

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, October 19, Ss. John de Brebuef & Isaac Jogues

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

7:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, October 20, Weekday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38

6:00 PM Priests & Deacons of our Diocese

Wednesday, October 21, Weekday

Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

9:30 AM Karl Noren, Anniversary

7:00 PM Devotions to Our Mother Of Perpetual Help

Thursday, October 22, Weekday

Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

7:30 AM Magdalene Strong, 1st Anniversary

Friday, October 23, Weekday

Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

7:30 AM Katherine May

Saturday, October 24, Weekday

Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

4:30 PM Richard Gross, Richard McCrumb

Edwin Senecal

October 25, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

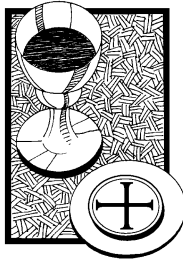
Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

7:30 AM Marvin Fedewa, Month Mind

9:30 AM Marilyn & Tom Balderson – 50th Wedding Ann.

Kelly Barnes

11:30 AM For the People



Communion in Suffering

Isaiah 53:10-11

The mystery of human suffering haunts every life. No one likes to endure suffering. We feel better about it if it produces some good. But for those who suffer needlessly and pointlessly, life seems bitter.

The prophet Isaiah speaks words that offer little consolation. "The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity." That sounds like our worst nightmare. It sounds like God took pleasure in crushing someone with illness. It appears to support the perverse belief that God takes delight in human suffering.

But Isaiah goes on. God has given a task to those burdened with miseries. If they give their lives as an offering, they shall obtain their reward. God can work wonders through the heavy-hearted who place themselves at the service of others.

If someone else has the same sorrows we have, we can give them hope. Our weakness shows them that they are not alone. All humans share the same condition, a condition that leads to life through death.

Not everyone can bear burdens with hope. But infirmity need not bring despair. It can be a source of connection with others, an occasion for insight into the meaning of life, and a glimpse at the pleasure of God.

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Sunday Offering Report

July 1, 2009 through October 11, 2009

Weekly Parish Ministry Needs	\$ 17,980.00
Our Gifts for Sunday, October 11	15,331.52*
Our Gifts – Fiscal Year to Date	238,300.07
Parish Needs – Fiscal Year to Date	269,700.00
Over/(Under) – Fiscal Year to Date	(31,399.93)

*Includes Children/Youth envelopes 14.90

Altar Appointments – October 24 & 25, 2009

LECTORS

4:30 PM Joyce Kransz 9:30 AM Sharon Hoffman

7:30 AM Tom Jandernoa 11:30 AM Ann Marie Pung

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 PM Noah Pung, Justin Kerr, Ben Lawless, Brayton Lehman

7:30 AM Megan Bond and Connor Hengesbach

9:30 AM Joshua Schneider, John Kmetz, Amber & Amy Wieber

11:30 AM Haley Kihn, Gracelyn Pearson

Caitlin Rommel, Kiah Schneider

GREETERS

4:30 PM Jim & Jean Klein, JoAnn Pline

7:30 AM Sandy & Tom Meitler

9:30 AM Bill & Judy Clark, Jack Schrauben

11:30 AM Cil Gross, Dawn Moffatt, Randy Pung

If you provided meals for the Heckman family and have not received your dishes, they can be picked up in the vestibule of the parish hall. Thank you!

Help Wanted

A few great people are needed to help form a Plant and Grounds Committee. You don't necessarily need a trade background, only an eye for detail, be able to recognize where repairs and upgrades are needed and which repairs or upgrades are most important. Meetings would begin in January of 2010 and be held approximately four times per year with some "in between meeting" legwork. If you are interested in serving St. Patrick as a member of the Plant and Grounds Committee, please call Mike Johnson at 647-6505 extension 413.

Sponsor of the Week

A gray suit jacket was left behind at Aaron and Kristen Smith's wedding reception on September 12. If you know who it belongs to, please call Gene and Donna Schrauben at home: 517-647-6485 or cell: 517-281-1770.

OCTOBER 11, 2009

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...

