

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Monday, September 28, St. Wenceslaus
St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions**

Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50

7:30 AM Communion Service

**Tuesday, September 29, Ss. Michael
Gabriel & Raphael**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

6:00 PM Priests & Deacons of our Diocese

Wednesday, September 30, St. Jerome

Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

9:30 AM Richard L. Fedewa, Anniversary

7:00 PM Devotions to Our Mother Of Perpetual Help

Thursday, October 1, St. Theres of the Child Jesus

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

7:30 AM Patricia Thelen, Month Mind

Friday, October 2, Guardian Angels

Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10

7:30 AM Fred & Ann Lehman

Saturday, October 3, Weekday

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

4:30 PM George, Sue & Gordon Lehman;
Caroline Rockey

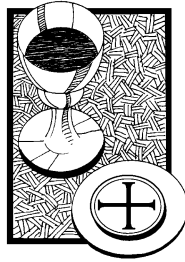
October 4, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

7:30 AM Edna Weber

9:30 AM Tony Kolarik III and Ron Lenneman, Anniv.

11:30 AM For the People



The Annoying Choices of the Spirit *Numbers 11:25-29*

When other people overstep their boundaries, we usually object. We don't need the inexpert help of well-meaning busybodies who get in the way.

The problem is especially strong when people step into our own area of expertise. If you have devoted your life to a craft or skill, it's not right for some amateur to take more attention than you receive. If you trust your own advisors, you don't need help from someone who does not fully understand the situation.

However, the Holy Spirit has a very annoying habit of offering us help through people who otherwise shouldn't have much influence at all.

Take Eldad and Medad, for example. In the Book of Numbers, God sent some of the spirit that was on Moses to the seventy elders, and they prophesied. But Eldad and Medad were not in the gathering at the time. The spirit came to rest on them anyway.

When Eldad and Medad came back to the camp, they prophesied, too, but a young man complained about it to Moses. They had overstepped their boundaries. "Stop them," he pleaded.

But Moses wished that God would send the spirit of prophecy on all the people.

Sometimes God speaks to us through people we'd rather not listen to at all.

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ALTAR APPOINTMENTS – October 3 & 4, 2009

LECTORS

4:30 PM Devann Hattis	9:30 AM Doug Snitgen
7:30 AM Gary Brown	11:30 AM Carol Gunderman

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 PM Jill Spitzley, Mary Behovitz,
Danielle Simon, Mackenzie Smith

7:30 AM Emilee Fox and Taylor Wilcox

9:30 AM Rhet Schrauben, Joseph Weller
Tangela Willemin, Holly Gunderman

11:30 AM Daniel & Elizabeth Beachnau; Paul & Lily Pung

GREETERS

4:30 PM Jim & Jean Klein, Jim Wlodarczak

7:30 AM Pat Baker and Connie Mallek

9:30 AM Judy Braley, Cil Gross, Dawn Moffatt

11:30 AM Sandy & Tom Meitler

Sunday Offering Report

July 1, 2009 through September 20, 2009

Weekly Parish Ministry Needs	\$ 17,980.00
Our Gifts for Sunday, September 20	14,357.75*
Our Gifts – Fiscal Year to Date	188,278.32
Parish Needs – Fiscal Year to Date	215,760.00
Over/(Under) – Fiscal Year to Date	(27,481.68)
*Includes Children/Youth envelopes	20.75
Special Collection for PAMA	366.96

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir will start practicing for their Christmas performance on Wednesday, September 30, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. They will meet in Room 109 of St. Patrick School. Use the Grand river entrance closest to West Street. New bell ringers are needed. No musical ability required. Anyone interested in being in the bell choir should call Karen Stevens at 517-627-7699.

Respect Life Sunday is October 4 - Take a stand for life by peacefully, publicly joining others in prayer. Pro-Life chains will form from 2:30-3:30 in East Lansing and Okemos at St. Martha's Church, Gift and Bible, and between Abbot and the Brookfield Plaza, all on Grand River Ave. Pro-life signs will be available. For more info contact Tony at 989-593-2798 or Ann at 517-351-7651 or visit lifechain.net

Sponsor Of the Week

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...

- SUN** Protecting God's Children Awareness Session,
2:00 PM, Parish Hall
- MON** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM
Faith Formation 6:30 PM. Meet in church.
- WED** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM
Youth Ministry Walk-in-Wednesday, after school
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
Youth Ministry "Going Deeper", 8 PM, Youth Rm.
- THUR** Stewardship Commission, 7:00 PM, SPS Room 110
- FRI** Youth Ministry "Going Deeper", 6AM, Youth Rm.
First Friday Communion Calls
- SAT** Right to Life "Lifesaver Drive" before/after Mass
Rosary in the Chapel, 7:30 AM
Reconciliation, 3:00 PM
- SUN** Right to Life "Lifesaver Drive" before/after Masses
Bake Sale after all Masses in the Parish Hall
Coffee/Donuts after all Masses in the Parish Hall
RCIA 9:30 AM
GIFT 1:00 PM
K of C Bingo, 2:00 PM

Senior Citizen Euchre Card Party
Wednesday, October 7, 2009; 1:00 PM
Knights of Columbus Hall

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

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.

