

St. Christopher Catholic Church

May 14, 2006
1000 Michigan, Marysville
364-4100



Don't Settle for Less by Fr. Art Baranowski

When the Prodigal Son in Luke's Gospel makes a mess of his life and is starving, the son returns to his Father and tells the dad to treat him as a servant. The son says that he will just work for his father and no longer be a son. Of course, the Father will hear none of that kind of talk about being just a servant. To the Father, this boy always remains his son—even though the boy betrays and denies his sonship.

Many Catholics seem to settle for something less than being a son or daughter of God. If we get our identity by our job, our schedule, our possessions, our independence: then God is not the One telling us who we are. Only God can tell each of us who they are. Listen to God above all the other voices in your life.

The greatest calling a Catholic has is to be a son or daughter of God. God's very Spirit is in each of us "crying out Abba, Father". Don't settle for less than that calling. Pay attention to that Spirit within you.

(Continued on page 2)

Welcome New Parishioners



Eva Houston is a lively senior from St. Edward's Parish in Lakeport. She brings a real regard for being Catholic and a life long commitment to the Lord and to his church. Eva will share those commitments with us.



Janet Westrick (Mailand) grew up in Richmond, Marine City and Memphis. She now lives here in Marysville and will be part of our parish. Janet will remain with us for a long time into the future. I think our parish will be a good community for Janet and help her grow in faith.

Steve and Denise Bondy with children Lauren (12) and Darren (almost 9) are a returning Catholic family. They bring a real desire to be part of the Church and a willingness to grow in our faith. St. Chris will be good for them and they will help us to know our faith better.



This Sunday's Gospel John 15, 1-8

The bond with Jesus and the individual is personal and intense and life giving. In fact, a person has life and can only do anything because that person stays connected to Christ. The connection we have with each other in the church is this common bond with Christ.

1. What are you doing to keep connected to Christ each day? What more do you want to do?
2. What needs pruning in you? In your family? What nourishment do you need if you are to bring about better fruit for God in your life?
3. In your experience, where is the real bond between you and the other people of the church? Where is that unity missing? How will you strengthen those bonds?

Next Sunday's Readings
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, May 14, 2006

All Masses—Crowning of Mary

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

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

Monday, May 15, 2006

7:00 p.m. CHRP Team / Quest Rm.

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

7:00 p.m. 7th Grade Parent Mtg.

Friday, May 19, 2006

6:00 p.m. Wedding Julie Pavlov &
Vincent Edwards

Saturday, May 20, 2006

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, May 21, 2006

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

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

10:45 a.m. New Altar Server Mtg.

1:00 p.m. Parish Planting

(Continued from page 1)

Make time and give energy to hear God tell you who you are. Don't settle for less.

PARISH PLANTING NEXT SUNDAY

1:00-3:30 P.M.

Bring your own tools—
shovels, hedge trimmer,
wheelbarrows, extension cords,
hand trimmers, etc.

**MAKE OUR PARISH GROUNDS
BEAUTIFUL
FOR GOD AND FOR HIS PEOPLE.**

****Please bring any extra
plants from home: lilies of the valley
myrtle, hostas, pachysandra..*

St. Christopher Church "Memorial Fund"

Gratefully acknowledges gifts
in loving memory of
George Woods.

Religious Ed. Registration

It is time to register for Religious Ed. for the Fall 2006 classes.

Registration forms have been mailed out. If you did not receive one and want to register your child for R.E., please call the office at 364-4100 ext. 204

Classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis— If a particular class time is important to you, register now to ensure a spot.

Cantors Needed

Cantors lead us in the sung prayer after the first Scripture reading. The parish needs cantors of all ages. If you can sing, then use the gift God gave you for God's church. Here is all you need:

- *Be a registered parishioner.
- *Be willing to join the other music ministers each week to grow in the faith of the church
- *Be open to improve.

Call the parish office or Melissa Duso. 364-4100, extension 205.

BURIED IN CHRIST

The members of St. Christopher's extend their prayers and sympathy to the family of
Bernard Harrington.



Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Kathleen Neumann, Bob Danhausen, Donald Burgett, Sr., David Renshaw, Michael Healey, Mae Ward, Roy Cencich, Jose Ramirez, Jeremy Grzech, Kevin Shaw, Marilyn Springer, Gayle Smith, Helen Robinson, Joyce Farrell, Virginia Tracey, Connie Green, Corey Aspey, Patrick Owens, Leo & Betty Visga, Ralph & Nancy Ceglarek, Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Theresa Prince, 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.

Graduation Mass/ Breakfast

Sunday, June 4, we will be celebrating graduation with our Seniors from St. Christopher's at the 8:00 a.m. Mass followed by a breakfast for them and their families. Invitations to our graduates have gone out. However, if anyone, from the parish, who is graduating did not receive an invitation, please call the parish office.



