

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, October 5, Weekday

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37

7:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, October 6, Weekday

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

6:00 PM Victims of Violence and Abuse

Wednesday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

Jon 4:1-1/Lk 11:1-4

9:30 AM Elon Goodman, Anniversary

7:00 PM Devotions to Our Mother Of Perpetual Help

Thursday, October 8, Weekday

Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

7:30 AM Theresia Davis-Pung, Anniversary

Friday, October 9, Weekday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26

7:30 AM William Fedewa, Anniversary

Saturday, October 10, Weekday

Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28

1:00 PM Wedding—Makowski & Grohowski

4:30 PM Alvin Fox; Louis Gross, Anniversary

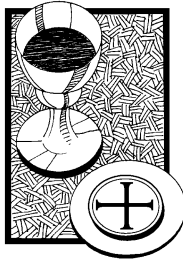
October 11, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

7:30 AM For the People

9:30 AM Jack Beard

11:30 AM Bill Peake



Try, Try Again

Genesis 2:18-24

God keeps trying. If things don't work out the way God wants them to, our creator never gives up. God keeps trying.

The Book of Genesis tells the story of God's attempt to create a partner for the solitary man. God tried everything. Out of the ground came various wild animals. Out of the air came various birds. God brought each of them to the man, hoping one might make a good partner. The man gave names to all of them. But none proved to be a suitable partner.

You can almost sense the disappointment that God and the created man must have felt. The earth is filled with wondrous creatures. In the view of the writer of the Book of Genesis, all those creatures were made for delight. But none ultimately satisfied.

Finally, God reached not into the ground, not into the air, but into the man himself, withdrew a rib, and fashioned it into a woman. God kept trying.

When the man saw her, he recognized that she was his partner.

God desires our happiness. Sometimes we move from friend to friend, house to house, school to school, and job to job, looking for the right source of satisfaction. God never gives up on us. God keeps trying.

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Sunday Offering Report

July 1, 2009 through September 27, 2009

Weekly Parish Ministry Needs	\$ 17,980.00
Our Gifts for Sunday, September 27	13,028.68*
Our Gifts – Fiscal Year to Date	201,503.00
Parish Needs – Fiscal Year to Date	233,740.00
Over/(Under) – Fiscal Year to Date	(32,237.00)

*Includes Children/Youth envelopes 16.76

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir started practicing for their Christmas performance on Wednesday, September 30, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. They 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 this Weekend - 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 information contact Tony at 593-2798 or Ann at 517-351-7651 or visit lifechain.net

Altar Appointments – October 10 & 11, 2009

LECTORS

4:30 PM Tom Jandernoa	9:30 AM Ann Marie Pung
7:30 AM Michelle Fox	11:30 AM Kim Schrauben

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 PM Taran Arwood, Aubrey Bartosh
Tangela Willemin, Cody Cathcart

7:30 AM Matthew and Hannah Thelen

9:30 AM Marin & Riley Pline; Michael & Tessa Kreiner

11:30 AM Joseph Pung, Tabitha Barber,
Sydney Bartlett, Royce Cook

GREETERS

4:30 PM Mike & Sue Fox, Andrea Pung

7:30 AM Sandy and Tom Meitler

9:30 AM Mary Beckhold, Harry Klein, Kevin Goodwin

11:30 AM Don Boos, Connie Reay, Kim Schrauben

Senior Citizen Euchre Card Party

Wednesday, October 7, 1:00 PM @ the K of C Hall

Sponsor of the Week

OCTOBER 4, 2009

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...

- 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
K of C Bingo, 2:00 PM
- MON** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM
Faith Formation Catechists Formation 6:30 PM
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 8:00 PM
- TUES** Gathering of Widows, Widowers and those
suffering a loss, 11:30 AM at the Wagon Wheel
School Commission following Mass
- WED** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM
Senior Citizen Card Party, 1:00 PM, K of C Hall
Youth Ministry Walk-in-Wednesday, after school
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
Youth Ministry "Going Deeper", 8 PM, Youth Rm.
- THUR** Healing Ministry Prayer Group, 7:00 PM, Chapel
- SAT** Rosary in the Chapel, 7:30 AM
Reconciliation, 3:00 PM

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

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

The Marvin Fedewa Family would like to thank everyone for your companionship during his life and our support at the time of his passing. Your willingness to go out to breakfast/lunch/dinner and the games of cards and drop-in visits along with your thoughts and prayers is truly appreciated. Thank you also to Fr. Larry King, Hospice, Schrauben-Lehman Funeral Home, Knights of Columbus, Resurrection Choir, and the ladies that cooked the funeral luncheon. In lieu of thank you notes, a donation is being made to the Fr. Flohe Foundation at St. Patrick.

K of C Notes

Bingo Time. The Portland Knights of Columbus will be having a Bingo on Sunday, October 4, beginning at 2:00 PM. There will also be a Bingo on Sunday, October 18, as well as Sundays, November 8th and 22nd. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar and come and join us for an afternoon of fun.

