

LITURGY SCHEDULE
October 31 – November 8, 2009

Saturday, October 31st
3:30 pm Confession
4 pm Mass †Bob Boyle req. by the Dennis DeVries family

Sunday, November 1st
ALL SAINTS
9:30 am Mass †Jane Misak req. by the Yankee Springs Thursday Ladies League
CCD Class 10:45 am – Noon Adult Ed. 11 am - Noon

Monday, November 2nd
7 pm Holy Hour at St. Therese *All Souls Day*

Tuesday, November 3rd
Choir Practice *St. Martin de Porres*
Praise Team 7 pm

Wednesday, November 4th
Choir Practice: *St Charles Borromeo*
Little Lambs 5:45 - 6:15 pm Young Shepherds 6:30-7:30 pm

Friday, November 6th
9 am - Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung)
9:30 am Mass †First Friday Memorial Intentions
Choir Practice Joyful Noise 7 pm

Saturday, November 7th
3:30 pm Confession
4 pm Mass - For the Youth of our Parish req. by the Koval family

Sunday, November 8th
The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 am Mass †Kathie Biermacher-Moore req. Janette & Timothy Olexa
CCD Class 10:45 am – Noon Adult Ed. 11 am - Noon

Remember in your prayers the ill, injured and recovering:
Jackie Olewinski, Jacob Koplring, Kaitlyn Simpson, Barb Steffes, Odelia Cook, Larry Pennypacker, Robert Ek, Elda O'Brien, Marie Kurdelski, Ann Schumaker, Richard & Loretta Ausberger, Frances Mlynarchek, Theresa Rook, Maxine Boeve, Audrey Johnson, Daniel Tjoelker, Brian Ockerman, Ryan Tjoelker, Jean Stufflebeam, Verla Quackenboss, Chris Richardson, Margie Krump, Kay Jansheski, Judy Grasmeyer, Samara Kuhtic, April Meade, Edith Shaw, Ron Derhammer, Darcy Rook, Jan Shoemaker, Beverly Markel, Peter Thetard, Ted Kneibel, Donna Panyrek, Catherine DiBiagio, Donna Pastoor, Brian Fitz, Wilma DeRidder, Sandy Holbrook, Kathy Adams, Marcella Doran, Deborah Roe, Manisha, Mimi, Troy Hughs, VanSpronsen family, Sheryl Cook, Denise Hemmert, Don Berry, Marie Dale, Jack FitzPatrick, Becky McAdam, Gene Flint, Sharon Savage, Ken Carlisle, Tracy Ritchie, Morgan Boyle, Dennette Meeuwesen, Edward Vaughan, Erwin Doublestein, Barb Rook, Jim Schumaker, Lennon Smith, Bob Coppens, Roscoe Dodds, Tim Lamphere, Russ Seger, Jerry Johnson, John Huizenga, Harold Campbell, Bill Bourdo, Terry Barton Jr., Jackie Markowski, Catherine Klok, Betty Beahan, Donna Judkins, Richard Thetard, & Ruth Kelley. Please call Evelyn Kneibel at 792-0886 if you wish to call in a prayer request or join our prayer chain.

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

After a few weeks break, we now move back to our review of the books of Scripture. This week we begin with the book of the prophet, Zephaniah. This prophet lived around the end of the 6th century before Christ. This means he was speaking God's word during the reign of the last kings of Judah prior to the destruction of Jerusalem. His message is a rather gloomy one for the people of Israel, but one which was most appropriate. If we remember from the books of history in the Old Testament, this was a time in which many of God's people had turned away from their ancient faith and had become pagan in many aspects of their lives. Idol worship had become very common in that time and was completely at odds with the law which had been passed down to them. Not only was there a problem with pagan worship, but a certain worship of luxury had also arisen (some things never change). In fact, Zephaniah makes an interesting point in that luxury and the quest for wealth bring about a certain atheism within those who follow that path. He writes, "I will punish the men who thicken on their lees (the overconfident), Who say in their hearts, 'neither good nor evil can the Lord do'. Their wealth shall be given to pillage and their houses to devastation." (Zeph 1:12-13)

The book is split into three different sections which follow the three chapters that make it up. The first chapter deals with the crimes of Jerusalem and its impending destruction. The second chapter speaks of the impending ruin for Israel's neighbors – that when God's people go down, they won't go down alone. The third chapter tells us that though God's people would be punished, they would also be revived and that a humbled remnant would return to the land to begin anew.

This leads us perfectly into the next book of prophecy, Haggai. Haggai offered his prophecy about a hundred and thirty years after that of Zephaniah. At this time, the Jewish people had just returned from their exile in Babylon and were beginning to put the pieces of their lives back together. The task at hand was daunting. Just imagine any moment in your own life when you had a job before you that was so large, you didn't even know where to begin. Such was the state of the Jewish people on their return to the ruins of their country. Haggai's message was one of encouragement to a nation overwhelmed with the situation at hand. He reminded them not to become so consumed with the rebuilding of their own homes and shops, that they forget to rebuild God's house. The prophet tells them that if they were to succeed and prosper as a nation again, they would have to reestablish that relationship with God that had been abandoned so long ago.

