

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, October 26, Weekday

Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

7:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, October 27, Weekday

Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

6:00 PM Norman & Catherine Thelen

Wednesday, October 28, Ss. Simon & Jude

Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

9:30 AM Josephine Crist, Anniversary

7:00 PM Devotions to Our Mother Of Perpetual Help

Thursday, October 29, Weekday

Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35

7:30 AM Victims of Violence and Abuse

Friday, October 30, Weekday

Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

7:30 AM Priests and Deacons of our Diocese

Saturday, October 31, Weekday

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11

4:30 PM Ray & Joan Thelen; John Quinn

November 1, All Saints

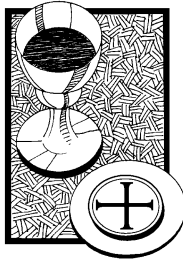
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

7:30 AM For the People

9:30 AM Edward Platte

11:30 AM Kelly Barnes, Month Mind

Ted & Judy Stopczynski—50th Wedding Anniv.



Homecoming

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The survival of the fittest is a merciless principle of life. It bestows worthiness on those who are stronger, swifter, and smarter.

In the lives of species, this principle eliminates those who cannot compete. In the marketplace, it impoverishes those who can be duped. But in the spiritual life, it does not work at all. In the eyes of God, the fit and the lame both survive.

When Israel went into exile, they lost homeland and hope. After years of suffering, they reflected more deeply on their covenant, and eventually God brought them back.

But God brought back not only the fittest. The healthiest of mind, body, and spirit did not return to Jerusalem alone. It must have been quite a procession. The blind and the lame marched in the midst of the remnant who returned. Those offering care and those needing care took their place within the immense throng. God brought them all back on a level road, so that none might stumble.

In many ways we are all unfit to enter the house of God. Our sins make us feel unworthy.

But God has opened the doors. We may be blind to grace. We may be lame in charity. But God has made us pregnant with hope in receiving the love that heaven so bountifully bestows.

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Sunday Offering Report

July 1, 2009 through October 18, 2009

Weekly Parish Ministry Needs	\$ 17,980.00
Our Gifts for Sunday, October 18	12,059.71*
Our Gifts – Fiscal Year to Date	250,359.78
Parish Needs – Fiscal Year to Date	287,680.00
Over/(Under) – Fiscal Year to Date	(37,320.22)

*Includes Children/Youth envelopes 29.50
World Mission Sunday Collection 2,611.16

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.

Altar Appointments – Oct. 31/Nov. 1, 2009

LECTORS

4:30 PM Lorie Schrauben	9:30 AM Devann Hattis
7:30 AM Beverly Sobolewski	11:30 AM Mark Davis

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 PM Jacob Miller, Emily Miros, Chelsea Pline, Taran Arwood
7:30 AM Preston Beard and Michael Kreiner
9:30 AM Dana Hengesbach, Mackenzie Smith
Taylor Wilcox, Danielle Simon
11:30 AM Joseph, Paul & Lily Pung, John Kmetz

GREETERS

4:30 PM Don Boos, Marlene McAllister, Jim Wlodarczak
7:30 AM Freda Bauer & Connie Mallek
9:30 AM Judy Braley, Harry Klein, Jim Moses
11:30 AM Bill Pinal, Connie Reay, Donna Schrauben

Early Bulletin Deadline: Items for the November 8, 2009 edition must be turned in at the parish office no later than 10:00 AM on Monday, November 2. Thank you!

Sponsor of the Week



OCTOBER 25, 2009

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...

- SUN** RCIA, 9:30 AM, SPS Room 118
MON Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM, Chapel
Faith Formation 6:30 PM; meet in Church
WED Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM, Chapel
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
SAT Rosary in the Chapel, 7:30 AM
Art/Environment set up for All Saints, 8:30 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.

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.

Attention College Students, Working Professions, Single Young Adult ...a Catholic Singles Retreat for ages 21 through 35 will be held the weekend of November 13 – 15, 2009. For more information or to register, go to refreshlansing@gmail.com.



Attention all Knights of Columbus Members:

On Wednesday, November 4th, at 7:00 PM, Father Larry will be celebrating Mass for the deceased members of our council. This Mass will take place at the K of C Hall. I strongly encourage you and your families to take time out from your busy schedules to attend this service in honor of our Brother Knights who are no longer with us.

