

# St. Christopher Catholic Church

February 19, 2006  
1000 Michigan, Marysville  
364-4100



## In The Running

by Fr. Gerald Britz

Imagine, if you will what would happen if our snow boarders didn't spend a great deal of time practicing and staying in shape. Wouldn't they get weak, and lose their expertise. They would certainly not win medals. It would be a disgrace for all of us, rather than a precious and pride filled gift.

God gives all of us free gifts and opportunities for us to strengthen and develop our gifts by practice and exercise. If we skip the practice and exercise, our gifts fail to develop. We become losers instead of winners. We are inclined to be lazy, occupied by lesser things involved in too much other stuff. We become inactive.

The most important gifts God gives are Faith, Hope, and Love. God's expectations is that we develop them, practice them, and stimulate them, exercise them and grow them. We are meant to win Gold medals with them. Living the gifts of God to their fullest is the very best and most important activity we can engage in.

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Child, your sins are forgiven.'" Mk 2:5

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Lectors

Lectors Retreat  
Sunday, February 26  
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

### NEW PARISHIONER MEETING

Tuesday, February 28  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Social Hall

**\*\*Look the parish over and see  
about joining.\*\***



## This Sunday's Gospel

Mark 2:1-12

Recovery is a great experience. We have experienced recovery from a cold, or any illness. It is a joy, a reason to celebrate. Recovery inspires us to avoid everything that could cause a relapse.

We can recover from sin. God forgives it, he wants to. "We are able to get up, and go home in grace and gratitude" when we are forgiven (healed).

- ✦ Do you acknowledge and seek forgiveness? From God, from others?
- ✦ What generally keeps you from forgetting a hurt even after you have forgiven the offender?
- ✦ When you have hurt someone, what most often prevents you from asking for forgiveness immediately?

### Next Sunday's Readings

Hosea 2:16b, 17b, 21-22  
2 Corinthians 3:1b-6  
Mark 2: 18-22

**WEEKLY  
CALENDAR**



**Sunday, February 19, 2006**

*(Supply Collection for D.R. After Mass)*

7:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. Boy Scout  
Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word  
*For those adults and teens inquiring about  
the Catholic Church.*

9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting  
Ages 10 months –3 yrs.

9:30 a.m. Children’s Church  
Ages 3 yrs– Kindergarten

10:30 –12 p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.  
No Rel. Ed. 1st-8th Grade  
No Quest

**Monday, February 20, 2006**

7:00-9:00 p.m. RCIA– Quest Rm.

**Wednesday, February 22, 2006**

4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m. 1st-6th Grades

7:00 p.m. –8:30 p.m. 7th, 8th Grades

7:00 p.m. Venture Mtg.

**Thursday, February 23, 2006**

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

**Saturday, February 25, 2006**

4:00 p.m. Confession

**Sunday, February 26, 2006**

9:30 a.m. Mass Bless/Send DR Team

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word  
*For those adults and teens inquiring about  
the Catholic Church.*

9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting  
Ages 10 months –3 yrs.

9:30 a.m. Children’s Church  
Ages 3 yrs– Kindergarten

10:30 –12 p.m. RCIA /Quest Rm.

10:45 a.m. 1st-8th Grade

10:45 a.m. Venture

1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Lector Retreat

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest

**St. Christopher Church**  
**“Memorial Fund”**  
gratefully acknowledges gifts  
in loving memory of:  
**Al Kustowski**

**BURIED IN CHRIST**

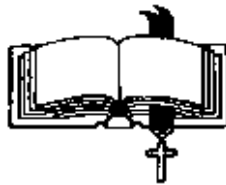
The members of St. Christo-  
pher’s extend their prayers and  
sincere sympathy to the families  
of Albert Sterling and Florence  
Prentice.

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It happens, through Sacraments,  
Prayer, Sharing with others,  
Study, and Coaching. This is the  
will of God for all of us.

- How well is your practice  
and exercise going?
- Are you going for the real  
gold?

**STUDY THE  
SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR THE  
SUNDAYS OF LENT  
IN A SMALL GROUP.**



**6 sessions**

Each small group has 6-10  
adults or young adults. They  
follow a national program  
used in many parishes  
throughout the country. Each  
small group looks over the  
Sunday readings and sees  
how the readings apply to  
everyday life. One meeting a  
week for 6 weeks of Lent.

**Remember to Keep in  
Your Prayers**

Robert Finn, Marilyn Springer,  
Gayle Smith, Helen Robinson,  
Joyce Farrell, Virginia Tracey,  
Connie Green, Corey Aspey,  
Irene Brow, Patrick Owens, Leo  
& Betty Visga, Ralph & Nancy  
Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch,  
Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley,  
Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill  
Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel,  
Theresa Prince, Rosie Dazer,  
Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley,  
Lori Charette, Helen Ferris,  
Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen  
Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick  
McCarthy, Bernard Shafran,  
Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik,  
James Newson, Florence Ferris,  
Marlene Konik, Mary  
Blessinger, Dominic, Gino &  
Jordan Pecoraro, Russel  
Rumsey, Doris Godi, Barbara  
Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur,  
Mary Hodges, Patricia Pavlov-  
Leins, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle  
Stivers, and those who care for  
them.