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 is having a **Coat Drive** 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 can be found 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.

The Portland Community Fund is also asking for your assistance in kicking off our Community Christmas Giving Program. Through this community event, we will provide families with a complete Christmas dinner and gifts for family members 18 and under. The generous support of the Portland Community allows us to serve over 160 families in the Portland School District.

Applications are available at the parish office. The deadline for submitting an application is Monday, November 16. The scheduled pick up date is Friday, December 18, at the old Portland Credit Union Building.

If anyone is interested in adopting an entire family for Christmas, please call Sandy Klein at 517-647-7031.

Thank you for your help in making our Community Christmas Giving Program a success.

Save the Date: 2010 Winter Gala

The 2010 Winter Gala FUNdraiser for St. Patrick Parish will be held on **Saturday February 13th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets and details will be available as the event approaches, and tickets will go on sale in December or January. Attendance will be limited this year, so get your tickets early. If you are interested in volunteering your time to serve on the planning committee, please call Becca & Craig Fedewa at 517-649-8522 or Kelly Schrauben at 517-230-5287.

Office for Worship

DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

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GETTING READY FOR FLU SEASON: What Should We Be Doing at Mass Now?

(09/18/09)

Whenever two or more people gather, some sharing of germs is inevitable. However, when we gather in Jesus' name for Mass, our first concern is the sharing of our gratitude, our trust, our belief in Christ who is with us.

The Fall Flu Season is about to begin. The virus that is getting the most attention this year is the H1N1 ("swine flu"), for nearly all of us may be at risk for catching it.

While we await the arrival of the H1N1 flu shot (as well as the seasonal flu vaccine), each of us has the responsibility of taking precautions to prevent the spread of this disease. We need to wash our hands frequently, be careful when we cough and sneeze, scrutinize our habits, our practices and our procedures where the spread of infection seems most possible.

Here are some things to keep in mind. In the event of a flu outbreak in our community, these guidelines may be revised. But at this time, a greater risk to us may be allowing fear to dominate our worship, rather than faith.

Sunday Obligation: The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday other Holy Days of Obligation, (Canon 1247) is the ordinary expectation for Roman Catholics. Obviously, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness, travel, or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you suspect you have the flu, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others.

Holding Hands during the Lord's Prayer – This custom was introduced into many local parishes in the 1980s. While it is ideal for us/all worshippers to be uniform in our postures and gestures at Mass (as a sign of our unity as members of Christ's body) holding hands has never been a requirement. It is very fitting to pray the "Our Father" in the *orans* position with the palms of your hands lifted upward, or with hands folded together.

Sign of Peace: Please don't be offended if someone chooses not to shake hands with you during the Sign of Peace. An appropriate gesture for those who are concerned about spreading the flu virus might be to strive for eye contact rather than physical contact. You could clasp your hands together and bow gently to those around you, and with a smile say "Peace be with you," or "Peace of Christ."

Reception of Holy Communion: Roman Catholics believe that both the Body and the Blood of Christ are contained in the Holy Eucharist under the form of the consecrated host. But the Church also encourages reception of the cup at Mass as a fuller expression of the Last Supper and Christ's blood poured out for us in sacrifice. If you are feeling sick, please receive communion in the hand, and refrain from receiving communion from the cup.

Pregnant Women and Persons with Compromised Immune Systems: If you've been told by your medical advisor that you are particularly susceptible to infection or to complications due to flu in particular, please refrain from practices that might make you sick, including shaking hands, receiving Holy Communion on the tongue, drinking the Precious Blood from the Chalice, etc.

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.

Celebrating Fowler High School's homecoming and 50 year anniversary

Join past and present residents of Fowler as we celebrate Friday and Saturday, October 9th and 10th, 2009. Friday, 7:00 P.M., downtown Fowler, parade and festivities.

Saturday, starting at 9:00 A.M. outside the high school: Homecoming/Jeff Wieber Memorial 5K Run/Walk, craft show, kids run and games, live band, tailgate lunch, FHS memorabilia on display. Homecoming game starts at 2:00 P.M. Festivities at the Conservation Club following the game.

For complete schedule, call Terese Pline at 989-593-2268, Annette Pohl at 989-682-9041 or Fowler Schools at 989-593-2160 or visit www.fowerschools.net.

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.

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 raffling 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!

CATHOLIC LAWYERS ASSOCIATION RED MASS AND DINNER EVENT

The Catholic Lawyers Association of Western Michigan will hold its annual Red Mass, celebrated by the Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley, bishop of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on Thursday, October 8, 2009. The Association extends an invitation to all members of the legal profession and desires to gather its colleagues of all faiths in prayer for guidance, strength, and recommitment to the highest principles of their profession for the good of all citizens in the state of Michigan.

