities include:

- All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Dinner (11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.) Featuring three kinds of meat, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, vegetable, huge salad bar and dessert. Held in the school cafeteria.
- Arts & Crafts Show (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) In the gym, classrooms and hallways. Contact Connie Vallier (517-647-2225) for more information.
- Cookie Booth and Spin to Win (formerly called Fancy Goods Booth) in the gym.
- 5K Race (9:00 a.m.) Will start at Thompson Field on Canal Street. Contact Dan Lawless (517-647-1709) for more information.
- Kidfest (11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) On the second floor of the school. Games and activities for children. Contact Sharon Lay (517-647-6568) for more information.
- Euchre Tournament (12:30 p.m.) Will be held in the Parish Hall.
- Teen Activities (Noon-3:00 p.m.) Free activities for teens will take place in the Multipurpose Room, adjacent to the cafeteria.
- Raffle (3:15 p.m.) In the Parish Hall. \$2500 in cash prizes.

Go to www.portlandstpats.com and click on Fall Festival for complete information about this event.

Protecting God's Children Awareness Session Sunday September 27 – 2:00 to 5:00 PM

St. Patrick Parish will be hosting a "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Session from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM Sunday, September 27, 2009 in the Parish Hall. Attendance is required for all parish staff and for all volunteers and chaperones who work with children. If you have not already attended a session, here is your opportunity. Note: **ALL Registrations MUST be completed on line.** Pre-registration is required in order to insure that enough materials will be shipped to the parish for attendees. Go to the Diocesan website at: www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org and select the "Our Diocese" at the top of the page on the left above the picture. Select "Child and Youth Protection" on the left side of the web page. Under the title "Protecting God's Children Awareness Sessions" in the middle of the page, select Pre-register/Register. The organization is: Grand Rapids, MI (Diocese). You will be asked to create a username and password and fill out additional information. Please register by the end of the day Wednesday, September 23. If you have any questions or have any difficulties, please contact Deacon Don at 517-647-6505 x409.

Please note that because of the seriousness and importance of the video part of the session, there can be no admittance after the video portion has begun. Please arrive on time.

Faith Formation Notes

We are in need of volunteers for our Monday Night Children's Faith Formation Program. If you are interested in helping as a catechist, catechist aid, substitute catechist, or a non-catechist assistant, please call Tom Jandernoa at 647-6505 ext. 418

Mission Appeal – Next Weekend

On the weekend of September 26 & 27, Rev. Mark Enemali, C.S.Sp. will visit our parish to speak about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Fathers of the Holy Spirit ("the Spiritans"), earlier known as the Holy Ghost Fathers

This visit is part of a national program whereby annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Diocese to enlist support for the mission work of the Church. The Congregation of the Holy Spirit is an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activities in many areas of the world. Fr. Enemali is a Nigerian presently studying at the University of Notre Dame. He comes to the United States by way of Tanzania, East Africa, where he served for many years.

When Jesus said: "You shall witness to me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth", He made the spread of the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic life.

You are urged to respond generously to Father Enemali's appeal.

ST. PATRICK PARISH, 140 CHURCH ST., PORTLAND, MI - SEPT. 20, 2009

Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. Mark 9:37

Catholic Charities West Michigan needs you! Please consider opening your heart and home to a foster child. For more information, please call 1-877-277-9378 and ask for a foster care licensing worker.

St. Patrick Parish Men's Breakfast – Saturday, October 17, 2009 -- 8:00 AM at the Parish Hall

Attention Men of St. Patrick Parish – The Welcoming and Social Committee is hosting a breakfast for all men, high school age and older to gather for fellowship on October 17. A hearty breakfast including egg casserole, muffins, sausage biscuits and gravy will be served. We are asking for a \$3.00 donation for the breakfast. Please RSVP to Ann Kissane at 517-647-5513 or kissanes@hotmail.com

A Scrap Book Fundraiser will be held at the Hubbardston Library on Saturday, September 26, from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM. All meals will be furnished. Price is \$30. Contact Carol Schrauben @ 989-981-6874 or call the library @ 989-981-6106 to register.

FHS 50th Anniversary Arts and Craft Show

On October 10th as part of the FHS homecoming game and 50th anniversary weekend there will be an Arts and Craft Show. If interested in registering a booth/table or for more information please contact Mike Spicer at mspicer@fowerschools.net or 989-593-2160.