Foresters....St. Pat's Court #2273

Our Annual Organization Meeting will be held Tuesday, October. 6, 2009 beginning at 6:00 PM; in Room 110 of St. Patrick School. Use the Grand River Avenue entrance closest to West Street. Election of Officers and next event planning. Contact Roger or Carolyn Manning 647-6474; fax 647-7788, or therogermanning@hotmail.com

K of C Rummage Sale – October 14 & 15

The sale will be held on October 14, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and on October 15, from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon at the K of C Hall, 690 Maynard Road. The Knights are seeking donated items to support this annual fundraiser. Clean, useable items can be dropped off at the hall on Tuesday, October 13, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. A limited pick-up service is also available by calling John Vallier at 647-6409.

Portland Community Fund Notes

The Portland Community Fund will be having a Coat Drive from Thursday, October 1, through Thursday, October 15. Adult and children's clean, useable coats will be collected along with hats, mittens, gloves and outerwear.

This year we are also asking for donations of new and good used boots along with the coats. We will not be requesting boots as part of the Holiday Giving Program.

A donation box will be located in the vestibule of the church. Other donation boxes will be located at Portland City Hall, the schools and at Curves.

On Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, coats, outerwear and boots will be available to anyone needing them at St. Andrew Lutheran Church located at 8867 Kent Street, Portland.

Applications for the Portland Community Fund's Holiday Giving Program will be available on Thursday, October 1st and must be returned by Monday, November 16. Applications are available at the Parish Office or Portland City Hall.

A Christmas dinner will be provided to families in need and gifts will be provided to family members 18 and under.

Any family in the Portland School District that may need assistance or anyone that knows of someone who could use extra assistance should fill out an application.

Coffee and Donuts are back!

The Welcoming and Social Committee will be hosting coffee and donuts after all of the morning Masses on October 4. We will also be hosting a **Bake Sale** to raise money for future events, such as the *Table Games Day* that is scheduled for early January 2010. Please take this opportunity to socialize with your friends and fellow parishioners, and take home some home-made treats.

Fall Festival 2009 is almost here—It will be held in two weeks, on October 11!

- § **BREAD & DESSERTS NEEDED** We'll need enough breads and desserts to feed 1200 people, so it's important that everyone help out in this area. Each year, fewer and fewer people bring in baked goods. Until Father Larry learns how to bless the food and make it multiply, we really really need YOUR help!
- § **HOMEMADE COOKIES** The ever-popular Cookie Booth will be held in the gym on Sunday, October 11. All Shamrock Athletes in grades 5-12 are expected to donate 3 dozen homemade cookies. Grandparents and others can also bring cookies.
- § **SPIN to WIN** (Formerly called the Fancy Goods Booth) Donna Schrauben needs your hand-made craft items or other interesting items to use as prizes in the Spin-to-Win Booth, located in the gym.
- All food and other items can be dropped off at the gym or the cafeteria on Saturday or before 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, the weekend of the festival.
- § **DINNER TICKETS** Advance tickets for the dinner are available from any Shamrock athlete. A reminder to athletes: Please return all money and ticket stubs to your coach or to Mr. Pat Russman NO LATER THAN Monday, October 5th.
- § **RAFFLE TICKETS** Raffle tickets can be dropped in the collection basket this week and next. On the day of the Fall Festival they can be turned in at the raffle booth, located inside the entrance of the school, outside the school office.

Notes from Our Neighbors

Who are foster parents?

They are your neighbors, your child's teacher, the cashier at the grocery store, the soccer coach. They are the people you see everyday. They are you and me, they are all of us. Your foster child is out there somewhere. Won't you please call to find out how you can come together? For more information, please call Catholic Charities West Michigan at 1-877-277-9378 and ask for a foster care licensing worker.



Ionia County Right to Life Benefit Banquet

*Ionia Knights of Columbus Hall
115 Steele St., Ionia, MI 48846
Thursday, October 8, 2009, 6:30 p.m.*

*Swiss Steak
Herbed Chicken
Buttered Redskins
Green Beans
Fresh Michigan Salad
Homemade Dinner Rolls
Fudge Ribbon Cake
Cherry Cheesecake
Coffee and Punch.*

Catered by Sue Kreiner of
Taste of Heaven Catering

Sound good? Enjoy a homemade meal catered by one of the best cooks in the county, Portland's own Sue Kreiner. At the same time, you will be showing your support for a very worthwhile organization committed to protecting the right to life of defenseless human beings, born and unborn.