A dinner event will immediately follow the Mass at Cathedral Square and will feature Father Robert John Araujo, S.J. as the key-note speaker. The Association will also present its *St. Thomas More Award* to a local member of our bar for outstanding public service and adherence to the highest ethical standards in the practice of law.

If you would like to receive a nomination form for the *St. Thomas More Award* and/or a registration form for the dinner event and you are not a member of the Association's regular email distribution list, please email Mark Spitzley of Warner, Norcross & Judd at MSpitzley@wnj.com.

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



“...what God has joined together no human being must separate.” Learn how to make your marriage unbreakable. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is October 23 – 25 in the West Michigan Area. Call now to guarantee your space. For more information contact Bob & JeanAnn McCann, 616-847-0582.

Thank you...

- To the Family of Marie Klein for designating our parish boiler fund as a memorial at the time of Marie's death.
- To the Family of Marvin Fedewa for designating the Father Flohe Foundation as a memorial at the time of Marvin's death.

Thank you also to the many people who remembered either Marie or Marvin with a donation in their memory.

Healthy Harvest Health Fair
October 20, 2009 – 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
At the

Royal Heritage Conference Center, 2001 E. Bluewater Hwy., Ionia.

Receive information on Healthy Living Options ----- Open to adults over 55 and any caregivers
Flu Shots Available. This is a FREE event. Call Leigha at 616-527-5229 for information.

Who are the Capuchins?

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars will be holding a weekend in Detroit for men (ages 17 – 49) who are interested in learning about religious life and seeing how Capuchins live as Franciscans in our world and in the Church today.

The weekend is October 23 – 25, 2009. If you would like to attend, have questions, or want to recommend someone for the weekend call 773-475-6206 or 920-915-4000 or email the Vocation Office at vocation@capuchinfranciscans.org.

Check out the Capuchin website at www.capuchinfranciscans.org.

Living Without Judging Others, God and Ourselves

Mondays, Oct 5, 12, 19 and 26 7:00pm-8:30pm -- Catholic Information Center, 360 Division S. Suite 2A

Free Parking available in the lower level of the Cathedral Square Parking Ramp.

Presented by Fr. Joachim Lally, CSP. This course will take a look at the effects of judging in our everyday lives and offer alternative so the greater peace can take root in our emotional and spiritual lives. For registration information please call the Center at 459-7267 or register by e-mail at register@catholicinformationcenter.org. For a full listing of all classes please visit the Center at www.catholicinformationcenter.org. *Note to Catechists: This course qualifies for the Catechist Formation Dimension = Catechist*

The Baker, the Midwife and the Candlestick Maker: A Week in Bethlehem

Tuesday, October 6, 7:00pm – 8:30pm -- Catholic Information Center, 360 Division S. Suite 2A

Free Parking available in the lower level of the Cathedral Square Parking Ramp.

Presented by Marilyn Torborg. In this evening session, Marilyn will share her experience of staying with an Orthodox Christian family in Bethlehem. Her stories and slides will offer a glimpse of daily life in a city divided by walls, fences, military checkpoints and interreligious conflict. For registration information please call the Center at 459-7267 or register by e-mail at register@catholicinformationcenter.org. For a full listing of all classes please visit the Center at www.catholicinformationcenter.org. *Note to Catechists: This course qualifies for the Catechist Formation Dimension = Catechist*

Three Part Alzheimer's Education Series

Week One – Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias: Tips for getting a diagnosis. Latest information on treatment and research development. Facilitators: Carrie-Ann Hood Srong, PsyD and Jacobus Donders, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologists.

Week Two – Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Legal and Financial Issues: Tips for making financial and medical decisions on behalf of a person with dementia. Planning for future care needs: understanding Medicare and Medicaid coverage. Facilitator: Shawn Weera, Elder Law Attorney.

Week Three – Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Strategies for Navigating the Dementia Journey; Tips for successfully interacting with a person with dementia. Where to go for assistance. Facilitator: Christiana Getz, Program Coordinator, Alzheimer's Association.

Location: Ionia County Commission on Aging, 115 Hudson Street, Ionia; 616-527-5365

Provided with financial support from Older Americans Act National Family Caregiver Support Funds administered by the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan Inc. A donation of \$10 per person (or family) per session is suggested.

PORTLAND ST. PAT'S 49TH ANNUAL

FALL FESTIVAL

- Buffet Style Dinner 11:00 - 3:00
Cafeteria
- Arts & Crafts Show 10:00 - 4:00
Gym & School
- 5K Race 9:00 a.m.
Thompson Field
- Kidfest 11:00 - 3:00
2nd Floor
- Euchre 12:30 pm
Parish Hall
- Raffle 3:15 p.m.
Parish Hall

Free Activities for Teens
in the
Multipurpose Room



Sunday, October 11, 2009

Corner of West Grand River and Church Street

www.portlandstpats.com — click on Fall Festival!

For additional information call Christine Wilcox at (517) 566-7788!

For information about the Arts and Crafts Show call Connie Vallier at (517) 647-2225!

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