

LITURGY SCHEDULE
October 3 - 11, 2009

Saturday, October 3rd
3:30 pm Confession
4 pm Mass - For the Youth of our Parish req. by the Koval Family

Sunday, October 4th
The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 am Mass †Frank Tichvon req. by Peggy Anderson

Monday, October 5th
7 pm Holy Hour at St. Therese

Tuesday, October 6th
St. Bruno and Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
Choir Practice Praise Team 7 pm

Wednesday, October 7th *Our Lady of the Rosary*
Choir Practice:
Little Lambs 5:45 - 6:15 pm Young Shepherds 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Friday, October 9th
St. Denis and his companions, St. John Leonardi
No Mass
Choir Practice Joyful Noise 7 pm

Saturday, October 10th
3:30 pm Confession
4 pm Mass †Jane Misak req. by Roscoe & Julia Doods

Sunday, October 11th
The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 am Mass †Priscilla Brenner
req. by Ss C&M Home Ministry Team

Remember in your prayers the ill, injured and recovering:

Bud & Odelia Cook, Larry Pennypacker, Nancy Page, 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 Meeuwse, 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.

Ss. C & M & St. Therese Youth Group Halloween Party is Fri., Oct. 30th here at Ss C&M for grades 5-12. We are in need of a few items: Bags of Candy, Pumpkins, Hay Bales and Corn Stalks. If you are able to donate any of the above items please see Cindy Chlebana, Stacey Willshire or Lisa Heflin. Check the flyer in the narthex for more details.

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

We now come to the book of **Nahum**, another of the minor prophets of the Old Testament. Nahum, as the first verse of the book suggests, is a prophecy against the city of Nineveh. You may remember a few weeks back when we discussed the prophet Jonah. The city to which Jonah went to deliver the Lord's message of repentance was Nineveh. Part of the divine humor of that book was the absolute unlikeliness of that situation, because Nineveh was the center of the Assyrian Empire, a pagan people much feared and despised. Nahum, in his short prophecy, is speaking of the impending ruin of Nineveh because of all of the evil it had perpetrated. He describes, almost poetically, the horrible nature of the city and the empire it represented: "Woe to the bloody city, all lies, full of plunder, whose looting never stops! The crack of the whip, the rumbling sounds of wheels; horses a-gallop, chariots bounding, cavalry charging, the flame of the sword, the flash of the spear, the many slain, the heaping corpses, the endless bodies to stumble upon!" (Nah 3: 1-3) What Nahum is describing was the terrible reality of the Assyrian armies – fast moving, overpowering armies mounted on horses, which showed no mercy to any city which refused to surrender to it. Indeed, history tells us of the absolute destruction that these armies would leave in their wake – heaps of dead bodies and smoldering ruins where cities had once been. The fear in which Nineveh held the surrounding world was powerful.

We can think of Nineveh in terms of other such cities in recent history, for instance Berlin in the late 1930's and early 1940's, or Moscow for most of the twentieth century. Perhaps other cities of the world could be added by people living in other locations. Nahum reminds us that none of these cities, no matter how powerful and mighty they may seem, will last. Where is Nineveh today? Where is the Assyrian Empire? Nineveh is an archaeological site and Assyria is just a small chapter in the history books. The same will be said of every city and nation. None of them will be the final fulfillment of mankind. No leader, no matter how charming, powerful or god-like, will save us – they will be no better off than the city of Nineveh some day – dust. The lesson here is that only in the Eternal One can we find someone worthy of trust.

The next book of prophecy is that of **Habakkuk**. The prophet Habakkuk speaks his mind to the Lord and complains that all manner of injustice is worked throughout the world, even by the people of Israel. God reassures the prophet that justice will be brought to bear upon the wicked. He tells Habakkuk that even though the evil seem powerful and unstoppable, he will overturn the cup of his wrath upon them. The final chapter of this short prophecy is a song/prayer written by the prophet in which he speaks of God's justice and mercy. The concluding lines are especially beautiful. "For though the fig tree blossom not nor fruit be on the vines, though the yield of the olive fail and the terraces produce no nourishment, though the flocks disappear from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet will I rejoice in the Lord and exult in my saving God. God, my Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet swift as those of hinds and enables me to go upon the heights." (Hab 3 17-19) Therefore, we have to remember, that if we place all of our hopes or trust in any person or thing or situation in the world, we are setting ourselves up for inevitable disaster. Only in God is our salvation. Only God lasts. We would do well, then, to unite ourselves entirely to Him.

