

St. Christopher Catholic Church

November 13, 2005
1000 Michigan, Marysville
364-4100



GETTING IT RIGHT

by Fr. Art Baranowski

In November, the readings and the mood of the Catholic Church center around the ending of life and being prepared for the end. Death is a bad word and an unpopular subject for most people. Not for the Church!

Here are a few thoughts of comfort about the death of loved ones (and our own death) from Cardinal John Henry Newman, an English convert to the Catholic Church and a fine thinker.

“So many people imagine that death cruelly separates us from our loved ones. Even pious people are led to believe this great and sad mistake. When our loved ones die, they do not leave us. They remain. They do not go to some dark and distant place. They simply begin their eternity. We do not see them because we are still in the darkness of the world. But their spiritual eyes, filled with the light of heaven, are always watching us as they wait for the day when we share their perfect joy.

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Welcome New Parishioners



Matt and Kristin (Matthys) Burns were raised in the New Baltimore area. They have a new child, Madison Marie (2 months old). Kristin and Matt are like so many young families wanting a close connection to the church. Schedules are busy for young people but they make time for the Eucharist each week and they will help St. Christopher's become a better faith community.

Jody and Dail (Guy) Stump have long connections to this area. Jody's grandmother, Irene Bowie, is a long standing parishioner of St. Christopher's and Jody was baptized at St. Stephen's in Port Huron. Dail is retired from the Marysville Fire Dept. Their children are William ("Billy") Guy (15), Abigail Guy (13) and Connor Stump (5). May they now find a strong connection to the parish and to the whole Church.



THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Matthew 25, 14-30

The end of the world and the end of my life will come soon. In the meantime, I am asked to use the time left by being faithful to God. For a while, God trusts me with some of his gifts to keep and use for him.

1. Make a list of all the gifts God has put into your life. Then, thank God for each gift, one at a time. Take one gift and tell God how you will use that gift not as belonging to you but to him.
2. What is the most important gift you have been given?
3. If your life ended today, what from your life would you be most pleased to set before God?

Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17
Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25: 31-46

Next Weekend we will have a **Pie Sale** for our sister parish in the Dominican Republic.



WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, November 13, 2005

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

1:00 p.m. Baptism

1:30-4:00 p.m. Church Workshop

3:00 p.m. 9th Grade Returns from
Retreat

6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest

Monday, November 14, 2005

7:00 p.m. Administration Mtg./ Rm.1

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

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

7:00-8:30 p.m. 6th, 7th, 8th Grades

Thursday, November 17, 2005

12:15 p.m. St. Chris Seniors Dinner/
Off Site

6:00 p.m. Pastoral Musicians

7:00 p.m. RCIA Sponsors/Quest Rm.

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Facilitators Mtg. #2

Saturday, November 19, 2005

(Pie Sale After Mass)

4:00 p.m. Wedding Quain/ Falter
At Emmett

4:00 p.m. Confession

Sunday, November 20, 2005

(Pie Sale After All Masses)

9:30 a.m. Breaking Open the Word
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6:30 p.m. Quest Leaders

7:00 p.m. Quest

St. Christopher's Seniors

We will be going to the **Tech Center County Seat Restaurant** on Range Rd. for dinner at **12:15 p.m. on November 17.** If you have any questions please call Barb Hagen at 364-8056 or Irma Trasko at 364-8054.

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"I have often reflected upon this beautiful truth and found it the greatest and surest comfort in time of mourning. A firm faith in the real and continual presence of our loved ones has brought the conviction and consolation that death has not destroyed them, nor carried them away. Rather, it has given them life! A life with power to know fully and to love perfectly. With this new life and new power our loved ones are always present to us, knowing and loving us more than ever before.

"The tears that dampen our eyes in times of mourning are tears of homesickness, tears of longing for our loved ones. But it is we who are away from home, not they. Death has been for them a doorway to eternal home. And only because this heavenly home is invisible to our worldly eyes, we cannot see them so near us.

"Yet, they are with us, lovingly and tenderly waiting for the day when we, too, will enter the doorway of our eternal home. No, death is not a separation. It is a preparation for eternal union with those we love, in the peace and joy of heaven."

Anointing Of The Sick

Fr. Art and Fr. Britz will be anointing those who are ill and were not able to come to the Anointing Mass at Church. If you need this service and have not been contacted, please call the parish office at 364-4100.

BURIED IN CHRIST

The members of St. Christopher's extend their prayers and sincere sympathy to the family of Jack Murray.

