

**Saturday, October 25:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, October 26:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**Monday, October 27: Weekday**

Eph 4: 32-5: 8, Lk 13: 10-17

No Mass Today

**Tuesday, October 28: Simon & Jude, apostles**

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

No Mass Today

**Wednesday, October 29: Weekday**

Eph 6: 1-9, Lk 13: 22-30

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, October 30: Weekday**

Eph 6: 10-20, Lk 13: 31-35

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Friday, October 31: Weekday**

Phil 1: 1-11, Lk 14: 1-6

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED****(All Souls' Day)**

Wis 3: 1-9, Rom 5: 5-11, Jn 6: 37-40

**Saturday, November 1:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, November 2:**

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

**REMINDER**

The next Administration meeting will be held Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

**BLOODMOBILE**

"I will be the one to save a life." A bloodmobile will be offered on Thursday, October 30 at the Caro United Methodist Church from noon-5:45 pm. Drop-ins are welcome. Info: Barb Beecher 673-4582.

**BEFRIENDER MINISTRY**

Sacred Heart Parish has persons through the Befriender Ministry Program, who are available to visit and listen to those who are in need, or in a time of crisis. This confidential ministry is open to any adult who feels they, or someone they know, may need a person to talk to. There are yellow brochures available in the back of church with more information, or you may call the church office with a referral.

**PRAYERS NEEDED**

This week pray for the leaders of our country, and for those who will become our leaders in the coming election, that the Spirit of God will work through them.

**FOR REFLECTION**

Pretend you have just died and you are standing before God's throne. God tells you he will let you into heaven, but first you must tell him about one concrete action you did on a regular basis that showed you loved your neighbor. How would you respond?

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 & 2****LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche

9:00 a.m. Helen Monkowski

11:00 a.m. Wally Kent

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

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

J.R. Vandemark, Art Rollend

Denise Burkey, Theresa Burkey

9:00 a.m. Norm Daniels\*

Jan Daniels, Ann Reinelt

Bob &amp; Pat Chisholm

11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Szpunar\*

Lil Guild, Alma Moreno

Chris Oakie, Dakotah Brissette

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

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

9:00 a.m. Allison Learman, Amanda Perez

11:00 a.m. Nicole Quick, Tim Sabo

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. Mike, Kathy Fader, Theresa, Marissa Connell, Marilyn Gludovatz, Dorothy Faust

9:00 a.m. Joyce Anderson, Mario D'Addezio, Learman Family, Joan Smith

11:00 a.m. Jerry, Suzanne Lasceski, Barb Buckley, Cindy Jackson, Linda Strasz

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER:**

5:00 p.m. Mark McKervey\*, Dave Kolacz

Austin Hessling, Dale Hasenleder

9:00 a.m. John Papp Sr., Joe Greene

Mike Greene, Nathan Bednarski

11:00 a.m. Paul Ellsworth, John Kopko

Jack Generous, Bill Blaylock

**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**

Your contributions from last weekend's World Mission Sunday are greatly appreciated. The amount received was \$886.00, which will be sent to the Diocesan Mission Office to further the missionary work of the Church.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The beautiful flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by John & Ruth Kopko in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We thank them for sharing this special time with their Church family.

**DISHES, DISHES**

If you have been generous in donating food for our funeral luncheons you may still have dishes left in the parish center. Kindly pick them up at your earliest convenience.

**PRAYER SHOWS DEPENDENCE ON GOD**

*Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient. (2 Timothy 4:2)*

Whether our hands are weary or our knees are stiff, whether our knuckles are raw from knocking on the doors of heaven, the message is the same: *be persistent!* This persistence is twofold. First, we need to pray constantly, not to make God act, but rather as a sign of our complete dependence upon the divine will. While the Israelites conclude that victory over Amalek will be theirs as long as Moses raises his hands in prayer, the deeper message might be that things go well when we remember who really holds the power in this world. Second, we must persist in fidelity to the gospel. There is no "time out" or vacation time; living the gospel is an unending mandate that allows no excuses.

*Give us the gift of holy persistence, O God. (Living Faith)*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Our weekly need.....\$5800.00  
 Last Weekend.....\$5533.00  
 476 Envelope Holders    212 Envelopes Used Last Weekend

**FROM THE PASTOR  
 CHURCH LEADERS SPEAK OUT AGAINST  
 PROPOSAL 2**

The bishops of our state have written to every registered Catholic home in Michigan urging opposition to Proposal 2. This ballot proposal seeks to destroy human embryos for research and opens the door to human cloning in Michigan. The bishops articulate clearly in their letter that the killing of human embryos is never acceptable and must be rejected as strongly as possible. As Pope John II taught in the encyclical "The Gospel of Life," human life must be protected from conception until natural death, beginning with the human embryo. If our state amends its constitution to allow the intentional destruction of human embryos, there is no telling where this unrestricted science will lead or where the killing will end. We must avoid heading down this path by upholding the wise and enduring teachings of the Catholic faith concerning human life. Visit [www.micause.com](http://www.micause.com) for more information.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

In today's Gospel, the lawyer who asks Jesus the question about the greatest commandment is from a group of religiously strict Jews known as the Pharisees. Members of this group believed in angels and life after death but we know them best for their observance of what they called the oral traditions.

