

LITURGY SCHEDULE

September 12 - 20, 2009

Saturday, September 12th

3:30 pm Confession Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung)
4 pm Mass †Jane Misak req. by Bob & Helen Gardner

Sunday, September 13th

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Mass †Jane Misak req. by The Altar Society

Monday, September 14th

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7 pm Holy Hour at Ss. C&M

Tuesday, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

Choir Practice

Praise Team 7 pm

Wednesday, September 16th

St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

Choir Practice:

Little Lambs 5:45 - 6:15 pm

Young Shepherds 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Thursday, September 17th

St. Robert Bellarmine

Friday, September 18th

9 am - Chaplet of Divine Mercy (sung)

9:30 am Mass †Henry, Emma & Ivan Weber req. by Gertrude Taylor

Choir Practice

Joyful Noise 7 pm

Saturday, September 19th

St. Januarius

3:30 pm Confession

4 pm Mass †Rosemarie Wright req. by Elaine Misak

Sunday, September 20th

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Mass †Kathy Moscklick req. by Vernice Pacic

Remember in your prayers the ill, injured and recovering:

Bud & Odelia Cook, Larry Pennypacker, Nancy Page, Robert Ek, Laurie Weick-Wood, Laura Taylor, 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, Tracy Burley, 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, Agnes Woodward, 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.

Fr. Christian will hold the annual **Blessing of the Animals** on Saturday, **October 3rd** at 11 am at Ss C&M.

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

The prophetic book of **Amos** is now up to bat, so to speak, on our list of books of the Bible. Amos was called by God to be his prophet to the people of Israel around 750 BC. Prior to his call by God, Amos had been in the rather lowly occupation of shepherd and a “dresser of sycamores.” (no one is quite sure what a dresser of sycamores entails. Either he was a tree pruner or he arrayed all the latest fashions on trees, I don’t know which) It was not his choice that he bring God’s message to the people, but this burden was placed upon him by the Almighty for the good of the people.

His message was not a very popular one. It was a message in which he pointed out all of the corruption and evil that was existent among the peoples of the time. He starts out relating the crimes of the neighboring kingdoms surrounding the Jewish people. The message to each of these peoples always begins something like this: “For three crimes of Damascus, and for four...” This “For three crimes and for four” simply means “an indefinite number.” Thus it is not just for one little wrongdoing that the Lord is going to punish them, but for many things. That God speaks of all of these foreign peoples through Amos the prophet is important. It points out that all of the nations are God’s people – all are part of his creation. Therefore, he doesn’t just expect his chosen people in Israel to follow his law, but every nation on earth.

After going through a list of condemnations of the foreign countries, Amos finally gets to the people of Israel themselves. Their crimes are more wicked than any of those of the surrounding peoples. Amos states, “Because they sell the just man for silver, and the poor man for a pair of sandals. They trample the heads of the weak into the dust of the earth and force the lowly out of the way. Son and father go to the same prostitute, profaning my holy name. Upon garments taken in pledge they recline beside any altar, and the wine of those who have been fined they drink in the house of their god”. (Amos 2: 6-9) Over and over again, Amos’s prophecy is one which points out the injustice of the people that God had been so good to. They have misused the poor, they take away their most basic possessions as collateral and seek after any foreign god.

He goes on, “Woe to the complacent in Zion, to the overconfident on the mount of Samaria... Lying upon beds of Ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall! Improvising to the music of the harp... They drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph!” (Amos 6: 1, 4-6) Thus, Amos points out how much God had blessed the people, yet in their prosperity they had grown forgetful of whom it was who built them up and provided for them. They had gotten every good thing for themselves, but had forgotten to be good themselves. This warning could be said to us with as much accuracy. We have many, many good things in our land and in our households – yet do we use what we have been blessed with for the good of all. Are we a people who seek justice for the oppressed and the downtrodden? Do we protect the innocent of our own day: the poor, the unemployed, the unborn, the elderly, the mentally ill, etc, etc?

