



Saturday, June 21:

5:00 p.m. Service in Absence of Priest

Sunday, June 22:

9:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, June 23: Weekday

2 Kgs 17: 5-8, 13-15, 18, Mt 7: 1-5

No Mass today

Tuesday, June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist

Is 49: 1-6, Acts 13: 22-26, Lk 1: 57-66,80

No Mass today

Wednesday, June 25: Weekday

2 Kgs 22: 8-13, 23: 1-3, Mt 7: 15-20

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, June 26: Weekday

2 Kgs 24: 8-17, Mt 7: 21-29

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, June 27: Weekday, Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor

2 Kgs 25: 1-12, Mt 8: 1-4

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Acts 12: 1-11, 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 17-18, Mt 16: 13-19

Saturday, June 28:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, June 29:

9:30 a.m. Mass

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

We appreciate your generosity in providing non-perishable food for the needy of our area. This weekend the baskets are at the entrances of the church to receive your donations. May God bless you for your concern.



**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME
(LOON'S GAME)**

Everyone's welcome to sign up and have a fun-filled evening watching the Great Lakes Loons vs. the West Michigan Whitecaps.

Where: Dow Diamond (Midland)

When: August 6. Game starts @ 7:00 pm.

Leave Parish Center @ 5:00 pm. (bus will arrive 15 minutes before leaving).

Return: Approximately 11:30 pm.

Mitchell Motor Coach will provide the transportation. You can sit back and relax. Food and drink are permitted on the bus. (small cooler).

Cost: \$20.00 which includes transportation and ticket for the game. Please sign up as soon as possible (back of Church) or call the parish center 673-2276.

Note: There are just a few seats available. Please have your money in by July 17. (Checks to Sacred Heart Church).

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JUNE 28 & 29

LECTORS:

5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Vandemark

9:30 a.m. Joanne Richardson

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Karen Cody*

Mary Knoll, Chris Taylor

Art Rollend, Lilia Kolanowski

9:30 a.m. Sue Lasceski*

Jerry Lasceski, Chris Oakie

Pat & Bob Chisholm,

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Theresa Burkey, Jerzy Kolanowski

9:30 a.m. Becky Learman, Courtney Furst

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Dale, Patty Churchill, Mike, Kathy Fader, Margaret Cockerill, Michele, Brittney, Nicole Quick

9:30 a.m. Pete, Kaye Zurek, Vance, Lynn Smith, Joan Smith, Daniella Babcock

USHERS FOR JUNE:

5:00 p.m. Mark Petiprin*, Adam Rodriguez,

Kevin Kausch, Troy Kausch

9:30 a.m. Tom Braun*, Joe Fessler

Kris Ball, John Papp Sr.

STEWARDSHIP

Give rice to hungry people by playing a simple word game on the computer: *freerice.com*. For every right answer to a vocabulary word, 20 grains of rice is donated through the United Nations to help end world hunger. This is a fun activity for family members. It is also an active means of uniting our concern for the hungry with Jesus' concern with the crowd when he said to His disciples in Matthew 15:32: "I do not want to send them away hungry, for fear they may collapse on the way." (Janet Markham)



GOD'S RICH FEAST OF BLESSINGS

You spread the table before me, in the sight of my foes' You anoint my head with oil; My cup overflows.

Ah, a Sunday in summer. It brings back memories of family picnics so many years ago. Playing baseball with my cousins and uncles, coming in sweaty, tired, and ready to eat. My mom and aunts spreading red and white checked tablecloths on park tables. Grandma opening her picnic basket to bring out platters of her freshly fried chicken. And, finally, glasses of our family secret: iced grape nectar. Life just couldn't have been more abundant. Even the spats my cousins and I may have had during the ballgame were lost in the feast spread before us.

Such grand times are only faint images of the bounty of God, spreading his banquet before us. A rich feast of blessings shared generously with one another. Jesus' own special recipes of mercy and forgiveness. Enemies at peace *because* God's table is so abundant.

