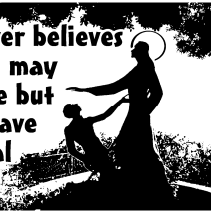


Whoever believes
in Him may
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**Saturday, September 5:**

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 6:

9:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, September 7: Weekday

Col 1 24:2-3, Lk 6:6-11

No Mass today

Tuesday, September 8: Nativity of the Blessed**Virgin Mary**

Mi 5:1-4a, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

1:30 pm Mass @ Medical Care

Wednesday, September 9: Peter Claver, priest

Col 3:1-11, Lk 6:20-26

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, September 10: Weekday

Col 3:12-17, Lk 6:27-38

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, September 11: Weekday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14, Lk 6:39-42

8:30 a.m. Mass

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 50:5-9a, Jas 2:14-18, Mk 8:27-35

Saturday, September 12:

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 13:

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass



Please note our fall, winter Mass schedule will begin next weekend (September 12/13). Our Saturday Mass remains @ 5:00 p.m., and our Sunday Masses will be @ 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

PARISH COUNCIL

Please note the date of the next parish council meeting has been changed to Thursday, September 10 @ 7:00 pm in the Rectory basement.

FALL MUMS FOR SALE

Our Relay for Life team will be selling large, hardy mums (all colors) as a fundraiser for the cure of cancer. Cost: \$10.00 each. To order: Karen Cody @ 673-3749, or Lisa Bednarski @ 674-2357. They can be picked up at the Relay or Church on Sept. 12th or 13th.

PARISH BREAKFAST

Everyone's invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast at the Parish Center next Sunday, Sept. 13 after each of the Masses. It is hosted by the K/C's. Don't miss it!

CSA

We are nearing our goal for CSA 2009/2010. We are still in need of \$4414.00 to meet our target. We are grateful to those who have already pledged. We ask those who have not pledged to please do so as soon as possible.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 & 13**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Mary Knoll

9:00 a.m. Carolyn Graff

11:00 a.m. Mark Ransford

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

5:00 p.m. Dave Klebba*

Donna Klebba, Lynne Petiprin

Chris Taylor, Art Rollend

9:00 a.m. Al Rae*

Dale Rae, Joanne Richardson

Angie Campbell, Dick Bertrand

11:00 a.m. Dolly Aymer*,

Sharon Vandenbossche, Char

Bauerschmidt, Rich & Donna

Hartman

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

9:00 a.m. Liz Schlaud, Bailey Merz

11:00 a.m. Nick Bauerschmidt, Alex Phillips

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. Michelle, Brittney, Nicole Quick, Marge Biebel, Dorothy Faust, Marilyn Gludovatz

9:00 a.m. Mario D'Addezo. Bob, Janet DeLorenzo, Maggie, Floyd Echols, Tracy LaPratt

11:00 a.m. Danielle Gucwa, Pat Gettel, Christine Harbec, Jerry, Sandy Noeker

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

5:00 p.m. Doug Lagos*, Dave Lagos

Mark McKervey, Dave Luebbert

9:00 a.m. Dale Romain*, Michael Bednarski, Pat Stapleton, Jim Will

11:00 a.m. Bill Blaylock*, Paul Ellsworth Jack Generous, Doug Prosser

RELAY FOR LIFE

On Saturday, September 12, many people will come together at the Caro Fairgrounds, to support those suffering from cancer, to remember those who died and to celebrate with those who have survived their battle. Relay for Life of Tuscola County will be held at the Caro Fairgrounds at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 12th until Sunday, September 13th at 10:00 am. There is something for everyone at this gathering. No charge to attend. All proceeds from fundraisers (food, drinks, raffles, games, mums, auction entertainment) will go to the American Cancer society.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women WILL HOLD THEIR FALL annual Meeting on Thursday, September 17, at the Diocesan Center for Ministry in Saginaw. All women of the diocese are invited to attend. The morning speaker will be Fr. Thai Hung Nguyen who is the chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital, and a new priest of the Diocese. He will speak about his faith journey to the priesthood. Tom Conklin of Catholic Family Service, who will speak about our relationships with our grown children, will present the afternoon program. The day begins with registration from 9:45-to 10:00 am, and will end at approximately 3 pm. Mass will be celebrated. Cost for the day is \$12, which includes lunch. Attendees are asked to bring a toiletry item for Emmaus House. RSVP by Sept. 13 to Betty Ross (989-792-6090).

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Need.....	\$5800.00
Last Weekend.....	\$5811.50
478 Envelope Holders... 191 Envelopes used last weekend.	