Remember to Keep in Your Prayers

Dorothy Smarch, Simone Stern, Barbara Rumley, Sally Eagen, Jason Finn, Dorothy Horn, Maria Miller, Bill Soboleski, Elizabeth Wessel, Bernice Melczarczyk, Theresa Prince, Rosie Dazer, Maureen Pochodylo, Greg Riley, Lori Charette, Helen Ferris, Mia Nowak, Albert Kubek, Kathy & Karen Carty, Kyle Clayton, Patrick McCarthy, Bernard Shafran, Loreen Metheny, Helen Senik, James Newson, Florence Ferris, Al Kustowski, Marlene Konik, Mary Blessinger, Dominic, Gino & Jordan Pecoraro, Russel Rumsey, Beatrice Cowger, Doris Godi, Barbara Stockwell, Harvey Brodeur, Mary Hodges, Patricia Pavlov-Leins, Jean Brockdorff, Kyle Stivers, Kim Stephenson, Jean Greenhoe and those who care for them.



III Sean Quain and Kory Falter

St. Vincent de Paul

Food brought up during the liturgies on the weekends of November 12/13 and November 19/20 will be used by the St. Vincent de Paul for Thanksgiving Food Baskets. We are grateful for your generosity.

Please keep in mind that ministers are available to bring the Eucharist to homebound parishioners. Contact the office to request visits for anyone who cannot come to Mass whether it be for a short time (illness or surgery) or long-term due to age or other reasons. Thank you.

**Weekend Liturgy
November 19 & 20, 2005**

Day/Time	Saturday, 5:00 pm.	Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
Mass Intention	Gerald T. O'Brien By The O'Brien Family	Parishioners of St. Christopher	Lillian Zacharias By Dennis & Marsha Bilina Family	Marjorie LaGina By John LaGina & Family
Celebrant	Fr. Ritter	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski	Fr. Baranowski
Lector	Andrew Cieslinski Traci Rumsey	Deem Boldyreff Rose Chreck	Don Jewell Christine Sass	Rachel Frikken Bill Bier
Eucharistic Minister	Mike King Esther Pelliccia Deanne Quain Adam Taylor Jerry Ayotte	Dave Banyas Elizabeth Moore Gayle O'Donnell Poppy Goddard Gay Venia	Julie Jowett-Lee Julia Szczygiel Bernadine Newby Tosia Tucker Jerry Huber Mary Jo Jewell Mary Bixler	Cheryl Azarcon Tracy Daud Fely Nurenberg Ron Nurenberg Joanne Wesch Betty Trumble Kathy Robison
Cantor	Evelyn Carl	Joe Roehl	Greg Kobe	Kris Folske
Altar Servers	Spencer Rumley Ryan Watson	Kelly Maertens	Lauren Curley Stephanie Erb	Dylan Jones Amanda Fairbank
Hospitality Ministers	Thomas & Kathleen Neumann Steven Ginther	Craig, Nancy, Craig, Nate Hohf	Charlie Peyerk Don & Julie Wilson Mindy Lepine	Rick Goodman Steven Makowski Steven & Robin Stiver

Readings Of The Week

Sunday, November 13
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Ps 128:1-5
1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday, November 14
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 15
2 Mc 6:18-31
Ps 3:2-8
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 16
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31
Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday, November 17
Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
1 Mc 2:15-29
Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15
Lk 19:41-44

Friday, November 18
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59
(Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12
Lk 19:45-48 *see 679*:
Acts 28:11-16, 30-31
Mt 14:22-33

Saturday, November 19
1 Mc 6:1-13
Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19
Lk 20:27-40

League of Catholic Women
The Nov. 16th meeting will begin with 11AM Mass at St. Mary's Church in St. Clair-for the deceased Members of the League- followed by our dinner meeting at the Voyager Restaurant at 12 PM. You may choose from a menu of Roast Pork w/ dressing or Broiled White Fish plus dessert for \$12.50. Please state your choice when mailing your reservation check to Katie Ricketts, 906 Hollis St., Port Huron (982-7418) or call Arlene Krejci 987-1623. Reservations will not be taken at the door.

Celebrating Venerable-Father Solanus Casey's 135th Birthday with 12 p.m. Mass at St. Bonaventue Monastery Chapel on November 20, 2005. Following the Mass, there will be refreshments and the Solanus Casey Center will be open.

**Weekday Mass Intentions
November 14, 2005 – November 18, 2005**

Monday, 9:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.	Richard Hobson, By His Family
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.	Antoinette Detroyer, By Tom & MaryAnn Janicki
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.	Raymond Gorham, By Ed & Mary Charles
Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Emma Rhadigan, By Ellen Frazer & Family

Financial Stewardship At St. Christopher's

November 5 & 6.....\$10,164.87
Children's.....3.45
Mission Sunday.....100.00
All Saints.....759.00

Stewardship Thought...

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

Bethany East Dance

Like to dance? Join Bethany East on Saturday, November 26, at the Sterling Chateau on Ryan Rd. in Sterling Heights. Admission is \$10 with DJ Ken Carlstrom providing the music. For more information, call 248-543-7385. Bethany is a Catholic organization providing peer support to divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. Visit the web at: www.bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org for information on the six chapters located in the Archdiocese of Detroit.



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