

NOVEMBER 1, 2009

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH...

- SUN** RCIA, 9:30 AM, SPS Room 118
Children's Liturgy of the Word Presentation
1:00 PM at SPS Room 110
Junior High YM, 3:30 PM
High School YM, 6:30 PM
- MON** *All Souls Day*
All School Mass, 9:30 AM
Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM, Chapel
Mass of Remembrance, 6:00 PM
Faith Formation 6:30 PM; meet in classrooms
- TUES** Gathering of Widows, Widowers, or those
suffering a loss, 11:30 AM at the Wagon Wheel
School Commission Meeting following Mass
Cursillo Gathering following Mass, Chapel
- 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
Adult Faith Formation, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM @ SPS Room 109
Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM
- THUR** Blood Drive sponsored by St. Patrick HS National
Honor Society, Parish Hall, 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM
Stewardship Comm. Mtg., 7:00 PM, SPS Rm. 110
- FRI** YM Going Deeper, 6:00 AM, Youth Room
- SAT** Rosary in the Chapel, 7:30 AM
Art/Environment set up for Harvest, 8:30 AM
Children's Christmas Choir, 10:30 AM, M/P Room
Reconciliation, 3:00 PM
- SUN** RCIA, 9:30 AM
K of C Bingo, 2:00 PM
Communication/Spirituality Workshop, 2:00 PM,
Parish Hall
Junior High YM, 3:30 PM
High School YM, 6:30 PM

Blood Drive – November 5, 2009

We have added a blood drive on November 5, 2009, Thursday, from 11:30am-5:30pm at Portland St. Patrick's School in the Parish Hall. This blood drive is open to the community. Walk-ins are welcome or you may call 1-800-GIVELIFE to schedule an appointment. (This is the first of two blood drives to be held at the school to earn college scholarships for 2 lucky St. Pat's students).

Monday Night Faith Formation Parents

This Monday, November 2, class for the Monday Night Faith Formation Program will begin in your students classroom and not the church. Please contact 647-6505, Tom ext: 418 or Linda ext: 418 with any questions.

There will be a luncheon for widows, widowers and those who have suffered a loss. We will meet on Tuesday, November 3rd at 11:30 AM at the Wagon Wheel.

Attention Snowbirds

Its that time of year again...many of you are getting ready to make your annual trek to the south. Please give us a call at the parish office (647-6505) or send us an email (stpats@cablespeed.com) and let us know you are leaving and when you plan to return to Michigan.

If possible, please let us know by December 1. Thank you.



**Deadline for Orders
November 9, 2009
by 9:00 AM**

**YOUTH MINISTRY Dinner
Theater/Variety Show**

We are looking for "new" or "like new" items to raffle for the upcoming Youth Ministry Dinner Theater, scheduled for December 5, 2009. Please contact 647-6505 Linda ext: 419 or Guine ext: 415 for more information. Thank you for your support.



As of this morning, October 26, 2009, there have been 534 parishioner families pledging \$104,722.87. That amount is 92% of our goal of \$113,612.

**Congratulations to these Children
Recently Baptized Here at St. Patrick Parish**

- Greg Knox, son of Greg and Christine Morey
- Shane James, son of Steve and Sara Smith
- Connor John, son of Jason and Sarah Fox
- Liam Michael Thomas, son of Eric and Jill Wolfe
- Levi Michael, son of Matthew and Teresa Knoop
- Keira Shay, daughter of James and Dawn Moffatt
- Macie Margaret, daughter of Anthony and Michelle Smith
- Mikayla Marie, daughter of Stephen and Gail Miller

Do you have a new baby? Is your little one due soon? Congratulations! A routine question your doctor may ask is, "Do you have a means of birth control?" Natural Family Planning is a safe, healthy, effective and moral alternative to artificial contraceptives. Most Holy Trinity in Fowler will host a Postpartum NFP class to address the specifics of the return of fertility after childbirth on Tuesday, December 15th at 7PM. If anyone is interested in signing up or has any questions, you may contact Stephanie at stfeldpausch@mailaka.net or 989-593-2798. You may register on-line at www.ccli.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

Where: Multi-purpose room

What time: 10:30am – NOON

Questions? Call Therese Jandernoa 647-4344



Knights of Columbus Notes

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 November dates for the KC regular and social meetings were listed wrong in the newsletter. The actual dates are Monday November 2nd for the regular meeting and Monday November 16th for the social meeting.