**Blue Water Hospice Volunteer**

*Volunteers are needed for patient  
care support, office assistance, or  
bereavement support.*

Spring training will be held on  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning  
March 7 through March 16 9:00 a.  
m. to 4:00 p.m. For more informa-  
tion call 982-8809

**For St. Chris Parishioners  
6 -Week Lenten Small Group Program**

**Preferred Meeting Time**

1st Choice Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice Day \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Please drop this registration in the collection or at the parish office. Thank you.*

**Weekend Liturgy  
February 25 & 26, 2006**

| Day/Time                     | Saturday, 5:00 p.m.                                                               | Sunday, 8:00 a.m.                                                                         | Sunday, 9:30 a.m.                                                                                         | Sunday, 11:30 a.m.                                                                                                |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Mass Intention</b>        | <b>Helen Schafer</b><br>by her Family                                             | <b>Emma Buch</b><br>By Dave & Linda Tokarski                                              | <b>Parishioners of St. Christopher</b>                                                                    | <b>Bryan Quain</b><br>by The Quain Family                                                                         |
| <b>Celebrant</b>             | <b>Fr. Britz</b>                                                                  | <b>Fr. Baranowski</b>                                                                     | <b>Fr. Baranowski</b>                                                                                     | <b>Fr. Baranowski</b>                                                                                             |
| <b>Lector</b>                | Mike Finch<br>Mitch Neumann                                                       | Nancy Trudell<br>Bob Sheehy                                                               | Joe Tranchida<br>Debbie Forster                                                                           | Don Jewell<br>Jenine Ulrich                                                                                       |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b>  | Vince Pecoraro<br>Judy Pecoraro<br>Jerry Ayotte<br>Barb Stocker<br>Rollin Stocker | Charlotte Carufel<br>Poppy Goddard<br>Gayle O'Donnell<br>Mariol Schmitt<br>Linda Tokarski | Flo Herlihy<br>Gerald Huber<br>Tosia Tucker<br>Richard Clark<br>Bernie Newby<br>Tracy Daud<br>Adam Taylor | Kathy Robison<br>Mary Russel<br>Terri Landschoot<br>Chrisann Krohn<br>Monica Myers<br>Loel Azarcon<br>Mary Bixler |
| <b>Cantor</b>                | Evelyn Carl                                                                       | Joe Roehl                                                                                 | Andy St. Coeur                                                                                            | Charlotte Donahue                                                                                                 |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>         | Amanda Fairbank<br>Ryan Watson                                                    | Bobby Orchard<br>Joel Orchard                                                             | Dylan Jones<br>Michael Schultz                                                                            | Emmanuel Canto<br>Kyle Hercliff                                                                                   |
| <b>Hospitality Ministers</b> | Jerry & Lorraine Frendt<br>Mike Kapus                                             | Kraig, Nancy, Kraig, Nate Hohf<br>Cameron Roehl                                           | Greg, Sandy, Megan, Matthew Schuster                                                                      | Sam, Karen, Nick Militello<br>Kim, Ryan & Allison Champion                                                        |

**Weekday Mass Intentions  
February 20, 2006 – February 24, 2006**

|                             |                                                        |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, 9:00 a.m.</b>    | No Mass                                                |
| <b>Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.</b>   | <b>Elizabeth Eastlake</b> , by George & Jean Winkowski |
| <b>Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Leroy E. Green</b> , by Elizabeth Wessel            |
| <b>Thursday, 9:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Shirley Simms</b> , by William Simms                |
| <b>Friday, 9:00 a.m.</b>    | <b>Dorothy Frendt</b> , by Mr. & Mrs. Ted Wessel, Jr.  |

**St. Mary Parish Beef Dinner**

Sunday, February 26  
12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
\$7 Adults, \$5 Children 6-10  
under 5 free  
Raffle-Cash Prizes  
Tickets available at the door.

**St. Augustine School's  
Spring Open House**

Tuesday, February 28  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
67901 Howard  
Richmond, MI 48062  
For more info call: 586-727-9365

**For Widowed: Dinner and Support**

Widowed men and women of all ages are welcome to meet with Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit, for dinner and social time on Friday, March 10th at the American Polish Culture Center on the N.W. corner of 15 Mile Rd. and Dequindre in Troy. Gathering begins at 5:00 p.m. dinner orders taken by 6:00 p.m. Moderate prices. Choose from 6 different dinner items. Park and enter the hall on the Dequindre side of the building. RSVP by March 8th to Barb (586) 781-5678 or Bill (586) 677-3539.

**Readings for the Week  
Of February 19, 2006**

**Sunday, February 19**

Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25

2 Cor 1:18-22

Mk 2:1-12

**Monday, February 20**

James 3:13-18

Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday, February 21**

James 4:1-10

Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday, February 22**

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

**Thursday, February 23**

James 5:1-6

Mk 9:41-50

**Friday, February 24**

James 5:9-12

Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday, February 25**

Jas 5:13-20

Mk 10:13-16

**Next Sunday, February 26**

Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22

2 Cor 3:1b-6

Mk 2:18-22

**Financial Stewardship At  
St. Christopher's**

February 11 & 12.....\$9,239.54

Children.....12.32

Teens.....20.00

Aid Church Central/Eastern

Europe (Total).....646.00

D.R. Can Collection.....2009.02

**Stewardship Thought...**

Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

**Missing Hymals**

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