

St. Christopher Catholic Church

May 21, 2006
1000 Michigan, Marysville
364-4100



ANTICIPATION

by Fr. Art Baranowski

Waiting for something or someone makes you more aware and open. Notice how easy it is to take people and life for granted. But, when you spend time waiting for someone to come to you, there is a greater appreciation of that person.

The first church spent this time waiting for the Holy Spirit to come to them. They waited and prayed. They trusted in the **promise**. In the waiting and in the anticipation of this Holy Spirit, those first disciples started to make room in themselves to receive the Spirit.

There has to be an emptiness in us to receive. Waiting for God's Spirit makes us aware of our emptiness and our lack of power and our lack of true wisdom. There has to be room for God. There has to be a need for God in a person.

The opposite of waiting is action and movement and noise—being perpetually in motion and occupied with doing things. The culture of the Western world, our culture, is almost a neurotic busyness.

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Welcome New Parishioners

James Snover and Erika Parker have been in the area for many years. Erika is a born and bred Catholic raised in Germany. Jim became a Catholic as an adult but then fell away. Now, both Jim and Erika are at Mass each week and growing in the faith. They both were married and both lost their spouses to death. Jim and Erika found each other and will marry in the near future right here at St. Christopher's. They will be part of our parish for years to come.

CSA Goal for 2006

\$54,944

47%

176 parish members have gifted to CSA and St. Christopher \$25,277. Yet to respond 942.



THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

John 15, 9-17

All the language of Jesus is about a personal intimacy with him. He is a dear friend sharing everything he knows and sharing his most prized possession: his own relationship with his Father. His love in us makes it possible to love one another in the church. He is the glue between us.

1. As you reflect on Jesus calling you his friend, what thoughts or feelings come to you? How might you respond to his friendship this week?
2. Christ speaks of his desire to give us his joy, complete joy. Where do you need to receive that joy into your life as it is right now?
3. Whom have you loved as Christ has loved you?

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13

Mark 16: 15-20

**WEEKLY
CALENDAR**



Sunday, May 21, 2006

Spring Floral Sale

- 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

Monday, May 22, 2006

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

Saturday, May 27, 2006

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, May 28, 2006

- 9:30 a.m. Baby/Toddler Sitting
Ages 10 months –3 yrs.
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Church
Ages 3 yrs– Kindergarten

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.

Parish Directory

We recently had family photographs taken for our new pictorial directory. Some of you chose to have your complimentary 8x10 portrait sent to the church. A box of portraits has arrived. The portraits will be in the social hall for the next two weekends for you to pick up.

If you would like to have your picture taken for the directory, there are still some dates available on Friday, July 7th and Saturday, July 8th. Please call Karen Grenstiner at 364-1969 to schedule.

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People are always busy to the point of being sleep deprived and over stimulated. There has to be a break from the driven non-reflective way of living most people are into.

Waiting for the Holy Spirit to come more fully into our lives breaks us from the way we usually approach life. Of course, we already have the Holy Spirit of God within us. After all, we are baptized and confirmed. But, the Holy Spirit has not yet taken over our lives and our thinking. The power we operate with usually is our own power and not God's.

Anticipate the Holy Spirit and the Spirit will come to you. Seek God's Spirit in your own life and you will find his gentle persuasion, his consolation, and his truth. And, you will find resistance in yourself to the Spirit. Slow down and wait with the whole church.

DID YOU KNOW

15 High School parishioners and 5 adults went to Eastern Kentucky on Easter break to help build a home for a 69 year old destitute lady.

Our kids and adults prayed and shared faith each evening and connected to a Catholic parish in that Kentucky town.

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

I James Sylvia & Corrine Myers

**Weekend Liturgy
May 27 & 28, 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	Dorothy Frendt by Jean & Tom Devereaux	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Raymond Gorham by a special friend	Gloria Boyd by friends Deceased Members of the John Ferris Family by Helen, Mary, & Dolly Ferris
Celebrant	Fr. Britz	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski
Lector	Mike Rumley Richard Schmitt	Joe Pavlov Charlie Andrews	Martin Frascchetti Karen Frascchetti	Don Jewell Stephanie Makowski
Eucharistic Minister	Marilynn Pavlov Deanne Quain John VanTiem Dorothy Burgess	Fely Nurenberg Ron Nurenberg Gay Venia Donna Orr Poppy Goddard	Esther Pelliccia Gary McCallumore Russell Hill Kathleen Moore Bernie Newby Dieter DeVigili Kathy DeVigili	Mary Jo Jewell Joanne Wesch Mary Russel Kimberly Erb Cheryl Borowski Skip Randall Gabrielle Randall
Cantor	Cheryl O'Neill	Kris Folske	Joe Roehl	Greg Kobe
Altar Servers	Joe Rogers Spencer Rumley	Jenna Furchak Lauren Curley	Matt Miller Alex Newby	Dylan Jones Emmanuel Canto
Hospitality Ministers	Craig, Sue, Adrianna & Alexandra LaDuke Jim & Carol Suyak	Greg & Penny White Ben DePetris Mike O'Brien	Chris, Tori, Nick, Nate & Kim Deland Betty Emerick	Arthur, Laura, Arthur, Bruce Bianchi Peggy Hunt

**Readings for the Week
Of May 21, 2006**

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

Monday, May 22
Acts 16:11-15
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 23
Acts 16:22-34
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 24
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 25
Acts 18:1-8
Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 26
Acts 18:9-18
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 27
Acts 18:23-28
Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday, May 28
Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13
Mk 16:15-20

**Weekday Mass Intentions
May 22, 2006 – May 26, 2006**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Beverly Ann Simms , by William Simms
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	June Peeling (35 yrs.) , by her husband Les
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Emma Buch , by John & Valorie Hurley
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Wilma Earl , by Barb Stocker & Sandra Warsinske

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

May 13 & 14.....\$10,490.81
Children.....2.89

Stewardship Thought...

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself-my skills and talents, my time and resources –will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

**For Widowed Men & Women
Bowling and /or Golfing**

Widowed Friends, a peer support group, of the Archdiocese of Detroit, invites widowed men and women to come and enjoy "drop-in" leagues (pay as you go) and meet new friends at the following events:

Bowling: Each Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Sunnybrook Lanes on 17 Mile Rd., west of Van Dyke. Call Harry 586 292-3309

Golfing: Each Monday beginning May 8th at 10:30 a.m. at Crackle wood, located off 24 Mile Rd, east of Romeo Plank Rd. To confirm weekly courses and tee times, call Evelyn 586-751-4172 or Patti 586-610-9357.

**The Da Vinci Code:
Deciphered, Decoded,
and Debunked**

The movie based on Dan Brown's novel, *The Da Vinci Code*, is now in theaters, generating a new wave of controversy and concern. Beginning this weekend, the Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) will present a number of special programs on the topic, including *Dialogue with Cardinal Maida*, *The Da Vinci Code: A Masterful Deception*, and *Jesus Decoded*.

Program schedules and cable listings are posted on the web at www.AODonline.org. Several web-based resources are also available, providing accurate information on the life of Jesus, the origins of Christianity, and the religious organization Opus Dei.



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