**Saturday, August 1:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, August 2:**

9:30 a.m. Mass

**Monday, August 3: Weekday**

Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14: 13-21

No Mass today

**Tuesday, August 4: John Mary Vianney, priest**

Nm 12:1-13, Mt 14:22-36

No Mass today

**Wednesday, August 5: Weekday, dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome**

Nm 13: 1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35, Mt 15:21-29

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, 2 Pt 1:16-19, Mk 9:2-10

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Friday, August 7: Weekday, Sixtus 11, pope & martyr & his companions, martyrs; Cajetan, priest**

Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Kgs 19:4-8, Eph 4:30-5:2, Jn 6:41-51

**Saturday, August 8:**

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

**Sunday, August 9:**

9:30 a.m. Service in Absence of Priest

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

Please note Christian Service will meet Tuesday, August 4 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center for their meeting.

At 5:00 p.m. anyone from the parish who would like to help sort items for the upcoming Treasure & Trinkets rummage time would be most welcome to help

**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.

**SCRIPTURE PROMISE**

The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. (Psalm 145:18)

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 & 9****LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Ginny DeRoche

9:30 a.m. Renee Wood

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:**

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

J.R. Vandemark, Karen Cody

Mary Knoll, Paul Langlois

9:30 a.m. Chris Creguer\*

Joanne Richardson, Bruce Mellendorf

Vic Guzman, Bridget Smith

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

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

9:30 a.m. Ann Starling, Nick Bauerschmidt

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. Jill, Stephanie Brink, Brad Hartel Family, Art Rollend Family, Pat Strozski

9:30 a.m. Vic, Maria Guzman, Dick, Janet Bertrand, Cal &amp; Joanne Richardson, Rick, Ann Reinelt

**USHERS FOR AUGUST:**

5:00 p.m. Dave Kolacz\*, John Merz

Kyle Kausch, Logan Kausch

9:30 a.m. John Papp Jr.\*, Vic Guzman,

Dave Klebba, Floyd Echols

**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).

**GENEROUS OFFER**

Our special thanks to Norb Jankowski who offered his cabin as part of a canoe excursion for parishioners. The camp-out has been cancelled, but we certainly appreciate Norb's generosity for this excursion.

**MANY THANKS**

We are grateful to Tim & Dick Jaster who used their time & talent to clean the overhead fans in Church. What a difference that makes. Thanks guys!

**ANOTHER GENEROUS PARISHIONER**

I would like to express my gratitude to Pat Gregor for her generosity of time and talent spent on sewing banners that will be used for our First Eucharist class this coming school year. You are a gift to our church family. God bless you. (Ann Reinelt)

**IN APPRECIATION**

We truly thank our church family for their donations of food for the funeral luncheon of Bertha Hahn. Our workers outdid themselves again: Annette Smith, Dolly Aymer, Norma & Bob Berry, Elna & Bob Kamrad, Norbert Jankowski, Dale Hasenleder, and Pete O'Brien.

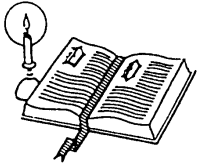
**DISHES, DISHES, DISHES**

If you have been kind enough to bring food for our funeral meals, you might want to check and see if your dishes or pans are still at the Parish Center. There's lots of dishes in the kitchen that need to be picked up as soon as possible, as we don't want to mistakenly sell them with our other treasures for our rummage sale..

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Weekly Need.....\$5800.00  
 Last Weekend.....\$4890.70  
 478 Envelope Holders... 181 Envelopes used last weekend

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



In today's Gospel, some people ask Jesus what they must do to perform the works of God. Jesus responds by saying they must have faith in the One whom God sent. "The One"

was a title for the messiah, the military/political leader whom God would send to free the Jewish people from the oppression of their enemies.

From the reaction of the people, it appears they think Jesus' answer means he is claiming to be the messiah. Not wanting to let Jesus get away with making such a bold statement without backing it up, they challenge him to produce a sign proving he actually is who he says he is. This sign has a lot to do with the story about Moses in today's Old Testament reading.

In that reading (Exodus 16), the Jewish people complain to Moses that they have nothing to eat and God responds by sending them manna and quail. Later (Exodus 17), the people grumble because they have no water to drink so God tells Moses to strike a rock with his walking stick. Immediately, water flows from the rock.

Because the rabbis taught that the messiah would be even greater than Moses, some people expected the messiah to give them food and drink just as Moses did.

Therefore, when the people ask Jesus for a sign, they are challenging him to match Moses feat by also giving them food from the heaven.

Jesus accepts the challenge and says the food he gives is his body and the drink is his blood. Moses satisfied physical hunger and physical thirst but Jesus satisfies spiritual hunger and spiritual thirst. The Jews who ate the manna in the desert and drank the water from the rock were soon hungry and thirsty again, but Jesus will forever satisfy the spiritual hunger of those who eat his body and drink his blood. This indicates Jesus is greater than Moses and, therefore, the messiah.

**For Reflection:**

Today's Gospel ends with Jesus saying he is the Bread of Life. Bread is symbolic of food and we need food to sustain life. What do you think Jesus meant when he claimed to be the Bread of Life?

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**MISSION THANKS**

Thank you for your generous response to last week's mission collection, represented by Sr. Joan Syskiel. The amount collected was \$1032.88, which will be sent to the Diocese Mission office.

**CSA 2009**

Parish Target.....\$48,500.00  
 Pledges.....\$43,296.00  
 Balance Needed..... \$ 5,204.00

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.

**CHICKEN BARBEQUE**

St. Elizabeth Area Catholic School Home and School Association invite you to their chicken barbeque (take out sales only). When: Sunday, August 16, 2009. Time: Noon – 3 pm or when food is sold out. Where: St. Elizabeth Parish Center, 12835 E Washington Rd., Reese MI 48757. Cost: Advance tickets \$7.50. At the door: \$8.50

Tickets on sale in office, Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm or mail a check with self addressed stamped envelope to SEACS, Po Box 392, Reese MI 48757.

**ANNUAL PORK CHOP BBQ**

Holy Family Church, Sebewaing invite you to their annual pork chop bbq next Sunday, August 9 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. \$7.50. Air-conditioned, take-outs available.

**CHICKEN BBQ**

St. Columbkille/St. John the Evangelist, 4470 Washington St., Ubyl invite you to their chicken bbq next Sunday, August 9. Serving noon to 5 pm. Adults \$8.00, 6 to 12-\$4.00, 5 and under free. Bingo from noon to 6 pm. Raffle drawing at 6 pm. Kids bike drawing. Music & dancing 1 to 7:30 pm., located 9 miles south of Bad Axe on M-53.

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**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.*

(From Living Faith)

**SEEDS OF FAITH**

*All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)*

*In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do to me. (Psalm 56:11)*