**Saturday, July 26:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, July 27:**

9:30 a.m. Mass

**Monday, July 28: Weekday**Jer 13: 1-11, Mt 13: 31-35  
No Mass today**Tuesday, July 29: Martha**Jer 14: 17-22, Jn 11: 19-27  
No Mass today**Wednesday, July 30: Weekday, Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor**

Jer 15: 10, 16-21, Mt 13: 44-46

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, July 31: Ignatius of Loyola, priest**

Jer 18: 1-6, Mt 13: 47-53

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Friday, August 1: Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor**

Jer 26: 1-9, Mt 13: 54-58

8:30 a.m. Mass

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Is 55: 1-3, Rom 8: 35, 37-39, Mt 14: 13-21

**Saturday, August 2:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, August 3:**

9:30 a.m. Mass

**SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE**

Occasionally during our harvest time, parishioners have an abundance of fresh vegetables/fruits in their garden they would like to share with others. If you are able to share these foods for use at our funeral luncheons when needed, please call Pat Chisholm @ 673-3207, or the parish office @ 673-2346 and leave your name with us. We will then contact you when we need these fresh foods. Thank you for sharing. (Christian Service).

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

Please note there are pink envelopes in your Church envelope packets to be used if you wish to have the Catholic Weekly sent to your home. The cost is \$7.00 for six months. (Your parish pays the remainder of the cost.)

**BAPTISM**

We are happy to welcome into our Catholic Faith Community Eva Aileen Will, who received the waters of Baptism at Sacred Heart recently. May the Light of the Lord always be her guide.

**GREAT COMMANDMENT**

The Great Commandment taken from the Gospel of Matthew (22:37-40): "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 & 3****LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Richard Emery

9:30 a.m. Maria Prescott

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

5:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche\*

Irv DeRoche, Chris Taylor

J.R. &amp; Mary Ann Vandemark

9:30 a.m. Rose Putnam\*

Carol Papp, Angie Campbell

Norm &amp; Jan Daniels

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Theresa Burkey, Jared Burkey

9:30 a.m. Amanda Perez, Emily Strasz

**GREETERS:**5:00 p.m. Theresa, Marissa Connell, Pat Strozeski,  
Marilyn Gludovatz, Dorothy Faust9:30 a.m. Thomas, Bonnie Braun, Karen Adams,  
Vincent Albin, Joan Smith**USHERS FOR AUGUST:**

5:00 p.m. John Merz\*, Logan Kausch

Dave Luebbert, Dale Hasenleder

9:30 a.m. Jack Generous\*, Jason Kappen

Bill Blaylock, Floyd Echols

**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

Scripture scholars agree that the evangelists did not write the Gospels until many years after the events took place. You may wonder why the early Christians did not immediately record what Jesus said and did. The answer to this question is quite simple.

The early Christians expected Jesus to return to the earth within their lifetime so He could defeat all evil, conquer the world, and then fill the world with peace and justice. This second coming of Jesus would signal the beginning of the reign of God and the end of the world.

Believing that the end of the world was near, the early Christians did not consider it necessary to write down what Jesus said and did. They expected the apostles and those who knew Jesus to live until He returned, which would insure that Jesus' teachings did not get distorted.

When the world did not end as soon as expected, the followers of Jesus feared that all of the eyewitnesses would be dead before He returned and there would be no one left to guarantee the accuracy of the stories about him. Therefore, they decided to write down Jesus' works and teachings so future generations of Christians would have a reliable account.

Finally, let's take a look at the parables in today's Gospel. In the first parable, the man sells *all* he has so he can buy a field containing a buried treasure. In the second parable, the merchant sells *all* he has so he can buy a valuable pearl. The treasure and the pearl stand for the reign of God. Just as both the man and the merchant gave up everything when they found what they wanted, Jesus encourages us to be willing to give up everything for the sake of God's kingdom.

That's exactly what the early Christians did. Some of them suffered persecution and some of them even died for their faith in Jesus. Recalling these parables gave them the courage they needed to give up all they had, even their lives, for the growth of the reign of God.