K of C Flea Market on Sunday, November 15, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at 690 Maynard Road. This event features over 40 vendors (50+ tables) selling everything from antiques and collectibles to household items and hand crafted items.

Portland Right to Life – Annual Sub Sale

\$3.00 per sub. Taking orders until Monday, November 9.

Pick up date: Saturday, November 21, from 9:00 AM to Noon at St. Patrick School Cafeteria

To Order – Please contact Roxie Pline @ 517-647-2224

Upcoming Retreats

- **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.
- **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? (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 **November 6-8, 2009 at Holy Family in Caledonia**. The spiritual director is Fr. Lou Anderson. 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.
- Do you know a woman or a man who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the “good news” of God’s merciful love. 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.

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.

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1	Sun	<i>All Saints Day</i> Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM Coffee/Donuts after 9:30 and 11:30 Masses RCIA, 9:30 to Noon Deacon Don's Presentation, Children's Liturgy of the Word, 1:00 PM Junior High Youth Ministry 'The Edge', 3:30 to 5:00 PM High School Youth Ministry, 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Church Parish Hall SPS Room 118 SPS Room 110 Youth Room Youth Room
2	Mon	<i>All Souls Day</i> All School Mass, 9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM Mass of Remembrance, 6:00 PM Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting, 8:00 PM	Church Chapel Church Meet in Classroom KC Hall
3	Tues	Gathering of Widows, Widowers and those suffering a loss, 11:30 AM Mass, 6:00 PM School Commission Meeting following Mass Cursillo Gathering following Mass	Wagon Wheel Church Parish Hall Chapel
4	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 Adult Faith Formation "A Journey Through Church History", 6:30 PM Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM	Church Church KC Hall Youth Room Parish Hall Church SPS, Room 109 Church
5	Thurs	Mass, 7:30 AM Blood Drive Sponsored by SPS National Honor Society, 11:30 to 5:30 Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM	Church Church Parish Hall SPS Room 110
6	Fri	YM Going Deeper, 6:00 AM Mass, 7:30 AM First Friday Communion Calls	Youth Room Church
7	Sat	Rosary, 7:30 AM Art & Environment decorate for Harvest, 8:30 AM Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 AM to Noon Reconciliation, 3:00 PM Mass, 4:30 PM	Chapel Church M/P Room Church Church
8	Sun	Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM RCIA, 9:30 to Noon K of C Bingo, 2:00 PM Communication and Spirituality Workshop, 2:00 to 4:00 PM Junior High Youth Ministry 'The Edge', 3:30 to 5:00 PM High School Youth Ministry, 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Church SPS Room 118 KC Hall Parish Hall Youth Room Youth Room
9	Mon	<i>Poinsettia Orders Due</i> Communion Service, 7:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM Liturgy & Worship Meeting, 6:30 PM Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 PM	Church Chapel Parish Hall Meet in Church
10	Tues	NO EVENING MASS Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:00 PM Finance Commission Meeting 7:00 PM Baptism Prep Class, 7:00 PM Cursillo Gathering following Mass	Parish Hall SPS Room 110 Chapel
11	Wed	Communion Service, 9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM Youth Ministry – Walk in Wednesday, after school Adult Faith Formation "A Journey Through Church History", 6:30 PM Youth Ministry – Going Deeper, 8:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM	Church Church Youth Room Parish Hall Youth Room SPS, Room 109 Church Church
12	Thurs	Communion Service, 7:30 AM	Church