Banns of Marriage

III Vincent Edwards & Julie Pavlov

We need helpers for
Children's Church.

(Children ages 3-5.

Sundays 9:30-1030 a.m.)

If you are interested, please call the office-364-4100.

Thank you.

**Weekend Liturgy
May 20 & 21, 2006**

| Day/Time | Saturday, 5:00 p.m. | Sunday, 8:00 a.m. | Sunday, 9:30 a.m. | Sunday, 11:30 a.m. |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Mass Intention | Robert Polaski by Sportrack Automotive Kay Winzer (11 yrs.) by Jeff & Lesley Greene | Helen Malinowski by Cynthia Duda | Parishioners of St. Christopher | Maxine White by Ron & Pauline Smarch |
| Celebrant | Fr. Baranowski | Fr. Britz | Fr. Baranowski | Fr. Baranowski |
| Lector | Mike Finch Mitch Neumann | Deem Boldyreff Rose Chrcck | Christine Sass Jon Bilina | Andrew Cieslinski Bill Bier |
| Eucharistic Minister | Mike King Jack Quinlan Jerry Ayotte Vince Pecoraro Judy Pecoraro | Linda Tokarski Charlotte Carufel Poppy Goddard Gayle O'Donnell Mariol Schmitt | Flo Herlihy Gerry Huber Beth Graham Mary Bixler Liz Bachler Laurie Bachler Julie Lee | Kathy Robison Lisa Jones Joanne Wesch Chrisann Krohn Pauline Smarch Loel Azarcon Tracy Daud |
| Cantor | Kris Folske | Joe Roehl | Greg Kobe | Mark Privette |
| Altar Servers | Ryan Watson Amanda Fairbank | Bobby Orchard Joel Orchard | Lindsey Fandrick Michael Schultz | Emmanuel Canto Kyle Hercliff |
| Hospitality Ministers | Jerry & Lorraine Frendt Mike Kapus | Kraig, Nancy, Kraig, Nate Hohf | Greg, Sandy, Megan, Matthew Schuster Bonnie Wylin | Ron & Michelle Matthys Jerry Youngblood Rusty Dellofano |

**Readings for the Week
Of May 14, 2006**

Sunday, May 14
Acts 9:26-31
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

Monday, May 15
Acts 14:5-18
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 16
Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 17
Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 18
Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 19
Acts 15:22-31
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 20
Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday, May 21
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17

**Weekday Mass Intentions
May 15, 2006 – May 19, 2006**

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Monday, 9:00 a.m. | No Mass |
| Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. | Irene Brow , by Linda Acton |
| Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. | Ann Simms , by William Simms |
| Thursday, 9:00 a.m. | Florence Prentice , by Kenneth Janiszewski |
| Friday, 9:00 a.m. | Gerald McGraw , by his wife & family |

Happy Mother's Day

*A mother is a gardener,
Planting the seeds
Of faith, truth, and love
That develop into the
Fairest flowers
Of character, virtue,
And happiness
In the lives of her children.*

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

May 6 & 7.....\$10,783.65
Children.....83

Stewardship Thought...

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of the abundance.

St. Chris Seniors

Spring is here! Let's celebrate by going out to lunch.

Pilot House

3136 Military St.

Port Huron

At **12:30 p.m.** on

Thursday, May 18th

Reasonable prices~ \$5-\$7. Beautiful river view. New and familiar faces always welcome! If you have any questions, please call Barb Hagen 364-5056 or Irma Trasko 364-8054.

Re-Marriage Preparation

Can II is a re-marriage preparation weekend designed for couples entering into a second marriage. The discussion times are for individual couples. There are no group discussions. The next Can II Weekend is June 3-4. The cost of \$225 includes rooms, meals, and all materials. For more information, call the Family Life Office at 313-237-5892.



Gary's Tax Service
 YEAR-ROUND SERVICE
 110 E. Huron Blvd., Marysville
 (810) 364-7641
 Bookkeeping, Electronic Filing
 Fed, State & City Returns
 Mon.-Sat. 10-8
 Sunday by Appt.

Accepting New Patients!
Robert Camara, DO
 810/364-0692
 1146 Gratiot Blvd
 **MERCY FAMILY CARE**
 Marysville

PERFORMANCE CAR WASH
 Touchless Automatic & Self Serve
 150 N. Range Rd. - Marysville
 1025 Gratiot Blvd. - Marysville
 3208 Lapeer Rd. - Port Huron

For all real estate needs!