Amen. May it be so! (From Fr. James Krings-Living Faith)

CSA 2008

Parish Target.....\$58,000.00

Pledges.....\$43,715.00

Balance Needed.....\$13,285.00

We are grateful to those who have already pledged to CSA. Our parish is still in need of \$13,285.00 meet the target set by the diocese. Our prayer is that God will inspire each of us to realize this sacrificial work of stewardship is for the honor and glory of God, and for the service of His people.

PARISH SUPPORT

Our Weekly Need.....\$5800.00

Last Weekend.....\$5069.15

476 Envelope Holders 200 Envelopes Used Last Weekend

GOSPEL READING

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us to be afraid of anyone who can destroy both our body and soul in Gehenna. Gehenna is the Jewish name for the underworld and it is sometimes also called Hades or She'ol.

The Jewish people in Jesus' day believed the earth was flat and they pictured Gehenna as the area beneath the earth where all people went after they died. There were three layers to Gehenna and the layer a person ended up in depended on one's deeds while on earth.

The top layer was a place where the deceased waited twelve months until the consequences of their actions were clear. Those who God judged to have led a good life remained in the top layer awaiting their reward at the end of the world, but those who led wicked lives were sent to one of the two lower layers. The specific layer depended on the nature of the crimes committed.

Some rabbis believed God showed mercy on the Sabbath by quenching the fires, but other rabbis thought the flames were continuous.

Christians called Gehenna "hell," and in the Apostles' Creed we say Jesus descended into hell before rising from the dead. This means Jesus visited the top layer of Gehenna to take to their reward those whom God had already judged righteous.

For Reflection:

How would you describe hell? Would you act differently if you found out there wasn't a hell? Why or why not?

(From Cycling Through the Gospels)

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SOME STATISTICS ABOUT VATICAN CITY

The State of Vatican City....

- has fewer citizens than the number of representatives in the U.S. Congress.

- issues its own postage stamps and coins, but uses Italian money as its legal tender and depends on Italy to transport its airmail. Vatican coins are the same size as Italian coins but have the pope's head engraved on them and usually bear a motto—e.g., "It is better to give than to receive" or "This is the root of all evil."

- has a total of 1,100 people living within its diamond-shaped confines.

- has millions of visitors every year but provides no hotels, restaurants, or entertainment.

- has no traffic lights, public transportation, barber shop, laundry, newsstand, school, hospital, or garbage collection (as for the last, Vatican City garbage is picked up by a crew from Rome.)

- has an official language that is dead—namely, Latin.

- has a head of state (the pope) who is not only the country's chief executive but also its entire legislature and judiciary; yet he is neither a dictator nor a despot.

†**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**†

Registration for Faith Formation 2008-2009 is taking place now. Forms are available in the parish center office or call 673-2276 for more information. The fee is \$20.00 for one child or \$25.00 for a family. Early registration will help guarantee the class time you want!

Forms are in the back of Church. They may be mailed in or dropped off at the Parish Center.

ALPHABET PRAYER

- A** Almighty God
- B** Bless my family and me
- C** Comfort me
- D** Draw me to YOU in prayer
- E** Enlighten me
- F** Forgive my sins
- G** Give me a few good friends
- H** Help me to do YOUR will
- I** I am YOUR servant
- J** Joyful are my days
- K** Keep me from harms
- L** Lead me to still waters
- M** Make me a vessel of YOUR love
- N** Nature is YOUR masterpiece
- O** Open new doors for me
- P** Please, grant me peace of mind
- Q** Quench my thirst for knowledge
- R** Reside with me always
- S** Shield me from danger
- T** Teach me to love unconditionally
- U** Use me to inspire others
- V** Visit me in solitude
- W** When I fail, lift me up
- X** XXX's stand for my love for YOU
- Y** Your love fills me with gratitude
- Z** Zestfully, I thank YOU. Amen.

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OUR SYMPATHY



Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Sally A. (Sheridan) Berg who was buried from Sacred Heart this past week. May the angels lead her into Paradise where she will find eternal peace and joy with Jesus the Lord.

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MOST RICHLY BLESSED

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey
I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing I asked for—
But everything I had hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my
Unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all men,
Most richly blessed.
(Anonymous Confederate Soldier)