Special guest speaker is the Rev. Paul Clark, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fowler, Michigan, where he is serving in his twenty-first year. Pastor Clark has spoken at Right to Life banquets, rallies, and events throughout the state. His mission is to educate and inform the public regarding issues of abortion and euthanasia. He believes that by applying love and compassion to those directly affected by the trauma of abortion and euthanasia, the pro-life movement will prevail and our great nation will again uphold the principle of the sanctity of human life.

Vocal selections by Ionia's Eric Tempelaere and Brandon Bowker

Doors open at 6:00; dinner is at 6:30 p.m. \$20 per plate. Make checks payable to Ionia County Right to Life. Send to Pam Brown, 11744 Keefer Hwy., Portland, MI 48875, or call 517/647-7439.

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)

Westphalia St. Mary's St. Joseph Society dinner meeting is Sunday, October 4, beginning at 5:30

PM at St. Mary Hall. Social hour begins at 4:30. Meals for the sick and disabled may be picked up from 4:45 to 5:15 PM. The public is invited to the St. Joseph Society Dance from 7:30 to 11:00 PM. Music will be provided by the Mello Tones. Admission is \$8.00 per person.

Please join the Portland United Methodist Church members and friends on our Chicago Motor Coach Trip, Saturday, November 21, 2009. The climate controlled and restroom equipped Holiday Coach with reclining seats will leave Portland from the church at 7:30 a.m. and arrive in Chicago at 11:30 a.m. (or 10:30 a.m. IL time). The coach will leave Chicago at 7 p.m. (or 6 p.m. IL time) to return to Portland, arriving at 11 p.m. **The round-trip cost is \$50 per person which includes the driver's gratuity.** Coffee and sweet rolls will be provided the morning of departure. You will be on your own to do whatever activity you wish from seeing the sites, such as the Museum of Science & Industries, Chicago Art Museum, or shopping. **The reservation and completed form deadline is Oct. 15.** Payment must be made in full to the "PUMC/Chicago Fundraiser" to secure your reservation. Please contact Connie Almy at 616/443-9436 or church office at 517/647-4649 with any questions.

Save the Date -- White Mass 10:00 AM, **Sunday October 18, 2009** at Cathedral of Saint Andrew. At this Mass, Bishop Walter A. Hurley will offer a special blessing for doctors, nurses, other health care professionals, support personnel, students, caregivers, and volunteers who carry on the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. A continental breakfast will follow. For more information or if you plan to attend, please contact JoAnn Fox, in the diocesan communications office, by October 10 at 616-514-6067 or jfox@dioceseofgrandrapids.org

Most Holy Trinity School 18th Dinner Raffle/Auction Fundraiser will be November 7, 2009.

Tickets go on sale September 26th from 10 am-12 noon at Becker Furniture in downtown Fowler. Tickets for the fundraisers are \$100 each which includes dinner for two and a chance at many cash prizes with the top amount of \$1500. Only 225 tickets will be sold this year. Once again we will be having live entertainment, so be sure to get your tickets early. After September 26th you can purchase your tickets by calling Tami Rademacher at 593-2749. This year MHT will be also Ruffling off a golf cart, sponsored by Fry's Golf Carts of Carson City. The tickets are \$15 each or 2/\$25. Tickets can be purchased from Matt and Peggy Braun (593-2631) or from the Fowler rectory. Tickets will also be sold after the weekend Masses. The winner will be drawn at the Dinner Raffle on Nov. 7th. You need not be present to win!

"Acts of Faith, Hope and Love in these Changing Times"

St. Michael parish invites you to attend their Parish Mission 2009, October 4 through Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church sanctuary at 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge.

Fr. Mark Inglot will serve as featured speaker on each of the three mission evenings. Father Mark is the pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas parish and St. John Student Center in East Lansing.

Junior and senior high school students are invited to join the mission's main presentations. Children preschool aged to 5th grade are invited to join in special, age-appropriate activities in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information, visit St. Michaels website at www.stmichaelgl.org, or call the office at (517) 627-8493.

October Communion Calls

On Friday, October 2, 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 Wednesday, September 30. Thank you.