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 (Mark 7:31-37)

The story in today's Gospel begins with some people bringing to Jesus a deaf man who had a speech impediment. Taking him aside, Jesus puts his fingers into the man's ears and touches the man's tongue with spittle. Looking upward as if he is asking his heavenly Father for assistance, Jesus says to the man "Ephphatha," an Aramaic word that means "be open." Immediately, the man is able to hear and he begins to speak clearly.

While it may sound a little crude to us, touching the man's tongue with saliva was an accepted medical practice. After observing animals licking their wounds to ward off infections, ancient people concluded that if saliva could promote healing in an animal it would also help human beings. However, because the people in Jesus' day did not understand how or why saliva worked, they thought they could use it to cure all kinds of ailments, including blindness, deafness, and speech problems.

Since Greek is the original language of the Gospels, some people wonder why the evangelist did not translate an Aramaic word like "ephphatha" into its Greek equivalent. Because Aramaic was the everyday language of first-century Palestinian Jews, including Jesus and the apostles, biblical scholars think the Gospel writer preserved "Ephphatha" (and a few other Aramaic words we find in the Gospels) in its original language because Jesus actually spoke this word on the occasion described in the story. The written accounts of what Jesus said, although accurately reflecting the substance of his message, are not word-for-word transcripts of his sermons.

The fact that Mark tells us what "ephphatha" means indicates his audience did not know Aramaic and was probably not Jewish. Therefore, Mark most likely wrote his Gospel for Gentile Christians.

For Reflection

Thank God for giving you the ability to hear and to speak. Pray this week for those who are unable to do so. Pray also for those who work with the hearing impaired and for speech therapists.

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SUNDAY GOSPEL STUDY GROUP

It's nearly fall! Beginning Sept. 14th, please join us for an informal study group as we discuss the upcoming Sunday Gospel. We meet each Monday (following the Faith Formation schedule) from 6:15 till 7:30 pm at the Parish Center. There is no pressure to be at group each week---although I would love that! It is simply a no-stress, come when you can type of thing! So, please take this opportunity to "break open the Word" with your fellow parishioners---the Sunday Gospel will be even more meaningful when you've done this "prep!" Hope to see you soon! (Lynne Petiprin)

†**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**†

Sept. 14- After school and evening classes begin
Sept. 16- After school social in Rectory basement 3:30-5:00 for 4-8 grade
Sept. 23- Sacramental Session # 1 6:00 pm
Sept. 27- Sunday classes begin
Registration is taking place for Faith Formation classes for the 2009-2010 school year. Please stop by the parish center or call 673-2276 to register. Registration forms are also available in the back of church. Cost is \$20.00 for one child, or \$25.00 for family. **The Monday after school sessions are full for grades 3,4 and 5.** Monday evening sessions are available for all grades.

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WANTED: NEW HANDBELL MEMBERS

The Sacred Heart handbell choir is open to 7-12 grade members of the parish AND ANY INTERESTED ADULTS who have some experience in reading music. The Handbell Choir rehearses on **Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:00**, starting on **September 17**, and participates at one of our weekend Masses once a month. Consider giving one hour of your week to help continue one of our fine Sacred Heart traditions. Info: **Mary Gettel** 673-8281.



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SACRED HEART CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Sacred Heart Children's Choir rehearsals will be held on **Thursdays, 3:30 to 4:30 pm** in the Church, **STARTING September 24**. The choir is open to **all third through eighth grade students**. Choir registration forms will be in church and at the Religious Education Office in the parish center. Contact Mary Gettel (673-8281) for more information.

This is an opportunity for our young people to share their talents with GOD and the people of Sacred Heart.

RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER

Please note that all High School youth are invited (and encouraged to go) to the Right to Life dinner which will be held at the K/C Hall on Sept. 22. For more info call Lisa or Ann at the Parish Center 673-2276.

FAS DAY

September 9 marks the fifth annual Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day for Tuscola County. Drinking while pregnant is the leading known cause of non-hereditary mental retardation in babies. For more information about this topic or free materials call Nancy Laethem, List Psychological Services, 673-5700.

BISHOP'S CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

The Diocese of Saginaw is planning their 4th annual Bishop's Charity Golf Classic, on Sept. 16 & 17. Since the first event, the diocese is blessed to have ordained 11 priests, 3 deacons and currently have 15 seminarians. To register for this Golf Classic and/or the Silent Auction Dinner Banquet: 989-799-7910.

YOU'RE INVITED-Sts, Peter & Paul Parish, Ruth, invite you to their chicken & ham dinner/festival this Sunday, Sept. 6, 11:30 am-6:00 pm. Adults \$10.00, Children \$5.00. Also music, games, car show.