May we take heed of what the Lord has to say through his ancient prophet and make justice a reality in our time. And may the Lord not say to us, “I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentations.” (Amos 8: 10)

In Christ,
Fr. Christian

CCD and Adult Ed. Classes start on Sunday, September 20th following Mass with dismissal at noon. **Confirmation Class starts on Sunday, October 25th** from 5 – 7 pm. Registration forms for CCD (grades K-8), Confirmation Class and Adult Education are available in the narthex. If you have questions, please call the parish office at 792-3543. Thank you



Please pray for our loved ones in active duty:

SSGT John Honeysett (4th tour in Iraq Afghanistan) son of Phil & Darlene - **Brandon Field** son of Marie Graham - and **Aaron Mlynarchek**.

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
<u>Pledged/Paid</u>	<u>26,265</u>
Balance	\$ 2,780

St. Therese Parish in Wayland will host a **Blood Drive** on Tuesday, September 22nd from 2-7 pm

The **Crop Walk** is scheduled for **October 4th**. Wayland Christian Reformed Church is the host church this year. There will be a Crop Walk table set up in the narthex starting this weekend for sign up. More information to follow.

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.

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

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.

Family Perspective - If we want to be happy at home we must commit “lose ourselves” to our family. If we try to be independent from others “save ourselves” we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by loosing it!

TAKING IT PERSONALLY

Is a new book in our library written by Leo Zanchettin! “If you want a book that zeros in on the heart of the Catholic matter, gets down to brass tacks, and tells you what you really want to know, *Taking It Personally* is the ‘real deal.’ Read it and you’ll want to read it again and again. Whatever you do, don’t miss it.” Mitch Finley



We are in the beginning stages of planning the Giving Tree here at SS C&M. We will again participate with the Wayland Area Christmas Project by adopting “tags” on our Giving Tree. Please watch future bulletins for more information. There are some things that we can do right now. The Christmas Project will need donations of the following foods: canned veggies, canned pineapple, canned yams (large and small cans) boxes of cake mixes and tubs of prepared frosting. There will also be a need for basic items such as: soaps of all kinds, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, shampoos and lotions. If you are willing to help this year, please watch the store ads for any of these items to go on sale and stock up for this cause. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Theresa Paiz at 269-792-4135. Thank you for your generosity!!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 5/6, 2009

76 Adult Envelopes	\$2,293.00
1 Direct Tithing Transfer	50.00
5 Pew Envelopes	80.00
10 Children’s Envelopes	11.00
<u>Loose checks/money</u>	<u>871.25</u>
Total Collection	\$3,305.25

Needed Weekly	\$ 3,850.00
Budget Year-to-Date	38,500.00
Collection Year-to-Date	39,536.02
Ahead	\$ 1,036.02

BUILDING FUND

18 Building Fund Envelopes	\$392.00
Building Fund Savings	\$103,025.91

CHURCH MINISTRIES

September 19/20, 2009

USHERS

Saturday: Scott Havens and Steven Crawford
Sunday: Alice & Don Jansma, Jan & Bob Lippert

LECTORS

Saturday: Jessica Crawford and Colleen Crawford
Sunday: Cathy Williamson and Jan Kuhtic

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday: Sandy Bernier, Colleen Crawford and Rich Paiz
Sunday: Mindy Cutlip, Joyce & David Irvine, David Tripp, Cathy Williamson, Stacey & Brian Willshire

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday: Betty Barton, Brad Bernier and Derika Koch
Sunday: Camille & Spencer Irvine and Alyssa Graham

MUSIC

Praying Twice

SACRISTAN

Betty Barton

COFFEE HOUR

The Gardner Family

COUNTING

Team 2

From Blessed Teresa of Calcutta - “But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly “Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand.” We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible - but even if she could forget - “I will not forget you.” And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here - our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us.” – Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979.

Right to Life Corner