**Saturday, August 16**

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

**Sunday, August 17:**

9:30 a.m. Mass

**Monday, August 18: Weekday, Jane Frances de Chantal, religious**

Ez 24: 15-24, Mt 19: 16-22

No Mass today

**Tuesday, August 19: Weekday, John Eudes, priest**

Ez 28: 1-10, Mt 19: 23-30

No Mass today

**Wednesday, August 20: Bernard, abbot, doctor**

Ez 34: 1-11, Mt 20: 1-16

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, August 21: Pius X, pope**

Ez 36: 23-28, Mt 22: 1-14

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Friday, August 22: Queenship of the BVM**

Ez 37: 1-14, Mt 22: 34-40

8:30 a.m. Mass

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 22: 19-23, Rom 11: 33-36, Mt 16: 13-20

**Saturday, August 23:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, August 24:**

9:30 a.m. Mass

**FOOD FOR THE NEEDY**

This weekend the baskets are once again at the entrances of the Church to receive your donations of non-perishable food for the less fortunate. Many persons in our community are struggling through difficult economic times, and your donations are greatly appreciated.

**K OF C SENIORS**

The K of C Seniors plan to have a Mass said at St. Bonaventure in Detroit, the Capuchin Monastery made known by the works of Fr. Solanus Casey who the Church has declared Venerable and is considering for sainthood. The Mass would be for three K of C seniors who were instrumental in founding our senior group: Patrick Boylan, Mariellen Albin, and Walter Albin, who recently passed away.

Our next meeting will be August 18 at noon at the K of C Hall. The menu (prepared by Dick & Janet Bertrand, and Colin and Barbara Robaczewski) will include roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, along with our usual potluck luncheon. As always, all K of C members, wives and widows, and members of Sacred Heart over 55 are welcome to join us.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 & 24****LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Richard Emery

9:30 a.m. Eva Rodriguez

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Vandemark\*

J.R. Vandemark, Lynne Petiptin

Irv &amp; Ginny DeRoche

9:30 a.m. Joan Smith\*

Al &amp; Dale Rae

Bruce Mellendorf, Andy Schlaud

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Taylor Everts, Eleni Everts

9:30 a.m. Becky Learman, Angela Papp

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. Eva Rodriguez, Michele, Brittney, Nicole Quick, Dale, Patty Churchill, Marge Biebel

9:30 a.m. Vance, Lynn Smith, Daniella Babcock, Joan Smith, Gloria Orban

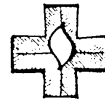
**USHERS FOR AUGUST:**

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

Dave Luebbert, Dale Hasenleder

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

Bill Blaylock, Floyd Echols

**REST IN PEACE**

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Ellen Romain who was buried from Sacred Heart this past week. May she find eternal rest with Jesus the Lord.

**THANK YOU**

The family of Ellen Romain would like to thank Fr. Dennis, Mariann Saenen, Chris Taylor and staff at Collon's Funeral Home, Sacred Heart Men's Choir, the funeral meal ministries, and all the members of our Sacred Heart Parish family who helped to celebrate her life. Thank you.

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold their fall Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 9 at the Diocesan Center for Ministry in Saginaw. All women of the diocese are invited to attend.

The morning speaker will be Bishop Robert Carlson. The afternoon program will be a presentation by Sandy Buza from the Diocese concerning Project Rachel & the Mother Teresa Endowment Fund. The day begins with registration from 9:45 to 10 a.m. and will end at approximately 3 p.m. Mass will be celebrated. Cost for the day is \$12, which includes lunch. Attendees are asked to bring a toiletry item for Emmaus House if they are able. RSVP by Sept. 5 to (989-635-7072.)

**IMPROVED HEALTH**

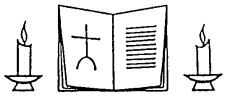
Merc Boylan wishes to thank the parishioners who were so kind to pray for her and send good wishes during her recent illness. She is doing much better and is grateful for your concern.