Rich Schneider, Grand Knight

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a food drive from now until November 7. Drop boxes will be in the back of church, at Westside Grocery and at Curves. All donations will be distributed to the three local food banks. This is NOT to be confused with the Community Fun drive which will be coming later in November. Any questions?. Please contact Gary Brown at 647-7426, or Steve Goodman at 647-7741.



High School Science Teacher Wanted

St. Patrick Catholic School is accepting applications for a High School science teacher. The applicant is responsible for the complete 9 – 12 grade program and includes 9th grade physical science, 10th grade biology, 11th grade chemistry and 12th grade AP biology.

The qualified candidate should have the current State of Michigan secondary certification, they must be knowledgeable in the Michigan Merit Curriculum in the posted subject areas, and comfortable using technology as part of the learning process. The successful candidate must be able to work collaboratively with all staff to carry out the mission of St. Patrick Catholic School. He or she must also be familiar with and able to integrate the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church into the curriculum. He or she must be of a character that models the values of Catholic Secondary Schools.

Application deadline is Friday, October 30, 2009. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for the week of Nov. 2.

Interested candidates please send a letter of interest, resume and references to:

Randy Hodge, Principal
St. Patrick Catholic School
122 West Street
Portland, MI 48875

To apply online, send the required information to: randyhodge@portlandstpats.org



ST. PATRICK'S ART & ENVIRONMENT POINSETTIA SALE

The Art and Environment Committee are selling Poinsettias, a Christmas favorite, to raise funds to beautify the sanctuary for the different liturgical seasons. We are offering these flowers supplied through Country Cupboard. Poinsettias purchased may be donated for Church decorating at Christmas, for the homebound or for your home decorating/gift-giving.

Poinsettias come in 6-inch pots, 8.5-inch pots and also in 10-inch pots in a choice of Red or White.

COST: \$10.00 for each 6-inch pot (1 plant per pot)
 \$20.00 for each 8.5-inch pot (3 plants per pot)
 \$26.00 for each 10-inch pot (4 plants per pot)

PICK-UP: Saturday, December 5, 2009 between 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM in the Church vestibule—Plants that are not picked up will be distributed to the homebound of the Parish or used to decorate the Church.

ORDER DEADLINE: Monday, November 9th, 2009 at 9:00 AM

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM BELOW IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1. Sealed envelope marked POINSETTIA SALE and drop in Sunday collection
2. Mail to or drop off at the Administration Bldg: 140 Church Street, Portland

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Name _____ Cash _____ Check# _____

Phone# _____ Cost : \$10.00 each for 6-inch
 \$20.00 each for 8.5-inch
 Address _____ \$26.00 each for 10-inch

	Red	White
6 Inch Poinsettias-Church	_____	_____
<i>-Pick-up</i>	_____	_____
<i>-Homebound</i>	_____	_____
<i>-Where needed</i>	_____	_____
8.5-Inch Poinsettias-Church	_____	_____
<i>-Pick-up</i>	_____	_____
10-Inch Poinsettias-Church	_____	_____
<i>-Pick-up</i>	_____	_____

Flowers donated for Sanctuary/Church beautification during the Christmas season are donated in:

Memory/Honor of: _____

ST. PATRICK PARISH, 140 CHURCH ST., PORTLAND, MI – OCTOBER 25, 2009

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.). 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.

27th Annual Craft Show

St. Mary’s Parish in Westphalia is having their 27th annual craft show on Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at St. Mary Catholic School. Enjoy many booths of arts and crafts, door prizes every 30 minutes, raffle prizes, bake sale, paddle wheel, lunch with potato soup, sloppy joes and hot dogs.

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

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.

CETUSA- Council for Educational Travel USA— CETUSA is seeking Host Families for International High School Exchange Students for the Jan to May semester. Students range from 15-18 years old and arrive from different countries. You can choose the student who fits your family. Students come with their own spending money and medical insurance. For more information please contact Perla Paredes at 616-755-2669.

The 8th Grade class at St. Joseph School in Pewamo will be sponsoring a Scrapbooking Workshop at the Parish Activity Center on Nov.7 from 9:00 a.m. to 9 p.m. The cost is \$25 for the day and lunch and dinner will be provided. To reserve a spot you may call 989-593-3400 or 989-593-9916.

The pain and sorrow of past abortions need not endure for a life-time. 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.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Christmas Choir needs YOU!

Why: to help us celebrate the Christmas Liturgy for Children

Who: ALL singers grades 3 thru 12

When: Nov 7,14,21 & Dec 5,12,19,23

Questions? Call Therese Jandernoa 647-4344

Where: Multi-purpose room

What time: 10:30am – NOON