- SUN** RCIA, 9:30 AM, SPS Room 118
Baptisms at 11:30 AM Mass and at 1:30 PM
K of C Bingo, 2:00 PM
Youth Ministry EHOP, 6:30 PM, Chapel
- MON** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM, Chapel
Faith Formation 6:30 PM; meet in Church
K of C Social Meeting, 8:00 PM, @ KC Hall
- TUES** Pastoral Council meeting after Mass, Parish Hall
- WED** Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM, Chapel
Senior Citizen Euchre Party, 1:00 PM, KC Hall
Youth Ministry Walk-in-Wednesday, after school
SPS PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM @ SPS Room 110
Adult Faith Formation, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM @ SPS Room 109
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
YM "Going Deeper" 8:00 PM, Youth Room
- SAT** Rosary in the Chapel, 7:30 AM
Reconciliation, 3:00 PM
- SUN** RCIA, 9:30 AM

**Hodge Podge
Notes from Mr. Hodge**

On Friday, October 30 the Parish school will hold its annual "Pay it Forward Day." This is a day that St. Patrick School students spend working on community service projects. If you know of any one that is within walking distance of the school and needs assistance with something please call the school at (517) 647-7551. The students will help individual members of the community and will rake the Portland Cemetery, Alton Park, and under the bleachers at Powers Park.

When the hard work is complete, students will be treated to a hot dog grill out when they return to school. Middle School and High School students will participate in a "Hoops for Heart" basketball tournament. If you would like to donate to this cause, please feel free to donate through any middle or high school student.



Knights of Columbus Council 2168 would like to congratulate Patrick and Lois Duff as their selection of Family of the Month for October. We would also like to congratulate Richard Smith on his selection as Knight of the Month for October.

Catholic Order of Foresters Note

Catholic Order of Foresters members young, old and in between. Please come and join us at 6:00 P.M. for Pizza on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at the Portland Party Store. If you have a question contact Carolyn Manning 647-6474. Hope you can join us.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word – Planning and
Video Presentation**

November 1st in Room 110 @ 1:00pm

There will be a video presentation and pre-planning session for all those interested in leading a Children's Liturgy of the Word for our parish on Sunday, November 1st. This will be after the 11:30 Mass in Room 110. So get your coffee and donuts after Mass and get ready for an adventure in faith.

Portland Community Fund Notes

The Portland Community Fund is 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.

Shamrock Newsletter

The fall issue of The Shamrock newsletter was mailed on October 7. If you did not receive your copy or if you know of anyone else who did not receive theirs, please contact Jan at the Parish Office (647-6505, #410).

Parents---If your adult children have moved out of your home and established permanent addresses, please call us with their new addresses. Our address files are frequently used for class reunions, wedding invitations, etc. and it saves a lot of time and phone calls if the addresses are current and accurate.

Also, please note that the date on the puzzle entry form should be November 1, 2009, not May 1.



KING'S KORNER

New Parking Lot...DIRECTIONS TO LIVE BY...

I'm sure by now everyone has noticed that we have additional parking in our NEW parking lot on Church Street. By the time this you read this article the parking lot should already be striped (marked off) for parking spaces. Please do NOT park in areas that are not striped for a car. The reason for this is that there is going to be ONLY ONE ENTRANCE and ONE EXIT to the parking lot. The Entrance is going to be the driveway closest to Grand River Ave. The Exit is going to be the driveway closest to the Parish Office. This will make for much easier flow out of and into the parking lot. What this also means is that at the east end of the parking lot do NOT park where it is not striped since this is the route to the exit driveway. To make this very clear there will be signs posted soon marking the entrance and exit. Also, we will have arrows painted on the asphalt telling you which direction to go to get in and out. Now, if you don't abide by this system, then there's going to be parishioners upset with you because you will be mucking up everything. So, please abide by these directions.

Driving Safety Precautions for Everyone - Especially Our Handicapped...

For those who park in the parking lot directly behind church, please exercise extra caution and courtesy as you drive out the driveway. There are a lot of folks flooding out of church and we don't want anyone to get run down. Also, if you see any of our parishioners who are using wheelchairs, walkers or canes exiting church by the chapel doors, PLEASE stop and let them cross the driveway so they can get to their vehicle parked in the handicapped area without having to wait for all the traffic to clear.

