

LITURGY SCHEDULE
November 7 - 15, 2009

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
Confirmation Class 5-7 pm

Monday, November 9th
7 pm Holy Hour at Ss. C & M

Tuesday, November 10th
Choir Practice *St. Leo the Great*
Praise Team 7 pm

Wednesday, November 11th
Choir Practice: *St. Martin of Tours*
Little Lambs 5:45 - 6:15 pm Young Shepherds 6:30-7:30 pm

Thursday, November 12th
St. Josaphat

Friday, November 13th
9 am - Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung) *St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*
9:30 am Mass - For the people of our Parish
Choir Practice Joyful Noise 7 pm

Saturday, November 14th
3:30 pm Confession
4 pm Mass †Jane Misak req. by Jim & Marty Adams

Sunday, November 15th
The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 am Mass †Andrew Cigler req. by the Cigler Family
CCD Class 10:45 am – Noon Adult Ed. 11 am - Noon

Remember in your prayers the ill, injured and recovering:

Dick Snay, Jan Jelso, Jackie Olewinski, Jacob Koplmg, 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, 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,

At long last, after more than a year's worth of bulletin articles, we come to the conclusion of the books of the Old Testament! The second to last book in our Old Testament is that of the prophet Zechariah. Zechariah wrote around the same time as the prophet we dealt with last week, Haggai -- that is, immediately after the Jews had returned to Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon. Much like Haggai, this work was meant to encourage the leaders and people of Jerusalem in their efforts to rebuild their land and restore the Temple. Much like our friend the prophet Ezekiel, the initial chapters of Zechariah tell of a number of very peculiar visions that unfold before the prophet's eyes. For instance he sees a flying scroll which enters into and destroys the home of every liar and perjurer in the land. Also, a personification of wickedness is stuffed into a basket and carried away from the land of Israel by two women with stork's wings. Peculiar images, to say the least, but they demonstrate how God will deliver his people from their foes and the evil. Reading this book, as with every book of scripture, is best done with a good Catholic commentary.

Zechariah contains a number of important prophecies that we read throughout the Church year. For instance, every Palm Sunday, we read from this book the following: "See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, Meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass... The warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations." (Zech. 9: 9-10) In the week to follow, Holy Week, we would read something like this, "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and petition; and they shall look on him whom they have thrust through, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a first-born." (Zech. 12: 10) Finally, perhaps the most compelling prophetic line is the very last line of the book: "On that day there shall no longer be any merchant in the house of the Lord of hosts." (Zech. 14: 21) A fairly uninteresting line to end a book with, yet it has great meaning for us as Christians. Jesus Christ, entered into the Holy City to be the one and everlasting sacrifice for the sins of his people. No longer would they need the bulls and sheep to offer for this purpose, therefore no longer necessitating the merchants who sold them.

The last book of the Old Testament is that of Malachi. The name Malachi simply means "my messenger" and is argued by some scholars to be a pseudonym that the author uses to keep his real identity a secret. Why would he want to do that? We simply have to look at the biting criticism he places against the people and especially the priests and Levites of Israel. At one point, God says through Malachi that he wishes someone would shut the doors of the Temple to keep them from offering sacrifices. He accuses the people of growing lazy with their observance of the covenant. They offer the cheapest and most worthless sacrifices and at the same time live lives of injustice and treachery.

Of course, as with all of the prophets, the rather dark message of the beginning of this book turns to hope as God tells them that he will again have mercy on them. Every Advent we read these lines, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple of the Lord Whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire". (Mal 3:1) This line Jesus will later use to refer to John the Baptist who prepared the way for his coming. Thus, the book of Malachi perfectly leads us into what we will begin discussing next week: The New 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**.

Youth Ministry News

Dodge Ball! Dodge the ball, don't dodge the date: Sunday, Nov. 15th, 6-7 pm for 5th – 8th graders, 7-8:00 pm for 9th – 12th graders. Where? St. Therese Hall/Gym. Bring a friend; bring a team, or just yourself. Lots of fun! If you have any questions please contact Liz 269-792-4437, Mary 269-792-4565, or Cindy 616-272-6816.