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

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1	Thurs	Mass, 7:30 AM Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM	Church SPS Room 110
2	Fri	Youth Ministry "Going Deeper", 6:00 AM Mass, 7:30 AM First Friday Communion Calls	Youth Room Church
3	Sat	Rosary, 7:30 AM Reconciliation, 3:00 PM Right to Life Lifesaver Drive before/after 4:30 PM Mass	Chapel Church Church
4	Sun	Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM Right to Life Lifesaver Drive before/after all Masses Bake Sale after all Masses Coffee/Donuts after 9:30 and 11:30 Masses RCIA, 9:30 to 11:30 AM GIFT, 1:00 to 3:30 PM K of C Bingo, 2:00 PM	Church Parish Hall Parish Hall SPS Room 118 Parish Hall KC Hall
5	Mon	Communion Service, 7:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, 8:00 PM	Church Chapel KC Hall
6	Tues	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
7	Wed	Mass, 9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM Senior Citizen Euchre Party, 1:00 PM Youth Ministry – Walk in Wednesday, after school Sanchin-Ryu Karate, 6:15 to 7:15 (Level 1) Sanchin-Ryu Karate, 7:15 to 8:15 (Level 2) Youth Ministry – "Going Deeper", 8:00 PM Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM	Church Church Church KC Hall Youth Room M/P Room M/P Room Youth Room
8	Thurs	Mass, 7:30 AM Healing Ministry Prayer Group, 7:00 PM	Church Church Chapel
9	Fri	Mass, 7:30 AM	Church
10	Sat	Rosary, 7:30 AM Wedding: Beth Makowski and Mitchell Grohowski, 1:00 PM Reconciliation, 3:00 PM Mass, 4:30 PM	Chapel Chapel Church Church
11	Sun	Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM <i>Fall Festival</i> RCIA, 9:30 to 11:30 AM	Church School
12	Mon	No School for SPS – Parent/Teacher Conferences AM and Staff Development PM Communion Service, 7:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 PM	Church Chapel Meet in Church
13	Tues	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:00 PM SPS – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00 to 9:00 PM Mass, 6:00 PM Finance Commission Meeting following Mass	Church Parish Hall Church
14	Wed	Mass, 9:30 AM Knights of Columbus Rummage Sale, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM Youth Ministry – Walk in Wednesday, after school Sanchin-Ryu Karate, 6:15 to 7:15 (Level 1) Sanchin-Ryu Karate, 7:15 to 8:15 (Level 2) Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM	Church Church KC Hall Church Youth Room M/P Room M/P Room Church Church



15	Thurs	Mass, 7:30 AM Knights of Columbus Rummage Sale, 8:00 AM to Noon	Church KC Hall
16	Fri	Youth Ministry "Going Deeper", 6:00 AM Mass, 7:30 AM Third Friday Communion Calls	Youth Room Church
17	Sat	Paper Drive/Pop Can Drive Rosary, 7:30 AM Reconciliation, 3:00 PM Mass, 4:30 PM (Baptisms at Mass)	West Street Lot Chapel Church Church
18	Sun	Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM RCIA, 9:30 to 11:30 AM Baptisms at 11:30 Mass or at 1:30 PM K of C Bingo, 2:00 PM Youth Ministry EHOP, 6:30 PM	Church SPS Room 118 Church KC Hall Chapel
19	Mon	Communion Service, 7:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Social Meeting, 8:00 PM	Church Chapel Meet in Church KC Hall
20	Tues	Mass, 6:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting following Mass	Church Parish Hall
21	Wed	Mass, 9:30 AM SPS PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM Senior Citizen Euchre Party, 1:00 PM Youth Ministry – Walk in Wednesday, after school Sanchin-Ryu Karate, 6:15 to 7:15 (Level 1) Sanchin-Ryu Karate, 7:15 to 8:15 (Level 2) Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM Youth Ministry – "Going Deeper", 8:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM	Church SPS Room 110 Church KC Hall Youth Room M/P Room M/P Room SPS, Room 109 Church Youth Room
22	Thurs	Mass, 7:30 AM	Church
23	Fri	Mass, 7:30 AM	Church
24	Sat	Rosary, 7:30 AM Reconciliation, 3:00 PM Mass, 4:30 PM	Chapel Church Church
25	Sun	Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM RCIA, 9:30 to 11:30 AM	Church SPS Room 118
26	Mon	Communion Service, 7:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 PM	Church Chapel Meet in Church
27	Tues	PAMA Breakfast, 8:30 AM Mass, 6:00 PM All Parish Councils/Commissions Gathering following Mass	Parish Hall Church Parish Hall
28	Wed	Mass, 9:30 AM Youth Ministry – Walk in Wednesday, after school Sanchin-Ryu Karate, 6:15 to 7:15 (Level 1) Sanchin-Ryu Karate, 7:15 to 8:15 (Level 2) Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM	Church Youth Room M/P Room M/P Room Church SPS, Room 109 Church Church
29	Thurs	Mass, 7:30 AM	Church
30	Fri	Mass, 7:30 AM	Church
31	Sat	Rosary, 7:30 AM Art & Environment set for All Saints/All Souls, 8:30 AM Reconciliation, 3:00 PM Mass, 4:30 PM	Chapel Church Church Church



SPS PTO Book Fair

October 11 thru October 16 -- 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM -- SPS Room 109