Finally We Have a Cry Room in the Church...

If you've entered the church through the Gathering Area you've probably noticed that we have replaced the opaque leaded windows in the inside swinging doors of the church with clear beveled safety glass. The primary reason for this is so that we can finally have a CRY ROOM in the Gathering Area of the Church when babies get too fussy. We installed speakers in the Gathering Area about three years ago, and this last year installed a new heating system so that we can finally keep the Gathering Area warm, and now we have installed the clear beveled safety glass in the doors so parents with crying children can not only hear but see and better participate in the Mass when the doors need to be closed. The side aisle door windows were replaced so that you can see when someone is coming through the door from the opposite side. The opaque leaded glass has been carefully and professionally crated and stored in case we want to use the glass in the future.

Reminder about Bringing Food for the Hungry...

In case you missed earlier announcements about this, our parish is now doing an ongoing collection of non-perishable food for the hungry. So, consider periodically bringing a can or two or a whole bag of non-perishable food and drop it off in the Gathering Area before Mass. This is an especially wonderful way for children to be involved in helping others. The food is delivered to the three local food pantries: Portland Food Pantry, Congregational Church, and Epic Church.

For four weekends starting with the weekend of October 16-17 the Knights of Columbus are going to be sponsoring this food collection and delivery effort.

--Fr. Larry

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.

Mission Appeal Thank You

The Fathers of the Holy Spirit (The Spiritans) send their thanks for the encouraging response on the part of the parish to their appeal the weekend of September 26 & 27, 2009 and for the kind reception given to Reverend Mark Enemali, C.S.Sp, who was here on their behalf.

Be assured of the prayers of the Spiritans worldwide for you, and for your intentions, and of their need for your continued prayers for them and for their ministries to God's lowly and needy ones everywhere.

Do please continue to keep the missions of the Church in your hearts, the work of the Holy Spirit Fathers in mind, and never ending need to proclaim and witness to the Gospel in your own lives.

Sincerely,
Judith F. Arbes
Assistant to the Mission Procurator

The amount collected to support the Spiritans in their work was \$1794.

World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend

By offering married couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter is October 23 – 25 in the West Michigan Area. Contact Bob and JeanAnn McCann at 616-847-0582.

Upcoming Retreats...

Ladies Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt – October 30 to November 1.

The theme for Retreat 2009 is “*Then and Now – Jesus – Full of Surprises.*” Just as we never fully know and appreciate Mozart or Shakespeare, NEVER will we fully know and appreciate Jesus Christ. A lifetime of study and prayer leaves us on the threshold. Why? Because Jesus “has an unending capacity to surprise us and to be always new.” (Timothy Radcliffe, o.p.). So come be surprised, lured and touched by this wondrous Jesus on this retreat. Retreatants may register by calling the Retreat Center at 517-669-8321 or toll free at 866-669-8321. You may also register by visiting the website www.stfrancis.ws. Suggested donation for the weekend is \$135.00.

College Students, Working Professions, Single Young Adults ...

This retreat is for you! A Catholic Singles Retreat for ages 21 through 35 will be held the weekend of November 13 – 15, 2009. For information go to refreshlansing@gmail.com.

Back by popular demand...

...a family style Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings will be held at the Portland United Methodist Church on Thursday, October 22 from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 5-12; and free for children four and under! Take-outs will be available for \$8. Dinner will be held in the barrier-free, newly renovated Fellowship Hall of the Portland United Methodist Church, at 310 E. Bridge St., Portland. For more information contact: Linda at (517) 647-6248 or the church office at (517) 647-4649.

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.

Project Rachel

Pope John Paul II wrote the following to women and men suffering because of abortion: “Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation” (The Gospel of Life, 99). Call **Project Rachel** for a confidential referral to a priest and/or counselor, or to register for the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat taking place November 6-8, 2009. Phone or email us at 800-800-8284(MI only), (616)340-1824 or mwalsh@ccwestmi.org.

Prayer for our Nation's Health Care Reform

Lord Jesus, you are the Divine Physician,
And the source of all life and health.

Guide our nation at this critical moment,
As our government seeks health care reforms.