Because the Jews believed the laws in sacred Scripture were a blueprint to holiness, anyone who obeyed the laws was holy. Anyone who did not obey them, even if they did not know what the laws were, was a sinner. Therefore, the Pharisees tried to avoid accidentally breaking the laws by protecting them with more laws. These man-made laws, known as the oral traditions because they were originally passed on verbally, encircled the biblical laws like a fence, preventing a person from even coming close to breaking one of them. The Pharisees believed the oral traditions were just as important as the laws in sacred Scripture.

Of the 613 oral traditions, 248 were positive ("You shall...") and 365 were negative ("You shall not..."). Depending on what they pertained to, some of these laws were light and others were heavy. The lawyer in today's Gospel asks Jesus which of the laws was the most important. Jesus' response is a combination of two verses—one from Deuteronomy and the other from Leviticus.

The verse from Deuteronomy 6:4-5 about loving God with our whole heart, soul, and mind means we should not hold back anything when loving God. This verse is the first Scripture passage Jewish boys memorize; many Jews consider it a summary of the entire Jewish law. The pious Jew recites this passage every day when he or she wakes up. The second verse about loving our neighbor is from Leviticus 19:18. Jesus' answer is unique because when he says we cannot love God without also loving our neighbor, he makes these two commands, equally heavy. Most rabbis, on the other hand, would have argued that loving God was more important.

We find the logic behind Jesus' teaching spelled out in the first epistle according to John. In 4:20, the author tells us that if we aren't able to love a brother or sister we can see, we certainly aren't able to love the God we cannot see. Love of God and love of neighbor go hand in hand.

**†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†**

- Oct. 26-Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 28-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet @ 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 1-High School Feed the Fire Mass
- Nov. 4-S.P.R.E.D. Leaders meet @ 1:00 p.m.
- Nov. 9-High School meets 7-9 p.m.
- Nov. 11-S.P.R.E.D. Friends & Leaders meet 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 12 & 13-First Reconciliation 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 16-High School Youth Group meets 7-9 pm
- Nov. 18-S.P.R.E.D. leaders meet @ 1:00 pm
- Nov. 19-After school social 3-5 p.m. Rectory basement
- Nov. 19-Sacramental Session 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 23-Senior Citizen Soup Luncheon @ 12:30 pm

**High School Youth Group** members who are helping with Trunk or Treat please be at the Parish Center by 4:15 and don't forget to wear your costume!

The **Youth Group** will attend "Feed the Fire" Nov. 1 @ St. Agnes in Freeland. We plan to leave the Parish Center @ 2:45 p.m. and return around 9:00 p.m. We will gather with other youth from the Diocese for Mass with Bishop Carlson, food and fellowship. Please sign up by calling the Parish Center @ 673-2276 or e-mail [ann@carosacredheart.org](mailto:ann@carosacredheart.org)



**Sunday By Sunday** meets on Mondays @ 6:15. This is an informal gathering and a fun group to be part of. Join us as we read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings. Contact Lynne Petiprin @ 673-3795 with any questions.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**REMINDER: TRUNK OR TREAT-When: This Sunday, October 26 @ 5:00 p.m. Where: Sacred Heart Parish Center and parking lot. Why: To have a safe and fund All Hallows Eve. Who: All are invited to decorate a trunk, wear a costume, and all are invited to "trunk or treat". Cost: Free. (No reason not to attend). Join the fun!**

**WE MADE A DIFFERENCE!**

The following disciples spent last Saturday making a difference at Camp Fowler: Liz Schlaud, Mallori Adams, Allison Learman, Daniella Babcock, Nicole Quick, Katie Cockerill, Ashley Merz, Mary Laethem, Allison Jamieson, Emily Wang, Bryan Cody, Kendra Hill, Stephanie & Matt Snyder, Angela LeValley, Courtney Furst, and Melissa McKerverey. Janell Merz & Michelle Quick were drivers and workers also. It's great to see the youth of our parish doing what Jesus calls us to do. May God bless all of you! (Karen Cody, Middle School Youth Ministry)

**FUNDS FOR ORPHANAGE**

St. Elizabeth parish, Reese, is sponsoring a submarine dinner-to-go on Oct 31 to raise funds to purchase school supplies for an orphanage in Manta, Ecuador. Place your order for a quick delicious dinner to be picked up on Halloween noon-6 p.m. Call Cindy 989-868-3518 or St. Elizabeth's @ 989-868-4081.

**SACRED HEART CHRISTIAN SERVICES  
 SCHOLARSHIPS**

2008-2009 Senior College Scholarship applications are available in the Sacred Heart Parish Center Office. The scholarships are for any area high school seniors who are members of Sacred Heart Parish. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize student parishioners who have participated in parish activities and demonstrated Christian Service during their high school years, and to encourage them to continue to do so in their future lives.