The prophecy of Haggai looks forward to a time of renewal for a people very much in need of it. The Lord speaks through Haggai, "One moment yet, a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will come in, and I will fill this house [the Temple] with glory." (Hagg 2: 6-7) This prophecy would not be fulfilled in any worldly sense of a new kingdom and power for the Jews, instead, it would only be fulfilled with the coming of Jesus Christ, who would fill the Temple of his people with the glory of salvation and liberation from sin.

Next week: the last two books of the Old Testament!!

In Christ,
Fr. Christian



Please pray for our loved ones in active duty:
George Cruthcher III grandson of John & Evelyn Kneibel - **Michelle Ivey** daughter of Randy & Caroline McCarty - **Brandon Field** son of Marie Graham - and **Aaron Mlynarchek**.

Robin Dinkel is going on a Medical Mission to a small village in El Salvador. There are a few items Robin would like to take with her and is asking for donations of: 65 boxes of note cards (empty inside), Motrin, Tylenol, Cold Medicines, Allergy Meds, and any over the counter medications. If you are able to help please return any of the above items to Church by November 6th. Thank you.



St. Therese School/Parish 3rd Annual Auction
On November 7th come "ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK" with us at the K of C hall in Hilliards. Combined live and silent auction with unbelievable prizes including: Hot Air Balloon Ride, 4 Red Wing Tickets with autograph, Dinner for 6 with Fr. Christian catered by Ozzie from The Bib, 42"HDTV and much, much more!!! Tickets are \$15.00 and include dinner. Cash bar available. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Any questions call the school office at 269-792-2016

KDSA 2009 - We Are Many Parts, We Are All One Body	
Target	\$29,045
<u>Pledged/Paid</u>	<u>26,565</u>
Balance	\$ 2,480

Free Memory Screening Are you misplacing things more often? Do you have trouble recalling words or names in conversation? Are you concerned about your memory? Get a free, confidential memory screening and learn about treatment options on Tuesday, November 10th from 9:00 - 1:30 pm at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services - Northeast Clinic (1700 East Beltline NE, Suite 240, Grand Rapids) or the Postma Center (300 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids). For more information call 616/281-6311 ext 2041 or go to www.pinerest.org

Chicken and Wild Game Dinner at St. Mary's Visitation Community Center (146th Ave. at 24th St., New Salem) on **Sunday, November 1st**. Serving from 11:30 am – 3 pm with Bingo starting at 10:30. Costs: Adults \$9, Children \$5 and Pre-school free.



The please join us in the narthex this Sunday morning for our **Men's Club Brunch** following Mass.

The Diocese of Kalamazoo has launched the Second Annual Noah's Appeal to benefit all 22 Catholic schools in the diocese. Registered parishioners should have received a brochure with a donor envelope in the mail. The annual appeal collects monies now that are distributed this coming Spring. This year 10 percent of all donations raised by a parish will be set aside for our parish to use for additional tuition assistance for Catholic School families in need. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to participate.

The Kalamazoo Diocese Association of Catholic Widows/Widowers will be gathering for their annual Advent retreat at Transformations, 3427 Gull Road on Sunday, November 22nd from 9:30 am – 1:30pm. Msgr. William Fitzgerald will be the retreat director. The cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for guests (includes lunch). Contact the Marriage & Family Ministry Office to register. (269.349.8714 x 113).

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT
October 24/25, 2009

79 Adult Envelopes	\$2,802.35
1 Direct Debit Transfer	\$50.00
5 Pew Envelopes	68.00
7 Children's Envelopes	6.20
<u>Loose checks/money</u>	<u>321.25</u>
Total Collection	\$3,247.80
Needed Weekly	\$ 3,850.00
Budget Year-to-Date	65,450.00
Collection Year-to-Date	72,060.24
Ahead	\$ 6,610.24
World Mission Sunday Collection	\$25.00
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	
Building Fund Savings	\$115,718.73

CHURCH MINISTRIES
November 7/8, 2009

USHERS
Saturday: Jeff McAlary and Ben Potgeter
Sunday: Dorothy & Greg Alaska, Don Jansma and Don Williamson

LECTORS
Saturday: Jamie Chlebana and Patti Powers
Sunday: Alice Jansma and Cathy Williamson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday: Janine Holloman, Theresa Paiz and Patti Powers
Sunday: Alice Jansma, Mike Nardin, Vince Nowaczyk, Gus Scott, Cathy Williamson, Stacey & Brian Willshire

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday: Caleb Scheidel, Rich Paiz and Kendall Goosen
Sunday: Marlee Willshire, Ali Martus and Spencer Irvine

MUSIC
Dorothy Seger

SACRISTAN
Patti Powers

COFFEE HOUR
The Bustanji Family

COUNTING
Team I

A report of sexual misconduct may be initiated at the Diocese of Kalamazoo Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line 877-802-0115. All calls will be returned, usually within one hour.

Building a Culture of Life - Bishop Michael W. Warfel of the Diocese of Juneau, AK had this to say about cultivating a culture of life: "The toleration and promotion of abortion, socially and legally, has clouded individual consciences and made it difficult for many to distinguish between good and evil, even when what is at stake is the fundamental right to life. If we reject the value and dignity of human life, our culture becomes more and more based on a lie and its structures cannot long endure. But how do we help others to understand this? By transforming our culture into one that respects and defends human life! In addition to encouraging laws that protect innocent human life, it is necessary to speak of the deeper truth behind such laws: that all human life is sacred; that God is its author; that we do not own life."