Give our elected officials the humility to know
That they are servants, not masters.

Give them the wisdom to realize
That every life has equal value.

Give them the strength to resist the idea
That some lives can be sacrificed to save others
Or that killing the unborn is a part of health care.

Give your people the courage to speak up
And to hold public officials accountable for their actions.

Save us, Lord Jesus, from a culture of death,
And let every reform in our public policy
Be based on the reform of our hearts and minds
In the light of your Gospel,
For you are Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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.

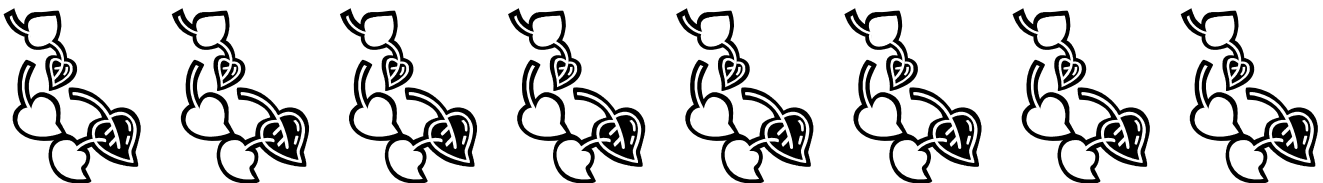
The weekend is October 23 – 25, 2009. If you would like to attend, have questions, or want to recommend someone for the weekend call 773-475-6206 or 920-915-4000 or email the Vocation Office at vocation@capuchinfranciscans.org. Check out the Capuchin website at www.capuchinfranciscans.org.

Upcoming Craft Shows

- St. Mary Parish, Carson City, is hosting their 35th Annual Craft on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Door prizes drawn every half hour.
- St. Charles in Greenville is looking for individuals and groups who are interested in selling their crafts at their annual Crafty Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Please contact the parish office at 616-754-4194 or email stcharlesbulletin@yahoo.com for more information and a crafter application form.

Give the gift of comfort.....Know anyone who just had a baby, just had surgery or could use a little love? Over 100 woman of our parish have volunteered to prepare and bring meals as a service to those who could use it. If you know of anyone who could use a little comfort, call Sue Kreiner at 566-8010; Kathy Mauren at 647-2632; or the Parish Office at 647-6505.

Noelle Garcia, former Youth Ministry Coordinator for St. Patrick Parish, will be featured as a story in the documentary called, "Latino in America" on CNN. It will air in two parts, October 21st and 22nd from 9-11pm EST. Check out www.noellegarciamusic.com to view a trailer of the documentary.



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

The Westphalia KC Feather Bingo will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2009 in hall A. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and Bingo will start at 6:30 pm. All are welcome, 18 and over. Come on out for some fun and nice prizes.

Most Holy Trinity School in Fowler is having their annual dinner raffle & auction fundraiser on November 7th.

Tickets are on sale at a cost of \$100, which includes dinner for two and a chance at numerous cash prizes. This year there is also a special raffle of a gas powered golf cart. Tickets are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. You do not need to be present to win. Please contact Most Holy Trinity at 989-593-2162 or Matt and Peggy Braun at 989-593-2631 for ticket sales

6th Annual "Flippin for a Cure!" hamburger night at the VFW 4090, 1324 E. Bridge St., Portland, Michigan on Friday, November 6, 2009, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to Families of SMA – Michigan Chapter to increase awareness and fund research to find a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy. There will be a cash bar, raffles and entertainment. For more information, contact Ken & Cindy Armbrustmacher at 517-669-1665 or ka14@comcast.net.

Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Ionia, invites you to its Harvest Dinner and Raffle on Sunday, October 25, in Apostles Hall at Ss. Peter & Paul School. Join them from noon to 3:00 PM for a delicious meal of hot beef, ham, chicken and all the trimmings. The all-you-care-to-eat dinner is \$8.00 for adults. \$5 for children 5 thru 12, and free for children 4 and under. Special rate of \$30 for families with 3 or more children. Raffle drawing for seven cash prizes with a top prize of \$1000, begins at 3:00 PM. For raffle tickets or more information call Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office at 616-527-3610.