Make one call
Jim McGuigan
810-434-2991
O'Connor Realty, Inc.
 Marysville, MI 48040

FOUR STAR RESTAURANT
 1834 Gratiot, Marysville, MI
 364-6950

 **Duraclean**
 Michael Bacheller, Owner
 (810) 982-7044 Port Huron


BINGO
 Every Wednesday night, 6:30 p.m.
 The Arc of St. Clair County
 26th Street Port Huron
 Sponsored by Marysville
 Knights of Columbus 9526

Patricia J. LaFave, PhD, Psychologist
 Individual, Marital & Family Counseling
 6602 Lakeshore Rd., Lakeport
 810-385-8331

ST. CLAIR LANDINGS
 3345 Military St • Port Huron
Senior Living • (810) 966-9339
 No waiting! A new home for Summer..
\$100 off per month on 12 month lease
 Rent starting at \$465

GARY'S COLLISION
 GARY LEVITT * OWNER
 810-329-2284
 1920 Fred Moore Hwy.
 PO BOX 101
 St. Clair, Michigan 48079


DONALD J. TOUSIGNANT, D.D.S.
 Office Hours by Appointment
 Evening & Weekends Available
1100 Michigan Blvd. Marysville
 (810) 364-9300

The Coffee Klatsch
 3166 Gratiot Ave. • 810-364-3463
 www.thecoffeeklatsch.com

MARINE CITY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Banquet & Conference Center
 6385 King Rd 765-5555
 CALL FOR FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

THEUT PRODUCTS
 BRICK AND BUILDERS SUPPLIES
 RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL
 MARYSVILLE • (810) 364-7132

 **Total Vision Center**
 Thomas Woytta, O.D.
 Viking Square Plaza
 1100 Michigan Ave.
 Marysville
364-1334

EDWARD J. NEBEL, M.D.
 ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON,
 BOARD CERTIFIED
SPECIALIZING IN:
HIP, KNEE, SHOULDER PROBLEMS
TOTAL JOINT RECONSTRUCTION
 PORT HURON ST. CLAIR
 810-982-9911 810-326-2663

LUMBERJACK
 BUILDING CENTERS, INC.
 Algonac New Baltimore Marine City
 Richmond Marysville St. Clair
 Contractor Warehouse
 www.thebestlumberyard.com
"Let's Build Together!"™

GOODYEAR
All in Tires
Marysville Tire & Auto
 3280 Gratiot Blvd. Marysville
 810-364-4700 www.marysvillegoodyear.com
10% OFF Any Service over \$100 with this ad
 Jim MacMillan Jeff Semrow
 Family Owned

SURESHOT
 Trucking • Excavating
 Sand • Driveway Stone • Top Soil
 Land Clearing • Res/Commercial
Karl Furchak 810-329-6924
 Free Est. • Competitive Prices • All Work Insured

Please Support
 Small Business in Our Community
 Patronize these Advertisers

 **Keep the Phone Ringing!!**
 Advertise Here.
 Call
Parish Publishing Solutions
1-800-521-4486

Marysville SUBWAY® & TCBY Treats
 1030 Gratiot Blvd., Marysville
 (810) 364-7737
We have your fresh interests at HEART

MARYSVILLE K of C HALL
 (810) 364-6800 www.marysvillekofc.org
 Weddings, Showers, Funeral
 Luncheons, Bingo, Business Meetings

Riad Hajjar, MD
Suzanne Al-Jeiroudi, MD
INTERNAL MEDICINE ASSOCIATES
 1201 Stone St.
 Suite 5
 Port Huron
 810-966-9556
 Daily Rounds at
 Port Huron and Mercy Hospitals



River District Family Practice
 4014 River Road
 Suite 6
 East China
 (810) 329-6677
Charles Nowak, D.O.
 Local physician and
 St. Christopher's parishioner
 Accepting New Patients!

We Have a Space Reserved for You!
 The advertising that appears on this page will defray the costs of your bulletin service. At the same time, your business name is presented to Parish families in your area!
 Please call **Parish Publishing Solutions at (800) 521-4486** if you are interested in placing an ad which will support your church bulletin.


Read a Good Book lately?
 Here is the ideal New St. Joseph American Catholic Bible
 Designed with footnotes and cross references for easy large-print reading and study.
 Doctrinal Bible index. Soft cover.
\$15.95 +\$4.10 shipping and sales tax
1-800-521-4486
 PARISH PUBLISHING, PO BOX 180906
 UTICA, MI 48317

Paint the Town
 with
Your Company's Name!
 97% of Readers Patronize Church Bulletin Advertisers
 Call
 Parish Publishing
800-521-4486

FreshAir
 Heating and Air Conditioning
(810)364-0052
 Furnaces • Gas Piping
 Water Heaters • Air Conditioning
 Indoor Air Filtration
"Fixed Fast, Fixed Right!"®

 **ORTHODONTICS**
 We Create Beautiful Smiles...
 for the whole family!
DR. CHRISTOPHER BRIEDEN
 Orthodontic Specialist
 St. Clair 810-329-6671 New Baltimore 586-725-4411