FOR REFLECTION: How much we are willing to give for something depends on how valuable it is to us. How much would you be willing to sacrifice for the kingdom of God?

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Our weekly need.....	\$5800.00
Last Weekend.....	\$5303.85
476 Envelope Holders	189 Envelopes Used Last Weekend


*From the Pastor's Desk*

SURPRISE, SURPRISE-What a SURPRISE I had this past weekend when I returned from Reserve Training. Usually I am very observant of what's going on in the parish. Yet, the planning of my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party really caught me "off-guard" and truly surprised. Then I learned that my being "out-of-town" with the Navy in St. Louis & my trip to Seattle gave all of you great opportunity to plan this birthday party.

And what a surprise it was!!! Going over to church after returning from Reserves was, I thought, to check something with Alma. And then.... there was the surprise. Being called forward and having parishioners sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY and the picnic that followed in the parish center. All of this truly made for a Happy Birthday.

I truly appreciated all the parishioners who came over to the parish center after Mass on Saturday and Sunday to celebrate with me. I know there is much love for me and I truly appreciated your presence and cards, gifts and wishes of Happy Birthday. And for those who could not come over.... and yet wished me a Happy Birthday...I thank you too!!!!

This celebration could not have been done without the diligent (and hidden) undertaking of my Staff. They did an EXCELLENT JOB planning and pulling this off!!!

Thank you for a great celebration. I truly smile  when I think and learn of all the things you did to get everything ready for this occasion.

I also thank the many who assisted in preparing and getting things ready for the luncheon on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. What a great picnic—with good foods and desert...the birthday cakes, other goodies and ice cream!!!

I would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus men who prepared the food for Sunday's picnic and those who assisted in getting things ready for this excellent birthday party.

All of you have certainly helped me to have an EXCELLENT celebration of my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. I appreciate all that you have done. I thank you for all the cards, gifts, notes and wishes of support and love.  
In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dennis

**BULLETIN PUBLISHER**

A representative from Diocesan Publications (Our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU, and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

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

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME**

**(Loons game at Dow Diamond)**

Please note the motor coach for the Loon's game in Midland will leave Sacred Heart Parish Center on August 6 @ 5:00 p.m. We will return at approximately 11:30 p.m. For more info call Ann @ 673-2276.

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**CSA 2008**

Parish Target.....	\$58,000.00
Pledges.....	\$48,295.00
Balance Needed.....	\$ 9,705.00

We are grateful to those who have already pledged to CSA. 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. During the month of July we will need to contact those who have not yet responded to our CSA drive.

**WALK IT! TALK IT!**

Walk it! Talk it! An Education Conference sponsored by the Offices of Education and Christian Service will be held Thursday, August 28, from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. The day begins with Eucharistic Liturgy with Bishop Carlson, then Dr. Sandra Kennedy will present a general session *Heralds of the Good News: Becoming the Best You Can Be* followed by lunch and over 30 breakout sessions. Cost for the day is \$20 and includes lunch. The conference is for all Catholic school principals, teachers, staff, Catechetical leaders, catechists, youth ministers, Catholic teachers in public schools, home school parents and any interested adults. Call Pat Preston in the Office of Education @ 989-797-6651 for a detailed brochure and registration forms.

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

The Thumb Area Community theatre presents "Alice in Wonderland, the Musical", to be performed on August 7,8,9 @ 7:00 pm and August 10 @ 2:30 pm at the Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School Auditorium, 2203 Wildner Rd., Sebewaing. Tickets are \$8.00 adults, \$7.00 seniors, \$5.00 students, and \$20.00 family. Tickets available at the door. Info: 883-3391.

**PARISH FAMILY DINNER**

St. Mary Church, Pt. Sanilac, invites you to their parish family dinner this Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am-5:00 pm. Great food and lots of homemade desserts. Adults \$9.00, children \$5.00, six and under free. Dinner raffle drawing will be held at 5:00 pm.

**JUST FOR FUN**

- Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
- How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark, to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
- Do you realize in about 40 years we'll have millions of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!).