Date/Time: October 10th, 9:00 - 6:00. Place: Fowler High School. Booth/Table Rate: \$20.00 a table (8 foot)

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 or contact Jane White at jane@nextgenerationtec.com or (616) 340-3725.

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, 6 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

HELP!! Volunteer (Assistant) Needed for Monday Night Formation.

Linda Ferrara, the Faith Formation Secretary, is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to help with the Monday Faith Formation program. This volunteer (s) needs to be an adult (graduated from high school) and would be responsible for the following: Set up, escort children from Church to school, run errands during classes, monitor hallways, and assist Tom in closing up rooms. If you are interested please contact Linda at 647-6505, ext 419.

St. Patrick's Class of 1959 would like to thank the Father Flohe Foundation committee for all their hard work on our 50th reunion. Everyone had a great time.

Share Your Time and Talent

St. Patrick Parish Stewardship Committee is seeking three or four new members. The Stewardship Committee promotes Parish stewardship by maintaining the Parish Stewardship and Ministries Book, coordinating Stewardship Sundays, preparing Caught in the Act bulletin inserts, and other various activities. The Stewardship Committee meets the first Thursday evening of each month throughout the school year. The time commitment is typically one to three hours per month. Members of the Stewardship Committee usually serve a three year term. Are you called to help promote the use of time, talent, and treasure throughout the Parish and community? If you are interested or have questions, please contact the Parish Office or Craig Fedewa at 517-649-8522 or craigfedewa@hotmail.com.

Please remember all the military personnel in service to our Country, whether they are serving here at home or abroad. If you would like the parish to be aware of your son, daughter, husband, wife or other loved one serving in the armed forces, please contact the parish office so all can pray for their safety. Please remember the following in your prayers:

Capt. Ron Flora – U.S. Marine Corp.

CW4 Todd McElmurry - U.S. Army

Spc. Aaron Shattuck

Pfc. Rob Feldpausch – U.S. Army

Todd Fox

Lt. Col. Judy (Simon) Fryover – Army Nurse Res.

Pfc. Rob Marvin – U.S. Army

2Lt. Jeff Erb – U.S. Marine Corp.

M. Sgt. Bill Smith – U.S. Marine Corp

G. Sgt. Joseph Weirsky – U.S. Marine Corp

Airman First Class Luke May – U.S. Air Force

CPO Rick Manning – U.S. Navy Reserves

Pfc. Travis Tichvon – U.S. Army

M. Sgt. John English, SA – U. S. Air Force

Spc. David Johnson – U.S. Army

Spc. Erika Kelly – U.S. Army

Pfc. Zec Smith – U.S. Army

Pfc. Brian Gallagher – Army National Guard

Danny Kellog – Army National Guard

M.Sgt. Thomas D. Meitler II. - U.S. Air Force

Spc. Ryan Goodman - U.S. Army Reserve

Spc. Daniel James Noffke

1Lt. James Arrasmith - U. S. Marine Corp.

M.Sgt. Lou Bennis – U.S. Marine Corp.

M. Sgt. John Hayes – U.S. Marine Corp.

Pfc. William J. Dorsky – U.S. Marine Corp.

Sgt. Matthew Patrick – Army National Guard

L-Cpl. Bryan May – U.S. Marine Corps

Greg Strickling – U.S. Army

Joel Rockey - U.S. Navy, HN

Pfc. Peter S. Pohl – U.S. Army

Sgt. Daniel Hiner

Reporting Sexual Abuse of Minors

To inform the Diocese of Grand Rapids of the sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon or other Church personnel and/or to speak with the Victim Assistance Coordinator please call (616) 243-0491.

A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number.

All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. The diocese is committed to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries.

As an alternative, a report may be made to the Family Independence Agency for the applicable county

The deadline for submission of articles for the Sunday Bulletin is Tuesday mornings at 10 AM for inclusion in the following weekend's edition. Articles must include the name and phone of the person submitting the item. We are sorry, but late items cannot be accepted.

Business Hours at the Parish Office
Monday – Thursday:
9AM to Noon, 1 to 4 PM & 6 to 9PM
Friday: 9AM to Noon and 1 to 4 PM
Saturday: 9AM to Noon
Closed on Sunday