**WORDS OF MOTHER TERESA**

- We do not need guns and bombs to bring peace. We need love and compassion.
- Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do, but how much love we put into what we do.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Our weekly need.....\$5800.00  
 Last Weekend.....\$5167.55  
 476 Envelope Holders    200 Envelopes Used Last Weekend



**TODAY'S GOSPEL (Lk 12:49-53)**

We usually associate Jesus' message with such things as love and joy and forgiveness, but his teaching in today's Gospel is different. Instead of being hopeful and positive, Jesus warns us of destruction and division. The reading begins with Jesus saying he has come to bring a blazing fire upon the earth and that he will not establish peace, but discord. Jesus even says families will be at odds because of him. This certainly does not sound like the same Jesus who preached about loving one another and turning the other cheek.

Since Scripture often uses fire as a symbol of the judgment at the end of the world, Jesus' comment about bringing fire upon the earth probably meant the Day of Judgment had already arrived. Jesus challenged those who heard him to make a decision to commit themselves to him and to his message, a decision that would not be without its consequences.

In the days of the early Church, those who professed a belief in Jesus literally put their lives on the line because the Romans killed many Christians by crucifying them, burning them at the stake, feeding them to hungry lions, or skinning them alive. No one would deny that it took a great deal of conviction and courage to be a Christian in first-century Palestine.

Choosing to follow Jesus often had repercussions in one's family life as well. Some parents did not understand why their grown children would risk their lives for the teachings of a simple carpenter from Galilee and some children could not believe their parents had joined a group started by a political radical the Romans crucified. Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, and mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law found themselves on opposite sides of the fence because of Jesus' teachings. Division, rather than peace, came to many families because of the Gospel.

**For Reflection**

Christianity often flourishes in countries where it is illegal. Would there be more or fewer Christians in the United States if following Jesus were against the law? Would you be a Christian if you knew you could be physically punished if the wrong people found out about your faith in Jesus?



**TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT & PIG ROAST**

A Texas Hold 'Em Tournament & Pig Roast Fund Raiser will be held on Sunday, August 17 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. This fund raising event is held to benefit the Tuscola Homeless Coalition and Tuscola Place for Peace. Pig Roast (Chef Rep. Terry Brown) will be served from 1 pm to 6 pm. Pig Meal \$7.50 sandwich \$5. Bingo 1-3 pm. Texas Hold 'Em tournament \$500 first place. Tournament starts 5:30 pm. Blackjack gaming time 3:00 pm. Join the fun and help a great cause.

**†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†  
 THUMBS UP FOR CHRIST**

An invitation is extended from St. John's Parish, Uibly, to all 7 through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth in the parish to join other youths on August 23 from 2:15-9:15 pm for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Rally. The day will include Mass, volleyball tournament, flag football, open gym, old-fashioned games, food, D.J. Karaoke, Right to Life speaker. All religions welcome! Registration, medical release, and \$7.00 must be turned into the parish center by August 20. Contact the Parish Center for more info (673-2276.)

**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. Saundra Kennedy will present a general session *Heralds of the Good News: Becoming the Best You Can Be* followed by lunch and over 30 breakfast 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.



**CSA 2008**

We are still in need of \$6305.00 to meet our 2008/2009 goal for C.S.A. We are grateful to those who have already pledged. We ask those who have not pledged to please do so as soon as possible.

**DVD TO BE SHOWN**

We have invited the public to a viewing of the DVD "The Mass Explained" on Wednesday, August 20 @ 7:00 pm. If you have not seen this DVD we encourage you to attend. And if you have already seen it, we welcome you to view it again. Bring a friend, or anyone you know who might be interested in understanding the Catholic Mass.

**CLUSTER COUNTRY FEST**

Fun for the whole family-SS. Peter & Paul, St. Patrick's Chapel-St. Mary's, Burnside, are celebrating a Cluster Country Fest on August 22,23 & 24 on the grounds of Ss Peter & Paul church, 6645 Washington St., North Branch. Includes euchre tournament Friday @ 7:00, Bingo Saturday, rummage sales, Polka Mass @ Ss. Peter & Paul on Sunday @ 11:00 a.m., petting zoo and lots, lots more. Don't miss it!

**BURNING UNSERVICEABLE U.S. FLAGS**



Once again, the American Legion and the VFW are requesting the assistance of the Fourth Degree Color Corps in ceremonies of burning unserviceable U.S. American flags.

This ceremony will take place at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility on Monday, September 15, @ 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Unserviceable flags may be dropped off at the K of C Hall on Monday evenings or in the designated marked pail found at the back of Sacred Heart Church.