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13	Fri	Healing Ministry Prayer Group, 7:00 PM Communion Service, 7:30 AM	Chapel Church
14	Sat	Rosary, 7:30 AM Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 AM to Noon Reconciliation, 3:00 PM Mass, 4:30 PM	Chapel M/P Room Church Church
15	Sun	Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM RCIA, 9:30 to Noon Youth Ministry EHOP, 6:30 PM	Church SPS Room 118 Chapel
16	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
17	Tues	NO EVENING MASS Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM Cursillo Gathering 7:00 PM	Parish Hall Chapel Church
18	Wed	Communion Service, 9:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 7:00 PM Senior Citizen Euchre Party, 1:00 PM Youth Ministry – Walk in Wednesday, after school SPS PTO Meeting, 6:00 PM Adult Faith Formation “A Journey Through Church History”, 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM	Church Church KC Hall Youth Room SPS Room 110 Parish Hall SPS, Room 109 Church Church
19	Thurs	Communion Service, 7:30 AM	Church
20	Fri	YM Going Deeper, 6:00 AM Communion Service, 7:30 AM Third Friday Communion Calls	Youth Room Church
21	Sat	Paper Drive/Pop Can Drive Rosary, 7:30 AM Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal, 10:30 AM to Noon Altar Server Formation, 12:00 to 2:00 PM Reconciliation, 3:00 PM Mass, 4:30 PM	West Street Lot Chapel M/P Room Parish Hall Church Church
22	Sun	Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM RCIA, 9:30 to Noon GIFT, 1:00 to 3:30 PM K of C Bingo, 2:00 PM PAMA Sponsored Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 PM	Church SPS Room 118 Parish Hall KC Hall Eagle Church
23	Mon	Communion Service, 7:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM	Church Chapel
24	Tues	Mass, 6:00 PM Cursillo Gathering following Mass	Church Chapel
25	Wed	No School @ SPS – Thanksgiving Break Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM Mass, 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00 PM	Church Church SPS, Room 109 Church
26	Thurs	<i>Thanksgiving</i> No School @ SPS – Thanksgiving Break and Parish Offices Closed	
27	Fri	No School @ SPS – Thanksgiving Break and Parish Offices Closed	
28	Sat	Rosary, 7:30 AM Art & Environment prepare for Advent, 8:30 AM Reconciliation, 3:00 PM Mass, 4:30 PM	Chapel Church Church Church
29	Sun	Masses: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM	Church
30	Mon	Communion Service, 7:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration, Noon to 5:00 PM Faith Formation Classes, 6:30 PM	Church Chapel Meet in Church

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 info, 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.

Texas Hold-em Tournaments

- Knights of Columbus Council 2198 in Carson City is sponsoring Texas Hold-em Tournament on November 8, from 3:30 to 10:30 PM. (Cash table from 3:30 to 10:00 PM, tournament at 5:00) at Hubbardston Community Center. \$30 buy-in, pay 5 places, over 60% pay-back. For more information contact Bob Fahey at 989-981-6503, cell 517-526-1025.
 - Knights of Columbus Council 8071 in Pewamo is sponsoring a Texas Hold em Tournament November 22 from 3:30 to 10:30 PM at the Hubbardston Community Center. \$30 buy-in, pay 5 places, over 60% pay-back. For more information contact Bob Fahey at 989-981-6503, cell 517-526-1025.
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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 1-877-277-9378 and ask for a foster care licensing worker.

Are you silently suffering the consequences of a traumatic event or simply at your wits end with a rebellious teenager? Are you preparing for a marriage or grieving the loss of a loved one? If you are struggling with addiction or desire to address and overcome any other life challenge, know that help is available. We encourage you to call our **Behavioral Health Department** to gather more information about our counseling services or to make an appointment with one of our highly qualified counselors at 1-866-271-6796 (toll free). Catholic Charities West Michigan will provide you with a safe and confidential opportunity to address your pain and find hope and healing.