

**Saturday, July 25:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, July 26:**

9:30 a.m. Mass

**Monday, July 27: Weekday**

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34

No Mass today

**Tuesday, July 28: Weekday**

Ex 33: 7-11, 34:5b-9, 28, Mt 13:36-43

No Mass today

**Wednesday, July 29: Martha**

Ex 34: 29-35, Jn 11:19-27

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, July 30: Weekday, Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor**

Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38, Mt 13: 347-53

8:30 a.m. Mass

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

Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37, Mt 13: 54-58

8:30 a.m. Mass

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15, Eph 4: 17, 20-24

**Saturday, August 1:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, August 2:**

9:30 a.m. Mass

**OUR SYMPATHY**

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Bertha Hahn who was buried from Sacred Heart this past week. May she find eternal peace and joy with our Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

Our prayers and sympathy also to the family of James Casey who was buried from Sacred Heart this past week. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed find eternal peace and joy with Jesus the Lord.

**TREASURES TO TRINKETS SALE**

Sacred Heart Christian Service and the K/C Auxiliary are sponsoring a rummage sale at the Parish Center on **August 20-22**. Donations for the rummage sale are appreciated (no electronics, computers, phones, etc.) Items may be dropped off at the Parish Center (weekdays). If you have items to donate, but are unable to bring them to the Parish Center, please call the office at 673-2276.

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

5:00 p.m. Mary Ann Vandemark

9:30 a.m. Joanne Richardson

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

5:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche\*

Irv DeRoche, Lynne Petiprin

Lilia Kolanowski, Art Rollend

9:30 a.m. Lee Starling\*

Carol Starling, Rita Papp

Dick Bertrand, Angie Campbell

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Ashley Merz, Delia Kolanowski

9:30 a.m. Liz Schlaud, Tim Sabo

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. Mike, Kathy Fader, Theresa, Marissa

Connell, Marilyn Gludovatz, Dorothy

Faust

9:30 a.m. Gloria Orban, Rita, Dick Gruber, Bill,

Ann Sochocki, Tammy, Jeff Foor Family

**USHERS FOR JULY:**

5:00 p.m. Dan Monville\*, Austin Hessling

Dale Hasenleder, Dolly Emery

9:30 a.m. John Kopko\*, Doug Prosser

Chris Taylor, Charles Pistro

**BLOODMOBILE**

Once again a bloodmobile will be offered at Caro United Methodist Church on Gilford Rd. **When:** Thursday, July 30. **Time:** 12:00 noon until 5:45 p.m. Walk-ins are most welcome. Info: Call Tina @ 673-6641. The **Bloodmobile** is sponsored by Michigan Community Blood Center. Give Blood-Give Life.

**CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

Please note the pink envelopes which are enclosed in your Church envelope packets, for a subscription to the Catholic Weekly. Cost for the subscription is \$7.00 for six months. (Your parish pays the remaining amount of the subscription).

**MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION**

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a charitable organization that grants wishes to children living with life-threatening medical conditions. They enrich these children's human experience through hope, strength, and joy. This year alone they are granting nearly 400 wishes to Michigan children. At this time Kassi Pastor has chosen the Make-A-Wish Foundation as the recipient of proceeds from her upcoming "Kids Carnival" scheduled for August 23 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. If you would like to contribute to this event please contact Kassi @ 989-670-1216 or 325 Purdy Rd., Caro MI 48723. Contributions are tax deductible.

**"BIG"**

The musical "BIG" is being performed at Unionville-Sebewaing Area High School Auditorium, off M-25, between Unionville and Sebewaing, on July 30 and 31, and August 1 at 7:30 pm and August 2 @ 2:00 pm. Tickets: Adults \$8.00, seniors, \$7.00, students, \$5.00, families \$20.00. Some of the "stars" in the play include Sacred Heart parishioners: Troy & Trevor Mullin, Jacob Daniel, Nick & Travis Bauerschmidt, Penny Hogan.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Weekly Need.....\$5800.00  
 Last Weekend.....\$5562.91  
 478 Envelope Holders...185 Envelopes used last weekend

**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Last weekend we talked about how the evangelists did not write the Gospel accounts 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 (also known as the *parousia*) 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' teaching 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?

**ON COMPASSION**

*"We will never know how much  
 Just a simple smile will do."*

(Mother Teresa)

**CSA 2009**

Parish Target.....\$48,500.00  
 Pledges.....\$42,166.00  
 Balance Needed..... \$ 6,334.00  
 We are grateful to all those who have sent in their pledge/payment for our Catholic Services Appeal. If you have not already done so, please send in your CSA pledge as soon as possible. May God bless you for your generosity.

**†FAITH FORMATION NEWS†**

**Thumbs up for Christ**

All youth (incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade through graduated seniors) are invited to the Thumb Area Youth Rally to be held Saturday, August 22, 2009 at St. John's Parish Center grounds, Ubyl. Activities include Mass, volleyball, flag football, open gym softball, old-fashion games, food, D. J. Karaoke, Fun! Parental consent statement needed from the Parish Center. All religions welcome! Cost \$7.00. To sign up call 673-2276.

**CANOEING THE MANISTEE RIVER & CAMP-OUT**



A fun-filled time is awaiting those who would like to participate in a canoe trip & camp-out on August 1 & 2. Parishioner Norbert Jankowski has

offered his cabin for the excursion. (Just west of Grayling). We will leave the Parish Center (car pool) on Saturday, August 1 @ 9:00 am. Please bring your tent (if possible). We will enjoy canoeing, hotdog roast, s'mores, games and lots more. On Sunday, August 2 we will rise and shine, go to Mass @ 10:00 am, pack up and head home. Canoe Rental is \$27.00, hot dogs & s'mores provided. Please bring snacks & drinks. Feel free to bring friends. Under 16 years need to be accompanied by an adult. Info: Call Ann @ 673-2276.

**THE GOOD NEWS**

This weekend we welcome Joan Syskiel, associate member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters of Monroe, MI who will be with us to share her experiences in Brazil and Venezuela. The Church received a mandate from Jesus "to go and proclaim the GOOD NEWS to all peoples. We invite you to share your resources with the sisters of her order who continue to proclaim the GOOD NEWS in South Africa, Uganda, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

**FACE TO FACE**

*The Lord would speak with Moses face-to-face, just as a man speaks with a friend.*

In Sadhana, Anthony de Mello has an exercise called "The Empty Chair". He developed it after hearing of an invalid who had been bedfast for years and was finding it harder and harder to pray. One day a friend suggested placing an empty chair next to the bed and imagining Jesus sitting on it. Then the friend suggested talking to Jesus as they were both talking now. The sick person tried it and found it helped immensely. It was in this personal way that Moses used to talk to God: as one close friend conversing with another.

As I imagine Jesus sitting opposite me, right now, what might I say to him? What might Jesus say to me?

**IN APPRECIATION**

Dennis & Mary Ann Cartwright wish to express their gratitude to all the parishioners who were so kind to send them cards, good wishes, and especially their prayers during Dennis' recent illness.

**BULLETIN ADS**

**Brian Morano**, representing **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 (673-2346). 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.