In Christ,
Fr. Christian



Please pray for our loved ones in active duty:
Brandon Field son of Marie Graham - and **Aaron Mlynarchek**.

We would like to thank everyone for your support and prayers for our son John Honeysett. He has returned home from Afghanistan.

Phil & Darlene Honeysett

The **CROP WALK** is scheduled for this Sunday, **October 4th**. It is not too late to participate. See Dave Heflin for information.

Flu shots will be offered here on Tuesday, **October 20th** from 3-7 pm.

Anointing of the Sick Mass will be held at St. Therese on Monday, **October 5th** at 5 pm. Coffee & cookies will be served following Mass.

KDSA 2009 - We Are Many Parts, We Are All One Body

We are getting a little closer to our goal, thank you to all who have helped us get this far. If you have not yet pledged, we hope to hear from you soon.

Target	\$29,045
Pledged/Paid	26,565
Balance	\$ 2,480

Family Perspective Today's gospel is about a "new math." In a Christian marriage, 1+1 does not equal 1 or 2, but 3. Each person retains their own unique identity but together create another identity (the "one flesh" Jesus speaks of in the gospel) which is greater than the sum of the individuals. Christian marriage is a challenge to be greater than ourselves.

Please welcome **Vince & Sherry Vacha** and daughter **Madissen** to our Ss C&M parish family. We are honored you have joined us, and look forward to meeting you.

Confirmation Classes start on Sunday, October 25th from 5-7 pm. If you have not registered, please to so soon. Our teachers (Theresa Wheeler and David Heflin) look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

The 3rd-8th Grade CCD Classes will be praying the Rosary this Sunday following Mass in the Rosary Garden (weather permitting) or in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to join.

The Knights of Columbus will host a **Clergy Appreciation Dinner** on October 17th. We invite all to come and show your support of the area Priests and their Vocation. The dinner will be at the K of C Hall (1896 - 135th Ave., Hilliards) at 7 pm (cocktails at 6:30). Please call Steve Harnish for reservations at (616)460-3113 or 792-2862.

The music ministry would like to invite you to suggest your favorite childhood Religious Christmas Carol to be sung during pre-mass on Christmas Eve. Think back now! What song gave you a warm Christmas feeling upon hearing it? There will be a sheet in the narthex for you to write down your suggestions. If we can find it, we will sing it!! This should be a most enjoyable time for all who make their childhood selections known. Thanks for your help, *The Music Ministry*

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses", and so the rosary is the rose of all devotions to Mary. The rosary is a simple prayer, where we walk beside Mary and share with her the vision of her son's life. Come, join us and pray the rosary on Sunday mornings before Mass (about 8:55) throughout the month of October.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT
September 26/27, 2009

86 Adult Envelopes	\$2,743.00
5 Pew Envelopes	143.00
10 Children's Envelopes	8.40
Loose checks/money	678.80
Total Collection	\$3,573.20

Needed Weekly	\$ 3,850.00
Budget Year-to-Date	50,050.00
Collection Year-to-Date	51,438.04
Ahead	\$ 1,388.04

BUILDING FUND

Building Fund Savings	\$103,793.91
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CHURCH MINISTRIES
October 10/11 2009

USHERS

Saturday: Jeff McAlary and Dick Misak
Sunday: Linda & Jerry Schwartz, Don Williamson and Brian Willshire

LECTORS

Saturday: Lisa Heflin and Vince Nowaczyk
Sunday: Dorothy Flint and Betty Barton

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday: Lisa Heflin, Sandy Marcukaitis and Vince Nowaczyk
Sunday: Betty Barton, Dorothy Flint, Helen Gardner, David Heflin, Phil Kuhtic, Patti Powers and Stacey Willshire

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday: Derika Koch, David Heflin and Michael McAlary
Sunday: Marlee Willshire, Ian & Cameron Stein

MUSIC

Praise Team

SACRISTAN

Lisa Heflin

COFFEE HOUR

The Smart 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.

Marriage and the Gift of Life - "A certain sharing by man in God's lordship is also evident in the specific responsibility which he is given for human life as such. It is a responsibility which reaches its highest point in the giving of life through procreation by man and woman in marriage. As the Second Vatican Council teaches: God himself who said, 'It is not good for man to be alone' (Gen 2:18) and 'who made man from the beginning male and female' (Mt 19:4), wished to share with man a certain special participation in his own creative work. Thus he blessed male and female saying: 'Increase and multiply' (Gen 1:28)" Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n. 43