THANK YOU!!! The Youth Ministry extends a great big THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO HELPED US HAVE A GREAT HALLOWEEN BASH! All you great folks who donated candy, food, gourds, hay, corn stalks, decorations, volunteered your time for setup, cleanup, and lots of fun! Please know that you all are wonderful, thank you.

Thank you to Ss. Cyril & Methodius for hosting the party, games, and haunted house. Many comments were: "Fun!" "Awesome!" "Scary!" "I had so much fun; I can't wait for next year!" Thank you again, Insane Chief, Undertaker Zombie, Gypsy, Costume T. AKA: Father, Liz, Mary, & Cindy.

Free Memory Screening 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 or the Postma Center. For more information call 616/281-6311 ext 2041 or go to www.pinerest.org

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

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A BLOOD DONOR. Michigan Community Blood Center (MCBC) supplies all the blood needed to our local hospitals. Your blood donation will help someone in our community or the surrounding area. Please take the time on **Tuesday, November 17th 3:00 -7:00 pm** to donate. Call 1-800 MIBLOOD or 269-795-3290 with questions or concerns. The sign up sheet is in the narthex. (SM)

Please pray for Ruth Kelley, she will be at Kent Community for the next 6-8 weeks recouping from surgery. Please note the following if you would like to send a card or call to wish her well: **Ruth Kelley -- Kent Community Campus, Room 5117 -- 750 Fuller NE -- Grand Rapids, MI 49503 phone (616) 486-3526**

Come join us for a **Card Party** on Saturday, November 21st at 6 pm in the narthex. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverages. We hope to see you there!

We are in need of additional help with the Kindergarden/1st Grade CCD Class. If you have a child in this class, would you please volunteer to be a classroom aide for one or two Sundays? There is a sign up sheet in the narthex with available dates. Thank you.

Lailah Bustanji will be collecting items for Barry County Animal Shelter every Sunday until Christmas. Helpful donations include: used towels & blankets, pet food, treats & toys for dogs or cats.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT
October 31/November 1, 2009

117 Adult Envelopes	\$3,211.00
1 Direct Debit Transfer	\$50.00
4 Pew Envelopes	37.00
10 Children's Envelopes	9.70
<u>Loose checks/money</u>	<u>431.43</u>
Total Collection	\$3,739.13

Needed Weekly	\$ 3,850.00
Budget Year-to-Date	69,300.00
Collection Year-to-Date	75,799.37
Ahead	\$ 6,499.37

BUILDING FUND	
10 Building Fund Envelopes	\$282.00
Building Fund Savings	\$115,718.73

CHURCH MINISTRIES
November 14/15, 2009

USHERS
Saturday: Dennis DeVries and Dick Misak
Sunday: Scott Havens, Tom Kurdelski, Brian Marcukaitis and Don Williamson

LECTORS
Saturday: David Tripp and Theresa Paiz
Sunday: Dorothy Flint and Jan Kuhtic

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday: David Tripp, Theresa Paiz and Jerri Jansma
Sunday: Dorothy Flint, David Heflin, Irene & Dick Howard, Phil Kuhtic, Kristin & Adam Stein and Anne Ulin

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday: Rich Paiz, Phil Honeysett and David Heflin
Sunday: Jerry Smart, Ian & Cameron Stein

MUSIC Joyful Noise
SACRISTAN Theresa Paiz

COFFEE HOUR The Smart Family
COUNTING Team 2

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.

Rededication to the Cause of Life – "In this Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life we renew our call for individual Catholics and the many institutions and organizations of the Church to unite in an unprecedented effort to restore respect and legal protection for every human life - to be what the Holy Father asks us to be: a people of life and a people for life (The Gospel of Life, no. 78). It is our hope and expectation that in focusing on the need to respect and protect the lives of the innocent unborn and those who are disabled, ill, or dying, we will help to deepen respect for the life of every human being." (US Bishops, 2001).